

## Affinity 931

### Chapter 931 Weakening Seal

"You... our ancestor? You don't seem like it. I can tell you're only just over twenty years old." The necromancer sneered.

He wouldn't be fooled by Grey's words. Even though he was in the Sage Plane just like Grey, he was still older and more experienced. Of course, he also didn't know much about their ancestors, so he was a little doubtful.

But being a Sage Plane Elementalists meant that he could at least tell the age of a lower ranked Elementalist from their bones. Grey's bone age was around twenty, so there was no way he was one of their ancestors. If his guess was right, Grey was bluffing.

'You thought it would work?' Void asked Grey mockingly.

'It's worth the shot. Besides, if I was able to trick him, I might get my hands on that technique of theirs. Since I can't remove the mark on my own, maybe there's a way I can figure it out from the original technique.' Grey replied.

'Doable, but I don't think someone as low ranked as him would have it with him.' Void said.

The issue of the necromancers was starting to become a pain for them. They always had to look out for any necromancer whenever they were out of the Faction.

"I can easily confuse your senses." Grey replied with the same expression, he didn't even blink even though the necromancer had seen through his facade.

"I'm certain that you're not one of us, nor are you one of our ancestors. I wonder how you managed to learn such a complex and hard technique." The necromancer said, referring to the tendril Grey did some time ago.

The tendril might look normal to other Elementalists, but a necromancer knew just how powerful it was. It was the main ingredient for making their corpse puppets. It was also what they use in controlling it.

For Grey to have his hands on it meant that he must have seen a necromancer who had it.

Unknown to the necromancer, Grey only got this from his little experiments.

Two coffins appeared on the side of the necromancer. He was done talking with Grey.

Grey raised his brows when he saw this, he didn't think the man wouldn't want to play along any further.

He smiled before sending a tendril at the coffins, before the necromancer opened the coffins, Grey's tendrils had sneaked into it and into the body of the corpses, taking control over it.

Just as the necromancer was about to take control of the corpses to attack Grey, his expression changed and he hastily removed his consciousness from them with a sharp pain in his head.

Gritting his teeth, he turned to Grey, "What did you do?"

"You're asking about this?" Grey smiled and the corpses walked out of the coffins. With a playful smirk, Grey turned to look at the necromancer, "I already told you I'm one of your so called ancestors, it's a shame you didn't believe me."

After the corpses walked out, they fell to the ground with a 'Thud'.

Even though Grey wanted to scare the man into telling him what he wanted, there was no way he would control corpses. The dead are to be respected.

The necromancer was stunned when he saw Grey easily decapitating the corpses. What he found more shocking was how Grey took control of them and forced him out.

One has to know that since he was the one who refined the corpses, it was almost impossible for another person to take control over them, unless said person was at least a Plane ahead of him. But Grey was only in the Third stage of the Sage Plane, two stages below him, so it was a shocking scene to behold.

At this moment, doubt started to creep into his mind, not just doubt, but other thoughts as well. If what Grey said was correct and he was truly one of their ancestors, then he could curry favor from him. With such a figure behind him, he would advance by leaps and bounds.

Although, he was still skeptical since Grey was only in the Sage Plane. Given how old their ancestors were supposed to be, Grey should be at the very peak by now.

'Could it be that the portal has been damaged and he slipped through? He might be a genius from the other side who came here to train.'

When this train of thoughts entered his head, it all started to make sense. According to what he heard from their Patriarch, the seal was weakening, and their ancestors would soon be free to step into this world once again. It is common knowledge that the creators of necromancy were not humans, and their knowledge in the act far exceeded humans.

Even the current Patriarch of the necromancers might not be on the same level as a genius from that realm.

Thinking of all this, excitement started to brew in the heart of the necromancer. If what Grey said was true, then he might be able to learn a lot from him.

Grey could notice the change in the man after he took control of the corpses.

'Don't tell me he fell for it?' Void looked at the necromancer as if he was staring at an idiot.

How could he believe Grey was actually on their side? All he had to do was to tell Grey to remove the mark on him and it'll solve everything, yet, he wanted to attack him.

'Hehe, of course. As you can see, he's a weakling, and his status among necromancers isn't high. First off, you can see that he's already over thirty, yet he's still in the Fifth stage of the Sage Plane. Poor talent, means lower status. However, if he were to meet with someone from the origins of necromancy, then his status and strength would skyrocket.' Grey explained.

Void naturally understood this, but he still found it shocking that the man believed so easily. All Grey did was to take control over his corpses, how hard was that?

"How can I be sure that you're truly among our ancestors?" The necromancer asked, his voice a little softer now.

Grey naturally expected such a stance from him after he showed him some of his tricks. But he knew that would not be enough to convince the necromancer.

He nodded and his eyes glowed with a blue light, the corpses that were on the ground suddenly stood up, their eyes turning blue as well. In fact, the necromancer could swear he saw a bit of emotion in their eyes.

A few seconds later, they fell to the ground once again.

'Huh? What did you do?' Even Void was shocked.

'Nothing, I only wiped off what little bit of consciousness they still had left. Remember that corpse that used the blue flames?' Grey said casually.

Void nodded. It was thanks to the corpse that the duo appeared on that mountain. Void broke through to the Sage Plane there, and Grey got the icy flames from there as well.

'I noticed that some of the corpses still have a bit of their consciousness left, this flame can help in not only preserving it, but also extinguishing it as well. After that corpse, I've done some research on other corpses and noticed they had a bit of consciousness left. Not all, but some do. I believe the ones who have it are those killed by these necromancers. When I took control over these guys, I noticed it as well.' Grey explained to Void in detail.

'Oh wow, you really don't mind taking extra effort just to get what you want.' Void was a little flabbergasted by Grey's diligence.

'I'm a curious person. Even though I don't plan on using corpse puppets to fight, I still need to learn how to disable them.' Grey shrugged.

The necromancer was won over after Grey's last act and hastily bowed, "My Lord, it's an honor to be in your presence."

Grey nodded, acting as casual as he could be, "Rise."

The necromancer stood straight, nervous to be in the presence of Grey, "Is there anything I can help you with, My Lord?"

Grey knew asking about the mark would give him away, so he didn't try to ask about it, "Nothing, for now."

The necromancer was a little despondent when he heard this. He was in high spirits, waiting to serve Grey with all his heart, but Grey didn't give him any tasks.

'I still don't know much about necromancers, maybe he could fill me in.' He thought to himself.

"How are things in this Continent?" Grey asked after some time.

'I knew it, he's a genius so he doesn't know much about this place.' The necromancer confirmed his guess and quickly started to brief Grey in on everything he knew.

Grey listened attentively, not that he didn't know some of the things the necromancer was speaking of, but because there were a lot he had no idea of. The most important thing was that the seal was weakening.

Chapter 932 In Search Of Sacrifices

'What seal is he talking about?' Void couldn't help but ask.

'Remember the War of Gods I spoke of?' Grey asked.

Void nodded.

'It was a battle between humans and another race. After years of fighting, a peerless expert appeared amongst humans. It was said that he almost single-handedly stopped the battle. From the look of things, he only sealed the portal.' Grey explained.

With the portal sealed, no more people from the other race could come into the Aurora Continent, this meant that their opponents will increasingly start to grow weaker with each death.

More than eighty percent of those from the other race was wiped out after the seal was closed, and the other twenty percent had to hide from the world.

Initially, Grey didn't know this much information, until he listened to the necromancer speak. This was a piece of shocking news since it was kept hidden. From Grey's guess, the top experts all knew about the true story, but they knew if the information was to leak to the public, it would cause unrest.

'So, you're saying just as you guys are invading another realm, there are people doing that to you as well?' Void clarified.

'Pretty much. However, we aren't a hundred percent certain if what he's saying is true. These people will obviously say it in a way to benefit them. But if the seal truly is weakening, then another is upon us in the coming years.' Grey's expression was grave.

A war would be detrimental to humans. Even top experts died, most of the budding youths will most likely die in such a battle. At the moment, he felt even more pressure to grow stronger at a faster pace. If the war started and he wasn't even close to the Peak of the world, he would only become one of the cannon fodders.

The necromancer continued speaking, but Grey was unable to learn where their base was. The necromancer also didn't know of it, he was taught by an Elemental Sovereign who saw his talent some years back. This Sovereign was the one who gave him all the books concerning the history of necromancy.

Grey signified to him so he could stop talking. It had been over twenty minutes now, and the necromancer still hadn't stopped talking. When he saw Grey's signal, he stopped immediately.

He didn't want to offend this Young Lord who he believed was from another race.

Grey thought for some time and asked for the techniques he had with him.

The necromancer paused, but after some time, he brought out the scrolls that were in his storage ring. There wasn't much, only about ten, all of them had the methods of refining and controlling corpses, there were even some that talked about how to improve the strength of a corpse after or during refining.

Grey wasn't interested in these as he glanced through, his target was the one that taught the technique on how to mark someone.

To his disappointment, it wasn't among them.

'It's not here.' He shook his head lightly.

'What to do now?' Void asked.

This necromancer should know the technique since it was something all necromancers know, well, so they thought.

When the necromancer saw Grey's expression, he was a little apprehensive and asked, "My Lord, is something wrong with the techniques?"

"They're just so-so. Don't you have any top tier techniques, these aren't even taught to newborns where I'm from." Grey said in disappointment.

His eyes showed that he didn't expect their techniques to be so low graded.

When the necromancer heard him say these techniques were low tiers, he was more convinced about Grey.

"My Lord, the thing is, I don't have the access to better techniques, I was only given these by my Teacher when he wanted to leave." He explained with a downcast expression.

"Just these?" Grey raised his brow, he shook his head when he didn't get a reply from the necromancer, "I'm disappointed at how low you humans truly are. Even after so long, no top tier technique. Looks like it was a waste of time to teach you all necromancy."

The necromancer kept his head to the ground, embarrassed with the way Grey was speaking about humans.

'You're getting good with your act. He doesn't even suspect a thing.' Void was quite impressed at how Grey was handling the whole thing.

"What secret techniques were you taught? Maybe I'll see something that might interest me." Grey asked.

He didn't want to go straight, so he had to go through different means.

After almost one hour, he finally lost his patience and asked about the method of marking someone with the guise that his method was a little different and he wanted to see how humans managed to do it.

"My... my Lord, I can't do that?" The face of the necromancer was ashen.



How could he show Grey the technique? He would die if he dared to initiate it.

"Why?" Grey pretended as if he didn't know that they would die if they wanted to mark an individual.

"Our method is very complex. We aren't built the same way, so to mark someone, we have to exchange our lives." The necromancer explained.

"Huh? That's a little stupid? Why waste your life just to mark someone? I can do that while sleeping." Grey replied offhandedly.

He wasn't bothered that the necromancer would see through his lies. The necromancer didn't know much about those from the other race, so Grey was still very much safe.

"I'm sorry My Lord, I will do whatever request you have for me, but this is out of my control." The necromancer said with a sad look on his face, disappointed he couldn't meet up to Grey's request.

"It's alright, can you explain to me in detail how it works?" Grey asked.

This was the most important thing, as long as the necromancer could tell him how it works, then he could be able to figure out a thing or two about it on his own.

The necromancer paused for some time, thinking about the procedure.

"It's like this..."

Grey listened to what the man was saying and got a rough idea. Unfortunately, it still wasn't enough for him.

If he wanted to lift this mark, then he would need to try some experiments. The mark was created by sacrificing the life force of humans, it was a very taxing issue and took a whole lot. From what Grey could tell, those above the Elemental Sovereign Plane wouldn't necessarily die when doing this, but it

would take its toll on them. Only those in the Elemental Venerable Plane and below risk losing their lives.

'Do you think it will be nice to have such an individual on my side? On one hand, he's very useful to me since I'll have an informant on the side of the necromancers, but on the other hand, I might risk exposing myself to them?' Grey asked Void who was on his shoulder.

Void thought about it and replied, 'It wouldn't be bad. From the look of things, he seems pretty respectful. I don't know how he was stupid enough to believe you, but it's not that bad to have someone on the other side. I believe there's a way other necromancers meet up.'

Grey ingrained the information of how necromancers marked people. To try this, he would need to use the same method, sacrificing life force in return for it. This was the only way he could think of.

He didn't stay with the necromancer for long and told him to leave. Before the necromancer left, he handed him a communication device, this one was made exclusively for those under his command. The triplets were the first to have it, now, the necromancer was given one as well.

He also asked for the name of the necromancer and found out that it was, Sega.

Grey left, to test his experiments, he needed to think of a way to sacrifice life force.

'Whenever I meet a group of bandits, I'll use them. It's not like they're helping the world or anything.'

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Two days later.

It didn't take long before Grey encountered bandits who tried to rob him. The strongest person amongst them was a Third stage Sage Plane Elementalist, and there were also two more people in the First stage of the Sage Plane.

The bandits numbered at around twelve, enough for Grey's experiment.

'Void, why don't you help me out on this?' He asked with a playful smile.

Void has been too free lately, not even bothering to fight whenever there was a battle. Grey was the one doing all the work.

'Okay.'

To Grey's surprise, the always lazy Void agreed to his request.

'Don't kill them, I need them alive.' He reminded Void.

Void nodded before going off.

When the bandits saw the small cat jumping off Grey's shoulder, they all laughed, however, their expressions changed when Void released his Rank Six aura. He was already in the Mid stages, so he had nothing to fear.

Void was fast and ruthless, even though he was told not to kill them, it didn't mean he couldn't wound them.

In the space of a few minutes, all twelve bandits were on the ground, unconscious.

Grey was a little stupefied by Void ability. It had been a while since he watched Void fight, so he forgot how powerful he was. And compared to the last time, Void had improved, so his strength was above what it previously was. Presently, Void shouldn't have any problems with fighting against someone in the Seventh stage of the Sage Plane if he went all out.

Void was only in the Fifth stage of the Sage Plane, but his battle strength was far above it.

## Chapter 933 Fighting For Rewards

"It still didn't work." Grey muttered as the body of one of the bandits dropped to the ground, lifeless.

Presently, there are eight corpses on the ground. Of the twelve bandits, only four were left alive after Grey's continuous experiments. Although it was a little brutal for him to kill them in such a manner. He didn't have much of a choice. Necromancers are few and far between, he didn't know when he would meet another necromancer. And there's also the possibility that the next necromancer he meets will be stronger than he was.

So he had to do with these bandits. They were terrorizing the world anyway.

After justifying himself, he continued with his experiments. According to what Sega told him, he would need to carefully use the life force of people and slowly use it to wipe off the mark. The method in putting the mark was quite easier, however, he needed to create a method for himself since he didn't have much of a choice.

Void watched from the side, staring at Grey with a bland expression. He didn't have any problems with what Grey was doing, they would kill the bandits anyway.

Grey proceeded onto the next person who was staring at him with hateful eyes. They were all conscious and could see how Grey was slowly killing them. It was a painful thing watching their comrades die in front of them, but what was more painful was the fact that they knew they would meet the same fate in a short time.

Other than hatred, there was also deep fear in their eyes. They didn't want to die in such a manner. Unfortunately, they were powerless against Grey.

Taking the next person, Grey sent his spiritual consciousness into the body of the man, and before long, the life essence of the man slowly seeped out before forming a spiral seal in the air. After the seal was completed, it shot into Grey's back, entering the upper right shoulder.

Grey focused entirely on the mark on his back, waiting for any changes.

After some time, he shook his head with a sigh.

"Still not this way."

Whenever he said this word, the others who were alive would feel untold fear since they knew one of them would be next. At the moment, the remaining three people were praying that Grey was successful on the next person, this way, at least two of them would make it.

Grey didn't continue immediately, rather, he walked to the side and sat down with his eyes closed. He started to analyze the technique once again.

Time slowly went by and that day ended. Grey was unable to get the technique. Only one of the bandits was left alive and he was scared out of his wits, he couldn't even open his eyes. He watched his comrades die, and now he was the only one left. The killer was staring at him with his unforgiving eyes.

They had all begged, it was to no avail. He didn't know what else he could do.

Just like the others, he met with the same fate, dying under Grey's hands.

"A shame, they're all dead. I feel I'm getting closer now." Grey shook his head in disappointment before turning his eyes to Void.

When Void heard his words and met Grey's eyes, he hastily said, "Don't even think about it."

"What? Scared? Grey asked with a smirk.

Void didn't respond, but he created a larger distance between them. He wouldn't give Grey the chance to use him for his experiments.

"Why would you even think that I would want to use you?" Grey was a little surprised by Void's attitude.

Just like the last time, Void didn't bother to answer him.

Grey laughed before walking out with Void carefully keeping his distance.

"Stop playing around, we need to get moving. I've already wasted a day trying to create this technique." He turned to Void with a serious expression.

Now he understood why no one had been able to remove the mark from anyone marked. There had been multiple cases of powerful experts trying to remove this, but it has proven to be impossible.

The duo continued their journey, they still had to pass through the Region which was currently at war. Maybe he would see people he would use for his experiments there. In such a chaotic place, there were bound to see people who would want to cause troubles. All he had to do was to take care of them and use them for his experiment.

His greatest concern at the moment was how to get rid of this mark on his body that had made him a beacon for necromancers within a specific range. What was worse was that he didn't know the range of the current mark.

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One month later.

Grey and Void were standing in front of a city gate. They had gotten to the Laurel Region which was in chaos due to the ongoing war. With their skills, they naturally didn't need to fear too many people. In the Aurora Continent, the Sage Plane had the majority of the people.

Those in the Elemental Venerable and Sovereign Plane didn't get too involved. In this current battle, the higher ranks not involved, only those from the Peak of the Sage Plane below.

They entered the city after much difficulties, after roaming around, Grey got the major scoop of what was happening and what the current battlefield looked like. Since he was staying in the territory of one of the Families they was at war, he could be safe there as long as he didn't go against the rules set there.

"What do we do now?" Void asked after the duo entered the room they were staying in the Inn.

"Nothing. I don't want to cause any trouble, it'll not be good if I were to have a clash with these people over something like this. I'll continue after we get to the other Regions. Of course, if the opportunity arises here, I'll definitely take it." Grey replied.

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The next day.

The opportunity Grey hoped for arose in a surprising manner. The city he was staying in was one of the major strongholds for the battle, but since it was also a route to leave this area, a few people were allowed inside.

The city was on the verge of being attacked, and from what Grey heard, the residents are told to either evacuate, or join them in the battle.

Thinking of the possibility that no one above the Sage Plane would be involved, he didn't mind fighting alongside those from this city. Also, there would be rewards according to their accomplishments!

It was an odd occurrence since most places that were at war wouldn't want to depend on others for their battles. It would be a catastrophic if these people were to double-crossed.

Grey went on to register for the battle, on getting there, he noticed that the people who came to register were very small. When the general in charge noticed Grey's cultivation stage, he knew he was a genius from a top Faction, after seeing his badge, he confirmed that he was from the Pyrmond Faction.

Although the Pyrmond Faction was far away, it was still pretty famous some decades back, so it's name spread all the way to this Region.

The general was also in the Sage Plane, the only difference was that he was at the Peak, while Grey was in the Early stages.

The general didn't forget to warn them about the danger of getting involved.

Everyone knew what was at stake, they might lose their lives, this was also one of the reasons why most of the residents there didn't apply for the battle.

With his strength, he was one of the few people who was given the green light to fight in the forefront of the battle, as per his request.

Grey followed the general since they would be in the same group. Outside the city gate, hundreds of people could be seen dressed in armors, prepared to fight.

The warriors from the city stood on the city wall, staring down at their opponents. They all had fiery eyes as they were prepared to explode with all their might in a short moments notice.

The general flew into the air, along with all those in the Sage Plane.

When they took off, those in the Overlord Plane and below charged down, their opponents were on the ground.

Grey picked an opponent in the Third stage of the Sage Plane just like himself.

'Void, try and see what you can get from these people's camp. Capture as many people as you can.' He instructed while fighting against the lady in front of him.

Void nodded and disappeared from sight.

The lady Grey was fighting against was a little shocked and looked around vigilantly, fearful that Void wanted to sneak behind her and attack.

Grey kept his abilities below par, only using the fire element for now.



## Chapter 934 Shiny Crystal

Boom!

Grey forced the lady back with a fireball.

The lady was a Water Elementalist but against Grey, she was powerless. Grey wasn't even using close to sixty percent of his usual attack power, yet he was still comfortably overpowering her.

'Isn't she a little too weak?'

This thought flashed through Grey's head as he pushed her back once again.

After fighting against geniuses for most of his time in the Aurora Continent, he forgot that there were still normal people who didn't have strength exceeding their stages. So even when he wanted to go easy on her, he still overwhelmed her.

Grey continued his onslaught of attacks, since he already had the advantage, there was no need in holding back.

A blade made from fire appeared and he slashed it at the lady. The lady tried to block the attack with an ice wall, but Grey's fire was just too powerful for her. It easily broke through the defense and sent the lady flying once again.

Bang!

The lady crashed into the ground. Since the start of the battle, Grey was the only one who managed to almost defeat his opponent. It hadn't even been up to three minutes, yet his strength was already made known to the others.

He naturally attracted the attention of those fighting beside him.

A middle-aged man who looked to be around his late thirties rushed over to block Grey so he would not be able to attack the lady who was trying to stand up.

The man was in the Third stage of the Sage Plane just like the lady, but his aura was much stronger and it was clear that they were not on the same level.

With a powerful roar, the man charged at Grey. He was an Earth Elementalist and he wanted to use his superior physique to overpower Grey.

When Grey saw him charging towards him, he smiled and waited for the man. The man threw a punch in his direction, and even before the punch got to where he was, he could feel the overbearing strength of the earth element.

Grey reciprocated the attack with a punch of his own. His punch was filled with the fire element and it gave off intense heat.

The two fists clashed and to the surprise of the man, he was sent flying while Grey stayed in the same spot.

The man stabilized himself mid-air and looked at Grey in shock. He was a little taken aback by Grey's strength. Even after using most of his strength, Grey not only managed to block the attack, but he even repelled him quite easily.

The lady flew into the air, floating beside the man. They nodded at each other and with a tacit understanding, they charged at Grey.

Grey stood alone in the air, waiting for the duo to attack. Just as they got close to him, he unleashed a sea of flames that started to spread out with terrifying power. Fire arrows shot out of the flame, aiming at the duo who were rushing his way.

The man and the lady blocked the attacks as they drew closer to Grey, attacking him with their respective elements.

Grey dodged their attacks and countered.

While Grey was fighting against two people, the battles around had started to heat up. Their task at the moment was to stop the people who wanted to invade the city.

Those above the Sage Plane didn't take part in the battle since just the ripples from their clash would destroy the city. If not for an array covering the city, it would've been destroyed by the ripples from these Sage Plane experts already.

Grey was not the only youngster there. Close to him, there was another youth who was in the Sage Plane, his cultivation was a little lower than Grey's since he was in the First stage, but his attack power was far above the First stage. He was holding his own against a Third stage Sage Plane Elementalist. Even though he didn't have the advantage, he wasn't being subdued by the other.

There were two more who stood out, while in the battle of those in the Overlord Plane, there were multiple youths. Some of them came here to gain experience from these battles. It was quite valuable, however, it was also dangerous.

Grey didn't think too much about others. He naturally wouldn't let those around him die since it would put him under pressure, but he also didn't want to show too much strength.

He sent the man flying while holding off an attack from the lady.

The lady grabbed his leg with a tentacle made from water and dragged him closer to the man. Before Grey could cut off the tentacle, the man was already prepared and slammed him with a large earth hammer.

Grey didn't bother with the tentacle any longer and slashed his fire blade at the hammer, tearing it into two.

After doing this, he was tugged to the side once again, but he managed to resist the pull, attacking the lady with a rain of fire.

The lady created a water dome to block the attack, but Grey slashed his fire sword at it and created an opening for the fire rain.

The attack was just about to hit the lady when the man stepped forward once again and blocked it on her behalf.

Grey was a little irked by this. Normally, if he used his space element as well, he would've taken them out a long time ago.

'Void, how are things going?' He tried to see what Void had gotten so far.

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Thousands of meters away from the battleground.

Void was going through a camp silently. There were Elemental Venerables here, and he knew any mishap, he would be found out. He didn't need to hurry, but now was the best time to raid this place. Well, it couldn't really be called a raid, more like taking when they were not around.

He had searched through almost all the tents around, and other than a few things, he hadn't seen anything useful. He strolled into one of the tents and his eyes lit up, there were weapons here.

Although Elementarists rarely used weapons, the same can't be said for when they were fighting a war. In wars, weapons can not only be used to increase strength, but also defense.

Grey's voice rang in his head at the time he appeared there.

'I just got to the place where they keep their weapons. It's pretty nice, and shiny.' He replied while licking his lips.

'Take everything, we might need to sell them later in the future.' Grey said.

'You don't need to tell me twice.' Void said while emptying the entire place.

Even before talking to Grey, he had started to take the weapons, so when Grey told him to take them, he was already almost done with the things.

After taking it, he walked to the next tent. There were still some more tents he hadn't checked out, so he didn't mind taking a look around.

While moving, he saw a crystal in one of the tents. There were over seven people inside, and all of them were in the Elemental Venerable Plane and above.

However, they didn't enter Void's eyes since all he could see at the moment was the shiny crystal.

'I need to get it.' He said to himself.

He decided to wait for the men to leave the place and steal the crystal. He didn't know what it was used for, nor did he care at the moment.

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Back on the battlefield.

Grey had taken down his opponents as he looked at them from above. Turning around, he noticed the First stage Sage Plane genius was in trouble with his opponent as he was being overwhelmed at the moment.

Grey rushed over to help him out. It would be a shame if a genius died in such a battle.

With a smack, he sent the Third stage Sage Plane Elementarists fighting against him flying.

The young man looked at him with grateful eyes.

"Thank you."

"It's okay. We should help each other." Grey replied casually.

He turned to go after the man who was beating the youth some moment ago.

He continued attacking while the man blocked with his life. From the first attack, he knew he was not on Grey's level, so he tried to drag another person to help him out.

Grey was not bothered by multiple opponents, he could easily fight against them. It was time for him to bring out his space element.

When the two people stood facing him, he vanished.

Their pupils constricted since they didn't think Grey was a Space Elementalist as well.

Grey appeared beside them and exploded with a fire element burst attack.

The duo tried to block the attack but were sent flying.

Grey vanished once again, appearing beside one of them and sending him off.

Chapter 935 You're Not Part Of The Army

In the blink of an eye, Grey had killed the two men. Grey's strength was well above them so he had no problems with quickly disposing of them.

The young man in the First stage of the Sage Plane was awed by Grey's strength. Even though he had seen his seniors who had the same ability, he still didn't expect Grey to be so powerful.

Grey looked around and decided to look for his next opponent. Although he wasn't really in need of too many things, he could ask for books on arrays as his reward for his service.

The young man didn't expect Grey to leave just like that.

Time went by slowly and before they knew it, it was already over two hours since the battle started. Grey had started to attract the attention of most of the people there. His fame in the battle grew when he defeated an opponent in the Fifth stage of the Sage Plane.

These people knew that there were geniuses who could easily fight above their stages, but Grey was doing it with such ease that they started to doubt their own strengths.

In the span of two hours, he had single-handedly taken down over ten Sage Plane Elementalists, and three of those ten Elementalists were in the Fifth stage!

The tide of the battle slowly started to change, not just on the Sage Plane side, but on the Overlord Plane side as well. A few of the youths who registered were geniuses, and their strength was almost comparable to two people in the same stage of these warriors. The only difference between them and these warriors was experience. As long as they had enough experience, they could easily fight against three to five of these warriors in the same stage as them without any fears.

When those from the other side saw how the battle was going, the Peak Sage Plane general from the other side locked his eyes on Grey.

Presently, even if they lost the battle of the Overlord Plane, they couldn't afford to lose the one for the Sage Plane Elementalists.

Grey was the main catalyst to the battle at the moment. He was the one making the momentum for those in the city increase, and if things continued in this manner, it was only a matter of time before they became undefeatable.

The general gave a loud roar and forced the Peak Sage Plane general fighting against him from the city. He shot after Grey. With his speed, sonic booms resonated in the air as he shot through the air trying to take out Grey.

Grey noticed the man coming from the start, he wasn't bothered since he could easily take care of himself.

However, those from the city freaked out when they saw this. They were scared out of their wits. Grey had been one of the standout fighters, and he had also helped a few of them from tough positions. Now, he was in danger.

A Sixth stage Sage Plane expert from the city he helped out some time ago rushed forward, blocking the path of the general.

When the general saw that a Sixth stage Sage Plane Elementalist was trying to block his path, he snorted coldly and threw a fist at him.

The fist turned into a large flame that engulfed the man.

The man's scream resonated across the battlefield, and he fell from the sky. He wasn't dead, it was almost impossible for a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist to kill an Elementalist in the Sixth stage with a single strike, but it was quite easy for them to injure them.

Grey shook his head when he saw this, he didn't want anyone to die a meaningless death trying to protect him. If he wanted to, he could easily kill this Sage Plane Elementalist coming his way. But since he wanted to keep his true strength hidden, he smiled and brought out a talisman.

The moment the Peak Sage Plane general saw this, he quickly retreated, not daring to get close to him. The talisman with Grey was an attack talisman of an Elemental Venerable.

If the general was foolish enough to stand in front of him, then he would die from the attack. The difference between a Sage Plane Elementalist and an Elemental Venerable was miles apart. If an Elemental Venerable were to step forward, then it was impossible for all those present to stop him.



Just as Grey predicted, the general wasn't the only one who stepped back, all those in the Sage Plane from the attacking army retreated as well.

With a blank expression, he flew down to help the man who was injured up.

"You're not part of this army, why take the risk of offending us?" The general of the opposing army asked coldly.

His eyes were on Grey. With the talisman in hand, Grey was presently the strongest individual there.

However, even though the general would want to kill Grey, he couldn't take the risk. If Grey were to fall in this battle, those from wherever he was from wouldn't hold them accountable since Grey was the one who registered for the battle.

"This is nothing, I only brought it out to help him." Grey activated the talisman, and to the surprise of the general, a blinding light shot out from it and shot into the body of the Sixth stage Elementalist he injured some moment ago.

"I know the rules which states that no Elemental Venerable should be involved, but I'm not an Elemental Venerable."

"Using a talisman that is made by an Elemental Venerable is the same." The general said.

"You don't expect him to watch and die. You're a Peak Sage Plane expert, yet you want to attack a Third stage Sage Plane youth, don't you have any shame?" The general from the city stood in front of Grey.

He would naturally not allow such acts of bullying. The only reason the general had the chance to even think of attacking Grey was because he exploded out with his full strength, taking the general from the city unaware.

Chapter 936 I Must Take It!

Both sides were at a stand still. The general from the other side wanted to move when Grey brought out another talisman, playing with it in his hands.

The general gritted his teeth before saying to the others, "We're retreating for now."

The battle in the Overlord Plane had also stopped, they were all waiting for the verdict from those at the top. After getting the order from the general, the warriors retreated.

Those from the city cheered when they saw this. None of them tried to attack the opponent as they left. The reason the battle was still ongoing was due to the rules followed. As long as a side agreed to retreat, the other party was not allowed to attack them.

Grey and the others watched them leave. He was a little sad since he wasn't able to delay them for longer. Void was still there, trying to get the shiny crystal he spoke of. Even when he told him to forget about it, Void refused. All he could do was to try to delay them so Void could get the chance he wanted.

Even after two hours, he was unsuccessful. According to him, when everyone was about to leave, an Elemental Venerable was left behind to keep guard of the item. The Elemental Venerable was already at the Peak, so his strength was not something Void could gamble on.

Grey couldn't be bothered with Void any longer. Since he wanted to stay there a little longer, then it was up to him.

"Thank you for your help, tonight you're all invited to the City Lord's manor for a feast!" The general said to those in the Sage Plane who helped them out in the battle.

Grey didn't say anything, if not for Void who still loitered around the enemy's camp, he would've left after this battle. He already had a good number of people he could use for his experiments on his way.

The rest of the battle had nothing to do with him. If the army returned, it was up to those in the city to defend it.

When he was about to leave, the general walked up to him.

"What may I address you as, young friend?" The general spoke humbly.

He was already over fifty, and it was evident that advancing to the next Plane was almost out of sight for him. His talent was low to begin with and he had to depend on countless dangers before he managed to get to the level he was currently at. For someone like Grey, it was evident that the Sage Plane would not be considered much in his journey. He could easily go to the top of the world with his talent.

From how strong he was, and his decision making, he could also tell that Grey was a very decisive person who had gone through multiple trials that forged him.

The reason Grey brought out the talisman was to stop the battle. Even though the general would want to win the battle, watching his warriors drop to the ground one by one was unbearable. Most of these people were really close to him.

"I'm Grey, general." Grey replied.

He didn't put on any arrogant air which immediately increased his worth in the eyes of the general and most of the warriors around. Most geniuses were proud, they had already gotten used to it. But Grey was different, he didn't speak to them like they were some lowly figures.

"Haha, Grey, such a good name. I hope to still be alive by the time your name spreads across the entire Continent." The general laughed.

"You overestimate my abilities, general." Grey replied humbly as they moved into the city.

He was behind the general, not staying in the same position as him. Walking beside the general meant that they were equals, and Grey didn't see them as equals.

Since they fought together, he would give him all the respect he deserved.

The general laughed and conversed with him as they walked inside. The other geniuses who fought in the battle also tried to establish a relationship with Grey.

They didn't see anything wrong with trying to befriend Grey.

In the end, Grey promised a few people that he would visit them if the opportunity arises.

Stepping into the city, he looked around. With Void still in the enemy's camp, he had to be alone for the meantime.

'Aren't you done yet?' He asked telepathically.

'No. Can you come over to cause some chaos?' Void asked.

Grey accessed his options before shaking his head, 'It's too dangerous. Is there any Rank Right al Beast around?'

'I didn't sense the aura of any.' Void replied.

'Then there's nothing I can do about it. If I even manage to draw Rank six beasts over, those Elemental Venerables and Sovereigns would easily kill them.' Grey replied.

They spoke a little longer before he went to his room in the Inn. It was time to focus on the technique he was trying to come up with. He couldn't bring the people he captured out now, but he wanted to try and look through the technique in his head.

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In the enemy's camp.

Void was still searching for the opportunity he needed. The army isn't back yet, once they do, they would alert these people to the disappearance of the weapons. That would make them even more vigilant and his chance to get the crystal would slip away.

Looking around, he gritted his teeth and headed to the next tent. He would try to cause a commotion to draw the attention of the man. Once the man was there, he would head to the next room and take away the crystal.

Void immediately put his plan to motion, making small noises to draw the attention of the man.

The man stepped out, trying to see what was wrong. On seeing the small black cat, he was slightly taken aback.

Void didn't radiate any aura, so he didn't think he was the owner of the aura he felt.

Chapter 937 Battle Credits Score Board

Void licked his paws and walked away to the side, the man stayed outside the tent since he was still trying to figure out what brought out the aura some minutes ago.

The aura was very faint, and it only radiated for only a quarter of a second. Even though it belonged to someone in the Sage Plane, the fact that a Sage Plane Elementalist could get this close to him before he sensed it was shocking, hence he was a little alert to it.

After standing outside the tent for around a minute or so, he walked back inside. However, he froze mid-step and his pupils constricted.

"Where's it?"

He looked at the table where the crystal was previously laying but it was empty. He moved closer to it and looked around, trying to see if it fell to the ground. But it wasn't there.

He picked the table up and looked below it, but the crystal was not there.

"This... who took it?" He was short of words.

He was standing right outside, how could someone take it away under his nose? It was impossible.

Unless... it was the doing of an Elemental Sovereign.

There was no way the aura he felt the first time belonged to a Sage Plane Elementalist, it was an Elemental Sovereign's doing.

Without any words, he vanished. He had to tell the others that the crystal was gone.

When he left the place, Void walked out from the side of the tent where he was hiding.

He was afraid to use the space element to escape since it might give him away. He could hide his aura completely, but the moment he used an elemental skill, the man would most definitely sense it and that would give him away.

The crystal was still in his hands, but he was able to hide its aura from the man, so the man didn't sense it.

'Looks like it's quite valuable, I'll keep it for them.' He thought with a snicker before disappearing.

The man was gone so there was no need for him to be afraid any more.

'Grey, I'm done.' He reported while leaving the place.

On his way, he saw the troops returning.

He couldn't help but laugh when he thought about their reactions when they find out that their weaponry was empty. Making so many weapons costs a lot, so they would feel depressed when they notice that it's gone.

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Back in the city.

Grey was still resting when Void appeared beside him.

He opened his eyes to look at Void.

"What did you get?" He asked nonchalantly.

He wasn't too concerned with the crystal since he knew it was Void's item. Unless it was very important, he wouldn't want to take it from him.

"Just a shiny antique." Void replied protectively, "When are we leaving?"

Grey looked at him for some time when he saw his reaction, "Tomorrow, I still have some things I'd like to take from them."

His contribution in the battle was huge, he wanted to take as many books on inscriptions as he could. If he didn't, it would be a waste of his time.

Void nodded and went to sleep on the side, not wanting to bother with Grey who was researching the technique.

"Oh, I also got around ten people." He said.

"I have around twenty."

The room fell silent and time went on. Before long, night fell.

It was time to head to the City Lord's manor. The general invited him over, so he would naturally go. The reward was very important to him.

He left his place and headed there in no time.

On getting to the City Lord's manor, he was ushered in by the guards who were already told of his arrival. The moment he mentioned his name, they brought him in.

When he made his appearance, the others in the area all turned to look at him. Some of them even got up from their seats to look at him.

Grey didn't like too much attention, but he was already used to it since he had participated in multiple tournaments.

The general walked over to him with a glass of wine in his hand. He took him over to where the Elemental Venerables were. Although he was a junior, these experts in the Elemental Venerable Plane didn't look down on him. They already heard of his battle credits and knew he would grow up to become someone that even them might have to respect.

The City Lord was an old man whose hairs had turned gray. He looked at Grey with a soft smile.

"Thank you all for your help today..." The City addressed those who came to help them.

Grey was currently seated with those in the Elemental Venerable Plane, he didn't say much, only conversing with them whenever they spoke to him.

When the City Lord was done talking, he told them to head to army camp for their rewards.

Grey only waited till the event was finished before he walked over to the army camp.

'Do they do this every time people help them out?' He couldn't help but wonder.



Even though these battles were not frequent, it was quite odd that the City Lord would have to host everyone who helped them out every time. Grey would've preferred to take his rewards and leave.

Heading to the army camp, he met with the general once again since he was in charge of this as well.

"What would you like to take, young friend?" He asked Grey with a smile.

"What can I get?" Grey asked.

He didn't know his battle credits nor did he know how the exchange takes place.

"For every Sage Plane expert you take down, you have two hundred battle credits. Since you took out twelve Sage Plane Elementalists, you have two thousand four hundred battle credits." The general explained.

When the warriors around heard this, they sucked in a cold breath. They walked over to a board that was hung on the side. Multiple names were hung on it, and their battle credits were written on it.

Since the start of the battle, the number one person on the Sage Plane board only had around fifteen thousand battle credits, one has to know that this battle has been ongoing for years now. And the number one person on the Sage Plane had been fighting since he was in the Early stages of the Sage Plane.

#### Chapter 938 Search For The Crystal

Grey's name was placed in thirty with two thousand four hundred battle credits. He was only involved in one battle which didn't even last as long as the others usually last, and he was already in the top thirty.

"For helping your comrades in the battle field and also helping stop the battle momentarily, you're awarded five hundred battle credits each, taking your total to three thousand four hundred battle credits." The general continued.

Grey didn't think too much of this. He only helped them with the mindset of not wanting to be on the back foot. He didn't expect they would also give him battle credits for it.

His name rose three more ranks and was placed twenty-seventh.

The warriors were stunned.

"He moved again..."

They couldn't believe their eyes. Grey only participated in one battle, yet he was already ranked twenty-seventh. Where would he be ranked if he were to participate in two more battles?

It was unknown, and since battles didn't happen as frequently as before, they knew he would be leaving before the next battle took place.

Grey walked over to the exchange panel and when he saw the prices for books, he was a little taken aback. Each book, depending on their values, ranged from around fifteen battle credits to two hundred battle credits.

"Can I get books on arrays?" He turned to the general.

The general turned to a youth standing beside him, "Take him to the City Library, the park where the top books on arrays are kept."

The youth nodded and said to Grey, "Follow me."

Grey walked behind the young lady. She was around Grey's age, but she was still in the Overlord Plane, although, she was already at the Peak.

Grey didn't really know her and didn't really bother to talk to her. He focused on getting to the library. Once he took the books, he would keep himself locked away for some time to absorb the new knowledge he was about to gain.

The young lady didn't speak a word since Grey wasn't saying anything. She only escorted him to the library, and after helping him get past a few people there, they arrived at a secret part in the city library.

Grey was shocked, he didn't think these city libraries would have these types of places.

'Could they be connected to the City Lord's manor?'

He didn't think too much and started to pick the books he saw on arrays. In a short time, his three thousand battle credits were used up. Even the young lady was stunned by Grey's wanton spending.

These battle credits could be used to obtain valuable items in the city, he could even buy a mansion with it. Yet, Grey spent it all on books?

She looked at Grey weirdly but didn't say anything. After they left the place, Grey thanked her and left immediately. She could tell that he was in a hurry to start reading the books he picked.

When Grey got to the Inn, he looked himself up and started reading immediately.

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While Grey was reading books, the enemy's camp was in turmoil.

The crystal Void stole was very important to them. It was an item helping them seal a al Beast. Once it's lost, the al Beast would be unleashed.

The main thing was that, the al Beast was kept in an hidden space in the crystal, however, once it's released, it would appear in their camp.

It was connected to one of them. They originally wanted to use it against their opponents, but now, it is gone. This beast was only following their command because of this crystal, now that the crystal was gone, it would not listen to a word from them and even attack them.

Void had no idea he was holding onto a powerful beast since, all he cared about was the crystal.

"Whoever stole it is still around this area. Find the person and return the crystal here."

A Peak Elemental Sovereign yelled angrily.

The others vanished, in search of the crystal. The man who was in charge of keeping watch was on the verge of going insane. He couldn't believe it was lost on his watch.

He was the one who took finding the crystal more upon himself. If he didn't find it, the consequences would be dire. Especially when the beast was released.

The beast was a Peak Rank Eight al Beast, and it's strength was far above an Elemental Sovereign even though they were on the same stage. An expert above the Elemental Sovereign Plane was the one who caught it after much difficulties.

They went out in search of the item.

They headed in the direction of the city, but after thinking about what might happen if they got close to the city, they took another path and moved around.

They had to find it, no matter what!

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The days went by and Grey was locked up in his room. The agitation of the experts was noticed by the experts in the city.

They told the others to be ready since they've noticed the movements of almost all the Elemental Venerables and Sovereigns in the other camp. They've never seen something like this before. Even if the enemy's camp suffered a heavy loss, they wouldn't be this agitated.

It didn't take long before they realized that something was wrong. Something that wasn't their doing.

Void was having the time of his life in the city, going from restaurant to restaurant to eat the foods. He wasn't disappointed by the meals around.

At first, it was difficult for him to get meals, but after time went on, the tales of a small talking black cat started to spread across the entire city. He even went as far as kidnapping some cooks to take their recipes.

The guards started to hunt for this cat, but it seemingly disappeared without a trace after a few days. No matter where they searched, they couldn't find him anywhere.

#### Chapter 939 Leaving The City

One month went by in a flash.

Grey finally left his room for the first time since he came back.

He was a little surprised to see Void hanging around. Given Void's love for chaos, he thought he would be somewhere causing havoc.

"You're done, good! Let's go." Void urged.

Grey raised a brow to look at Void, "What did you do?"

The fact that Void told him they should leave so soon showed that he was either bored here, or he was in trouble and wanted to leave as soon as possible.

"Nothing, I'm bored. There's nothing fun around here." Void replied coolly.

"Oh, do you know why the Elemental Venerables and Sovereigns have been moving out frequently?" Grey asked.

Even though he was in seclusion, he didn't forget to keep an eye out on things. This was a stronghold in war after all, if the enemy broke in, he would need to leave as soon as possible.

"Nope. But since the last battle, they've been moving around more lately. I think those from the other side are somewhat agitated." Void replied after some time.

Grey squinted his eyes to look in the direction of the camp, "We should leave."

He didn't know why these people were agitated, nor did he want to know. It was above his level. He was only in the Sage Plane, he hadn't even gotten to the Peak yet, so it would only be him courting death if he were to involve himself in this matter.

Void nodded happily and walked away with him.

Just as they were about to step out, Void suddenly vanished.

Grey paused, 'What?'

'I forgot something, go ahead without me.' Void's voice rang in his head.

Grey didn't think too much about it and walked away.

When he stepped out of the Inn, the City was still the same, but he noticed guards were moving around.

After walking for some time, he saw a poster, on it was a black small cat. The description of the fit perfectly fit a certain someone that had been with him for years now.

Grey finally understood why Void didn't come out with him, he must've sensed the guards and went into hiding.

'That guy, what did he do now?' He couldn't help but complain.

However, he continued walking. Void's actions had nothing to do with him so he wasn't too bothered with it. All he wanted to do now was to leave this place and try out his newly improved technique.

He wanted to use the help of arrays to extract the life force of the Elementalists and use them to wipe off the mark. From the start, he wasn't too confident, but now, he felt there was a bit of a chance that he could really wipe off the mark.

While he was focused thinking about how to remove the mark, he suddenly felt something in his ring.

Bringing it out, it was a message from his Teacher. His Teacher had been in the Aurora Continent for around two weeks now.

Grey was a little ecstatic, but when he found out his Teacher was in another Continent, he couldn't help but shake his head. There was no way he could meet up with his Teacher with his current speed.

Not just that, but he couldn't afford to sidetrack at the moment, the time for the competition for Sylvia's family was almost up, he had just over six months or so, he had to get there as soon as possible.

On his way out of the City, he encountered the general who was at the Peak of the Sage Plane.

"Young friend, you're still here?" The general asked.

"Yes, but I'm on my way out." Grey replied with a nod.

"Be safe out there. From what I heard, those guys from the other side are searching for something and they're stopping everyone outside the city." The general warned.

"Oh, by chance do you know what they're searching for?" Grey asked.

Moving out now was a little risky since he had to face the risk of being attacked by those Elemental Venerables or even Sovereigns. However, he didn't think they would attack him so wantonly. At most, they would only question him.

After leaving the city, he waited on the side. Void soon appeared on his shoulder.

"I got it, let's go." Void said with a calm expression.

"What did you do when I was in seclusion?" Grey grabbed him before he could escape.

"Nothing, I only got some recipes for you." Void replied with a wronged expression.

He thought Grey would praise him for his hard work, but Grey was handling him in such a rough manner.

"Recipes?" Grey paused.

Void went on to tell him all that happened, of course he excluded some parts, but Grey got the general gist from him.

Grey shook his head and started to leave the place. As long as Void didn't kill anyone, it wasn't really a big issue. The only reason these people were hunting for him was because he was causing unrest in the already agitated city, if not, they wouldn't even be bothered with a thieving cat.

They continued on their way, this was the main part of the Region where the war was the most intense. As long as they left the city, they would go into a relatively safer part of the Region and they could start using teleportation arrays once again.

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Three thousand kilometers away from the city.

Grey and Void stopped as there was an ongoing battle in front of them. From what they could tell, it was between people above the Sage Plane.

The thought of watching came to Grey's head, but when he recalled what happened to him the last time he watched high ranks battles, he couldn't help but shirk away.

He would just maneuver through the side.

As he was turning around, he heard the voices of the people. Even though they were hundreds of meters away from him, he still heard them clearly.

"I already told you I don't have it. Why don't you ask that incompetent moron who couldn't keep it safe?"

Chapter 940 You Wanted Them Alive?

"You're the one who has always wanted the crystal, stop pushing the blame away. I know you have it. Even if you don't, you must be involved in its disappearance."

"How many times will I tell you, I don't have it! If the beast is released, we will all suffer from its wrath. I'm one of the people it hates the most, do you think I'm that stupid?"

While the duo were arguing, Grey and Void exchange glances.

'Don't tell me it's the crystal you stole from them.' Dark lines appeared on Grey's head.

If what these people said was correct, then the crystal Void stole had a beast that even these people were afraid of. These were people that were possibly Elemental Sovereigns, yet, Grey could hear the fear in their voices. A single al beast being able to strike fear in them meant that it was at least a Rank Eight al beast, equivalent to an Elemental Sovereign.

'I think it is.' Void replied with a stunned look.

He didn't think the crystal he took just because it was shiny actually possessed such a thing inside. Now that he thought of it, he recalled hearing those people speaking of releasing their hidden weapon on the city. He didn't really attach too much importance to it since all that mattered to him was getting the crystal, now that he got it and overheard these people, he knew how valuable, and dangerous the item he had with him is.

'Throw it away.' Grey said straightforwardly.

They couldn't take the risk of having something like that with them. Yes, it was sealed in the crystal, but if it were the break out of it, just its aura alone was enough to kill the duo. They wouldn't even have the time to pick up the crystal before it killed them.

It was just too risky.

'No, we'll release the beast and let it do as it wills. I'll keep the crystal.' Void refused.

After going through so much trouble to get it, how did Grey expect him to discard of it so easily. It was impossible.

'Are you nuts?! What do you think it will do once it's no longer trapped in the crystal?' Grey felt like skinning Void alive.

'Find us to thank us?' Void asked with a forced smile on his face.

'It'll find us to kill us! Do you think it doesn't know that we can keep it back into the crystal? Only when it holds the crystal is it truly free.' Grey knew Void was aware of all this, but he was being stubborn about it because of the crystal.

'Stop being so negative. Do you even know if it's a nice guy? It might even be related to Lord cat.' Void replied.

Grey couldn't help but furrow his brows. He tried to grab Void, but Void was quicker and he escaped quite easily.

Grey gritted his teeth and went after Void. He had to speak with him.

This cat was too much!

The ripples from the battle continued and spread to the area the duo were. It didn't take long before one of the experts fighting sensed the presence of some people in the forest.

Without saying anything, they went after the person.

Grey and Void were still running around when the experts appeared, seeing a young man and a cat seemingly chasing after each other, they lost interest in the duo.

They could tell that they were coming from the city, but they weren't in the mood to speak with them.

With a cold snort, one of the experts left without wasting any time.

Grey and Void sensed them, but they pretended like they didn't. First off, these were people in the Elemental Venerable Plane or above, if they knew that these two Sage Plane Elementalists could sense their presence even when they didn't show themselves, then they might gain some interest in them.

The other man left as well, he couldn't be bothered with a kid and a cat.

Grey heaved a sigh of relief when they left.

'Void, seriously, we can't keep it.' Grey said with a serious expression.

'Fine, but we can't take it out now. These guys knows it's aura. The moment I bring it out of my spatial storage, they will sense it and we will be in trouble.' Void finally agreed.

Grey thought about it and knew Void was right. Since it was like this, then they would leave. Once they're no longer in this Region, they would throw the crystal away.

What he feared the most was that Void might not throw away the real crystal. Void had hundreds of crystals with him, and since Grey didn't see this particular crystal, he wouldn't know what it looked like.

They continued on their way. With the experts not blocking their way, they increased this speed. Knowing what they had with them put some pressure on Grey and he wanted to leave as soon as he could.

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Three days later.

Grey and Void were already on the edge of the Laurel Region. They were safe here and didn't need to fear for their lives any longer.

Grey finally decided it was time to stop and try out his research.

When he spoke with Void after the battle, he didn't really have anyone in his storage ring. Humans couldn't be kept in his storage ring as long as they were alive. Void on the other hand was a different story.

Hiding in a cave hidden by a waterfall, he asked Void to bring out the people he caught.

Grey was stunned when the people appeared, they were all... dead.

'What the hell?! I thought you said they were alive?' Grey glared at Void.

'Oh, you wanted them alive? Sorry, I couldn't stay there for too long without attracting those in the Sage Plane.' Void apologized.

'I'll go out and bring you some al beasts around, they should be of use, right?' He asked with an apologetic tone.

'I don't know. Forget about it, we'll see how things go later.'