

## Affinity 941

Chapter 941 AryaGrey and Void left the Laurel Region after some days.

After leaving the Region, Grey finally started to feel the sense of safety now. Not being in the Region meant that he would not have to worry about those Elemental Venerables or Sovereigns. The necromancers were already giving him enough headache, if more people joined, he might probably not be able to make it.

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Two weeks later.

Grey and Void were staring at a group of beasts that was looking menacingly at them. Behind them was a young girl who was around ten years old.

"Don't worry, you'll be fine." Grey said with a soft smile.

They were currently in the next Region after the Laurel Region, the Quavers Region. According to the history of the Region, a powerful Earth Elementalist rose from the Quavering Mountains which was famous all round in the Region. The name of the Region came from this particular mountain.

The mountain is said to be a holy land for Earth Elementalist across the entire Continent.

Grey and Void planned to visit the place before leaving this Region. Even though they were in a hurry, it didn't mean they couldn't see such a famous place. Besides, it was around the place they were going to pass through, so they weren't really sidetracking.

On the way to the Quavering mountains, they went through a small town and went on to see this young girl surrounded by beasts. All the beasts were in the Origin Plane. For someone of Grey's current level, he wouldn't even glance at an Overlord Plane Elementalist, much less these beasts at the Origin Plane.

He released his aura and the beasts immediately showed fears in their eyes. Without a second thought, they fled in all directions.

The young girl looked at Grey with awe in her eyes.

Grey smiled at her, "You're fine. You shouldn't venture out on your own next time."

"I know, but my brother left five days ago, and he isn't back yet..." The young girl explained the reason for her coming out of the town alone.

According to her, her brother left the town five days ago in search of a treasure which was reportedly sighted deep in the forest. Her brother was still in an Arcane Plane and he was already regarded as the top genius in the town. At the age of twenty-five, he was the fastest to reach the Arcane Plane before thirty.

Grey and Void exchanged glances when they heard this. Even the case in the Azure Continent wasn't this bad. When Grey was fifteen, Klaus and the rest were already in the Arcane Plane, Alice and Reynolds were in the Late stages. Yet, a twenty-five year old Arcane Plane Elementalist was regarded as a genius.

He couldn't help but shake his head, 'So there are even places like this here.'

'It's normal. Not everyone is lucky enough to train in a good place.' Void replied.

They had sensed the elemental essence in the area and it was pretty poor. It was even quite impressive that this young girl's brother was able to get to the Arcane Plane in this place.

"Are you sure he came here?" Grey couldn't help but ask the young girl.

The young girl nodded.

Grey furrowed his brows, the reason for this was because he just scared off a number of Origin Plane Magical beasts. If this young girl's brother were to encounter them, he would die without even having the chance to move. The strength difference was just too large.

After some time, Grey said with a soft smile, "I'll go and search for your brother, you should go back to the town, okay?"

"Can I go along with you, big brother?" The girl asked with large eyes.

"As much as I'd want you to follow me, it's too risky. I can sense some powerful beasts here. I might not be able to protect you if you come with me." Grey explained calmly.

He treated the girl with care since there's a high chance that her brother was dead.

"Big brother, if I go back to the town, I'll be all alone again. My brother is the only family I have." The young girl replied with tears welling up in her eyes.

Grey paused when he heard this, "What about your parents?"

"They died when I was two. According to my Big brother, they were killed during a beast tide." The young girl replied.

Grey felt a slight headache. He couldn't send the young girl back since it was a little heartless. However, he knew this was the best choice, but he couldn't bear to send the girl back.

"Alright, you'll come with me to bring back your Big Brother, happy?" He said with a smile.

The young girl smiled when she heard this, and jumped happily.

Grey's eyes flashed. He knew there might be a chance that her brother was dead, but there was nothing he could do.

'Void, her safety will be your top priority.' He communicated with Void.

Since he was taking the young girl with them, he had to make sure he was a hundred percent certain that he could save her. He also marked her, this way, he could appear close to her within the blink of an eye.

Void nodded to his words.

Grey was never a good person, since he decided to help this little girl, it must mean something.

They continued on the path the young girl said. Grey could sense the aura of a Sage Plane Magical beast in the forest. From what he could tell, the strongest beast in the forest is a Sage Plane Magical Beast. Even if an Elemental Venerable Magical Beast were to be in the forest, he had things he could use to fight against it.

Time went by and before long, they were already in the depths of the forest.

Grey didn't need to fight against any of the beasts that came his way, all he needed was to release his aura and the beasts would run away.

The journey so far had been quite enjoyable, the young girl's name was Arya, and she was quite the talkative. Grey didn't know what to say, she bombarded him with questions that he couldn't even answer them all.

While they were walking, Void suggested he made something for them to eat. Arya agreed to it immediately. She hasn't started cultivating yet, so it was normal that she would grow hungry after some time.

Grey didn't object to it and easily caught a beast that he used to make some soup.

When Arya took a spoon, her eyes opened wide, she looked at Grey with wide eyes.

"Big brother, this is the best food I've ever eaten!"

Grey laughed lightly when he heard this, "Oh really, doesn't your Big brother cook for you?"

"Meh... he's a terrible cook. I'm even better than him." Arya said while sticking out her tongue.

Grey and Void laughed when they heard this.

Arya had come to know that Void could talk, and when she first found out, she literally freaked out.

Grey soon pushed her to Void's side, it was normal that she would like the little small black talking cat.

After they finished eating, they continued their journey.magic

When they were just about to enter the depths of the forest, Grey encountered the first Sage Plane Magical Beast.

It was a Fox that was around three meters tall and over five meters long.

The Magical Beast was in the Early stages of Rank Six. It stared down at Grey with annoyed eyes.

Grey was naturally not too bothered with this Fox.

He turned to Arya, "I'm coming, I'll go play with the Fox for a short time."

"Be safe, Big brother."

Grey nodded and walked over to the Fox that was looking down on him. It was evident that the Fox didn't think much of him. It was normal since most beasts were stronger than their human counterparts.

"You should scurry away now, if not, you'll turn to dinner." Grey said with a playful tone.

The Fox was enraged by Grey's words. It was already infuriated that a human dared to trespass into its territory, now the human dared to say that he wanted to turn it into dinner.

Insolence!

The Fox moved immediately and tried to bite Grey.

Grey's figure blinked and he vanished from view.

The Fox paused, and turned to release an ice beam towards its back.

Grey's figure appeared behind it and with a wave of his hand, he blocked the attack. He smirked and shot out a slash of fire blade.

The eyes of the Fox changed when it saw this. The attack power was beyond its expectation.

It hurriedly set up a defensive wall and blocked the attack.

However, Grey's attack easily passed through it and sent the Fox flying. The Fox roared in pain and turned around.

"Too late."

Grey's voice sounded beside its ear. Its vision soon turned black.

An hour later, Grey was cooking Fox meat.

Chapter 942 Not Worth My Time

The group continued their journey after they finished eating. Of course, they weren't able to finish the entire meat. Void kept the leftovers in his spatial storage.

Grey encountered two more Rank Six Magical beasts, but he didn't spend too much time with them. With an easy attack, he was able to quickly frighten them away.

He didn't want Arya to see too much blood, so he made sure when making the kill, it was as smooth as possible.

Thirty minutes later.

Grey, Void, and Arya had gotten to the depths of the forest, and there were signs of other people around.

This gave Grey a little hope that they could find Arya's Big brother. As long as there were people who made it to this place, then there's definitely a good chance that her brother made it as well. However, he didn't get his hopes too high. For an Arcane Plane Elementalist to go through the tough journey of traversing through the forest to this place was no easy feat.

When Grey finally saw people, he realized that most of them were either in the Origin or Overlord Plane.

Looking through the group, three people caught his eye. All three of them were old men, and the auras they radiated were at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. But Grey knew this was not their true strength.

Each of these old men was in the Sage Plane. Although he was unaware of their true strength, he knew it wasn't above the Sage Plane.

When he arrived with Arya, he naturally attracted the attention of those there. He reduced his aura to the Origin Plane, this was the lowest he could take it.

Seeing such a young man in the Origin Plane surprised those present. It should be known that in Arya's town, her Big brother is regarded as a generational talent, and he was only in the Arcane Plane at twenty-five. Grey looked to be around twenty, yet his Plane was higher than all those his age.

Seeing little Arya with him, most of the people looked at him with confused eyes. Bringing a child with him to cross through the forest was even more dangerous than coming alone. If he's alone, he could easily escape, but since he brought a liability, then he would have to not only look out for himself, but he also had to look out for Arya as well.

After glancing at him, they all turned away. They were not acquainted with Grey, to begin with, so after the first few seconds, they all turned their attention to the matter in front of them.

There was a passageway in front of them, but it seemed to only allow a certain number of people inside at a time. Presently, there was a thin veil in front of it. If touched, it would immediately attack the person.

'Void, check it out.'

Grey didn't want to make any moves since he didn't want to draw more attention to himself. Seeing the number of people present, it was only a matter of time before more arrived. He had asked Arya if she had seen her brother, but she shook her head.

He wanted to know if they would head in or not.

Void vanished from sight, and some minutes later, he returned.

'The barrier is set up by a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist. If my guess is correct, this must be where the Elementalist cultivated. Also, I smell the aura of death, although it's faint, it's not hidden.

Grey nodded before deciding to stay on the side. He could force his way through, but since these two Sage Plane Elementalists were biding their time, he would do the same.

Time went on, and every hour, the barrier would open up and people would rush in. Some of them were a little unfortunate and when the barrier closed back up, it cut them in half.

This made the others apprehensive. The same scene occurred the next time the barrier opened up.



Grey couldn't help but shake his head. These people knew all too well how risky it was, but they still wanted to make sure they had a head start ahead of those who were still outside.

The scene of the Elementalists being cut apart by the barrier was seen by Arya, she clenched her fists in fear.

"Do you think my Big brother is among the corpses there?" She asked after summoning enough courage.

"I doubt that." Grey didn't give a clear answer. Although he wanted to give Arya hope, it'll be stupid to assure her of the safety of her brother when he hadn't even set his eyes on him.

From what he knew, it had been a while he came here. There's a chance that he even left after seeing too many experts. The only way he could find out is if he entered the place.

He waited for two more hours before going in with Arya and Void. They were part of the last group to enter the place and he wasn't too bothered. If there were any good things here, it wouldn't be of much use to him anyway. The owner of this abode was a Sage Plane Elementalist who was either dead or already broken through and left this place in hopes to help others.

With Grey's current strength, anything below the Elemental Venerable Plane didn't catch his eyes.

When he entered the passageway, he saw an almost unending path that stretched as far as the eyes could see.

Grey spread out his spiritual senses and easily found the loopholes in this place. There were traps, but to him, it didn't mean anything.

He walked ahead with Arya and Void without bothering about anything. While others trod carefully, he walked in a carefree manner. magic

Screams soon started to resonate across the place. People were being killed by the traps.

Grey set up a mental barrier around himself and Arya. Since she was not an Elementalist, there was no way she would be able to sense it.

Chapter 943 Is He Really Dead?

Arya was oblivious to the painful screams around her as she spoke enthusiastically with Grey.

Grey even went on to tell her some jokes he picked up from Klaus.

Arya was pretty much the first person outside his friends he had taken a liking to. She was more like a younger sister he never had. At first, he only wanted to save her when he saw she was surrounded by Magical beasts, but after traveling with her for some time, he had grown to enjoy her company. She was a young enthusiastic and curious little girl.

Grey felt a little sorry for her when he heard her parents were dead. With the current flow of things, there's also a high chance that her brother was dead as well. He was optimistic, but he didn't feel too confident in being able to find her brother alive. They could be said to be in almost the same situation. His father left when he was still very young, and after that, his mother left as well. Although he didn't know their current state, he felt that they were still alive.

The mystery about his family was quite complicated that even he knew nothing about it. Other than his Family name, he had nothing else. He had even forgotten the name of his father!

His mother's memory was still very fresh in his mind, so he knew that as long as he got to sense her aura, he would be able to locate her.

After being alone for over five years, he didn't really have much hope in his parents. To be honest, he was a little disappointed in his parents. If there were secrets, he felt they ought to tell him. He only found out about the orb in his body after fifteen years, he went through humiliation for three years because of it.

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His mind wandered as they traveled. He was still a little worried about the situation of his parents, but there was nothing he could do at the moment.

'Strength, that's all that matters.' He thought to himself.

He made sure to cover the corpses ahead of them so that Arya would be unable to see them. As they went on, he noticed that there were over one hundred corpses, this was after moving only around eight hundred meters.

They walked another two hundred meters before he saw the end of the tunnel. While walking, he made sure to look around for anyone that matched the description of Arya's brother. He looked at the corpses on the ground specifically.

One of the things he noticed along the way was that over ninety-five percent of the corpses belonged to Arcane Plane Elementalists. This meant that the survival rate of those in the Arcane Plane here was really low. He had seen only a few Origin Plane Elementalist corpses which seemed to prove his hypothesis.

They walked out into an open space. It was an underground cave that spanned over two kilometers.

Grey looked around and saw everyone rushing in a single direction. He didn't hurry over like the rest, slowly following behind while trying to see if he could find Arya's Big brother.

He also spoke with Arya along the way. Before long, he got to the place everyone was heading to. Even before getting there, he noticed that everyone seemed to be standing some distance away from a figure sitting crossed legs.

His eyes changed when he noticed something about the figure, 'He's... dead.'

The figure didn't make any movements, and even though he was over two hundred meters away from the figure, he could tell that he was dead.

'Is this the owner of this place?' He questioned himself.

He felt the answer was most likely yes. The figure was that of an old man. Grey wasn't too intrigued by the man since he was also in the Sage Plane, but there was something that threw him off his feet. magic

He could sense a slight aura of the darkness element circulating around the man. Even though it was very faint, he could still sense it.

'Do you sense that?' He asked Void.

Void nodded, his expression was grave.

'I have a bad feeling about this place.' Void said.

Grey also had an ominous feeling about the place, but he didn't let it stop him from moving ahead. His current task was to locate Arya's brother and leave this place.

"Stay here with Void, he'll take care of you. I'll go find your Big brother real quick." Grey bent down to Arya's level and said with a soft smile.

Arya nodded before staying behind the boulder they were standing.

Grey nodded at Void before moving out. He had to get the gist of what was happening, and without examining the place, there was no way he would be able to do so.

He already decided to scout for Arya's brother while doing this.

Ten minutes later, he looked at the corpse sitting crossed leg.

'Is he really dead?' Confusion flashed through Grey's eyes.

There was a large array in this place that seemed to siphon all the essence in this cave in the direction of the dead man. Grey wouldn't be bothered if that was the only thing, but the essence of those who were dead was also being sucked out and moving in the corpse's direction.

The real reason he was worried was that he had seen something almost identical to this back in the Magical Beast's forest in the Azure Continent. Although it was a little different, it was almost the same case.

He decided to search for Arya's brother first.

There's a chance that this old man did this while he was still alive in hopes to break through, but he failed in the end and after coming to the end of his lifespan, he died.

Even though Sage Plane Elementalist could easily live over a thousand years, there were still a few things that could shorten their overall lifespan. A serious injury could take out over five hundred years from their lifespan.

#### Chapter 944 Transported To Another Location

Grey didn't go close to the corpse since it was best to stay away from it.

What everyone was staring at presently was the box beside the corpse, as well as the storage ring in his hands. Being an expert who was around the Peak of the Sage Plane, even if he wasn't rich amongst Sage Plane Elementalist, he was definitely more wealthy than these Origin and Overlord Plane Elementalist who came from small towns around.

Any small treasure from the man could easily help boost the strength of an Arcane Plane Elementalist in a matter of days

While standing far from the corpse, he tried to see if he could locate Arya's brother once again, but it was to no avail. It was almost like he didn't come here in the first place.

The possibility of this happening was also very high. Thinking up to this point, Grey decided to wait a little longer, if they can't find him, they would head back to Arya's town. Staying in this place might not be good for them.

Time went by in the blink of an eye, and before long, people started to approach the corpse of the man. Only when they got close did Grey suddenly notice something.

His eyes showed shock as he saw people disappearing from view. He could sense it clearly, it was the work of the space element.

'Where are they being taken to?' He raised a brow as he looked on curiously.

The number of people started to reduce faster, and before long, there were only around twenty plus people there. The two old men in the Sage Plane were still waiting outside.

They exchanged glances and walked closer to the corpse before disappearing.

A glimmer flashed through Grey's eyes.

'Could he be there?'

With this new revelation, there's a good chance that Arya's brother was part of the first people who had entered this place. He came days ago, so it's normal if he had gone through.

Without thinking too much, he instructed Void to keep an eye on Arya and make sure she was safe before walking closer to the corpse. When he got to around ten meters away, he was sucked in by the space element.

He didn't struggle with it and allowed it to take him freely. While being teleported away, he studied how he was being taken away and noticed it also had to do with the array in the place.

He marked this place, so he could leave where he was being taken to at any time he wanted. Not just that, but he could also easily counter the array. He studied all this while he was searching for Arya's brother.

His vision went dark, and when he finally saw light again, he was standing on a hillside.

He took his time to assess the scenery. After taking note of the place, he moved out.

He had to ascend the hill. From where he was standing, he could sense the aura of multiple Magical beasts, and most of them were in the Sage Plane. He didn't think a Sage Plane Elementalist would have the time to do all this.

He appeared on the top of the hill and looking forward, he saw different people standing on other hilltops around.

"This is going to take a while." He muttered to himself.

After saying this, he came down and started to search for the aura of an Arcane Plane Elementalists. He spread his spiritual senses as far as he could, and wherever he sensed the aura of an Arcane Plane Elementalist, he would rush there within some seconds.

Thirty minutes later.

Grey had run over to almost twenty Arcane Plane Elementalists, but he hadn't seen anyone that fit Arya's Big brother's description.

The little hope he had in finding him soon started to fade.

When he was already thinking of giving up, he sensed the aura of another Arcane Plane Elementalists. He rushed there and saw that this person was being beaten by an Origin Plane Magical beast.

Grey didn't waste any time and instantly sent the Magical beast flying. When the young man fighting against the Magical beast turned, he was shocked to see such a young and powerful youth. From his perspective, he could tell that the young man standing in front of him was younger than he was.

While the young man was studying Grey, Grey was doing the same magic.

Grey's eyes soon showed disappointment. This was not the person he was searching for. Even though he hadn't seen Arya's Big brother, given how much she spoke of him and how detailed her description was, he could tell that this person in front of him was not who he was searching for.

Before the young man could even thank him, he vanished.

'I guess he's not here.' Grey thought to himself when he reappeared on a tree branch.

He shook his head before looking in a particular direction. There, he could sense an odd aura. It was a little identical to what he sensed in the cave.

He decided to check it out before leaving, it wasn't like he was in a hurry, to begin with.

On his way there, he encountered another Arcane Plane Elementalist who he decided to help. A single attack without even showing his face was all that he needed to scare the Magical Beast away.

The young man in the Arcane Plane didn't even know when Grey appeared, much less when he disappeared.

When Grey got to the place where he could sense the aura. He noticed those two old men in the Sage Plane were already present there. Not just them, but some Overlord Plane Elementalists were also standing there.

Grey decided to hide in the corner. When he was about to hide, he saw a figure from the side of his eyes. He couldn't help but turn in that direction.



When he saw the condition of the person, he was a little taken aback.

'Arya's brother?' Confusion flashed through his eyes.

This person perfectly fits the person Arya described to him.

Chapter 945 Good Stuff?

The person in front of him fitted Arya's brother, other than for the fact that he looked like someone who was already tethering between life and death, his other features met Arya's description.

He was a little bit pessimistic since the current look of the young man wasn't the best.

He walked closer to him and once again looked at him.

The young man was breathing weakly, his eyes were hazy.

"Hey, are you Arya's brother?" Grey asked when he got to where the young man was resting.

"Ar...ya?" The young man spoke, albeit very weak.

Grey noticed the young man seemed to be struggling with someone.

Without thinking too much, he used his light element in hopes of healing him. Even though his light element was the one with the lowest elemental grade, it was no problem for him to heal the injuries of an Arcane Plane Elementalist.

Things however, didn't go as he hoped. The physical injuries on the body of the young man healed at a speed visible to the eyes, but his eyes were still lackluster.

"Hey, are you okay now?" Grey asked.

"Who... who are you?" The young man asked as he looked at Grey vigilantly, he suddenly paused before saying, "You mentioned Arya, where's she?"

"Not here. Are you her brother?" Grey asked once again.

"Yes. How do you know her?" The young man asked.

"Nothing to be bothered about. We're leaving, you'll speak with her when you meet her." Grey didn't want to stay here any longer.

"I've tried, but I can't leave. Not just me, but most of us who came have been unable to leave." The young man replied with a flash going through his eyes.

"Don't worry about that, we're leaving." Grey grabbed onto the man's hand, but the man withdrew his hand.

"I don't think you understand the seriousness of this place. We can't leave." Arya's brother said once again.

Grey didn't say anything and vanished, however, he soon returned once again with an odd expression.

'Strange.' He thought to himself.

After trying two more times, he finally understood how this place worked. They can only leave this place with the help of the array, and it was in the cave.

Grey didn't think too much about it and tried to contact Void. At this moment, he noticed something that shocked him, the second he tried to use his spiritual senses, he noticed something was absorbing it here.

This was terrible considering how useful an Elementalist's spiritual senses was. Now he understood why Arya's brother had listless eyes, he had been here for a long time and his spiritual senses must have been drained a lot. If it gets to a certain stage, he would face the risk of turning into a walking dead. He wouldn't be dead, but he wouldn't really be alive either. If he's lucky, he might fall into a coma, if he's unlucky, he would lose his mind.

Grey immediately started to draw an array mid-air, before long, it enveloped the duo, blocking whatever was draining their spiritual senses.

After doing this, Grey decided it was time to check out what was wrong with this place. Setting up something to drain the spiritual senses of Elementalists was a devious move. Only a few people would notice, some might not even notice this until it was too late.

'I wonder if they're aware of this?' Grey turned to look at the two old men.

He soon discarded them. They weren't his concern. Now, he wanted to break this array and leave this place. He had always been a master when it came to arrays, seeing his knowledge being challenged, he was excited to show this dead expert what he was made of.

He sat down and started to browse through the arrays he was familiar with that could break through a sealing array. As long as he found it, it would be easy.magic

The array on the outside was much more easy and full of loopholes when compared to this one. He didn't even notice there was an array here until he tried to leave.

Using the space element within this area was allowed, but as soon as he tried to leave, he would be knocked back by the space. What was worse was that as far as the eyes could see, the only thing visible were mountains and hills.

Arya's brother looked at the young man beside him. He still couldn't understand how Grey knew Arya. Since Grey came to him, it meant it was most likely because of Arya.

He could tell that Grey was by no means weak.

'Where did she find such a genius?' He thought to himself.

While Grey and Arya's brother were by the side, the two old men moved out.

Before them was a tree that was covered with a veil. Inside the tree was what brought them here. It was a rare fruit that could help boost the chances of these old men breaking through to the Elemental Venerable Plane and even the Elemental Sovereign Plane.

They heard this old expert was grooming it, but before it was mature enough, he died. Now, they had come to take the harvest of the man's hard work.

They attacked the veil, but it retaliated with an attack that was almost double of theirs. Not just that, but it also sent out a large-scale mental attack.

This attack affected Grey who was trying to think of a way to break through this task in front of him. Luckily, he set up a barrier that not only blocked what was draining their spiritual consciousness, but it also blocked this mental attack.

Unfortunately, it broke apart after blocking the first attack.

Grey's eyes snapped open and he looked at the direction the attack came from. It was none other than the tree. The tree was almost conscious, attacking on its own.

'This thing is good. I wonder what's inside?' He thought to himself.

Originally, he didn't think there would be anything that could pique his interest, only now did he know that he was wrong.

Chapter 946 Dangerous Situation

Grey moved closer to the tree as he studied it. The fact that this tree could release mental attacks was a surprising discovery for him.

Before leaving, he told Arya's brother to stay put.

The two old men managed to block most of the attacks coming their way, the mental attack was a little troublesome, but after unveiling their true strength, it was easy for them to deal with it.

When the others around sensed their auras, they all had a change of expression. With the appearance of two Sage Plane Elementalist, it was almost impossible for them to gain anything from this.

After going through such a gruesome challenge to get here, they still had to watch others take the reward. They were all indignant, but there was nothing they could do. The strength difference between them was just too massive.

However, they still didn't attempt to leave. There was still some hope. Since the tree and the veil could unleash counterattacks that even gave these Sage Plane Elementalist troubles, there's a chance that they could wait for them to be exhausted from it and then swoop in to take the reward.

Ordinarily, an Overlord Plane Elementalist stood no chance against a Sage Plane Elementalist who was not in the First stage, but once a Sage Plane Elementalist was injured, their strength would naturally decline and present an opportunity for those here.

The two old men in the Sage Plane exchange glances before striking out with a palm attack each. The strength of the attack frightened those Origin and a few Arcane Plane Elementalist around.

Bang!

The attack struck the veil protecting the tree and it shook rapidly, after shaking for some time, it attacked just like the first time.

The two old men were already prepared for this and blocked it. The only reason the first attack managed to rattle them was due to their lack of knowledge about the tree. Now that they knew it would send out mental attacks, they were ready for it.

Not just them, Grey was prepared for it as well. He set up sufficient protection for Arya's brother before leaving, so he wasn't too bothered about him.

Those below the Sage Plane had already retreated far away from the place. It wasn't worth the risk of staying close to the place.

Even after moving over five hundred meters, some of those in the Overlord Plane started to bleed from their eyes, nose, mouth, and ears.

This frightened the Origin and Arcane Plane Elementalists who had taken further steps, they rushed to retreat even further.

During the first attack, although the old men didn't attack with this much power, five people still died from it. It almost caused an uproar, but when they sensed the aura of the men, they all stopped and retreated from the area without a second thought.

The two old men continued their assault on the tree, and soon enough, the veil protecting it started to show signs of cracks.

This was what they had been waiting for. After seeing this, they increased the intensity of their attacks.

Grey was watching from the side, he had completely withdrawn his aura so he wasn't bothered by them finding him. His eyes were currently glowing with a blue light.

With this, he didn't need to bother about the mental attack. Whatever mental attack gets close to him is immediately frozen by his icy flame mental attack.

He wanted to wait till the duo did all the work and then he would swoop in and take the rewards.

The old men continued attacking, and before long, the veil broke apart.

Just when the veil broke, a powerful spiritual force spread out across the entire place.

This was completely out of the expectations of Grey and the old men. They didn't think the veil was actually holding in such a large amount of spiritual force. This turned into a terrifying mental attack that even Grey didn't dare to take slightly.

He instantly vanished and appeared beside Arya's brother. Before he could even react, they were no longer standing in the same spot.

They appeared in the first location Grey appeared when he came here. magic

Grey's eyes showed fear and without hesitation, he tried to forcefully teleport away from this place. Whatever was sealed in that tree was beyond his power as of present. Even protecting himself against it was difficult.

He had been doing some research, and being very good with arrays, he was able to find a loophole in this place. As long as he went back to the same spot where he appeared, then he could leave this place.

The question was, who would actually know the exact spot they appeared?

But unlike most people, Grey was different. His cautious nature made it so that he would leave spatial marks in multiple places. When he first appeared here, the first thing he did was mark this place.

He never thought this would be his hope of escaping. His only problem now was if he could take Arya's brother with him since this wasn't the same place he used to come in.

They were all teleported to different locations.

After tearing a hole in the space across the place, he dragged Arya's brother with him as they tried to leave.

The mental energy attack was still spreading across the place. If it got to them, it would be problematic.

Just as Grey suspected, it was a little difficult for him to take Arya's brother with him.

When he first took him, the space forced him out, but Grey acted quickly and created an array that managed to rectify the problem.

However, unknown to him, Arya's brother's body appeared for a quarter of a second on the mountain hill before he dragged him back into the spatial tunnel.

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Back in the cave.

Void and Arya were still playing around while more people were entering the place and being teleported to the other side.

Void's expression suddenly changed, he sensed a dangerous energy for a split second.

Chapter 947 The Allure Of Treasures

"We're leaving."

Void grabbed Arya's hand with his paws and vanished immediately.

He couldn't take the risk of staying there any longer. Even though the aura he sensed was very faint, he was a hundred percent certain that it came from the supposedly dead figure.

Not just that, but when he tried to reach out to Grey, he was unable to.

Grey told him to ensure that he left the place with Arya at the slightest hint of danger.

Before Arya could even say anything, her view changed and they were already outside the cave.



"What of Big brother Grey and my Big brother?" She asked worriedly.

"If your brother is there, Grey will find him and bring him out. Don't worry about them for now." Void explained slowly.

Arya nodded, but still looked in the direction of the passageway with a worried look. She might be young, but she already knew some things about the world. For instance, she feared that her Big brother might be dead.

What she feared the most now was that Grey might be in danger because of her asking him to search for her Big brother.

They stood by the side, and Void couldn't help but shake his head as he saw more people rushing into the place when the seal opened up.

'The allure of treasures...'

Looking at things, he decided to reduce his greed for treasures. Well, mainly shiny things.

The crystal was still with them and they still didn't know what was best to do. Tossing it away looked like the best option, but it might not really be. If whatever was sealed inside were to be unleashed in a Region, it might cause the death of countless people.

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Back in the cave.

Grey soon appeared in the cave. Looking at the person he was holding, his expression changed a little.

With furrowed brows, he looked at Arya's brother.

"Are you alright?" He asked.

However, he received no response. Arya's brother's eyes had gone dim and it seemed like he was falling unconscious.

Grey's expression changed drastically, and he hurriedly checked out his condition. When his spiritual senses entered his body, he felt a stinging pain in his head.

'Crap!'

Arya's brother was in a critical condition at the moment, his consciousness was about to fade away.

Only now did Grey recall that he was forced into the world when he was trying to leave. At first, he didn't think much about it, but now that he remembered that Arya's brother's spiritual senses had been drained for days by the place, it made it even easier for him to be affected by it.

Grey searched through all the treasures he had with him, but he couldn't find anyone that could help with spiritual senses or consciousness.

He looked around and soon came to a decision, the only thing he could think of now to use to help him was the fruit from the tree. Since it had such an ability, it should also be able to help bolster the consciousness of an Elementalist.

He couldn't keep the body since he was still alive, only in a coma.

He opened a hole in the ground and dropped him inside. This was the safest method he could think of.

Before heading in once again, he decided to take control of the array outside. He couldn't afford to make the same mistake as the first time.

'Huh, where's Void and Arya?'

He didn't sense Void nor Arya around, even after walking over to where he told them to wait, they were no longer there.

'Where are you?' Grey communicated with Void telepathically.

'Outside...' Void explained the situation to Grey.

Grey looked at the corpse after he finished listening to Void.

'Things don't seem as easy as they look.'

With squinted eyes, he walked over to the corpse. Since he had taken control of the array in the cave, he had no problems with getting close to the corpse.

After he passed through the mark where he should've been teleported away, his vision changed.

'An illusion?'

Grey found the situation strange. The supposed corpse wasn't actually in front of him at the moment, rather, there was a small cave that he could swear there was an aura of a living person inside.

After taking some time to prepare himself for any mishaps, he walked inside the place.

To his surprise, he saw an old man sitting crossed leg. This cave was small and it was obviously made by the old man.

The old man opened his eyes to look at the intruder.

Surprise flashed through his eyes when he saw such a youth walking into the cave. He tried to access the array but realized his imprint had been wiped out.

"Kid, what are you doing here?" The old man asked with a calm voice.

"Nothing, I only stumbled upon this place by accident." Grey replied.

The old man didn't feel annoyed by Grey's words, rather, he looked outside.

"You're the only one who has been able to reach this place for years. You're quite capable." The old man was in the same sitting position.

He didn't seem agitated as Grey presumed, instead, he was unusually calm.

"Are you the owner of that tree?" Grey asked.

The old man nodded.

"It has caused severe damage to my friend's consciousness, I'll need the fruit it bore." Grey said coolly.

The old man raised a brow when he heard Grey's words.

"You want the fruit I've been nurturing for years?" He couldn't help but ask.

For the first time, there was a slight change in his expression. What he found more amusing was Grey's audacity. He didn't even want to pursue the matter of Grey wiping off his imprint from the array since it was a small matter, but the fruit that his entire life depended on, Grey wanted it? He couldn't keep calm any longer.

"Correct." Grey nodded.

"Hehe, I've never heard a joke in years. Kid, don't joke around, I might get annoyed." The old man laughed, to him, he just heard the funniest joke in years.

#### Chapter 948 Overwhelmed By An Old Man

"Do I look like someone who tells jokes?" Grey asked with a serious expression.

Even if this old man was in the Peak of the Sage Plane, Grey didn't feel he would lose out against him, at most, it'll be a tie. He knew not to underestimate this old man since the old man must've been at the Peak of the Sage Plane for years now and his strength would not be the same as those at the Peak of the Sage Plane. But he didn't worry too much about the man.

"Kid, I'll give you this chance, walk away now, and let you leave peacefully." The old man said slowly, standing up from his sitting position.

It was evident that he was no longer playing around.

"I can't do that. I need the fruit." Grey replied, staring into the eyes of the old man, after waiting for some time, he added, "However, if you have anything that might help his damaged consciousness, then I wouldn't mind trading for it. If not, I'll have no choice but to take the fruit."

As much as he was confident in his abilities, it wasn't good for him to create enemies for himself wherever he went. He had always tried to avoid scenarios like these, but most of the time, those around him bring trouble to him.

The old man squinted his eyes, putting on a thoughtful expression, he replied some moments later, "I don't have any. Injuries to the consciousness are one of the most complicated injuries, it's extremely difficult to deal with. If one tries to do it himself, they might cause more harm than good."

Listening to the old man's explanation, Grey nodded his head. He also knew of this, hence he wanted the fruit so bad. That was the only thing he could think of that might be able to help Arya's brother. To be honest, he wasn't a hundred percent sure it would be able to help. He came to the conclusion of using the fruit since the tree had the ability of mental attacks.

Grey could only shake his head, "Then I have no choice. You have to hand over the fruit."

He didn't want to speak of the evil doings of the man of sucking out the essence of those who came in here. He didn't really care too much about it, there were just too many cases like this. He couldn't help everyone. Even if he were to save most of the people here, some of them would still die for other treasures. It was best to leave them to their fate.

"Kid, I'll tell you again, leave, and I'll not cause you any trouble." The old man's expression was no longer friendly, and his aura changed completely.

Grey stood facing him, not taking an inch. His intention was clear, he was not leaving until he got what he wanted.

The old man chuckled all of a sudden. Before Grey knew what was happening, the man disappeared.

Grey's pupils contracted and he hastily set up a defensive wall around himself. Even with his strength, he couldn't see the man which showed that the speed the old man was moving at was much faster than his speed.

Boom!

The defensive wall broke apart and Grey's figure was sent flying.

Grey did flip mid-air and landed on his foot, sliding almost three meters before slamming his back on the side of the cave.

"You want to take my fruit, and you're this weak? Please, don't amuse me." The old man was slightly disappointed when he sent Grey flying with a single attack.

He didn't sense Grey's cultivation stage at first since Grey hid it, so he felt at least Grey might be a genius who had already broken through to the Late stages of the Sage Plane at such a young age. Only after he attacked did he find out Grey's true strength.

"I will get the fruit." Grey replied calmly.

He dusts himself before disappearing from view.

"Oh, a Space Elementalist. How bothersome. Fortunately, that is not a problem for me." The old man said when he saw Grey vanish.

He punched into the air, and ripples appeared in the air. Before long, a figure shot out of thin air.

Bang!

The figure crashed into the side of the cave with tremendous force. It was none other than Grey who was forced out of the spatial tunnel he was using.

Grey stood up to look at the man with stunned eyes. He couldn't believe the man sent him out of the void with nothing more than a punch.

'He's not as simple as I thought.'

Even after thinking highly of the old man, Grey suddenly realized he still thought too low of this old man.

Without saying anything, his aura shot up and he went to the Peak of the Sage Plane in an instant.

The old man sensing the sudden increase in Grey's aura couldn't help but shake his head.

"These tricks only work on those weaklings. Against a true expert at the Peak, you're nothing."

Grey moved, but the man moved at the same time as well.

Grey used the space element, while the man exploded out with a speed that would put Grey's supreme speed to shame.

Bang!

The old man forcibly stopped Grey from entering the spatial tunnel which would've taken Grey away in an instant.

Grey was once again shocked, he was forced to block the attack, making sure he didn't get hit by the man. If a single punch can send him out of the spatial tunnel, there was no need to speak of what it would do to him if it hit him unprotected.

Grey crossed his arms in front of him and used the earth element to create an armor around his hands.

When the old man's fist connected with Grey's hand, Grey was sent flying back, slamming into the wall behind him and falling down, but he made sure to stand on his feet.

He was dumbstruck!magic

This was the first time he was being overpowered in a physical battle.

Chapter 949 Power Of Decay

"Oh, you're quite strong." The old man said with a surprised voice.

Most Elementalists wouldn't have been able to still stand after taking his blow, but Grey was still standing which showed that he was different from others. He couldn't help but look at him with different eyes.

"Kid." He suddenly called out.



Grey raised his head to look at him.

"Did you train your physical body?" The old man asked abruptly.

"Huh?" Grey was a little taken aback by his question, but he still gave a nod in the end.

There was no use in hiding it, it was quite evident that this old man had also done the same. If the old man was depending on his elements alone, he wouldn't have been able to send Grey flying with just one blow.

"Haha, I thought as much. Alright kid, since you're just like me who trained his body, I'll give you another chance." The old man laughed before saying with serious eyes, "Leave."

"I'm sorry, but I can't agree to that. I need the fruit." Grey replied without hesitation.

"I tried, but I guess there's nothing more I can do. Since I like you, I'll not kill you." The old man said before walking over to Grey.

Grey prepared himself once again. He had underestimated the old man more than once within the span of a few minutes, now, he wanted to fight against him with everything he had, well, not everything, but he will be more serious with the battle now.

He moved instantly, charging at the old man.

The old man laughed out loud and readied himself for Grey's incoming attack.

When Grey got to where he was, they started fighting a brutish battle, something that Elementalists rarely do. It had been a long time since Grey fought against someone who used their physical strength. After leaving the horned race's realm, he hadn't really fought with his physique.

They threw punches at each other, Grey didn't forget to use his elements even though he wanted to fight a physical battle.

He occasionally used his fire, earth and space element to block, attack, and dodge the old man's attacks.

One thing he soon found out within less than two minutes of fighting was that the old man had insane physical strength. Even he wouldn't dare to say his physique would be this powerful when he gets to the Peak of the Sage Plane.

The old man was currently fighting without the aid of his element, it was unknown what his full strength would be once he unleashes his element as well.

Grey blocked a punch coming from his right and threw a punch with his left, aiming for the face of the old man.

The old man grabbed a hold of his hand. Seeing this, Grey opened his palm which was held by the old man and unleashed a terrifying explosive flame attack.

The old man was forced to retreat, not wanting to be caught by the attack. Even though his physique was strong, it wasn't to the level where he was immune to these types of attacks.

Grey used the momentum to follow up with another attack.

The old man staggered back as he tried to block Grey's incoming attacks. But Grey didn't give him the chance to steady himself, he continued with a period of relentless attacks.

The old man didn't panic, he carefully blocked and evaded Grey's attack. He occasionally countered, but Grey had the momentum and he knew he couldn't try to force or else he would give Grey the advantage in the battle.

Grey didn't hold back as he tried to take down the old man now that he had the upper hand.

Unfortunately, after over five minutes, he noticed he still wasn't able to take down the man, nor had he been able to cause him any major injuries. Other than the few superficial ones on the old man's body, there were no other ones.

The old man suddenly exploded at the time when Grey was getting a little frustrated in his inability to take out the man even after using so many moves.

The old man pushed forward at the moment Grey was distracted and unleashed a punch, just like before.

Grey tried to block the attack, however, his expression changed instantly and he hastily retreated.

The attack seemed to manifest and a large fist made completely from a black substance appeared. It reeked of the aura of decay. It was none other than the effect of the darkness element.

The black fist hit the wall and Grey saw the wall decaying right before his eyes and he couldn't help but shiver in fear. If that attack were to hit him, even though it wouldn't kill him, it would be a painful experience.magic

The old man finally got the chance to attack for the first time in a while, without wasting any time, he started to attack Grey.

Grey wanted to use the same strategy as the old man, blocking and evading before countering, however, he noticed it wasn't as easy as he thought.

The old man was an old cunning fox, each of his attacks carried the power to cause destructive damage, and if Grey were to sit out until the chance presented itself, he would be harmed by the attack.

Boom! Bang!

Grey evaded the old man's attack before sending out a fireball, mixed with lightning.

The attack exploded out, but the old man covered the attack with a dome made from the darkness element and it suppressed the explosion.

'You can use it like that?' Grey was once again stumped by the old man's ability.

He just learned a new thing from the old man. Not just that, but he noticed compared to other Darkness Elementalists he had seen, the decay ability of the old man's darkness attacks was on another level.

If he could get this as well, it would be a good hidden arsenal since he would use it to open defensive walls. Using his dimensional slash was not as simple as it looks, it took a large toll on him, so he couldn't repeat it frequently, this on the other hand was different.

#### Chapter 950 Intense Battle

Grey stared at the old man, and he noticed he was staring back at him. He could also sense that there was a bit of surprise in the eyes of the old man.

"Kid, you have four elements?" The old man asked.

When they started fighting, Grey used three elements and he already thought that was impressive. However, the last attack Grey used contained lightning, and even though he managed to suppress it in the end, it was still a little troublesome. The lightning element and the light element were the natural counter to the darkness element.

Grey didn't reply, but he let lightning flash across his body.

When the old man saw this, his expression changed a little. Even though he sensed it already, he was still a little surprised. It was not every day he got the chance to see an Elementalist with four elements.

"I'll take you more seriously now, kid." He said with a serious expression.

Grey was a little taken aback, they had been fighting for some time now, and the old man said he would take him more seriously now.

Does that mean that he had been holding back all this while?magic

Just thinking about it amused Grey. Of course he had been doing the same as well, but hearing the old man say it sounded funny to him.

If he were to use all his elements, as well as the other things he had in his arsenal, he was almost certain that the old man wouldn't last more than five minutes against him.

The old man's body suddenly buffed up, and the loose clothing he was wearing started to tear up. He was left with only his shorts.

Seeing the well-built body of such an old man, Grey was a little envious. He also trained his body, but compared to the physique of this old man, he was a little lacking.

The old man planted his feet on the ground, and...

Boom!

He shot at Grey.

He was so fast that a sonic boom resounded when he made a move.

Bang!

His fists clashed with Grey's fist.

Grey took some steps back to recover as he stared at the man. There was suddenly almost a thirty percent increase in the strength of the old man. Now he understood what the old man meant when he said he wanted to take him seriously.

He didn't think too much about this, since the old man was stronger physically, then he would use his elements to increase his own strength and attack the old man

with it.

He threw a punch, and lightning and fire flashed in front of his fist as it roared in the air, heading towards the old man.

The speed of their attacks was insane that the air made sounds as their fists broke through it.

The old man threw a fist, meeting Grey's first with his own. Seeing Grey using his elements, he also did the same as well.

A dark veil appeared in front of his fist as it descended on Grey.

Bam!

Their fists collided and sent sparks in the air.

They started throwing punches after punches at each other.

Grey would use the lightning element, as well as the fire element on some occasions, while the old man only used the darkness element.

Their battle shook the entire cave to the extent that even the array was having a hard time keeping the illusion stable.

Some of the people who entered the main cave could hear the sounds of the battle and also the rumbling in the cave. It was an intense battle, but it was one Grey was enjoying to the max.

This was the first time he was fighting against an Elementalist who specialized in physical battles, so he started to learn some things from the old man.

One thing he couldn't deny was the vast experience of the old man. If not for his overpowered abilities, he was a hundred percent certain that he would be defeated by this old man.

As the battle continued, the old man was left dumbstruck by Grey's abilities.

Honestly, he didn't think Grey would have so many tricks up his sleeves. Whenever he felt he had gotten the chance to suppress Grey, the other party would use a move that would repel him.

Bang!

Grey's figure crashed into the wall by the side, causing an almost ten meters deep crater.

He crawled out of it easily and attacked the incoming old man who was already prepared for another attack.

Grey didn't dare to take the old man lightly. His eyes glowed with a blue light and he shot out a mental attack.

The old man who was coming his way flinched, although it didn't take up to a second before he regained himself, that was more than enough time for Grey to attack him.

Grey punched the unprotected body of the old man with lightning covering his fists.

When the attack hit the body of the old man, Grey's eyes changed, and he saw the cold eyes of the old man staring down at him.

This was the first time he was getting the chance to get a clean hit, however, things were not as he thought.

The body of the old man seemed to start to absorb the essence of Grey's attack. Not just that, but it went on to absorb the essence in his body as well.

Grey was alarmed and backed up quickly.

"Foolish child, you think that a mental attack would work on me? Even though I didn't see it coming, I've trained my consciousness long enough to resist these attacks." The old man said with a smile.

Only now did Grey realize the small time the old man flinched was only an act.

Looking at the old man, he was about to speak when he suddenly noticed a foreign movement inside his body.

"What did you do?" He asked coldly.

This was not something he could feel before, so he knew it was after coming in contact with the old man that it enter his body.