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Chapter 951 Phantom

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"You're quite sharp, kid, but it's too late for you." The old man said calmly.

He put up a relaxed expression as he looked at Grey, this was a secret technique that he had used to win countless battles, there were even times when he would be on the verge of death, but once he uses this technique, he would be able to turn the tides of the battle and defeat his opponent.

As long as that energy was inside Grey's body, it would continuously corrode Grey's essence, and the moment Grey get within a few meters of him, he would be able to even absorb the essence directly from Grey's body.

While the old man wore a calm expression, he suddenly noticed that nothing was happening to Grey. All the things he expected to happen weren't happening.

"Huh?" He looked at Grey weirdly.

'One of the things these two dominant things in my body hates the most is intruders.' Grey thought to himself, not too worried about the foreign energy in his body.

As soon as he noticed the foreign energy, the blue flames in his body, as well as the orb he got his powers from started to react to it. It was already a miracle that the orb tolerated the flicker of blue flame, now that another one wanted to enter, and it wasn't even beneficial to Grey, it was incensed!

Within a second, the energy was wiped out without a trace.

Grey chuckled at the overbearing nature of the orb, then he turned to the old man.

"What other tricks do you have?"

His question shocked the old man. It was obvious that his special technique had no effect on Grey whatsoever.

'It entered his body. How come he is able to deal with it so easily?' The old man was confused.

He had grown to become confident in this technique, hence seeing how easy it was for Grey to deal with it, he couldn't accept it.

However, he didn't let this change his mindset, he still knew that he had to take the battle seriously. Especially now that Grey was able to deal with his special technique.

He charged at Grey once again, using his darkness element with every attack.

Grey defended himself while his inscriptions lit up in the air. He created two inscriptions, one made from the fire element, while the other was made from the lightning element.

The two inscriptions attacked the old man, making him retreat from Grey's area. This gave Grey the chance he needed to get himself back before attacking him once again.

Grey wasn't one to shy away from a physical battle, even though the old man seemed to be stronger, it didn't mean that he would not face him head-on.

He drew closer to the old man, and just as the old man was prepared to attack, the gravity in the area suddenly increased and he found it difficult to move as fast as he was previously moving.

Grey being the creator of the gravitational force field didn't feel any and his speed remained the same. With a blink, he was standing beside the man and he unleashed an attack.

The old man hastily tried to dodge, but after realizing it was impossible, he could only struggle to block it.

Grey's fist which gave off the aura of the fire and the lightning element struck the man, sending him flying.

The old man slammed into the wall and bounced off, just as his body was falling to the ground, he felt his body being dragged by a mysterious force.

When he raised his head, he saw Grey's outstretched hand, and he realized he was being drawn in Grey's direction, with no way to control his body.

With a powerful roar, he exploded out with a black substance that covered his entire body. Tentacles shot out from the black substance and shot at Grey.

Grey evaded the attacks, but he lost the chance of dragging the old man to himself.

However, he wasn't pressured by this. He used his dimensional slash, while already preparing a lightning bolt that shot behind the space elemental attack.

When the attack hit the black substance, it easily created an opening, showing Grey a glimpse of the old man.

The lightning bolt shot through the opening and struck the man.

The old man screamed from pain, but gritting his teeth, he used the darkness element to remove the rest of the lightning bolt, trying to recover.

However, his pupils shrunk when he suddenly saw an orb inside the small space he created with the darkness element to protect himself from Grey's attacks.

The orb exploded in the confined space, making the power stronger than normal.

Grey watched all this with cold eyes. Even though the old man was powerful and experienced, in front of Grey who had too many tricks, it was still not enough to have these. The only hope for the old man was if he broke through and became an Elemental Venerable.

The explosion soon died down and Grey saw the body of the old man, standing in the same position, but his shorts were burnt in some places and there were burn marks all over his body. It was evident that the attack hit him cleanly.

The old man spat out a mouthful of blood before looking at Grey coldly, he wasn't even in the mood to say anything this time.

Grey also prepared for the old man's attacks. He knew that this time, the attack power would go to its peak.

A dark shadow appeared behind the old man, with bright golden eyes.

Seeing this, Grey was taken aback.

'What the hell is that?' He felt chills run down his spine.

He could sense a deadly aura coming from the body of the shadow. If he was touched by it, it wouldn't be a good experience.

The shadow seemed to sense Grey's fear and looked into Grey's eyes. The second their eyes made contact, Grey froze.

'Crap!'

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Grey's eyes lit up with blue flames as he fought against the mental attack the phantom behind the old man sent at him.

He didn't even know when the attack struck him, all he knew was that he was unable to move, as if terrified by something.

The old man moved closer at this moment, attacking Grey with powerful attacks.

Grey was still fighting against the mental attack, so he saw the attack of the old man a little late.

He scrambled to block the attack, but he didn't block it properly and was pierced through on his shoulder by the sharp short spear the old man made from the darkness element.

Blood started to flow out of the wound, but Grey was more concerned about the second attack of the old man. He used his inscriptions to try to stop the old man.

But when the attacks almost hit the old man, the phantom behind him opened its mouth and spat out a black beam that destroyed the attacks as well as the two inscriptions.

Grey couldn't help but curse when he saw this. The phantom behind the man was a little too overpowered.

He used the light element secretly as he healed up his injury.

While doing this, he unleashed another attack at the old man who was already almost in front of him.

The old man created a darkness screen, blocking the attack before slicing the large heavy sword he made in Grey's direction.

Grey made a cutting motion with his right hand, and the heavy sword was cut in two by a strange force. It was none other than his space elemental attack.

The old man didn't let this stop him, since he had gotten this close to Grey, he tried to punch him on his shoulder where he was injured from his last attack.

However, just as his fist was about to make contact, he felt a powerful repulsion force that sent him flying from where Grey was standing.

Before the old man could balance himself, Grey appeared in the air beside him and unleashed an orb made from the lightning and fire element. He added a bit of the earth element as well, unleashing a catastrophic attack on the old man.

The old man covered himself with a darkness dome, hoping it would protect him from the attack.

When the orb made contact with the darkness dome, it exploded and the earth dome started to have cracks within a second.

After the cracks, it broke apart and the figure of the old man shot to the ground with unprecedented speed.

Bang!

The body slammed into the ground heavily, causing dust to rise up in the small cave.

Grey steadied himself, waiting for the next attack of the old man. He was certain that this would not be enough to keep the old man down.

Just as he predicted, he saw something coming fast at him from where the old man crashed.

He created a large hammer from the earth element and slammed it in the direction of the figure coming his direction.

When the hammer was about to land on the figure, the size of the figure suddenly inflated.

The old man grabbed onto the hammer with one hand before tearing it apart with his hands.

Grey's expression changed lightly. The old man wasn't the only one who increased in size, even the phantom behind him saw an increase as well. With the increase, Grey could sense the increment of their strengths.

He was already having a tough time dealing with them the way they were previously, now, they increased their strength in his presence. It was a little infuriating.

With all this, he decided not to hold back any longer.

Just as the old man got close to him, Grey's eyes shone with a blue light and his fire domain appeared. Having two types of fire domain, he used the one he felt was the strongest, the icy flame.

The old man as well as his phantom froze momentarily when the domain appeared. Just as they were about to continue, Grey used his lightning domain as well.

He would not let the old man get any chance. Since he had already come to the decision of not holding back, the result of the battle was naturally decided.

The lightning from the lightning domain electrocuted the old man, and he was unfortunate enough to suffer from a seizure.

The icy flame started to freeze the old man as his phantom alongside him.

Grey appeared in his front, a long sword made from the lightning element in hand. Without wasting any time, he drove it into the body of the old man.

The eyes of the old man showed reluctance and disbelief. He didn't want to believe that he was defeated by Grey, neither did he want to die.

Struggling, he managed to open his mouth.

"Wait..."

Grey, who had already driven more than half of the long sword made from the lightning element in the body of the old man paused to take a look at the old man.

"What?" He asked with a straight face.

"You... you can have it." The old man said in defeat.

He was already defeated by Grey, instead of waiting to be killed by the other party, it was best he preserved his life and thought of another way to advance. Even though his current lifespan was not great, it might be enough for him to search for another solution.

After all, when there's life, there's hope.

This was what he felt at this moment.

Grey thought about it for a bit, but after thinking of what the old man did with the excuse of wanting to break through, he decided against letting him live. Originally, he planned to leave the old man alone as long as he gave him what he wanted, but now that they fought such an intense battle, he didn't want to let him live. If the old man was the stronger one, it was unknown if he would let him go.

Being a decisive person, he didn't waste any time and continued on his attack.

When the old man saw that Grey was not stopping his attack, his eyes turned red.

'Since you want it that way, fine.'

The old man's aura suddenly started to change.

The moment Grey noticed this, his expression changed. He couldn't stay here and witness what the old man wanted to do.

The old man wanted to self-destruct his essence orb. The self-destruction of a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist was not something even the current Grey could deal with.

'Damn it!'

Grey cursed and fled immediately.

'Void, run away with Arya now!' He said to Void as he brought out the body of Arya's brother and left the cave.

"Hahaha, how far can you run, kid? Since you want it so bad, I'll take you and it with me." The old man laughed with a crazed look.

He already knew what Grey wanted to do after Grey left, but he couldn't stop the self-destruct. Even if he did, Grey would most likely come back to finish him off. Since that's the case, he would take Grey with him.

He already made his calculations, even though Grey had the space element, he couldn't go too far with just his teleportation ability.

As long as he exploded on time, he would be able to take our Grey. Also, the link to the place where the tree was located would be severed as well, so there would be no way for Grey to locate it even if he were to survive the explosion.

With the strength of a Sage Plane Elementalist, the self-destruction could cover a range of over one kilometers.

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Outside the cave, more people were rushing in while Grey was coming out. Void and Arya were nowhere to be seen.

Taking his time, he located the mark he placed and Arya and disappeared from where he was standing.

If he tried to escape on his own, it would take longer for him to cover such large distance, but with the help of the mark, he could cover over a thousand kilometer with ease.

This was the main reason he told Void to leave immediately. This way, he could cover a larger range without having any issues.

Over two kilometers away, Grey appeared beside Void and Arya, with Arya's brother on his shoulder.

Arya wanted to scream when she saw him but what followed was a resounding explosion that came from where they left.

Boom!

A bright light shot out from the cave, and it gradually started to expand.

Grey's expression changed as he saw this.

"What did you do?" Void couldn't help but ask.

"Move, talk later." Grey said with a dark expression.

Void could only shut up and run away. Even at this distance, he was scared out of his wits. This explosion might still affect them. He didn't want to take any chances.

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Grey and Void rushed away from the area, followed by the echoing sound of the explosion.

Some seconds later.

They were finally out of the range of the explosion, and they turned to take a breath as they looked at the destruction caused by the old man's self-destruct.

"What happened?" Void asked with a long face. He was truly scared.

"The old man self-destructed." Grey replied with a green face.

"That serious?" Void was taken aback. He didn't think the old man would actually self-destruct.

What the hell did Grey do to him that would make him take such a decisive step?

"I planned to kill him, but he wanted to drag me down with him." Grey still felt some fear in his heart.

If not for Void being around and him telling him to move out first, then he would've been in a difficult position. Maybe he might survive it, but his situation might be the same as when he was attacked by that man in the Lutra realm when even when he tried escaping, he was still heavily affected by it.

Grey and Void watched on from a far distance.

Arya on the other hand was more focused on her brother who was on the ground. Grey naturally couldn't be too bothered with Arya's brother, so he dropped him on the ground when they stopped running.

"Big brother..." She shook her brother who was lying motionless on the ground. She could tell that he was still breathing, and he didn't seem to have suffered any physical injuries, but his eyes were shut.

Grey's attention soon turned to them, his expression changed slightly when he saw Arya's face.

'What happened to him?' Void asked Grey telepathically since he didn't want Arya to hear them.

'His consciousness is injured.' Grey replied.

'Oh, that's not good.' Void said.

Injuries to the consciousness were very difficult to heal. Even those experts at the Peak would find it difficult to heal them.

'So, what's the plan now?' Void asked.

'Can't say. There's something there that might be able to help him, but unfortunately, the old man was greedy and refused to give it to me. I'll try to see if I can enter the place once the explosion dies down.' Grey explained.

This was his only hope at the moment. Arya's brother was currently in a coma, and there was no saying if he would be able to recover on his own. There are cases where injuries to the consciousness heal on their own, just like the situation of Void. But it was quite rare, and Arya's brother couldn't be compared to Void, so he wasn't putting his hope on that.

'Okay. So... what do you tell her?'

'The truth, I guess. Her brother is injured, and although she's still young, I presume she should know some things. Lying to her will only make it difficult.'

Grey and Void were still talking about the matter when Arya turned to them.

"Big brother Grey, why's my big brother not waking up?" Arya asked with a somewhat tearful expression.

"He's injured." Grey went straight to the point.

He didn't explain much to Arya, only saying that he was injured. She didn't need to know the details.

"Will he be fine?" Arya asked.

"Yes, but it'll take some time. Don't worry, I'll make sure your elder brother gets healed." Grey said with a soft smile.

'Hopefully.' He added internally.

This was by no means an easy thing to achieve, so he wasn't too optimistic about it. First, he would head back to the place of the explosion and try to find the spatial tunnel that connected to where the tree was located.

After they waited a little while, they headed back to the place. Grey marked it before leaving, but when he tried to sense his mark, he was stunned when he didn't find it. He expected it, but he was still irritated by it since he would have to journey there once again.

On the way, when they entered the place where the explosion impacted, they couldn't help but suck in a deep cold breath. The previously buoyant forest was completely destroyed. From above, it was an empty patch of land with nothing on it. Looking into the distance, there was a particular place that had a huge crater on the empty patch of land. That was the place where the explosion started.

Since Arya's brother was still alive, there was no way they could keep him in their spatial storage. Even Void attempted it, but he was unable to. So they had to carry him all the way there.

Getting to the place, Grey looked at the spot where the cave was previously located and couldn't help but frown.

'It's not here.'

Void spread out his spiritual senses, and after some time, he nodded.

'It has been wiped out. Only those Space Elementalists above the Elemental Venerable Plane can still locate it at this moment.'

Grey sighed heavily. This was the only thing he placed his hopes on. Now that he couldn't get it, he had to look for other ways. Of course he could also postpone this matter for a little while. Traveling with an injured individual would slow him down.

Thinking about it for some time, he summoned the triplets. They were the people he usually used for getting some information and other things.

"My Lord, what can we do for you?" The Space Elementalist amongst the trio asked with a bowed head as soon as they appeared.

They rarely came out and knew since Grey brought them out, it meant he had a mission for them.

"You'll have to take this two to the next town. Also, one or possibly two of you will have to go out in search of anything that can help with healing an injured consciousness." Grey explained to the trio.

He had something to meet up to, so he didn't want to waste too long searching for a way to heal Arya's brother. If not for the fact that he had already taken in Arya as someone like a younger sister, he wouldn't be this bothered by their matter.

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Grey handed Arya and her brother to the triplet before he continued on his journey. He explained to Arya that the trio would take care of her while he went in search of what he would use to heal her brother.

She could only follow the triplet reluctantly, after bidding farewell to Grey and Void.

"Aren't you going to tell her it might take a long time?" Void asked as they watched the triplet take Arya and her brother away.

"It's not necessary. She's still young, it wouldn't be good if her hopes are crushed. I'll try to fish out for news on items like this whenever I pass through a city. If possible, then I'll get it for him. If not, he'll have to wait till I'm stronger, then I can travel far in search of it.

Void agreed with Grey's reasoning before they started their journey once again.

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The days went by quickly, and before the duo knew it, two months had already passed.

After traveling for months now, they were already in the Middle Continent. They've been in the Middle Continent for around two week now.

Just before they entered the Middle Continent, Grey broke through from the Third to the Fourth stage of the Sage Plane, thereby increasing his strength once again.

Now that he was in the Fourth stage of the Sage Plane, he was a hundred and ten percent confident in winning the battle. Well, that was if the person he wanted to fight against hadn't broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane. At the time when he was still in the Origin Plane, the young man was already in the Overlord Plane.

It has been almost two years now, and it could be said that no one matched Grey in terms of advancement speed. He felt that even if the young man who arrogantly attacked him that time had gone far in his cultivation, he would be at the Peak of the Sage Plane. This was him giving him the benefit of being from a powerful family.

'Why haven't you started to search for that lady by now?' Void asked.

Compared to the other Continents, the Middle Continent was not even half the size of the other Continents. So Grey could easily find the Family Sylvia was from by asking anyone he saw. According to Sylvia, her Family was a top Family, so they were pretty famous.

"I don't want to meet up with her now. She's too troublesome." Grey replied.

The small time he spent with her the last time was a little hellish, he went from tournament to tournament, and it was exhausting. Even though he gained a lot from it, it was still tiring to fight. All he did was train and fight, even for the normal Grey who was a training addict, he felt mentally exhausted from all the battles. Now that he came a little earlier, he wanted to spend some time alone. Besides, he was still working on his arrays, when he digested everything he learned from the Laurel Region, he was certain he would make significant progress in his training in the art of arrays.

The stronger his knowledge in arrays, the better his inscriptions would be. He could even unleash power that is at least a hundred percent of his power, even going as far as a hundred and fifty percent attack power.

Not just that, but when fighting, he could easily draw arrays faster and use it to bolster his strength while weakening his opponents.

Currently, he had been thinking of a way to intricate his gravitational force field into arrays. If he could do that, then it would be a significant boost for his strength. He could even create a large area where he would use it.

Take for instance he was fighting against a large army, he could use the gravitational force field to slow them down and release a barrage of large scale attacks on them.

'A shame I wasn't able to get that phantom technique from that old man.' He thought when he recalled the phantom he fought when fighting against the old man.

In his journey so far however, the greatest gain Grey had seen so far was not his , but it was that he had finally seen a way to clean the mark off his body!

With the help of Sega, as well as his own ability in arrays, he was able to remove some of the mark. Unfortunately, the price paid was a little over the top. Just to clean around three percent of the mark, he actually used the life force of over a hundred people.

These were people who were bandits that he decided against killing and instead using for his experiments. It was a little overboard, but since he would kill most of these bandits and experts who tried to kill him, it wasn't really too different. In the end, they still died under his hands.

Thinking of this, he couldn't help but think of a way to get more bandits and criminals. As long as he used these types of people, he wouldn't be too worried since it wasn't against his morals. Only when he used innocent people would he feel guilty.

"So, what do we do with our time here?" Void couldn't help but ask.

He wasn't one who liked idling, if Grey wanted to sit alone, he didn't want to entertain him.

"We should travel around. Even though this place is small, it's still quite large. We might find some interesting things before the time of the battle." Grey replied.

They still had around two months left, well, not up to two months, but it was very close.

He wanted to travel around for a month or so, before going in search of Sylvia's Family. It shouldn't take more than a week for him to locate her.

Void was elated with Grey's decision since he wanted that as well.

The duo soon walked out from the forest they were in and a city appeared in their line of vision.

Chapter 955 The Burchard Family

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Grey and Void entered the city which was quite lively as they walked around, they searched for news of any item that might be able to help with Arya's brother's injury. This was the Middle Continent, after all,

it was regarded as the best place in the entire Aurora Continent, so it was natural that he was a little hopeful about being able to find it.

Entering the city this time, they only wanted to explore this place for the time being. They weren't there to cause any trouble. Grey even made sure to warn Void multiple times that he was not allowed to cause any trouble or else he would be punished.

Void could only agree to this since he had no choice. Even if he wanted chaos, he knew this was not the place to do so. They just entered the city, but he was already seeing people in the Elemental Venerable Plane.

'This place really has what it takes to be ranked first amongst the other Continents.'

Grey and Void concluded in their heads.

They moved around for a little while and Grey was a little upset that he didn't know where the young man who attacked him was from. He didn't ask much about them since at the time, he wasn't too interested in joining the competition for the Burchard Family, only after he was attacked and almost killed did the thought of revenge flash through his head.

He was almost killed with a single blow, this was something he would never let go of, not for anything in this world!

'I recall Sylvia saying they are the second strongest Faction. It shouldn't be too hard to find him then.' Grey thought to himself.

And truly, after asking around, he got to know the name of the second strongest Faction in the Aurora Continent, the Nether Faction.

It wasn't that hard to get information on the young man who attacked him at that time as well. Actually, he found out that the young man, although strong, was not the strongest genius below twenty-five years of age from the Nether Faction, rather, it was a youth called Bill.

Bill is said to be the strongest below the Elemental Venerable Plane. It was even publicly acclaimed that he had exchanged blows with an Elemental Venerable and lived to tell the tale. Of course it was unknown if it was fabricated or not.

Presently, Bill was already at the Peak of the Sage Plane, preparing for his breakthrough to become an Elemental Venerable, while the young man who attacked Grey was only in the Seventh stage of the Sage Plane.

Finding out that the young man was still in the Seventh stage disappointed Grey. With his current strength, even without using the Fusion State, he had confidence in being able to defeat the young man.

How did he know that the person who attacked him was not Bill? He just had the feeling. From the description of the duo, he felt Bill wasn't as arrogant as the other figure who attacked him. The person who attacked him was clearly arrogant to his bones, hence, he wouldn't have attacked him, a nobody.

The only reason this young man did it was to scare him away from the competition.

Grey and Void stayed a little while longer before Grey finally decided to ask about the Burchard Family. He got to find out that they were staying in three cities from his current location.

Thinking up to this point, he decided to head in that direction, while also searching for interesting things to do.

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Two weeks later.

Cale City.

This was the city under the jurisdiction of the Burchard Family. Just like the first city Grey entered when he came to the Middle Continent, this one was also busy, filled with activities, as well as gossip.

Before going to search for Sylvia, Grey decided it was best to get the latest gist around as well.

Two days passed in this fashion. Unfortunately, Grey didn't get any news about the Burchard Family. Apparently, they were very mysterious and secretive.

However, Grey got to find out that Sylvia was not in the city which came as a shock to him. Given the fact that the time for the competition was almost upon them, it was shocking that she was not in the city.

'Could she have returned and no one knows about it?' He thought to himself.

The possibility of this happening was quite high.

He didn't dilly-dally any longer and headed in the direction of the Burchard Mansion, he would only find out if she was around when he got there.

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Grey and Void soon appeared in front of a large building, staring at the mansion, they couldn't help but nod their heads. It might not be as big as the other ones they had been to, but its design was one of the best. Not just that, but just by standing outside, Grey could feel the abundant essence inside.

They walked to the big gate and Grey was about to knock when someone walked out. The figure was dressed in guards' clothing, so it was easy to guess his identity.

"Who are you?" The guard asked softly.

"My name's Grey..." After saying this, Grey paused, he didn't know how to address Sylvia.

Although she was quite powerful, she was still relatively young. If Grey's guess was correct, then she should be above twenty-seven, but not above thirty-two.

"You're Grey?" The guard asked with a hint of surprise.

Seeing the guard's expression, Grey was a little taken aback, but he still gave a nod.

"Alright, come in. The Lady had already told us of your arrival. She's not around now, but she will be coming back soon." The guard was already aware of Grey's identity from the moment he saw him, he only wanted to confirm.

According to Sylvia's instructions, a youth who could almost be called beautiful would come looking for her before the competition and his name was Grey. Seeing Grey's appearance from the start already reminded the guard of Sylvia's words, after Grey introduced himself and paused, the guard didn't need any more words from him.

Grey on the other hand didn't think he would be allowed in just like that. Sylvia wasn't even around!

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'They didn't even try to confirm if I was the one.' Grey wore a somewhat odd expression on his face as he followed the guard inside.

The guard looked at him and smiled, it was as if he could tell what Grey was thinking as he mumbled, "The Lady told us at the time that you should be around the First stage of the Sage Plane or so when you come looking for her, and if anyone below the Sage Plane showed up with the same name, we should not allow them in."

"Oh, so it's like that." Grey nodded in understanding.

However, he didn't think that Sylvia would have so much confidence in him. When they separated, it was just barely around two years, Grey was only at the Peak of the Origin Plane at that time. The fact that Sylvia believed that he would break through to the Sage Plane in the short space of two years was quite stunning.

She might be a brute in some way, but her judgment was absolutely spot on.

"Did she say anything else?" He couldn't help but ask.

"Yes, you're not allowed to cause trouble." The guard replied with a smile.

"Huh?" Grey was a little surprised, he wasn't the type that caused trouble wherever he went.

Seeing Grey's expression, the guard clarified with a smile, "I'm talking to the cat."

Only now did Grey recall that Sylvia was familiar with Void. She even dropped this warning because from the small time she spent with Void, she knew he was a troublemaker.

Void snorted coldly, while Grey chuckled when he saw this. Sylvia knew them, and it was quite rare that she was able to know their personalities from the short time they spent together.

Grey and Void followed the guard and were led to their quarters. On getting there, Grey saw that there were other youths there as well.

Seeing Grey's gaze, the guard explained, "They are just like you, geniuses recruited by the Family for the battle. There would be a small screening and only five of you can make it to the competition."

The guard looked at Grey with an apologetic expression as he explained. Although Grey was stronger than Sylvia said, he was still a little too weak compared to the others. Of all the people present, he was the only one in the Middle stages of the Sage Plane.

Including Grey, there were ten youths in total. And the rest were either at the Peak of the Sage Plane or were in the Late stages.

Just as Grey was studying the others, they were doing the same to him as well. When they sensed that he was in the Middle stages of the Sage Plane, they lost interest in him. Each one of them was a young genius who took pride in their ability, seeing that someone like Grey who was in such a low stage appeared and would actually compete for a place with them, they were dissatisfied.

"I'm sorry." The guard apologized to Grey when he saw how the others treated Grey before taking him to his room.

Grey nodded, this wasn't the first time he was being looked down on, so he wasn't annoyed by it.

After getting to his room, he once again started his research on arrays. Due to this, he hadn't been able to focus on increasing his cultivation stage. Even though it wouldn't add much to his strength since the Fusion State could easily take him to the Peak, he still wanted to break through and become an Elemental Venerable as soon as he possibly could.

There was still around a month before the competition. He would use this time to try and see if he could increase his cultivation stage to the Fifth stage of the Sage Plane.

The essence here was more than double what it was outside, so his cultivation would naturally be faster here.

The guard left, promising Grey he would notify him the moment Sylvia returned. Grey thanked him for his help before shutting himself inside.

He didn't want to associate with these geniuses now, they had the capital to look down on him since his cultivation stage was at least two stages lower than the others. Although strength was the most important, without a good cultivation stage, he would still fall behind others.

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Two weeks after Grey's arrival, Sylvia returned.

When she heard of Grey's arrival, she rushed there the moment she arrived.

Standing outside Grey's door, she was about to knock when she sensed something.

'Oh, still breaking through? Such a freak.' She shook her head as she decided to leave Grey alone.

Grey wasn't breaking through at the moment, but he was already very close. If she were to disturb him now, it might distract him, which wasn't good.

Before the other geniuses could step out to welcome Sylvia, she was gone. It was almost as if she never arrived. If not for the fact that they sensed her aura, they would've thought she was never there.

They all turned to look in one direction simultaneously, Grey's door.

Since Grey came to this place, the door hadn't opened, not even once. Even today when Sylvia came to personally see him, he still didn't come out.

"Who does he think he is?" One of the youths snorted coldly before going back into his room. He couldn't be bothered with the others.

Sylvia wasn't the only one who went out to pick geniuses, others from the Family also did the same. However, she was the one who found the most, three, including Grey. Those who weren't brought over by her didn't have as much respect as those who she brought over had for her.

They all went back, waiting for the day of their selection round. Since they would have to compete against each other, they were all trying their best to see who would be able to make any last-minute breakthroughs, and who was stronger.

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Three days before the competition, it was time for the group of ten to compete against each other. The others were already out, but one figure was missing, Grey.

Chapter 957 Getting A Spot

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Sylvia looked around, waiting for Grey. There was no way she was going to agree to the competition starting without Grey.

"It's already over ten minutes, we should start." An Elder from the Burchard Family said with a cold expression.

Just like Sylvia, he was also one of the people who went out to recruit geniuses for the competition.

When he heard that Grey was only in the Fourth stage of the Sage Plane, he lost all interest in him. To him, even if Grey were to participate in the competition, he would still lose.

"He will be here in five minutes, if he's not, then start without him." Sylvia said.

Even though she would like for Grey to participate, if he was too late, there was nothing she could do about it.

Just as they were still speaking, Grey stepped out of his room.

He knew what was happening outside thanks to Void.

As soon as he stepped out, he walked straight to where the competition was being held.

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"It's time, we should start." The Elder said.

Sylvia sighed in disappointment, originally, she wanted Grey to be part of the competition, but since Grey was nowhere to be seen, there was no way she could delay them any further.

Just as they were about to start, Grey walked into the place.

"He's here." Sylvia said, ecstasy evident in her voice.

The Elder seeing Grey snorted coldly, but didn't say anything.

They hadn't started, so Grey had every right to still be part of the competition.

The other Elders, as well as the Family Head of the Burchard Family nodded. He was very confident in Sylvia's judgment. Since she recommended Grey, then there must be something special about him.

Grey stepping in changed the entire event. There were originally nine people, with him, there were ten people.

He walked over to where the others were standing.

When they sensed his aura, they still felt a little better. He was in the Fourth stage when he arrived. Although he managed to break through to the Fifth stage in little over a month or so, it wasn't really anything compared to the others. The weakest amongst them was in the Seventh stage of the Sage Plane and Grey only recently reached the Fifth stage.

"The battle for a spot will start now. Try to get a spot so you can get to the competition..." The Family Head told them the rules of the battle.

Since there were ten of them, all each of them needed to do was to challenge someone else. Once they won, they already got a spot in the competition.

The competition would be according to those with a higher stage. The person with the highest realm would have the right to challenge first.

When Grey heard the rules, his expression was the same. Naturally, having the lowest realm, he would be the one targeted by others. Even if those at the Peak didn't challenge him, others in the Seventh or Eighth stage would try to challenge him.

Those at the Peak didn't try to challenge him since they knew it wouldn't show their strength.

Of the other seven, two of them were at the Peak. Challenging a Fifth stage Grey was beyond them, so they set their eyes on those in the Seventh stage.

The two at the Peak naturally won their battles against those in the Seventh and Eighth stage of the Sage Plane.

Of the ten, two were at the Peak, three were in the Ninth stage, three were in the Eighth stage, one was in the Seventh stage, while Grey was the only one below the Seventh stage.

The two Peak Sage Plane Elementalist defeated a Seventh and an Eighth stage Sage Plane Elementalist. Currently, there were no Seventh stage Sage Plane Elementalist present in the contest.

Grey was the only one below the Late stages, and he was ignored by those at the Peak.

When those in the Ninth stage stepped on, one of them challenged him. Naturally, they wouldn't want a Fifth stage Sage Plane Elementalist to progress.

They wanted the easiest way in. If five of them were defeated, only those who were stronger would advance.

Two had passed, only three more people would advance to the competition. The three in the Ninth stage had the advantage since they would challenge whoever they wanted. One of them who wanted to advance easily was the one who challenged Grey. He was a young man who was around Grey's age.

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The first two battles soon passed without any hitch. The Ninth stage Elementalist won their battles easily, now, it was the turn of Grey and the last Ninth stage Elementalist.

So long as the Ninth stage Elementalist won, there would be two Peak Sage Plane Elementalists, and three Ninth stage Elementalists.

Grey and the young man stepped onto the platform.

"I suggest you give up, rather than hurting yourself." The young man said as soon as he stepped onto the platform.

Naturally, being a genius, he was very confident in his abilities. He felt that he wouldn't have to expend much effort to deal with Grey.

Grey on the other hand smiled before saying, "I want to test my abilities, if I'm not your match, I'll naturally give up."

"Fine, I wouldn't want to injure you since we're on the same side." The young man replied.

Grey nodded, not too bothered with the young man. He had fought with old fogies who had been at the Peak of the Sage Plane for a long time, and some of them were even above the Sage Plane and he survived, fighting against a Ninth stage Sage Plane Elementalist was not a problem for him.

The youth nodded. He felt Grey only wanted to see the strength of a Ninth stage Sage Plane Elementalist, and he would give him just that.

When the Elder in charge gave the go-ahead for the battle to start, the young man moved out.

Surprisingly, he was a Multi-Elementalist, having both the space and the lightning element.

When he vanished, he appeared beside Grey and attacked with his lightning element.

Already expecting such an attack, Grey blocked the attack. But he was pushed back by the impact of the attack.

The young man looked at Grey before sneering, "Want to give up now?"

"I'm just getting started. Don't bother me about too much." Grey replied.

The young man already forced Greg back with only the first attack, so he felt that he would win easily.

He attacked once again, disappearing from view.

Grey didn't show any signs of pressure, seeing that the young man vanished, he smiled, and to the surprise of everyone, he attacked his right hand side.

Boom!

His attack exploded, and the young man appeared in everyone's sight, his eyes showing surprise.

"You're not the only Space Elementalist here." Grey chuckled playfully.

The young man looked at him with a surprised expression, "Oh, looks like I took you too lightly."

Grey didn't reply as he vanished.

The young man, being a Space Elementalist as well, was able to sense where Grey was going to appear.

He attacked the place where he felt a ripple in space. Unfortunately, his attack passed through. He was taken aback as he looked in another direction.

However, Grey appeared in the place he predicted, but he used the space element to phase through the attack. He didn't know Grey would be able to use this technique, so he didn't think Grey would be able to phase through this.

Grey appeared and looked at the young man with a smirk as he countered.

The young man already placed his focus on another direction, so when an attack came from the same direction he was previously facing, he was dumbstruck. However, he managed to act quickly as he vanished from the spot.

Grey sensed where he was going to appear in and attacked. The young man was forced to block the attack since he couldn't use the space element once again in such short notice.

He was pushed back, and Grey didn't give him the chance he needed to escape from his hands.

When Sylvia saw this, she heaved a sigh, also, she was a little stunned that Grey managed to actually learn such a comprehensive ability. Phasing through attacks was an ability Space Elementalists had, but not all of them could learn it.

Grey being able to learn it showed his level of ability.

The young man who was forced to block Grey's attack fell into Grey's hands and he was forced to continue blocking.

Grey was a very offensive individual, since the opportunity presented itself, he would not let his opponent off. He continued his attack as he made sure his opponent was forced to only block and not have the chance to attack.

In the space of a few seconds, he had unleashed multiple attacks, and his opponent was finding it difficult to block the attack.

The Elders, as well as the Head of the Burchard Family watched the battle closely.

Chapter 958 Troublesome Skill

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Grey was one of the talents Sylvia brought back, not just that, but he was the one with the weakest cultivation stage amongst all of them. Generally speaking, fighting across stages amongst geniuses was rare, after all, they were all geniuses who could fight across stages themselves. If Grey managed to actually defeat his opponent even after being in such a lower stage, then his talent was top-notch and far above others.

While the Elders were still making their conclusions about Grey, the battle got to its peak.

Actually, there was no need for it to be this long. They were only challenging for a spot, so when one of them realized they were not a match for the other, they would naturally give up, but Grey's opponent didn't want to give up.

He felt this was a battle he would've won easily. But Grey was not only beating him, but he was also completely subduing him which was out of his expectations.

He couldn't accept this result!

He decided to fight with Grey to the end.

'I don't believe I won't get the chance to counter.' He thought to himself.

As if Grey could tell what was in his mind.

"There's no need for you to hang on for so long. You can not beat me. Even if you plan to exhaust me, I'm afraid that won't work as well."

While saying this, Grey didn't stop attacking.

Forget the fact that the young man was in the Ninth stage of the Sage Plane, even those at the Peak of the Sage Plane would not last as long as Grey when it came to the elemental essence reserve in their bodies.

Grey had eight elements, this alone meant that he needed a large amount of essence just for cultivation alone. He can save as much as eight times what a normal Fifth stage Sage Elementalist could save up. If this wasn't even enough to outlast a Ninth stage Sage Plane Elementalist, then Grey could just give up his spot.

Of course, even if he didn't fight a war of attrition, he was still confident in his abilities to defeat the other party. There was no need in fighting a war of attrition with the young man.

Hearing Grey's words, the young man sneered. There was no way he was going to believe it.

His eyes moved anxiously, as things were, he would lose if he didn't change the tide of the battle.

With a powerful roar, his aura exploded out and spatial distortions started to appear all over the platform. Even if Grey was freakish, there was no way he could neglect such an attack.

He retreated back as he made sure none of the attacks hit him.

This gave the young man the chance he had been waiting for. Without saying anything, he charged at Grey, his intentions clear. This time, ruthlessness flashed across his eyes. If Grey didn't give up, then he shouldn't blame him for killing or even fatally injuring him.

The young man unleashed a lightning attack on Grey.

Grey, expecting this, moved to the side to dodge the attack. However, he noticed the spatial distortion closing in on him so he was forced to block the attack head-on.

With the spatial distortions in the platform, using the space element to teleport away was very risky, hence he didn't dare to do it.

With no other option, he threw a fireball at the incoming lightning bolt.

The two attacks collided, and caused a small explosion. The spatial distortions close to the area of the explosion seemed to roar out and greedily absorbed the explosion.

Grey's expression changed when he saw this. The spatial distortions increased in size, and Grey could actually sense a destructive aura around it.

'Is it possible that it can release attacks?' He looked at the spatial distortions with an inquisitive look.

This one was different from Void's spatial distortions which were purely destructive, at least he hadn't seen it absorb other attacks before. All it did was wipe out all existence of the opponent.

The young man, finally gaining the advantage, didn't want to let it go. He had already concluded that he would best Grey until he begged for mercy, well, that's if he did not admit defeat first.

Being subdued by a Fifth stage Sage Plane Elementalist infuriated him. The other party had stepped on his pride as a genius. Even the other Ninth stage Elementalists in the place seemed to be looking down on him at the moment. When they fought against the Eighth stage Elementalists, although the battle was long, they weren't overpowered at any time. It was mostly their opponents who were trying to hang on.

Grey didn't know what was going through the head of the young man, and honestly, he didn't care.

His interest was piqued when the spatial distortions started to absorb these attacks and seem to be preparing one themselves. Void taught him how to use this spatial distortion attack, so he wanted to see if he could learn how the young man did his.

The young man unleashed a wide-range lightning attack that covered the entire platform.

Grey raised his head to look at the sea of lightning before creating an earth dome to block the attack.

He had only used two elements since the start of the battle, so the young man thought he only had the space and fire elements, seeing Grey use the earth element, he was a little surprised, but it wasn't uncommon to see Elementalists with more than two elements.

Grey blocked the attack with the help of his earth element before he shot out a fire arrow at his opponent. The speed of the arrow was beyond words and even the young man who was already in the Ninth stage didn't see it on time.

However, he didn't get to the Ninth stage just by cultivating alone, he had also gone through multiple battles.

With a wave of his hand, a powerful destructive force shot out of one of the spatial distortions close to him and destroyed the fire arrow that was sent in his direction.

Grey didn't stop here, he continued attacking, but the young man did the same thing, blocking the attacks with the spatial distortions. He even started to willingly let the spatial distortions swallow up the attacks.

As Grey continued attacking, the strength of the spatial distortions continued to increase.

Grey's expression became ugly as he saw this. It was okay if it was only for a few spatial distortions, but more than ten which were previously the size of a fist had grown even larger than his head. The auras they emitted were not something he could dare to joke with.

'Looks like I underestimated this guy's ability.' He shook his head.

He had been too confident and felt that he would be able to forcefully break each of the spatial distortions with his attacks. But things were not as he thought they were.

These people weren't regarded as geniuses for nothing. They each had special techniques that made them different from others. He was witnessing it now.

Just when Grey was still thinking of how he underestimated his opponent, the young man laughed out loudly.

"Admit defeat now, if not, you'll not get the chance again even if you want to." He said arrogantly.

Grey didn't bat him an eye, instead, his focus was on these spatial distortions. Things are a little more complicated now. He could even sense a thread of danger from each of them. These few things could take his life if he was not careful.

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On the side of the Burchard Family.

An Elder laughed, "Sylvia, you should tell that kid to admit defeat now. Even those Peak Sage Plane Elementalists over there don't have any confidence against Aldrin at the moment."

Sylvia didn't say anything as she watched. Of the people she brought over, one of them had gotten a spot. It was already a good thing, but she had high hopes for Grey. Unfortunately, his opponent was Aldrin. Without sufficient information about this particular young man, it was very difficult to defeat him, especially with this technique of his.

'I'll admit defeat on his behalf if he can't hold on anymore.'

She didn't want to give up now, even though she knew the chances of Grey winning were slim, she felt it was best to give Grey a chance.

"Don't worry, he can still hold on." She turned to the Elder.

The Elder didn't pressure her into making a decision, Grey would lose sooner or later, so it didn't matter if it was now, or if it was later.

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Back on the platform.

Things were not going well for Grey.

With so many spatial distortions on the platform, he had to be sensible with the way he moved around as he tried to dodge Aldrin's attacks.

Also, he had stopped attacking for the time being, he needed to come up with a plan to destroy these things.

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'The only way you can destroy these things is if you use a strong attack.' Void's voice sounded in Grey's head.

'I know. But it seems like my current attack power will not be able to destroy them.' Grey replied with a downcast expression.

Even though he wanted to destroy these things, there was nothing he could do at the moment. He truly wasn't a match for a Ninth stage Sage Plane Elementalist if he didn't use the Fusion State. Having so many elements naturally gave him some advantages, but now that Aldrin had used such a troublesome technique, it has almost wiped away Grey's advantage of having multiple elements.

So what if he had multiple elements, if he couldn't even attack then they were useless.

Aldrin became more confident as the battle progressed, Grey was already backed into a corner, if he couldn't even beat up such an opponent then he was useless. He wasn't the only one who felt like he had won the battle, everyone watching, except for Void and Sylvia felt that Grey had already lost. What Grey was doing was only trying to delay the inevitable.

'Why don't you try combining two elements? The attack power should be good.' Void suggested.

Grey also had this thought, but he was waiting for a chance to use the attack. Even if he wanted to attack, he couldn't attack carelessly. He had already fed these spatial distortions so much, if he continued, he would only bring about his own defeat.

'Such a hateful technique! I have to learn it!' Grey concluded in his mind.

Fighting against this was terrible, but being the user would make his battles somewhat easier. Of course he knew a technique of this caliber would be one of three secret techniques of a powerful family. Even if Aldrin isn't from a top Family like the Burchard Family, he was still from an above average Family, and he joined a top space elemental Faction.

Grey quickly implemented his plan, an orb formed on his hand, and it was made up of two destructive elements, the fire and the lightning element.

When the attack was sent out, Aldrin used the spatial distortion in front of him to block and gobble up the attack.

However, things were a little different this time. The spatial distortion shook after the attack entered, but it soon stabilized.

Grey's expression turned a little ugly when he saw this.

'I'll have to put in more effort.' He thought as he looked at the spatial distortions around.

Aldrin was a little shocked, but seeing that the spatial distortion stabilized, he laughed heartily, "Haha, even someone in the same stage as myself can't destroy it, and you think you can?"

Grey didn't bother with the mocking words of Aldrin, he once again dodged the attack sent in his direction before preparing another attack. This time, the orb had three elements in it, the fire, lightning, and the space element.

Although Grey didn't know too many space elemental attack techniques, he didn't have any problems with adding it to this orb to increase its power.

The orb shot out once again, this time, Grey aimed for the spatial distortion that swallowed the previous attack. After unleashing that attack, he sent out another one, and another one, and another one. In the space of a few seconds, over five orbs shot at the same spatial distortion.

When the first orb touched it, the spatial distortion continued its dominant attitude and gobbled it up.

It shook after the first attack was swallowed, just as it was about to stabilize, the second attack entered, then the third, then the fourth.

Aldrin, who had a smug smile on his face had a change of expression when he realized what Grey wanted to do. It was already too late for him to stop it. Moreover, Grey was still sending attacks at it.

After the eighth orb entered, the spatial distortion started to tremble as a powerful aura started to circulate. At this moment, even Aldrin who was standing close to it had retreated. He knew what was about to happen, and he couldn't stop it.

Boom!

The spatial distortion exploded out. With it, a chain reaction followed suit.

The other spatial distortions started to explode one by one.

Aldrin's face was ashen at the moment. Grey wasn't the only one who would be affected by this explosion, he would be affected as well.

He gritted his teeth as he prepared to block the attack. Just as he set up a defensive wall with the space element, he saw a bright light shooting towards him, the next moment, his expression changed.

'Dammit!'

Grey attacked him at this vital time. He thought Grey would be too focused on defending, but who knew that Grey not only defended, but he even attacked him as well.

The defensive wall was broken through by Grey's attack. From the strength of the attack, it was easy to deduce that Grey had been preparing this attack for a while now.

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Those watching the battle from outside were stunned by Grey's boldness. Most people would be flustered by the explosion and think of only how to defend, but Grey didn't only block, but he also unleashed an explosive attack as well.

This was a true battle veteran's move. Even some of the old guys here didn't think they would be able to make such a move at a time like this.

The face of the Elder who brought Aldrin over was dark. It was evident that he didn't expect this to happen. He already felt that Aldrin had defeated Grey, but everything changed so quickly.

'Useless.' He complained internally.

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Aldrin could only block the attack and rush back. However, he was affected by the explosion and his clothes were torn. His hands were injured and bleeding, while he also spat out a mouthful of blood.

On Grey's end, he was relatively safer. Compared to Aldrin who had to face two attacks, he only focused on defending against the explosion. Even though the explosion was powerful, since it was covering a large area, its strength was limited.

Grey didn't expend too much effort to block it, and he even used an ability almost similar to Aldrin's spatial distortions to block the effect of the explosion.

When the explosion died down, the two figures appeared in the line of sight of everyone.

Grey was still looking the same since he didn't have to go through much. But Aldrin on the other hand was in a sorry state, his hands were bloodied, and his clothes were torn. It was easy to see who suffered more.

Some people didn't catch the sight of Grey's attack, so they were taken aback by Aldrin's appearance.

'Hehe, you're really vicious.' Void's voice rang in Grey's ears.

'Of course, after making me go through such a stressful situation, do you think I'll let him off easily?' Grey sneered.

His facial expression was the same, he only looked at Aldrin who no longer had a smug smile on his face.

"You're..."

"No need to talk too much. Only admit defeat or continue fighting." Grey interrupted Aldrin who was about to talk.

He had already spent too long on the platform. He originally wanted to end the battle quickly, but this guy was a little stronger than what he predicted.

Aldrin's face showed anger before he launched an attack on Grey once again.

Grey knew the effect of his provocation would be strong on this genius. Without delay, he instantly used the Fusion State and his aura shot to the Seventh stage of the Sage Plane. He didn't want to go further than this.

Boom! Bang!

They started to exchange attacks. This time, the attack power of Aldrin was higher, and so was Grey's.

This was by far the most intense battle of the entire five battles. The others were more stunned by Grey's abilities. They didn't think that Aldrin was weak, rather, they felt that Grey was just too strong.

Boom! Bam!

Grey drew closer and unleashed a fire attack, while Aldrin used the lightning element to counter.

Grey vanished as he evaded the attack, before attacking. Aldrin was also a Space Elementalist, so he dodged with ease as well. Having a higher cultivation stage, his control over the space element was actually stronger than Grey's.

Three inscriptions soon lit up in the sky as they started to attack Aldrin as well. With Grey also attacking, Aldrin was soon put in a passive situation. Being attacked from four different sides, he was unable to hold on against Grey.

The fight continued, but Aldrin was continuously forced back. Before long, Grey soon gained the complete advantage. He exploded out with a fire blade that broke through Aldrin's attack and shot at him. He tried to block it but was sent flying.

Before he could recover, Grey was standing close to him as he unleashed a punch. The punch sent Aldrin flying, sending him crashing into the platform.

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Bang!

Aldrin's figure slammed into the ground, he couldn't fight against Grey any longer. If the battle continued in this manner, there was a huge possibility that he would not only lose, but he would die as well. However, being a Ninth stage Sage Plane Elementalist, he didn't want to give up to someone weaker than he was.

He felt that if Grey didn't attack him at the crucial moment when he was trying to block off the explosion, he wouldn't have lost.

His eyes were bloodshot as he was continuously suppressed.

"I admit defeat." A sigh came from the area where the members of the Burchard Family were sitting.

The Elder who brought Aldrin over could only admit defeat on his behalf. Everyone present could see that Aldrin didn't plan on giving up.

Grey instantly stopped his attacks and looked at Aldrin who was bloodied. He retreated to the side, taking a glance at Sylvia who gave him a nod of approval, he walked off the platform. His expression was the same as always, blank and indifferent.

Aldrin was disappointed, but he couldn't hide the shock in his eyes. Grey was a freakish talent.

He was not the only one who thought of this, others did as well.

The Elder from the Burchard Family stepped onto the platform to tell them the rules of the competition they were going to engage in.

It was a battle between twenty participants. Both Families can only bring in five external participants, while the remaining members must be from the Family. Grey and the others were the external participants the Burchard Family was bringing over.

Of all twenty people, they were all below twenty-five years of age, and unsurprisingly, none of them had broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane. Going from the Sage Plane to the Elemental Venerable Plane was not easy by any means. Of course, for someone like Grey who had awakened multiple domains, it wouldn't be too difficult.

From the Elemental Venerable Plane and above, it didn't completely rely on one's ability or talent to absorb treasures and essence, rather, it had to do with one's comprehension of their said elements. Awakening a domain already shows that an Elementalist has an amazing grasp over their elements.

Of course, having a great comprehension of their elements wasn't the only thing, but it was more or less the most important. Without sufficient essence, it was still useless even if one has the greatest comprehension of their elements.

While speaking, the Elder told them the benefits of entering this particular secret realm, it had a great ability to improve one's understanding of their elements. In short, it was the best place to go for youths who were on the verge of breaking through to the Elemental Venerable Plane. It's quite common for those who went in to come out awakening a domain.

Sylvia felt that with Grey's uniqueness and talent, he shouldn't have any problems with awakening a domain or two if he spent some months there.

When the Elder was done speaking about the place and the rules, those who advanced to the next round were sent back to their residence. They would be setting out soon.

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"I didn't think you'd have advanced this much." Sylvia said as she sipped a cup of tea. Grey was sitting opposite her.

"I was a little fortunate." Grey replied calmly.

They couldn't be said to be close since they only traveled for some time, but they were still acquaintances at the very least. Grey was here, which meant that he honored her invitation.

"How have you been able to cope with that thing?" Sylvia asked.

Although she didn't mention the thing, Grey knew she was referring to the mark he had on him.

"Not so good. I can barely travel. And you know about the ancestors of those necromancers?" Grey answered truthfully.

"Yes, they're from another realm." Sylvia replied.

Everyone from the top Families knew a thing or two about these guys.

"I've encountered them quite a few times, also, they've tried to kill me repeatedly, and one of them increased the scope of the mark's range." Grey said dejectedly.

"If that's the case, then you shouldn't go to this realm." Sylvia replied.

"Huh? Why?" Grey asked, confused.

"It's connected to the realm those guys are from. To put it bluntly, it's actually a war zone between us and their race. Well, there are two more races that are able to enter that place as well. Once an Elementalist gets to the Elemental Venerable Plane, they would be moved to the area for Elemental Venerables..."

Sylvia told Grey what she knew about the secret realm. It was a place filled with opportunities, and also danger. Having a link with three other realms other than their own meant that people from other races would enter the place as well.

Having such a feud with those guys, it's natural that they would fight whenever they encounter each other. As for those in the other races, they were usually spectators.

Grey listened attentively, not cutting off Sylvia as she explained.

"How does the place work? And is there a way an Elementalist can hide their true strength from it and stay at a lower level?" Grey found this issue to be more important.

Sylvia said those at the Sage Plane were all in a specific area while those in the Elemental Venerable Plane are moved to another one. Even if someone were to be in the area for the Sage Plane, once they breakthrough, they would automatically be transported to the area for Elemental Venerables.

"The thing is, there are places where those from the Elemental Venerable Plane can actually enter into the area for those in the Sage Plane. There is naturally a flaw in this thing." Sylvia explained, she paused to let Grey digest what she said before continuing, "I think this realm was created by our ancestors thousands of years ago, of course they would be in that God Plane to be able to do that."

"Actually, thinking about it, it's not only created by our ancestors alone, but multiple races' God Plane experts. It was generally a place to grow. No one was allowed to go from one realm to another. Meaning, if we humans try to use that place as a link to enter the other realm, we would be killed by the experts there in an instant."