

Affinity 1351

Chapter 1351 Forced To Help

Alice saw the desperation in Elaris' face and moved closer to her.

"What does he have to help you with?" She asked with a friendly tone.

Seeing Alice asking, Elaris lowered her tone and spoke softly, ensuring only Alice could hear her.

"A necromancer marked me. My Teacher helped seal it, but it's still noticeable by powerful necromancers and even easier for Gnomes." Elaris explained.

Grey could remove the mark, something someone as powerful as her Teacher couldn't. She doesn't travel often due to the mark on her. If Grey could help her remove the mark, she would be indebted to him. She was from the top Faction in the Continent, and there are certain things she could offer Grey that he wouldn't be able to get anywhere else. However, Grey doesn't seem thrilled at the thought of those treasures.

After listening to her, Alice understood why she asked Grey for help. She knew Grey had been marked by necromancers, but for some reason, he was not only able to remove the mark, but he could even sense if necromancers were close by. She didn't overthink it before, but now she understood that what Grey managed to do was something that was deemed impossible.

She glanced at Grey, astounded by the feats he was seemingly capable of achieving.

'How does he keep doing all this?'

At the moment, if she were told a God was helping Grey out, she would believe it was true. Even without anyone saying that, she felt that was what was happening. Grey is just too unique when compared to others. First off, he didn't awaken an element, and now, he has all eight elements. He already has four domains, and the probability of him having all eight before he gets to the Peak of the Sovereign Plane is very high.

She returned from her train of thoughts and looked at Elaris, "I'll talk to him."

A gleam of hope flashed through Elaris' eyes when she heard this. From the confidence behind Alice's tone, she felt there was a good possibility she might be able to convince Grey to help her.

Grey, who was prepared to leave, didn't have a good feeling when Alice went over to meet Elaris. Seeing that she was coming back, his face fell.

"Grey, help her out. You know how hellish it was for you when they were hunting you down."

"I found a solution myself, while endangering my life. I have zero obligations to help her."

"You're a good person."

"To those I'm close to, she's not someone I would take the stress of helping out."

Klaus and Reynolds joined in convincing Grey. Klaus wasn't too interested in Elaris. Yes, she was beautiful, but he already had someone in his heart. Honestly, he wanted to make sure Grey got into her good book. Maybe she might start developing feelings for him if he helped her out.

"You guys are impossible! Do you know how long it will take to remove the mark? Not just the time, but the burden it will cause on me?" "I think you should take a look at

"We don't. That's why we're begging you to do it." Klaus replied with a cheeky smile.

"If she had come while we were killing Gnomes, it would've been easy. But now, most of the Gnomes are gone, and locating the few that are left will not be easy." Grey gave up and tried to reason with his friends.

"You can track them, remember?" Reynolds commented.

Grey felt a vein pop in his head. If not for the fact that he didn't want others to think he was a savage person, he would've attacked Reynolds after his statement.

Reynolds saw Grey's expression and sneakily moved closer to Elaris.

Elaris noticed this and chuckled softly. From the looks of it, Grey's friends wanted him to help her out. And given how Grey was acting, it was clear that he couldn't go against all three of them.

'I'll see how you're able to reject me now.' She was pleased internally. If she knew, she would've come to meet him when she started hearing of him dealing with the Gnomes. With Grey's friends present, they would've been able to convince him to help her.

Grey grabbed his head and looked at Elaris, seeing her pleased expression, he felt even more annoyed. But Alice, Klaus, and Reynolds wanted him to help her.

"This will take some of the time we're supposed to use on our journey. Are you sure you don't want to think it through?" He asked his friends.

They nodded. There was no change in their decision, and they felt Grey should help her out.

Grey sighed in defeat. Since the others wanted him to help her out, then he didn't have any choice. Of course, the only reason he agreed to do it was because it wouldn't put him in any danger. If it were to be something dangerous, he would've never agreed to it, even if it meant his friends would be angered by his decision. Ultimately, it was his decision to make.

Elaris was elated when she saw this and thanked Alice, Klaus, and Reynolds before thanking Grey. She knew if Grey didn't want to do it, there wasn't much his friends could do about it.

"Let's go. We should hurry. I don't want to stay here for more than three days."

Elaris nodded and followed behind Grey. She could sense that he was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane. During their first encounter, although she knew he was powerful, she was also aware that he was in the Ninth stage. But now, Grey was a Peak Venerable, just like she was.

'If he uses that attack now, I wonder how lethal it would be.'

The scene of Grey's fusion inscriptions flashed through her eyes when he noticed his increased strength. At that time, the attack was already more than she could deal with. Someone like Grey will definitely improve after breaking through a stage, so his attack power would be on another level now.

Chapter 1352 Forced To Help II

Grey didn't dilly-dally and straight out started hunting down any Gnome he could sense. He needed life force to erase the mark from Elaris' body. Luckily, the mark wasn't as powerful as his own. Now he understood why her Teacher was able to seal it from the sense of most necromancers and Gnomes.

If the mark on her body were reinforced by a Gnome just like his own, then the probability of sealing it would reduce drastically.

They soon found the first Gnome, a first stage Elemental Venerable.

Grey brought out the bunny leader and said, "Don't you have some Early stage Rank Seven bunnies under you?"

The bunny leader nodded after looking around carefully.

"Let them deal with this guy, and they should be fast. You can train them this way." Grey suggested.

The bunny leader's army is technically his own, and the stronger they were, the better it is for him. If he had an army of top Magical Beasts under him, it would be amazing. Just the thought of it was already thrilling.

The bunny leader thought about it and found some truth in Grey's words. The other thing it thought was that Grey was too lazy to deal with this Gnome.

In no time, the bunnies made short work of the Gnome. Just as they were about to end the Gnome, Grey arrived and sucked out the life force of the Gnome using the darkness element. But he coated it with his arrays to make it seem like he wasn't using the darkness element.

This was also part of the reason he didn't want to help out. Very few people knew about his darkness element, and he didn't want more people to find out, at least not until he was strong enough to protect himself from any potential danger that might come with his secret being exposed.

The life force taken from this Gnome wouldn't be enough to wipe off the entire mark, but they wouldn't need as much as the one Grey used for his own, so he predicted that getting a few more would be enough.

He got to work immediately and used the life force he had with him on the mark. Elaris was keeping tabs on the mark; it didn't take long for her to notice the reduction in it. With Grey wiping off part of the mark, the seal her Teacher placed on it was even more effective now, and unless those top experts among necromancers or Gnomes were close to her, they wouldn't be able to sense the mark at all.

The impression she had of Grey was beyond what she could comprehend. In her eyes, Grey was a mysterious youth who knew everything. He was talented, handsome, and didn't give a shit about her beauty. For a bit, her heart skipped a beat. This was the first time she was feeling this way about someone, and it was strange.

Of everyone present, only Klaus noticed the change in the eyes of Elaris. Even though it was only for a brief moment, he still caught it. He had been observing her actions while Grey was working on the mark, and this was all he needed to affirm that she was starting to feel something for Grey.

'It's only in the early stages, but if I try to act as a mediator, it should work out. But alas...' When he looked at his ignorant friend, he gave up on the thought of even trying to get them together. If he attempted to do that, Grey would definitely flip out.

Knowing Grey, he knew he didn't have a single atom of feeling for Elaris.

'There's no hope for him.'

He didn't speak about anything and followed behind Grey as they continued hunting down Gnomes.

The next day.

Klaus and the others realized why Grey didn't want to help out. After only finding just two Gnomes and extracting their life force to clean the mark, they noticed Grey's pale appearance. His eyes were hazy, which was a sign of tiredness. I think you should take a look at

"How long do you think it will take?" Klaus asked.

"With the rate we're finding Gnomes, four to five days." Grey answered while caressing his head.

Seeing Grey's appearance, Elaris felt a little sense of guilt. She was the one who asked Grey for help, she didn't expect him to be reduced to such a state after just doing the procedure two times.

The toll it was taking on Grey was stronger than what they imagined.

Grey, on the other hand, wasn't bothered with his pale complexion. He was more worried about finding more Gnomes and getting this over with.

"Bud, you okay?" Reynolds was forced to ask.

"Sure, I'm good."

Grey didn't show any signs of weakness and was hurrying to locate the next Gnome, so the others stopped worrying about him and focused on finding the Gnomes. Once Grey was done with the procedure, he would be able to rest.

Two more days went by in the blink of an eye.

"One more and you're good."

Grey's complexion was paler than the previous day, and in all honesty, everyone had begged him to stop, but he didn't listen. According to him, the sooner he cleared the mark, the sooner he would leave this place.

"You can stop now, it's barely noticeable now." Elaris didn't want him to continue.

"Don't worry, I can sense the location of the last Gnome needed." Grey went in the direction of the Gnome he was sensing.

The others could only shake their heads and follow him.

Grey located the last Gnome, and it was someone in the Eighth stage.

"Alice, wanna deal with this guy?" He turned to Alice.

The bunny leader had been training the bunnies all this while, it was time for Alice to test out her new strength.

Alice nodded and walked toward the Gnome while the others were in a secluded location.

The battle between the duo started instantly, and before long, Alice started to overpower the Gnome. The Gnome brought out his puppet, but Alice's Seelie held it at bay.

Chapter 1353 Increase The Offer

"It's gone."

Elaris said in disbelief.

Grey had wiped off the mark from her body, something her Teacher isn't capable of doing. Grey did it within just a few days.

After Alice defeated the Gnome, it was very easy for Grey to extract its life-force and finish the process of removing the mark from her body. Even though she had been seeing the entire process, she still found it unbelievable that Grey was able to actually remove a mark that was said to last forever until she was killed.

"I can move freely now..." She muttered softly.

She looked at Grey, a little teary eyed, "Thank you, thank you so much."

This was the first time Grey was seeing her in such a manner. He didn't think she had such mannerism. From the first time he saw her, all he thought was that she was a proud lady. He believed this even more when she arrogantly removed someone from the group he picked and placed herself in. If not for Sylvia's brother, he would've kicked her out.

'So she's just like every other girl...' He thought internally. His previous pale complexion regained color all of a sudden and he said to his friends, "Let's leave. We still have things to attend to."

Grey had helped Elaris remove the mark, so it was better they left the secret realm.

Alice nodded happily, she walked over to Elaris, nodded gently to her and turned to follow Grey.

"Goodbye." Klaus and Reynolds waved and turned around to follow Grey and Alice.

Elaris could barely see them, the only person in her view was the nonchalant facial expression of Grey. His blank expression, and his back gave two contrasting feelings. His blank expression gave one the feeling that he didn't care about anyone else, but his back view portrayed a valiant hero who would hold the sky up for others.

It was a strange feeling for her.

"You said he's from the Dawson Family?" She asked Sylvia's brother.

"Yes, his father is none other than the legendary Lucas Dawson" Sylvia's brother replied with a nod.

"I see. So he's the one the Gnomes sent out a kill order for. Who would've thought." Elaris stood on the same spot for a while longer.

"How long will it take before we can acquire it?" She asked after a minute of silence.

"Tomorrow."

"Okay, I'll leave once we're done."

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Klaus was beside Grey as they were heading to the portal once again.

"Bud, what do you think of her?"

"Huh?"

"What's your view of Elaris?"

"She's okay. Strong-minded and powerful."

"Nice, why don't you consider getting together with her?"

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"Even Alice has someone now."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Hey... stop! Grey, tell her to stop!"

"Fuck! I'm stronger than you! Why are you still bullying me?!"

"Because I can. Do you dare to strike back?" I think you should take a look at

Klaus wanted to say yes, but when he saw the eyes of Grey and Reynolds who were like that of wolves ready to kill, he swallowed his words.

Alice laughed when she saw this. Being the only girl in the group meant she had privileges. And those privileges includes bullying the guys, even though they were stronger. The other one is that her friends were all extremely protective of her. When she was the strongest, she was the one doing the protecting, now, the others took the job.

Klaus gave up, "I didn't mean it that way, I just wanted Grey to at least live."

"How old is he? Twenty-Six, twenty-seven, and he has never been with a lady. How's that even allowed to happen with such a face?"

"You do have a point..." Reynolds agreed with Klaus' words.

"I have the perfect thing for him." Klaus gave a wide grin.

Grey gave him a tree sap that had exceptional qualities, the only down side was that it acted like a aphrodisiac. As long as Grey can not control it, he will surely do it!

"Or could it be that you're interested in men? I have a few friends I can link you up with."

Grey's expression fell, "If you keep talking, I'll beat you up."

"Aren't you guys going to support me? Do you want Grey to die a virgin?"

"Fuck! That's enough, Klaus."

"What do you mean it's enough. Until you accept to be with someone, I'll never let you be." Klaus didn't give in to Grey's fake rage.

"Wait, how come your complexion is back to normal already, were you acting like you were hurt?" Klaus was the first to speak on this matter.

Due to the fact that they left the place in a hurry, the others didn't speak on how his complexion returned to normal. But now that they didn't have to look at Elaris' beautiful face, Klaus was back to his normal senses.

"Yeah, I thought you were dying."

"Did you do it to make her feel pity for you?"

"That's my man! Now she'll think you risked your life to help her. Smart move bud. I'm impressed."

Hearing their assumptions, Grey felt like beating someone up. To be honest, he did act a little bit, but he didn't want to rest because he wanted to leave soon so they could continue their adventure across the Continent. The longer they stayed there, the shorter the time they would spend together.

Thinking about it, they were still spending time together here, it's just that there were others as well.

He let the trio come to whatever conclusions they had in mind while he headed for the portal. It was time to leave this place. They've spent longer than they were supposed to.

The group spoke as they headed for the portal.

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"He needs to be stopped. Such atrocious behavior can not be condoned."

"He almost killed the Princes too."

"They were useless. How could such useless people be called Princes of our glorious race?"

"Your brother's son is one of the people killed."

"And he was weak, just like his worthless father."

"Are we going to pretend like he's not a treat? It's been only a year or two, yet he's already this powerful. According to the page at which we're moving, we'll still need a few more years before the seal is fully broken."

"How strong will he be then?"

"I'll tell His Majesty to increase the offer on his head. He shouldn't be allowed to break through to the Sovereign Plane."

Chapter 1354 Hand Over Your Treasures

"How hard could killing a young kid be? Are those humans so incompetent?"

"You saw how he ran through all the Venerable Gnomes in the secret realm. Even if you want to discredit the humans, it's not going to change the fact that this boy is a genius like no other."

"From what I know, he's the son of two prodigies who got married."

"No wonder they gave birth to such an anomaly."

"Stop heaping praises on this kid. We want him dead."

"What about bringing him over to our side? If we can groom him, we'll have a good chance of creating a True God that will give us a better chance of crossing over to the higher Plane."

"It wouldn't change the fact that he's a human. What if he opens the way for them too? It's best we kill him and get it over with."

"We haven't been able to visit that realm for hundreds of years now. We need to grab any opportunity that comes our way."

"We should be reasonable with this. I'll talk to the Emperor and hear what he has to say about this. In the meantime, try to get as much information about him as possible. We need to stop this kid."

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Grey had no idea that he was being discussed about in the Gnome race's Continent.

They just stepped out of the secret realm.

"Ha... nothing like the fresh air of our continent." Reynolds said with a sigh.

"Yeah. What's the plan now. We should be done with our trip to the Middle Continent. Where should we head to now?" Klaus asked.

"Southern Continent?" Alice asked

"Alright." The others nodded. They didn't really have a choice. As long as they ended in the Western Continent in the end of their trip, they were satisfied.

The group headed in the direction of the Southern Continent after leaving.

The Elder from the Burchard Family watched them leave with a smile on his face. He recalled when he traveled the Continent as well as a youth. Now, he was too old for all these. Unless it was a treasure or a great battle, he had zero reasons to leave the Middle Continent.

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The time went by in a flash and they soon arrived on the border leading to the Southern Continent.

"Do you think we can get to the Sovereign Plane before going back?" Klaus asked Grey.

Alice and Reynolds were still some time away, but the duo were already at the Peak of the Venerable Plane and they didn't think it would take too long before they broke through to the Sovereign Plane.

"Maybe. Depends on our encounters. Given your luck, you might be able to. I'm not so sure about myself." Grey replied.

"I feel you have the higher chances of breaking through." Klaus said.

Grey shrugged, he wasn't too interested in advancing too fast. This is the reason he was only at the Peak of the Venerable Plane. Given his normal speed, he might've most likely broken through to the Sovereign Plane by now. The only drawback is that he wouldn't be as strong as he is now that he's at the Peak.

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Three weeks later.

Grey and his friends were in a canyon in the Southern Continent.

"We're being followed." Grey said to his friends.

"Oh, they should be entertaining this time. The last group we fought weren't all that." Klaus said.

During their journey, being as young as they were, they were targeted by a lot of groups of thieves. Unfortunately for them, they weren't even all that. A simple release of aura and they were trembling in fear.

Grey didn't want to bother with killing them, but Alice killed them all. According to her, she didn't want these people to go on and take innocent lives.

They had no problem with her killing them. They had encountered three groups so far, and Alice has made sure all three groups were eradicated. She was quite fierce when it came to things like this.

"Yeah, I haven't been able to even test out my moves." Reynolds said.

Grey squinted his eyes and looked behind him, a smile formed on his face as he said, "Don't worry, these guys will be a handful."

Hearing Grey's words, they knew they were about to face a group of powerful bandits.

They camped in one of the paths of the canyon. There was no point in leaving without having to face their guests.

It didn't take long before this group of bandits appeared. This time, even Klaus was a bit serious.

These people had six people at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, and the rest forty or so members were in the Late to Early stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane respectively.

"An entire group of Venerables, that's something you don't see everyday." Reynolds remarked.

"You guys were the ones looking for a challenge. Well, there it is." Grey said.

"We can deal with them. There's nothing to worry about." Klaus was confident.

Reynolds was also just as confident. Alice might not be as strong as they were, but she was confident in her abilities. As long as she merged with her Seelie, she has no issues with fighting against some Peak Venerables.

"I'll let you guys deal with them. Void and I will watch from the side." Grey disappeared after saying this, his voice echoed after he left, "Enjoy."

"Do you guys think we should beat him to a pulp one of these days?" Klaus asked.

"Very much so. Unfortunately, we're still too weak for now." Reynolds replied.

"Don't worry, I'll get to the Sovereign Plane before him. He's toast once I break through." Klaus said.

"You guys know I can hear you, right?"

"It doesn't mean we won't speak. We're not afraid of you." Klaus retorted.

"Focus on the battle in front of you before you get robbed."

"These guys aren't enough. If they want to rob me, they'll need more people."

"Hand over your belongings." One of the Peak Venerables among the bandits said.

"I was just about to say the same to you." Klaus smirked.

Chapter 1355 Battling The Bandits

Bam! Boom!

The battle was intense from the start. Klaus was the only one at the Peak in his group, but he wasn't the only one who had Peak Elemental Venerable strength. Reynolds' Elemental Warrior could use strength equivalent to that of a Peak Venerable. If Alice merges with her Seelie, she can show strength on par with a weak Peak Venerable.

They were all strong, unfortunately, they were completely outnumbered by their opponents.

The six Peak Venerables didn't engage at the start of the battle, rather, they let their underlings do the work for them as they watched from the side.

If that number of Venerables can't take down three Peak Venerables, then they were useless.

Klaus used his domain from the get-go. Anyone below the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane found it difficult to survive the cold. Klaus' domain was freezing those who were too weak to fight the cold.

In the space of a few seconds since the start of the battle, Klaus froze seven people who were in the Early stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane. It was too easy for him against these weaker opponents.

Alice used her dual domain to cause havoc, while Reynolds' Elemental Warrior flashed through the crowd with lightning speed. It was unstoppable.

The six Peak Elemental Venerables were stunned at the abilities the trio were showing. They never thought they'd encounter powerful youths like them. The group were all dressed in expensive clothings, so it was easy to guess that they were all from rich families or top Factions.

The plan was to rob them and acquire some valuables, and from how they dressed, they thought it would be very easy to accomplish this. Unfortunately for them, only three of them were cutting through their group.

"The more powerful they are, the greater the treasures they possess. Kill them all, don't give them any chances!" One of the six Peak Elemental Venerables yelled. He was pumped.

"If we can take their treasures, we will be able to break through, I can feel it!" Another one of them said.

"One of them is missing. I can't sense his presence. Don't take them for granted, these kids are not ordinary." A serious looking one said with a blank face.

"Yeah, I remember there was only three of them. Where did the last one go?" The one with a blonde hair asked.

"He's very skilled at hiding his aura, we should be careful of that one. He might be plotting something."

The others looked around, unsure of what to do. As long as they couldn't sense Grey's whereabouts, they knew they would be in danger.

They might have the advantage, but they knew that one mistake will cost their lives. Of all six of them, none of them wanted to die here, especially when they will defeat their opponent in the end. If they died, the others will benefit from it. So it was best to take precautions.

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Grey was looking at the battle from above.

"Those guys seem to be afraid of you." Void commented.

"Naturally. I'm too astounding, it's normal for them to be afraid of me." Grey said with a playful smile.

Void rolled his eyes.

Grey watched the battle with interest. He didn't feel any interest in getting involved in the battle. Although it might seem like the trio were outnumbered, in truth, it was only a matter of time before they defeated the large group of bandits.

Grey was certain that the only people that could trouble them were the six people at the Peak of the Venerable Plane. Other than them, the trio were good.

"Will you help them?" Void asked.

"Depends."

"On?"

"If they can't deal with those six."

"What if they join in now?"

"Hmm, that will be troublesome. Since they are already wary of me, I'll just make a move to stop them whenever they want to interfere in the battle."

Grey was fast, so he would be able to deal with them before they caused any harm.

Void didn't have any issues with Grey's plan, as long as he didn't have to do any work, he was good with whatever decision Grey made.

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On the canyon pathway.

Klaus was like an ice God. His eyes glowed with silver light, and chilling snowy breeze blew through the area, freezing anything in its wake.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior was flashing through the crowd, cutting people down for fun. The coordination between Klaus and Reynolds was already at the highest. Without thinking, they knew what the other person wanted to do and how to react to the actions. It was like they were working with one brain.

Alice was on the side, battling through the group attacking her. The advantage of fighting against a large group was that there is a large target to aim at. She, on the other hand, was very difficult to hit. Her lightning element made her very fast.

Since she had the Seelie, she has focused more on her fire element since the ice ability of the Seelie complimented her fire element.

The awakening of her fire and ice domain made her fire element even stronger than the lightning element.

As time went on, the size of the group started to dwindle. Before long not more than fifteen were left alive, the rest were either incapacitated, or dead.

Klaus and the other two were very brutal with their attacks, not holding back one bit. Reynolds' Elemental Warrior had the most kills. Klaus was a close second thanks to his wide range of attacking ability.

His domain was even stronger now that he has gotten accustomed to his new abilities. His ice was ferocious, and it seemed to have a mind of its own whenever someone Grey deemed as an opponent gets close to him.

Broken ice sculptures littered the ground, while the scent of burnt flesh filled the air. Reynolds' lightning, and Alice's fire were enough to cause such effects.

The fifteen bandits left, aside those at the Peak, were all in the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

Seeing how the trio managed to kill so many of their companions, fear started to creep into their heads.

It's one thing to be able to hold their own against such a large group, but being able to kill so many while sustaining few injuries was something else. Klaus didn't even look like someone who got into a fight. His clothes were spotless, and even his hair wasn't ruffled.

None of the attacks from the bandits managed to get through Klaus' impeccable defense. The automatic system of his ice defense made him untouchable.

Klaus wore a smile on his face when he saw the look of fear in the eyes of the fifteen.

"Scared? Haha, don't worry, we will go easy on you guys."

One of those in the Late stages felt insulted by Klaus' words, but he didn't speak up. Klaus was too strong. If he were to fight against him alone, he was certain he wouldn't be able to break through Klaus' defense, much less being able to cause any harm to him.

However, he found Klaus' grin hateful, and for some reason, he wanted to kill Klaus. Well, the reason is clear, while they were battling earlier on, Klaus made bad comments about his ancestors, something he could never take.

"Don't think too highly of yourself, boy. If the masters join in, you'll be toast." The man in the Eighth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane snorted coldly.

"I'll beat them to a pulp and make them lie naked while pleading for their worthless dogshit lives." Klaus gave an evil smile after saying this, he took a glance at the six that were behind them.

'I wonder how we'll fare against them...' He thought they were strong enough to fight these people one on one, but with all six joining hands, it would be very difficult for them to win with ease.

Of the six at the back, three took a step forward.

Boom!

They retreated hastily. The attack struck where they placed their legs. If not for the fact that they were fast, they would've been hit by it.

"Who's there?" One of the men at the Peak asked.

"Just someone who isn't willing to let you guys interfere in the battle. As long as you hold your hand, I won't attack."

Grey's voice came from the void. The fear of the unknown is something that even top powerhouses have. Grey was able to attack without making a sound. They weren't able to sense his general location when he attacked just now which meant he was well hidden from them.

"Don't try to act mysterious, I know you're the one who disappeared when he came." The man with blonde hair said.

"We'll kill you and the three before us. Since you don't want to show yourself, we will kill them and see what you can do about it." The man with a cold expression said.

Chapter 1356 Always Stay Focused

Grey scoffed when he heard this. He wasn't the least bit threatened by these people. Did they think Klaus and the others were random people they could kill with just a few attacks?

Klaus alone was enough to ensure that the others didn't get hurt. The Elemental Warrior had terrifying attack power, this is something Grey was aware of. Then there's also Alice, her attacks can not be neglected, if not, she would cause them great harm.

"I just don't want you guys interfering. Take a step, I attack. Stay in the same place, I watch." Grey said softly.

"I want to see what gives you such confidence." The man with blonde hair took a step forward.

Grey attacked when he saw this. Using the dimensional slash.

The man looked at the direction the attack was coming from and with a wave of his hand, a large portal opened up and Grey's attack was gobbled up. The attack appeared on the exact place it came from before exploding.

The blonde haired man squinted his eyes when he didn't get the reaction he was expecting.

"He's not there."

"Let's kill these guys first. They are still very much worthy of us making a move." The man said as they walked towards where Klaus and the others were standing.

Grey attacked once again, but his attack was sent back to the direction it came from. The exact place the attack was unleashed.

'This guy will be difficult to deal with.'

With such an ability, it will be difficult for Grey to attack this group. With no other option, he appeared. This time, his attack wasn't casual, it was a powerful fire spear that was laced with lightning.

The spear shot at the group of six at breakneck speed.

The portal was on the verge of opening when the spear blasted through, aiming for the head of the blonde haired man.

The man scoffed and his figure disappeared, dodging the attack.

Bam!

The spear struck the ground, causing it to slightly cave in and crack.

"A Space Elementalist." Grey looked at the blonde haired man with interest.

Space Elementalists had always been difficult to handle, especially those that only had the space element. Unlike Grey who had to focus on other elements, an Elementalist with just the space element didn't need to worry about honing anything else. They would put their full focus on the space element and master it. Some of Grey's difficult opponents over the years have been Space Elementalists.

The other five didn't flinch when Grey's attack struck.

The one with a cold looking expression grunted and took a step forward, the place his foot touched started to freeze. The ice ran through the ground, heading straight for Grey.

Grey sent a wheel of flames at it, burning it up. The ice stopped, but only temporarily.

"Looks like I'll fight with the group."

Three inscriptions lit up in the sky and attacked simultaneously.

Three men moved out to block the attack of the inscriptions.

Grey didn't stop with just using his inscriptions to attack, he personally attacked as well. Using the earth element, he created a large maze, with the aim of separating the six men.

When the maze came out from the ground, the men reacted accordingly, striking it as soon as they saw it.

Grey noticed it wouldn't work, so he used his domain as well.

The maze formed a lot faster and the group of six were separated.

Grey focused everything on one place and attacked one of the men.

When Grey was attacking, the blonde haired man had already gathered the others.

Grey's attack just struck when they arrived at the place Grey was located.

The man who was Grey's target defended with all his strength. If left alone, it was evident he wasn't on Grey's level.

The others arrived on time and ensured Grey didn't attack again. They joined hands and destroyed the maze Grey created.

Grey knew these guys weren't going to let him win.

'I can stop them until the others deal with the others and come help out.'

With this thought in mind, he stopped his attack and focused on only stopping these people.

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On the other side.

Grey's sudden appearance didn't shock his friends. The fifteen bandits however were beyond shocked.

Six Peak Venerables weren't able to take out a young man. Standing before them, Grey looked quite timid. Seeing Grey in action said otherwise.

"Those guys don't seem to be much." Klaus commented offhandedly.

His mannerism when making the comment infuriated the group of fifteen. Their leaders were being looked down on, this was something they didn't want to accept!

"Hurry, we have to go help him." Alice said, she knew if Klaus was given the opportunity, he'd talk for the entire day.

Klaus shrugged and attacked. An ice needle had been prepared while Grey was fighting with the six Peak Elemental Venerables. The fifteen Late stage Elemental Venerables didn't notice it since they were distracted, and Klaus capitalized on it.

The ice needle pierced through the head of the man he was speaking with. He noticed the man was the one keeping this group organized, so he took him out.

The man was about to say something when he suddenly went mute.

The others behind him didn't notice anything and prepared to engage Klaus and his friends in a battle.

One of them walked past the man, and his shoulder hit the man. To his shock, the man fell to the ground, before shattering into small ice pieces.

The others behind the man were stunned when they saw this. They didn't know when it happened.

Their eyes turned to Klaus who had a wide smile on his face, clearly pleased at the results of his attack.

His new ability made it almost impossible for people to sense the ice needle. The only thing was creating it without drawing any attention.

The ice power it contains is higher than Klaus' normal attack. At the moment, this was still his strongest technique, and it was what made his ice ability so phenomenal.

Chapter 1357 Always Stay Focused II

"Always stay focused when fighting, if not, you'll lose your life like that pig over there." Klaus advised the others while pointing at the man who had been shattered to pieces.

Hearing how he referred to the man, the others were vexed. Klaus was a shameless and annoying individual and they wished to end his life.

Klaus knew these people wanted to kill him, the killing intent they were all radiating was something he was all too used to.

"You want to kill me? Haha, with such weak strength? Even if I stand here and let you attack all you want, you still wouldn't be able to touch a single hair on my body." Klaus laughed.

"I'm still in a good mood. Why don't you scurry off like the dogs you are. If not, I'll kill you." Klaus' expression turned cold, and the temperature dropped significantly. It was evident that it was Klaus' doing.

"What are you doing? Do you want to freeze us too?" Reynolds' words brought Klaus back to his senses as he gave a sheepish smile.

"It's for dramatic effect. Don't tell me you can't handle this little cold?" Klaus gave Reynolds a demeaning look.

"Who are you looking at? I'll strike you if you try it again." Reynolds said with a serious expression.

"Don't think I'm afraid of your Elemental Warrior. If you know you're a man, fight with me one on one, don't ask for help from your Elemental Warrior." Klaus looked at him, ready to fight.

"You think I can't take you on?"

"Not without the Elemental Warrior."

"It's part of my strength."

"That's just an excuse to hide your weakness. If not for the fact that we've been friends for a long time now, I would've beaten you up."

"Hehe, I don't think I have any problems with handling you. Have you forgotten all the times I beat you?"

The other fourteen paused when they saw Klaus and Reynolds in a heated argument. Their expressions showed that they were ready to attack any minute.

Just as they were about to get back to their normal fight, they noticed that the other person that was at the Eighth stage was frozen solid.

"I thought I warned you guys to always focus when fighting? What the hell are you doing now? Damn it! Now they'll say I'm a terrible Teacher." Klaus facepalmed.

In the blink of an eye, the two people with the highest cultivation stages were taken out by Klaus. What was worse was that they didn't see the attack until it was too late.

Klaus and Reynolds were arguing, but now they understood the duo weren't actually arguing, rather, they were buying time for Klaus to prepare his attack. The infuriating thing was that they got confused when they saw them arguing that they actually didn't attack them.

Klaus was a dangerous individual, but from the looks of it, he needed some time to prepare for this deadly attack. This was the only good thing on the part of the bandits. If Klaus could just shoot out infinite ice needles, then they were dead.

"You... you..."

"You what? I've been taking so much time to teach you guys simple battle knowledge, yet you still failed." Klaus was like a disappointed Teacher.

"Woefully at that." Reynolds added.

"Thank you." Klaus thanked Reynolds for his inclusion and said, "Now you see why I refused to take you guys in?"

The remaining thirteen people stared at the duo. To be honest, if anyone walked there, they would truly think Klaus was their Teacher. His acting was top notch. Even they were almost convinced.

"Are you dumb? Attack you fools!"

lightsNovel.com One of the Peak Elemental Venerables, the leaders of the bandit group yelled from the side.

They witnessed everything that happened and they don't know what to say. Klaus was an evil genius, while their men were just dumb fools that shouldn't even be alive.

Grey was laughing his head off while watching Klaus play with the bandits.

Klaus even made sure to include the leaders too, "Shut up! After all I taught you, see what you groomed!"

The man who spoke almost vomited blood when he heard this. Klaus was genuinely the person he hated the most at the moment. He didn't think there has ever been a time he hated someone as much as hates Klaus right now.

"I'll rip your flesh out and feed it to the dogs."

"Which dogs? These ones aren't capable of even barking." Klaus retorted.

The thirteen who were yelled at to fight weren't able to attack due to Klaus exchanging words with their leader.

Before long, two more people fell to the ground.

Klaus had struck again. This time, he killed two of them with one attack. These guys were only in the Seventh stage, and with his strength, he was certain he could take out two simultaneously with one attack.

The man who yelled almost dragged his hair out.

"Fuck! I'm going to kill him!"

The man wanted to head over to where Klaus was located.

"Calm down, when I'm done playing with them, I'll come play with you." Klaus said nonchalantly, he then added, "After all, you're the biggest dog among them. It's a shame that the bigger the dog, the stupider it gets."

Reynolds and Alice were in awe of Klaus' performance. He was single-handedly frustrating his opponents while killing off most of them.

"Stupid fools! Attack you fools!" The man couldn't move, Grey was stopping him from going over to attack Klaus.

Klaus attacked again, and another figure hit the ground, turning into an ice sculpture.

"I don't even know what to say. Calling you guys fools is like an insult to fools." Klaus sighed in defeat.

He didn't think he would be able to use the same trick so many times. In fact, they were well aware of his intentions, yet they were foolish watching him speak.

"Didn't I tell you to always stay focused?"

"Bad students."

Chapter 1358 Quick-Witted Klaus

Of the fifteen in the Late stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, only ten were left alive, and they hadn't even started the battle yet. Klaus had killed off five people in such a short time, using the exact same trick.

What was worse was that they didn't know how to react to his taunts. Klaus was too powerful, and given their strength, there was no way they could beat him.

lightsNovel ?om "Kill him! Don't let them team up."

One of the Late stage Elemental Venerables spoke up and rushed forward. This time, they wanted to take action.

"After so long, I was starting to get bored of waiting." Reynolds smirked and his Elemental Warrior appeared.

He hadn't merged with his Elemental Warrior since it got to the Peak of the Venerable Plane. The thought of merging with it came to mind, but he decided to wait until they were facing the six at the Peak. Although Grey seemed to be doing fine, it was evident that he was stressed. Stopping all six of them from heading to the other battlefield was quite difficult, even for Grey.

If not for Grey's space element, he would've not been able to achieve this. He was difficult to stop, while it was easy for him to make sure these guys didn't go anywhere.

Reynolds charged into battle, alongside his Elemental Warrior. Now, they didn't have to worry about the large numbers. With just ten people left, he was confident in being able to handle some of them.

Alice also didn't merge with her Seelie, there was no need to since their opponents were all in the Seventh stage, something she could deal with.

Klaus was the only one who's cultivation stage was far ahead of the group of ten, and it started to show from the start of the fight.

The first person that came his way, he was able to kill the person with three attacks. The person managed to block the first one, while surviving the second, but the third one was beyond him.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior made short work of the first person it attacked. Its lightning spear pierced through the man's head. The man was an Earth Elementalist and had raised an earth wall before him, unfortunately, it still wasn't enough to stop the Elemental Warrior's attack.

In the space of a few seconds, the numbers of the bandits had reduced by two.

Reynolds and Alice fought off two simultaneously, while Alice's Seelie also took on two. The two who were left attacked Klaus, at the same time.

Klaus' ice defense came to play as they blocked the attacks coming.

Klaus turned his attention to the men, and focused on one of them. He didn't need to worry too much about the other one, with his ice defense active, he was sure they couldn't break through it, even if he wasn't putting in too much effort.

He was about to attack when he sensed danger. Without hesitation, he focused all his energy on defending himself.

Boom!

The ice dome that appeared cracked the second it appeared.

Klaus' eyes widened. The crack expanded and to his shock, the ice dome fell apart. It managed to stop the attack, but it fell apart after just one attack.

"What the fuck are you doing Grey?" Klaus yelled when he noticed one of the Peak Venerables was closing in on them, and it was the one who hated him the most.

"Come deal with them if you think it's that easy." Grey replied while trying to free himself from the other five that stopped him from interfering.

His original intention was to stop the six from intervening in the battle, now he was the one being stopped.

"You're on your own. Think of a way to handle him. It's just one guy." He added and focused on the task at hand.

Klaus felt like punching Grey, unfortunately, even if he had the chance, he wouldn't be able to do anything to him given his physical strength.

'I should try training my body too. Maybe I can beat him up if I trick him not to use his elements.' Klaus thought.

"Rey, send your Elemental Warrior after that guy." He said and turned his focus to the two.

He knew with Reynolds' Elemental Warrior present, he had nothing to fear.

"Already ahead of you."

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior was already standing in front of the man. The Elemental Warrior struck out, but the man blocked it.

The man coming their way was a Darkness Elementalist.

The man didn't budge when the Elemental Warrior appeared, rather, with a simple movement he appeared behind it, striking its back. It was almost as if the man vanished and came out from the ground behind the Elemental Warrior.

The Elemental Warrior didn't move an inch after being struck by the Darkness Elementalist.

"Klaus, you'll have to focus on him. My summon will need a few seconds before it can regain control." Reynolds said when he saw his incapacitated Elemental Warrior.

Klaus felt like cussing the world when he heard this.

"Damn it!" He left the duo since he wasn't able to kill them in such a short time and prepared for the Darkness Elementalist.

When the Darkness Elementalist closed in, Klaus created an ice wall to block the man.

The man sank into the ground.

Klaus' eyes widened when he sensed the man appearing behind him, stretching his hand toward him.

'Fuck! I messed up.'

Klaus gritted his teeth and his entire body froze solid just before the man's palm hit him.

When the palm hit him, his frozen body was sent flying forward.

The man noticed his hand starting to freeze and hastily retreated while forcing off the ice in his body.

He looked in Klaus' direction and saw his body regaining its normal color.

"Such a quick-witted kid." He snorted coldly.

His only chance of catching Klaus unaware had been destroyed. Now that Klaus is aware of this, the chances of catching him again are very slim.

Chapter 1359 Cutting Off A Palm

Klaus regained his normal color and heaved a sigh of relief when he saw the ice on the ground. The ice had turned completely black from the man's attack.

"Such a potent attack. This guy shouldn't be allowed to touch anyone else. I better cut off his hands." Klaus said while shivering.

If not for his quick thinking, he would've been dead by now.

When the man attacked the Elemental Warrior, he didn't see it and felt it wasn't something so serious. But now that he was a victim of the attack personally, he knew that it wasn't something so easy. If not for his increased senses due to his automatic ice defense, he would've been toast.

From the color of the ice, it was clear that the man wanted to kill him with just this attack. And to be honest, if it had touched him, he would've been killed. Unless he had some miracle healing tonic.

"You piece of trash! You thought you could kill me? Keep dreaming..." Klaus yelled different insults at the man while slowly walking close to the man.

The man saw Klaus and chuckled, "I can sense you gathering ice elemental particles, I'm not a fool."

Klaus shrugged, "Can't blame me for trying."

The man attacked, not giving Klaus the opportunity he wanted.

Klaus blocked the attack coming his way. Since he was already prepared for the man, he didn't use the same technique to get close to him, rather, with the help of the other two, they started bombarding Klaus' defense.

Klaus' defense was strong, but against three people, especially when one of them was a Peak Darkness Elemental Venerable, it was hard to block out all the attacks.

The Darkness Elementalist was the main attacker while the other two attacked when Klaus' defensive wall had been broken down.

Klaus' ice defense was working full time, but it wasn't able to stop both their attacks. This time, they weren't attacking from different angles, but the same place. Not just that, but they were also attacking a slight second slower than the other. This gives the time for Klaus' defense not to be able to react to the last attack.

Klaus was hit by one of the attacks. But an ice armor made it impossible to be defeated by the duo's attacks.

"Even if you let you guys attack for the rest of the year, you still wouldn't be able to cause any harm to me."

While blocking their attacks, Klaus was still cussing at them. Infuriating his opponents was something he had grown accustomed to. And it's not always he gets to see people to abuse nonstop.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior soon came to and rushed after the man, attacking him.

The man tried the same trick. After dodging the first attack, he wanted to use the same attack. But his palm was met with a lightning bolt that forced him back.

The Elemental Warrior didn't give him the chance to use the same attack.

The man cussed softly but didn't give in. This was why he only used this technique during the first attack. Most of the time, he gets the desired result, but whenever he doesn't, he finds it difficult to take down the opponent.

Klaus was aware of the attack, and so was the Elemental Warrior, or whoever was controlling it. There was no way he could use it against them now.

With him tied down, Klaus was given free reign on the other two Seventh stage Elemental Venerables. It didn't take long before one of them was killed. I think you should take a look at lightsnovel.com

Klaus was very efficient when he was serious. He knew there was no point wasting time, especially given Grey's situation. So he killed when the chance presented itself.

The man vanished, leaving the Elemental Warrior and rushing to the aid of the other man. Their subordinates were almost all completely killed in their presence, and there was nothing they could do.

Klaus created an ice dome when he saw the Darkness Elementalist's attack coming his way.

But the man disappeared and appeared inside Klaus' dome.

Klaus smiled and his thin sword appeared. The sword was so thin that it was almost unseeable. He turned around and slashed his sword at a frightening speed.

The man didn't see the sword coming, and seeing Klaus turn with a smile, he retreated hastily.

When he appeared outside the dome, he heaved a sigh of relief. Seeing Klaus react so soon showed how prepared he was for him. This was why he didn't like using the technique after using it once. But either he used it or he watched his subordinate die.

"Those palms of yours are really hateful, luckily, you have just one now." Klaus' statement shocked the man and he looked at his hands. He noticed that one of them only had from the wrist upward, his right hand to be precise.

Only his left hand was complete.

He looked at Klaus and saw a sword in his hands.

"When?" The man was taken aback.

He didn't see Klaus bringing out a sword, much less using it.

"Oh, when I created this dome, I brought out the sword, waiting for your arrival. And like the stupid dog you are, you came." Klaus explained.

Klaus was the only one who would tell his opponent how he attacked him. Well, the reason for this was just to poke fun at the man.

The man didn't think something like this was possible, and Klaus wanted to infuriate him even more.

The man gritted his teeth. The bleeding had already stopped, but it will take a while if he wants to regrow his hand.

"I have to give it to you, you're something else."

"Thank you. You're not so bad yourself with your one palm and stuff."

Klaus' reply once again almost sent the man into a frenzy.

The man calmed himself and looked at the subordinate he saved, his eyes almost popped out when he saw the Elemental Warrior cutting off his head.

He sacrificed himself and still wasn't able to keep the man alive. Not just that, but Klaus and Reynolds' Elemental Warrior could team up against him now.

Chapter 1360 Klaus' Overbearing Ice Ability

The Darkness Elementalist looked at his wrist and couldn't help but cuss out with veins popping on his head. He wanted Klaus dead, he wanted Klaus and his friends dead. Presently, killing Klaus was the only thing in his head.

Klaus, on the other hand, was laughing in delight, purely with the aim of annoying the Darkness Elementalist.

The other five were stunned when they saw Klaus cutting off one of the man's palms.

Reynolds killed one of the duo he was fighting with, leaving just one more alive who would most definitely not last for long.

The Seelie had also killed one of the duo it was fighting. Only Alice was still fighting with the two bandits. Her opponents were already seriously wounded, but they could still hang on for a little longer.

The Seelie didn't come to help as it focused on the opponent before it. Reynolds was also focused on taking down the person before him.

Klaus and the Elemental Warrior were standing on either side of the man, making sure it was impossible for the man to escape from their attack range.

The man grunted and charged at Klaus.

Klaus smiled and prepared another ice dome. His sword, still in his hands. The man knew better and didn't try to get close to Klaus, rather, he released a large stream of darkness.

The darkness covered Klaus in his ice dome.

The lightning made Elemental Warrior charged through the darkness, cutting a path for itself.

The Darkness Elementalist hid perfectly in the darkness. This was the Darkness Elementalist's darkness domain, with it, he could hide and appear wherever he wanted.

The Elemental Warrior was sent flying out of the darkness domain by the Darkness Elementalist.

Klaus looked in the direction the sound of the attack came from, but he couldn't see anything outside his ice dome.

"You want to play with domains? Fine."

Snow started to fall in the darkness that covered Klaus and the man.

Klaus knew there was no way he could fight with the man without using his domain, so he used it as well.

The chilling cold started to freeze even the darkness that was circulating. Klaus' ice ability was on another level after using the ice lotus. Now, its freezing capabilities are unbelievable.

The man noticed the sudden change and felt aggrieved. Never did he expect that Klaus' domain could overpower his own. Unfortunately, it was happening right before him.

While this was happening, he sensed danger and vanished from where he was standing.

A lightning blade slashed through the place he was standing on.

Klaus removed his dome and swung his sword in a circular motion, cutting through the darkness around him. His attack covered a three hundred and sixty degree angle, making sure he cleared the darkness around him.

The man was lucky to dodge the attack after just dodging the attack of the Elemental Warrior. I think you should take a look at lightsnovel.com

Klaus wasn't one to dilly-dally in such a fight. After creating the opportunity, he increased the intensity of chill coming from his domain.

The darkness started to freeze at a faster pace. His intention was evident, he wanted to destroy the man's domain. If his domain was forcefully destroyed, it would affect him. This was something they were all aware of.

The man retreated when he saw this, and hastily withdrew his domain.

The Elemental Warrior went after the man, making sure he isn't able to go back to the other five at the Peak. This was a great opportunity for them, and killing him off will make things easier for them when they face the remaining five.

The man could see the motive behind their actions and panicked. He tried escaping from Klaus and the Elemental Warrior, but it wasn't happening.

"Forget him, come here."

He was just one man, escaping from Klaus and Reynolds' Elemental Warrior seemed to be a pipe dream. The best thing to do now was to get the five to leave Grey and come help him out. If he were killed, the others will surely face the same fate.

The others are aware of this and tried to leave Grey.

Grey did his best to stop them, but he knew he wouldn't be able to stop them for a long time alone.

He was about to call Void for help when he saw Alice rushing to where the man was located, on the verge of attacking.

The Seelie killed the last opponent and helped her kill off the duo she was fighting with after merging with her.

Alice's strength was on the same level as some Peak Venerables, so she has no issues with fighting against the man.

With Alice joining Klaus and the Elemental Warrior, the man started to get anxious. They would kill him in no time.

Looking at Reynolds' side, he noticed Reynolds was on the verge of killing his opponent too.

'Since that's the case, I'll attack him.' The man devised a plan that involved taking the risk of attacking Reynolds.

If he could attack Reynolds, the others wouldn't want him dead, and if he was given the chance to infuse enough darkness particles into his body, they would be too focused with treating him that they would let him escape.

The man's plan was exquisite, and with his experience, it wasn't hard for him to get away from Klaus, Alice, and the Elemental Warrior.

After getting away from them, he appeared behind Reynolds. Just when he was about to strike him, his eyes widened. The young man standing before him was covered in glorious lightning armor and his cultivation stage had shot up. From the Seventh stage, he was radiating an aura of something on the verge of breaking through to the Sovereign Plane.

lightsNovel.com Reynolds turned, and just like Klaus, he aimed the lightning sword in his hand at the man's wrist.

The man only had one palm, if Reynolds' attack struck, he would lose his ability to use his special technique.

His reaction speed was just as fast, without hesitation, he put his other hand that was just from wrist up in front of his other hand, blocking the attack.