

## **Affinity 1361**

### Chapter 1361 Who Would've Thought You'd Go This Way

Reynolds turned and his lightning sword turned into a spear that he stabbed in the direction of the Seventh stage Venerable he was fighting with.

The Venerable tried to block the attack with his water element, but the lightning destroyed everything in its path before striking the head of the man.

The man died with his eyes open.

The gap between a Peak Venerable and a Seventh stage Venerable had never been as wide as what Grey and his friends were displaying.

Klaus was a freak, the bandits all thought he was the only one. Grey's appearance changed that thought, now Reynolds' merged form has also proven to be a freakish entity as well.

If these bandits at the Peak were asked if there were anyone at the Peak they would be afraid of, they would say no. But now, they were frightened of Grey and his friends.

Individually, other than Alice, they couldn't put up a fight against the other three. Grey, Klaus, and Reynolds were just too strong.

"This isn't fair." One of the five Peak Venerables Grey was holding back said with a depressed look.

"Kill the girl." Their plan was changed to killing Alice. She was the only one they had any hope of killing right now.

Two from the five were able to break free of Grey's hold and rush into battle. Now, it was three on one on Grey's end, while it was three on three on the other end.

Klaus blocked the path of the Darkness Elementalist with a grin, "I'm your opponent. Don't worry about them, they will join you. Just try not to be the first to die, it will be embarrassing."

The Darkness Elementalist snorted, he knew at his current state, he wasn't a match for Klaus. But if Klaus thought he could kill him, then he was a fool.

Alice was faced with an Earth Elementalist, while Klaus faced a Dual Elementalist who had both the fire and wind element.

The Space Elementalist didn't leave Grey. He was the only one who could at least keep Grey in check. They've seen Grey's strength and knew without the Space Elementalist, he would decimate them.

Grey felt relieved when he had to face only three people.

There was a short moment of silence before Grey took a step forward. His figure blurred as he bolted straight for the Space Elementalist.

Klaus attacked too, sending out ice arrows at the Darkness Elementalist.

Alice and Reynolds started their battles as well.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

The battle peaked right from the start. Grey used his destructive elements to the highest, not holding back with his attacks.

Reynolds was the second most destructive person present. His lightning attacks were fierce.

The Space Elementalist dodged Grey's attack, and tried to create an opportunity for the others. But Grey was quick to react as he left the place, not giving the Space Elementalist the chance he wanted to block his path.

The other two attacked, but Grey was able to block it, even though his earth wall was broken down after the attack, he was able to stop them. He used a technique he hadn't used in a long time, meteor descent.

Fire covered rocks started to fall in the area where his battle was taking place. lightsnovel

The power behind each rock was shocking.

The Space Elementalist had no issues with dodging the rocks. The other two were forced to take the attacks. The good news was that since it was a large-scale attack, the attack power wasn't on the same level as each of Grey's normal attacks.

While they were blocking the attacks, Grey made the ground they were standing on soft.

The sudden change made them lose their balance and focus.

A lightning bolt fell from the sky, landing on the bodies of both men.

The Space Elementalist attacked, using his space element to cut through all of Grey's defenses.

Grey dodged the attack when he saw that his defenses were useless.

Of everyone present, only the Space Elementalist gave him a headache. To be honest, he didn't enjoy facing Space Elementalist. They always take away the advantage he has with his space element, and also make life difficult for him.

The Space Elementalist's aim wasn't to take Grey down, he knew that attack wouldn't be able to do it. His aim was to stop Grey from continuing his attacks against the duo, who had already been hit by lightning.

With Grey not being able to continue his planned assault, the duo were free. Even though they were struck by lightning, they could still fight.

On Klaus' end, things were not looking good for the Darkness Elementalist. As the battle prolonged, he started to notice something strange, he was slowing down.

At first, he felt it was due to the strain on his body after his hand was cut off, but he realized he was not only slowing down physically, but even his elemental attack was slowing down. He's finding it difficult to control his elements.

"You... what did you do to me?" He didn't need anyone to tell him this was Klaus' handiwork, Klaus was smiling sheepishly in front of him.

"Oh, what are you talking about?"

"Stop playing dumb!"

Klaus gave an innocent smile and explained, "I injected a good amount of ice particles into your body. Particles that are slowly shutting you down."

"Given how long it took before you noticed it, I'm sorry to say, but you're finished."

"If you had sensed it sooner, you would've been able to expel it. But I made sure to use very little on each contact to ensure you don't sense it."

"Who would've thought you'd go this way."

Klaus' words left the man dumbstruck. He was a Darkness Elementalist and was a master in the art of slowly poisoning people with his element. He knew what Klaus said was hundred percent accurate, especially in a situation like this.

If the other five weren't fighting, then they would be able to help him expel it, but since they were fighting, he had to do it on his own.

He wanted to use his darkness element to fight against it, but when he saw the condition of his body, he was flabbergasted. Even his bloodstream was freezing. At this pace, in a few minutes he would be fully frozen.

#### Chapter 1362 Changing Opponents Mid-Battle

The Darkness Elementalist started to panic, this wasn't part of his plan. Their motive was to rob the group and then advance in their cultivation, but now, he was about to meet his end in the hands of the annoying kid standing before him.

Klaus' laughter made it even worse. He felt like punching Klaus, but he knew the further he was from Klaus, the safer he would be.

He surveyed everyone's opponents and he was left with two choices; the first choice was to change opponents with the man fighting Alice, or, he would change places with one of the men fighting Grey.

If he were to change with any of the two, he was confident that he would be able to slow down the ice in his body. Even if not he doesn't stop it, at least slowing it down would give him the chance he needed to think of a solution.

Klaus saw the man's wandering eyes and couldn't help but laugh once again, "You think I'd give you the chance to switch places?"

Before the man could speak, Klaus added, "Actually... I don't mind. I mean, you're my dog and I can deal with you whenever I want to. Don't worry, go over there. When I'm done with whoever comes, I will get back to you."

Klaus' confidence infuriated the man. It was clear that Klaus was looking down on him. The only reason he wasn't going to fight to the death with Klaus was that Klaus' defense was almost impenetrable, and the time he had at hand was minimal.

The Darkness Elementalist didn't care about his dignity, his life was more important. He called out to the man fighting with Alice and told him to switch places with him.

When the man saw his condition, he knew it was serious.

"Take her." The Earth Elementalist had the upper hand when fighting with Alice, but he hadn't been able to cause her any serious injuries.

Alice was catching her breath as the Earth and Darkness Elementalists switched places. Although she didn't want to admit it, she wasn't on the level of these Peak Venerables just yet. The Darkness Elementalist had been injured by Klaus, she could tell he was weaker than the Earth Elementalist she was fighting just from a single look.

This was a good opportunity for her to hone her skills. The Darkness Elementalist might be strong, but he shouldn't have any thoughts of being able to kill her.

Klaus watched as the Earth Elementalist stood before him.

"Did he tell you what you need to avoid?" Klaus asked with a nonchalant expression.

The Earth Elementalist looked at Klaus and his expression turned serious. He knew how powerful the Darkness Elementalist was, yet he doesn't seem to be a match for the young man standing before him.

'No, he's not that strong. He had help from the Elemental Warrior, that's why they were able to harm him.' The man recalled that the Darkness Elementalist was fighting against Klaus and the Elemental Warrior before they came over to help.

Without the Elemental Warrior, he was certain he could take Klaus on and win. Killing wouldn't be easy, but it might be possible.

Seeing the man not answering his question, Klaus attacked.lightsnovel

Ice spikes came out from the ground as it raced towards the man.

lightsnovel The man didn't flinch, he was an Earth Elementalist, and defense was his forte. There was no need to worry. All he needed to do was to block all of Klaus' attacks and he would be fine.

An earth wall appeared and stopped the ice spikes from advancing.

Klaus didn't stop there, a large ice hammer slammed into the ground.

The Earth Elementalist didn't expect Klaus to attack so soon. His figure was covered by the ice hammer.

On Reynolds' end, just like Klaus, he had the upper hand against his opponent. Yes, his opponent was a Dual Elementalist, but it still didn't mean anything in front of his current state.

His Elemental Warrior already had the strength of a Peak Venerable, adding his strength to it made him use unimaginable strength.

The Dual Elementalist was using his wind element to escape Reynolds' attacks while using his fire element to attack.

Reynolds used his lightning sword to cut through whatever attacks the Dual Elementalist sent his way.

The battle intensified as the walls by the side of the path in the canyon started to show signs of cracks. The power behind each attack was enough to destroy a mountain, much less this canyon.

The canyon was quite large, so even if the battle destroyed a kilometer or so of the area, it wouldn't change much.

Grey's battle was the most destructive. He wasn't holding back since he knew his opponents would kill him if he held back.

The Space Elementalist was able to make life difficult for Grey, but Grey was on the verge of completing an array. Once he completes it, the Space Elementalist would be toast.

The array would amplify a technique he learned when he entered the Chaos Battlefield. The Space Elementalist he fought there was able to freeze the space, making it impossible for him to use his best element. Now, he wanted the Space Elementalist to feel the same way he felt when he was faced with such a challenge. His condition was better since he had other elements. Without being able to shuttle through space, the mobility of the Space Elementalist, and also his ability would be cut down by over fifty percent.

The Space Elementalist didn't have any idea what Grey was up to. He focused on not just dodging Grey's attacks, but he made sure Grey wasn't able to attack the others wantonly.

Grey didn't show any signs of panic, his inscriptions lit up as they attacked. With two inscriptions active, he could not only block the Space Elementalist, but the other two as well.

On several occasions he had wanted to attempt using the switch skill, but the chances had been very bad. The trio he was fighting didn't stand close to each other, so there was no way to capitalize on the element of surprise the skill gives.

Chapter 1363 The Bigger The Dog, The Stupider It Is

'Finally.'

Grey's array was ready.

With this array, the Space Elementalist would become almost useless in this battle. Without the Space Elementalist to block his movements, no one could match him in terms of sheer speed.

A soft smile appeared on Grey's face and he sent out a fire attack in the direction of the Space Elementalist.

As usual, the Space Elementalist tried to open a space tunnel to send the attack back to Grey.

lightsnovel His expression however, changed when he noticed he couldn't create a space tunnel. The sudden realization came too late as the attack was already in front of him.



His pupils constricted and he reacted quickly, blocking the attack with his hands. He used the space element to reinforce his hands, making it hard enough to block the attacks. His figure was sent flying after taking the strike.

Grey used the opportunity to catch up with the Space Elementalist while he was still mid-air. He was about to attack when he sensed an attack coming from his back, he smiled.

His target was never the Space Elementalist.

He switched places with the other bandit while charging at the one who attacked.

His movement was flawless and before the others could process what was happening, one of them was standing in front of a powerful wave of water, while the other saw a smiling fiend on the verge of attacking him.

The water wave and Grey's fist struck the duo at the same time.

They were not able to defend against it and were cleanly hit by the attacks. The man who was hit by the water wave wasn't fatally injured, the one who was attacked by Grey lost part of his body. His right hand and part of his chest was blasted off by Grey's attack.

The sight was gruesome to look at.

The Space Elementalist crashed into the wall at this time.

He crawled out of the crater, and the view before him was one he never expected. Grey was able to fatally injure one of them while giving the other two minor injuries with a single move.

'He's battle sense is too high for someone his age.' The Space Elementalist couldn't believe his eyes.

Most of them were over a hundred years old with only some being in their fifties. Although they all had the look of someone in their thirties, they were all old. Yet, Grey was able to outsmart them battlewise.

The Water Elementalist who had part of his body blasted off pain didn't end there, Grey continued his attack. His intention was obvious, he wanted to kill this man.

The Space Elementalist unleashed a powerful attack. The void started to show signs of cracking. This was a powerful attack he rarely uses due to the toll it takes on him.

When Grey saw the attack coming his way, he smiled and grabbed hold of the Water Elementalist, who was defenseless at the moment.

The Space Elementalist saw Grey's smile and held back his attack. Unfortunately, that wasn't enough to stop Grey.

Grey grabbed the other hand of the Water Elementalist and ripped it off from the shoulder. lightsnovel

His fearsome physical strength came to play here.

The Water Elementalist yelled in pain. Being alive and watching on helplessly as Grey ripped off his hand was something he never thought would happen to him.

His injury stopped bleeding, but the pains didn't stop.

"You evil fiend!"

The Space Elementalist yelled. He never thought Grey would be so brutal. This wasn't a personality someone so young should possess.

Grey's eyes were cold as the man in his hand started to burn. His domain was contained into the body of the Water Elementalist as he started to burn.

The Water Elementalist screamed in pain. His scream was the only thing resonating in the entire place as the others stopped fighting.

Everyone's attention was drawn to that place. When they saw how Grey was dealing with the man they all shivered in dread. Even Grey's friends felt a little fearful of this side of Grey.

While burning the man, Grey had a soft smile on his face. His expression was different from that of the man who was screaming and wriggling in pain.

Grey held the man in place as he was burnt.

Klaus, being the smart person he is, prepared an ice needle and before anyone could react, he sent it at the Darkness Elementalist who was trying to recover.

Fighting against Alice gave him the chance to expel some of the ice in his body, but he knew he would need at least five days to remove them.

He was still expelling the ice when he sensed a massive wave of cold seep into his body.

"Wha..." He wasn't able to finish his statement as he saw his arm freezing.

He looked at his chest and noticed a small hole in it. It was almost indiscernible. There was only one person he knew who could do this.

"You... why do you have to be so shameless?"

"I was teaching your dogs earlier, yet you made the same mistake. The dog truly gets stupider the bigger it is." Klaus laughed.

One person was burning, screaming in pain, while the other was slowly turning into an ice sculpture.

What was worse was that the other one was killed due to him losing focus because of the other one who was screaming.

The irony of everything is that Klaus had spoken about them not losing focus while battling on multiple occasions over the past few minutes, yet he was still able to use it against them. The other Peak Venerables didn't know how to feel about this.

Does this mean that what Klaus said was true? The bigger the dog, the stupider it is.

They soon came to a realization, they just referred to themselves as dogs. Their shocked expressions soon turned to rage. Two of their comrades were killed. When their subordinates were being killed, they didn't feel anything, but these were people they've been working with for a long time.

Chapter 1364 Killing The Bandits

The Darkness Elementalist and the Water Elementalist Grey held died under the watch of everyone. One was screaming in pain, while the other one was watching his body turn into an ice sculpture.

Klaus' method was the less brutal way, but in the end, they both wanted to kill their opponents.

The Space Elementalist was stunned at how quick-witted both Grey and Klaus were. Grey was the main instigator, but the fact that Klaus could capitalize on it showed he was also smart when fighting.

Everyone was distracted except him. The Space Elementalist didn't think he would have the mind to think of harming anyone when someone was being tortured in such a way. The scream alone was enough to distract him, but Klaus took advantage of this distraction and killed someone.

'We can't kill them, we have to leave.' The Space Elementalist came to a realization pretty quick.

With two people dead, there was no way they could compete with the four of them. Grey, Klaus, and Reynolds were just too strong. Even Alice wasn't easy to deal with. Running away was their best option, the problem is that the possibility of escaping is very low.

Grey was a Space Elementalist and he had locked the space around this area making sure there is no way for the Space Elementalist to manipulate the space there. As long as he couldn't manipulate space, there was no hope of escaping for him.

The Dual Elementalist was the only one who had a good chance of escaping due to his wind element. The problem is that he was also facing a speedster. Klaus with his Elemental Warrior is faster than most Peak Wind or Lightning Elementalists, so catching up to him wouldn't be an issue for him.

Grey let go of the Water Elementalist and his lifeless body fell to the ground. He tilted his head and took another look at the Space Elementalist. He didn't see the other man as a threat.

Reynolds attacked the Dual Elementalist, resuming their ongoing battle. Alice stood motionless, her opponent had been killed by Klaus, and Klaus was still fighting with the Earth Elementalist.

Grey killed one person while fighting against three, which meant he wouldn't need any help against the two he was fighting with. However, he was the only one who was facing multiple opponents.

"Grey, I need one of them." She said to Grey.

Grey didn't worry about it and told her to come close. Taking one of his opponents wasn't any big of a deal. He wanted to deal with the Space Elementalist, so when Alice came, he handed the other man to her.

Alice was raring to go and attacked the man the second she had the opportunity.

Grey looked at the Space Elementalist who could barely use his element.

"You're limited with this space restriction." He said softly, "I once faced this same situation, so I know how it feels when you can't use the space element."

The Space Elementalist didn't say a word as he watched Grey slowly walk up to him. He knew alone, he was no match for Grey. But he wasn't going to give up that easily. As long as there was an opportunity, he would use it and strike Grey down. His survival was his ultimate aim.

The reason he wanted to rob Grey and his group was due to their treasures. Since Grey and his group were too strong for them, there was no use in trying to rob them any more. They've already lost all their subordinates, and two of their companions have lost their lives. Fighting any longer was nothing short of suicidal.

'How are they able to fight for so long? Even after such a long time they're still going.'

This was the thought in the Space Elementalist's head.

"Do you regret your choices?" Grey asked as he walked closer to the Space Elementalist.

The Space Elementalist didn't respond, he looked at his comrades and knew their chances were too slim.

"I've never regretted any decision I made in my life." He responded.

"Good, you won't be alive to regret this one too." Grey said casually.

The Space Elementalist roared and attacked.

On Reynolds' end.

The Dual Elementalist was starting to show signs of breaking down. Watching two people die was not something he thought he would do today. Two of his friends were dead, and there's a good possibility he might be one of the people to lose their lives here today. This wasn't something he planned or prepared for.

Reynolds wasn't giving him any chance to escape which made him worried.

He was very powerful, but if he can't escape, then death would be his ultimate end.

Grey and Klaus were powerful, he could see them overwhelming their opponents. Klaus was stronger than he is, which meant that three out of Grey's group of four had strength above theirs.

Alice was the only one whose opponent seemed to have a chance at survival.

Reynolds used a lightning spear to stab in his direction. But he dodged it, attacking with his fire element.

Reynolds was fast and dodged the attack while also calling a lightning bolt from the sky.

The attack was very fast and struck the man where he was standing.

The man used both his elements to block the attack since it was too late to dodge it. lightsnovel

Reynolds sent multiple lightning arrows at the man.

The Dual Elementalist blocked with a windscreen before unleashing a tornado filled with flames.

The fire made the tornado very dangerous.

Reynolds was caught in the tornado and was forced to defend against the attacks of the wind blades striking him from the tornado.

Each wind blade had fire in it, making it stronger than a regular one.

Reynolds continued his attempt to survive the attack, but it was quite powerful.

He didn't let the attack get the better of him as he blocked the ones he could while dodging the ones he couldn't.

On Klaus' end.

The Earth Elementalist was having the worst time of his life. Klaus' mouth made fighting with him hell.

He was not only using his superior abilities, but also his mouth as well. The Earth Elementalist was having a difficult time defending on both ends. He needed to be stable mentally before he could fight, but Klaus was making it impossible with his curses.

The man tried his best to control his emotions, but Klaus was not someone he could use just sheer determination to defeat. The words Klaus said were too hurtful.

"Boy, I'll make sure your parents regret ever bringing you into this world."

"At least they're still proud of me. Your parents wished for death the second they saw that ugly face of yours."

"If they were given the chance, they wouldn't want to be born so they won't have to produce a hideous person such as yourself."

Klaus' words hit the man's heart. His parents didn't like him much, which made Klaus' words cut even deeper than a knife.

He roared and attacked, using his earth element to its fullest.

Klaus made use of his domain, causing a snowfall.

"How do you like my snowflakes?" Klaus asked with a playful smile.

The Earth Elementalist was about to continue his attack when he sensed something and his expression changed drastically.

His body was starting to freeze. This was an effect of Klaus' domain. Naturally, he would have been able to deal with it, but he wasn't stable and Klaus took advantage of this.



"You're going to end just like your friend over there." Klaus pointed at the Darkness Elementalist.

While they had been fighting, he had been slowly infusing ice into the man's body. Just in the same way he did to the Darkness Elementalist, he made sure his opponent wasn't able to sense his actions.

The face of the Earth Elementalist showed his worry as he thought about what his outcome would be. Klaus was an evil individual, and he knew the only way he could survive was by escaping.

He attacked and turned around.

Klaus blocked the attack, but when he saw the man disappearing from view, he smirked.

"Do you think I'm a fool?" He asked as he stamped his foot on the ground.

The Earth Elementalist who sank into the ground to escape was forced out of the ground.

He didn't know how Klaus was able to sense him after hiding underground.

"You have my essence in you and think you will be able to escape?"

Klaus' question brought him to reality. He forgot about Klaus' essence in his body. If he had recalled this, he would've used his earth element to mask it.

Klaus attacked, not speaking any further. With the Earth Elementalist being affected by his ice, his reaction speed was slower.

He was on the verge of killing his opponent, but not just him, Reynolds and Grey were more likely to finish off their opponents before him.

Grey's opponent didn't even try to fight back. Only Reynolds' opponent was trying to escape.

Before long, they've killed their opponents, watching Alice battle with hers.

Chapter 1365 The Firelord

Alice's opponent died a few minutes later than that of Klaus and the others. Grey and the others didn't intervene, but their presence meant the man would inevitably die. The fear of dying and his wish to escape caused his death.

"Well, what now?" Alice asked.

"We shouldn't have killed everyone. They might have good things in their hideout, but now there's no one to take us there." Grey commented.

"Oh, a few are still alive, frozen, but alive." Klaus said, pointing at a few ice sculptures.

These people were too weak to break through Klaus' domain and were frozen solid. They didn't really die, but if they stayed in that state for a few more hours, they would definitely die from the cold.

"Bring two, the rest can die."

Klaus nodded and unfroze two from the multiple people that were frozen. The duo were both in the Early stages of the Venerable Plane.

When they regained consciousness and saw the condition of the path, they were left speechless. Grey and his friends were still alive which meant they've defeated not just the large group of bandits, but the six Peak Elemental Venerables.

"Where's your hideout located?" Klaus asked after unfreezing them.

The duo snapped out of their shock and took a look at Klaus, shivering in fear.

"Thi... this way, my Lord." The one who spoke bowed in fear, not daring to look Klaus in the eyes

The other man bowed as well.

The group followed the duo, heading deeper into the canyon. The bandits had been staying here for a long time and they knew every terrain and path. After a few twists and turns, they arrived at a cave.

"Here, the hideout is in there."

"Alright, lead the way." Klaus shoved the man that spoke.

There was no harm in ensuring they weren't being set up.

Grey closed his eyes and his spiritual senses spread out. He soon scanned through the cave and shook his head.

"There's nothing inside. It's worthless."

Klaus looked at Grey, and then turned to the two men, "Why didn't you tell us there was nothing inside?"

"I... I... my Lord, you didn't ask." One of the men fell to his knees, banging his head on the ground as he pleaded.

"Are you dumb? What would I want with your hideout if not to loot it? There's nothing here, why did you bring us here?" Klaus scolded coldly.

The men didn't know what to do and both started pleading with the group while kowtowing.

"We should leave, there's no point wasting more time." Grey said and vanished.

Klaus snorted coldly, waved his hand and both men started to freeze. He smiled and said, "I'll leave your heads out, if you can survive, then it's your luck. If not, you're just unlucky."

Klaus shrugged and went after his friends who were already leaving.

Their encounter at the canyon was over, and they needed to continue with their journey. They still needed to explore the continent as much as they could.

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Time flew by in a flash.

It had been three months now since the group decided to go on this trip. They were presently deep in the Southern Continent. After exploring the Middle Continent, they've started exploring the Southern Continent.

This Continent is said to be the home of the greatest ever Fire Elementalist in the Aurora Continent. The group has all read about the man born from flames who went on to become known as the Firelord. It was said that he could call out fire Dragons and even create volcanoes. His abilities with the fire element knew no bound. Eventually, he vanished from the world before the great war of Gods.

Some believed he ascended and became a God, others believed he was dead. In short, he was a great man that disappeared without a trace.

He created a Faction while he was still present and it grew to become the best fire elemental Fire in the Aurora Continent. It was deserving since it was created by such a legend.

Grey and Alice wanted to visit this place, and it lay in the center of the Southern Continent.

Klaus and Reynolds had no issues with going there.

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The Center of the Southern Continent.lightsnovel

Grey and his friends stood before a majestic gate. The gate was flaming red, and there were Dragons drawn on it.

"Is that what I think it is?" Klaus pointed at a drawing that looked to be alive.

Grey and the others' attention was drawn to the drawing.

"A Phoenix. I heard the Firelord owned the last one. Is it true there are no more Phoenixes?" Reynolds looked at the drawing, intrigued.

"It looks so majestic."

"Dragons are still roaming the world, there's a huge possibility that there are still Phoenixes in this world. If not this one, some other realm must have them." Grey stared into the sky.

Phoenixes are legendary birds, and they were mostly attuned with the fire element. Their greatest ability is the Phoenix's rebirth from fire. An element known for its destructive and wild nature can be tamed and made docile, using it as a means of healing.

The thought of using the fire element to heal someone was absurd given its nature, but they've all read about it. According to what Grey heard, the Faction set up by the Firelord had a secret technique. This technique can turn the fire element into a great healing tool.

"What do you guys think their secret technique is?" Reynolds asked.

Grey and Alice exchanged glances and shook their heads.

"There's no way to find out. We're not part of their Faction, and they will never agree to showing strangers their secrets."

"Why would you ask such a question?"

"I'm curious, don't tell me you aren't."

"I'm not a moron like you to speak out about it. I know it's not possible in any way, why waste my strength?"

Reynolds looked at Klaus who shrugged. He didn't have any problems with poking fun at Reynolds any chance he got.

Reynolds wanted to attack, but paused when he saw some figures walking in their direction.

A beautiful girl with fiery red eyes and hair that was tied behind her back led the group. She looked to be in her early twenties, but she was already at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

Her group consisted of seven, and all of them had one similarity, the fiery particles surrounding them. It was as if a spark was about to go off.

As they walked closer, the temperature started to shoot up.

Klaus, sensing this, breathed out. The temperature dropped in an instant.

The young lady and her group were standing before them, but the difference between both sides was shocking. On Klaus' side, the temperature was extremely low, while on the fiery eyed young lady's side, the temperature was well above the burning level.

When she looked at Klaus, she opened her mouth, and a melodic yet cold voice sounded, "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to cause you people any discomfort. We just came from a training session, hence the heat."

Her voice was the exact opposite of what she was displaying.

Hearing her apologize, Klaus stopped dropping the temperature. He thought she was doing it on purpose, but hearing the sincerity in her apology, he decided to let it slide.

"It's alright, I'm not just a fan of the heat." Klaus replied with a smile.

The group moved aside so the young lady's group could walk past.

"Are you guys from this Faction?" Reynolds asked as they were about to walk past them.

"Yes, we're part of this prestigious Faction. Can we help you? What are you doing at our gate?" A young man in the group asked.

This man was in the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"Oh, we're touring the Continent and have all heard of the famous Firelord's Faction. We wanted to visit it and see it for ourselves." Alice spoke up.

She was currently in the Eighth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane. The same as Reynolds. The duo broke through a few weeks after the battle with the bandits. But they hadn't been able to break through again since then.

Grey and Klaus were still at the Peak. The same as Void who hadn't tried to even break through. He had been sleeping in Grey's spatial storage, and only came out when he felt hungry or whenever Grey was cooking.

"May we know where you are from?" The young lady asked with a friendly tone.

"We're all from the Eastern Continent. We came here to increase our experience." Grey replied.

The young lady tried to access Grey, but she found out that she couldn't see through him. Klaus' aura was that of a Peak Venerable, Alice and Reynolds were both in the Eighth stage. For their age, they could still be regarded as geniuses. But she didn't think they were on the same level as her. However, no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't sense anything from Grey.

Chapter 1366 A Flaming Trial

The young lady looked at Grey, and then turned to the others.

"Well, you guys are in luck. Our Faction is hosting an event. We're welcoming young talents all over the Continent. You guys are no exception." She said while opening the gates to the Faction for the group.

Her group were the first to step into the Faction.

Grey and his friends exchanged glances before walking toward the gate. They didn't hear about this event, so they were a bit skeptical. Nonetheless, they still entered. This was a good chance for them to see something new, at worst they could use their reputations to save themselves if there's trouble.

When the group walked past the Faction's gate, their skepticism died. They saw different people moving around in the Faction. Most of them were Fire Elementalists, but they could see some people that didn't fit into the Faction's aura, just like their group.

"Head to that place, they'll offer you four an accommodation." The young lady pointed them in the direction they were to go and left with her group.

Void appeared and sat down on Grey's shoulder.

"I smell something nice." He said with glowing eyes.



"Get back inside, we can not afford to cause any trouble here." Grey tried to send Void inside the spatial storage.

Void was a better manipulator of space, so Grey being able to force him back was nothing more than a pipe dream.

Grey didn't try any further since there was no point in doing it. Void was the superior one. Only the bunny leader might have a chance against him, but the bunny leader was not with them at the moment. According to it, there were a few good bunnies around this area and it had to go recruit them into its army.

The army will be of some help to Grey later, so he was fully in support of the bunny leader getting more bunnies. The more the merrier.

Void stayed on Grey's shoulder as they walked in the direction the young lady pointed.

An accommodation was soon provided to them. According to the person, the event will be taking place later that night.

"Why's it so hot here?" Klaus asked after they got to their accommodation.

"The entire Faction is built on top an active volcano." The young man from the Faction replied with a soft smile.

Klaus' expression changed softly, "You're saying we're on top an active volcano? That can erupt at any time it wants?"

"The volcano is what strengthens us. We're the only fire elemental Faction that's built in such a way." The man expected Klaus' reaction, this was what everyone reacts when they find out for the first time.

"And... what if it erupts?" Klaus asked, he wasn't too comfortable here.

"The Grand Elders are going to help. You have nothing to worry about. Rest assured, the volcano will not erupt during your stay here." The man reassured Klaus and the others.

Grey and Alice didn't have any issues with staying here. With their fire elements, it was easier to cope with the pain from fire.

The man left, leaving the group alone.

"What should we do now?" lightsnovel

"Nothing, we wait. Going out will only bring trouble our way. Let's avoid any trouble."Grey's said.

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Time went by in a flash and before the group knew it, it was night. They were all fascinated at the thought of them being above an active volcano.

Volcanoes possess incredibly abilities. Grey knew not go get caught in one, even top Sovereigns are very cautious around them. Certain volcanoes are stronger than others. Usually, the bigger they are, the stronger and more dangerous they are. But according to what Grey learnt from some books, the most dangerous volcanoes had turned out to be the smaller ones.

The group were invited to the Hall the event would be taking place.

They still didn't know what the event was about, but since young geniuses were being invited to the place, it wouldn't be more than sparring.

The others might want to test their hands, but not Grey. He didn't have any interest in competing in things like these anymore. He has been in so many competitions over the years that he had even lost count. Since coming to the Aurora Continent, it had been one competition after another, especially when he was with Sylvia.

Now, he was more focused in increasing his strength. There was no point trying to compete with anyone else, he knew what he was capable of, and his days of enjoying these were over.

When they got to the Hall, they saw multiple people gathered.

They saw the group of seven once again. This time, their auras were calmer compared to the fiery heat they were unleashing when they first met.

Grey nodded as a sign of greeting and took a seat. Klaus and the others followed suit.

"I wonder what they're doing." Reynolds commented with curiosity.

He didn't think these people would be doing anything other than a competition.

"Everyone, welcome to Phoenix Faction."

A voice drew everyone's attention. It was a middle-aged man who was standing at the center of the Hall.

The Hall was decorated in a way where all the chairs faced the center.

Grey and his friends turned to look at the man. He had a red robe on, a drawing of a burning Phoenix was on the back of his robe.

"Some of you might be curious why you're invited here, while a few of you are already aware of what's happening here today."

"On this day, every fifty years, the volcano sends out a blessing thanks to a formation set up by the Firelord hundreds of years ago."

"This blessing will help increase the ability of anyone it's bestowed on. However, there's a prerequisite before anyone can acquire it. You have to go through the trials of the volcano."

"Succedd and you'll be blessed, fail, and you'll get burnt."

"Do not worry, we will ensure you're not harmed. Just ensure for the first second you survive the flames."

Chapter 1367 Intricate Formation

"That's setting people up to die. Anyone who can't survive the flames will die." Grey whispered softly to his friends.

"What's the point of sending people out on a trial that might claim their lives?" Someone from the crowd asked.

"Nothing is given for free. You either fight for it, or someone does it for you." The middle-aged man didn't see anything wrong with this question. He knew some of the people would ask about it.

"It has been like this since time immemorial. A sacrifice must be paid. Pass the obstacle, and you grow stronger. Fail, and you fall."

"Only the strong and relentless grow to become the best. Anyone else who can not even dare to face a challenge shouldn't call themselves an Elementalist."

"Living itself is a challenge. From birth we all struggle, and until our last breath, we will continue to struggle."

The man continued with his speech as a path opened up in the center of the Hall.

The man took flight as he looked at the fiery path below him.

"Those who feel they are worthy should descend into the volcano."

Grey looked at the volcano, he didn't have any interest in going in.

"There's something good. I can assure you. It's on the level of that Dragon's blood essence." Void showed excitement.

Grey tilted his head to look at the opening better. He didn't know what was inside, but he wasn't too interested in it either.

Void might be excited about something inside the volcano, but he wasn't. He had gotten so many treasures already, putting himself in harms way for a new treasure wasn't something he would do, especially now that he had countless treasures.

Void saw his lack of interest and his excitement died down.

"You've become very boring."

"Not boring, but cautious. My enemies are powerful, too much for me. I don't know where or when they will attack. It's best I'm always on my toes." Grey didn't feel bothered about Void's words.

"You guys are free to head in. I'm not going." He said to his friends.

"I don't like hot places."

"I'm better off watching them."

They turned to Alice and saw her looking into the place with intensity.

"You can go, just be careful."

"I know. But I don't think it will be that easy." Alice shook her head with a sigh. She wanted to go, but she could sense unprecedented danger in there. There were also opportunities, but she knew the danger was higher.

lightsNovel "I'm not going. We should all stay back and watch. Who knows, it might be interesting." She added.

Grey nodded. He didn't want to enter the volcano in the first place. Since he wasn't prepared for what might happen, it was best to stay out and watch others.

The young lady they met earlier walked over when she noticed none of them was standing up.

"Aren't any of you going to try?"

"No, we're not interested in getting any blessings. We only came here to see new things, and watching will be beneficial to us than experiencing it." Klaus replied. lightsnovel

"Understandable. I'll take my leave first, hopefully we see when I come out." The young lady left them, heading for the opening.

She was the first person to step into the opening. With one person taking the lead, the others started to troop in one by one.

After a few minutes, the Hall was almost empty. Only a few people were left. Most of them were elders, but there were also a few youngsters like Grey and his friends.

The man who gave the speed took a glance at the few who didn't go in.

"Are you sure you want to watch this opportunity slip?"

Those who were seated nodded. They've all assessed their situations and felt it was better not to step in.

The man didn't say anything and went to take his seat. The show was about to start.

A large screen appeared in the Hall and they could see all the people that were inside the volcano.

"That's some impressive formation." Grey muttered when he saw the people.

He could work out something like this if given the chance, but other than his communication and tracking device, he had stopped researching on this aspect of arrays.

When he first met Ellis, he got a communication device he could see the figure of the person he's talking to. So he knew things like these were possible.

Everyone focused on the screen before them. There were a few people who were still slightly considering if they should go in or not.

The scene in the screen changed and a large group of skeletons rose, charging towards the people that just stepped into the volcano.

"This is the first trial. Defeat the skeletons and get to the other side." The man explained to those watching.

"Not everyone has to kill the skeletons, as long as you can get to the other side, you're good."

"These things are difficult to defeat. And if one manages to defeat ten, the other skeletons will let them go through without bothering them."

"The more skeletons you defeat, the better your reward after the trial."

Grey and the others listened as the man spoke.

The battle erupted soon after.

Most of the people that entered were in the Late stages of the Venerable Plane. There were a few in the Early and Mid stages, while there were others in the Sage Plane.

"Wouldn't this trial be unfair for those who are weak?" Grey asked a question.

The man glanced at Grey, "Not entirely. Due to the formation, there's not really a concept of strong and weak. Everyone faces an opponent on their level."

"Since you're at the Peak of the Venerable Plane, your opponent will be at the Peak as well."

"It all depends on your ability. If you can't hold your own against someone in the same stage as you, what makes you a genius?"

Grey nodded. His eyes were glowing, the intricacy behind this formation left by the Firelord was stunning. At the moment, he felt like going in, not for the treasure, but to study the array formation.

Chapter 1368 Passing Through In Style

Grey watched the screen for a while and opened his mouth, "Is there a way I can study the formation in there?"

The man looked at Grey, for some reason, he was very interested in him. Grey didn't act like others his age, and given the fact that he was already at the Peak, he was so composed. The man was in the Sovereign Plane, but he was only able to sense Grey's cultivation stage after a few seconds of inspection. And from Grey's reaction, he knew Grey was able to sense him.

Grey's senses were too sharp for a Peak Venerable.



"I don't think there has been anyone who wanted to enter the volcano just because they wanted to study the array. But I'll add it as part of the reward, if you can get through the trials, then you can see the formation." The man said after a moment of silence.

"Anyone want to join? It'll be fun." Grey asked his friends.

"Let's go play. We're free to do whatever we want with the skeletons, correct?" Klaus raised a brow.

The man nodded.

"Rey, let's go." Klaus and Reynolds stood up.

To be honest, after seeing the screen, each of them started contemplating if they should enter or not. With Grey taking the lead, they all followed suit.

Grey walked through the opening and was greeted by intense heat. It was like even the air he was breathing was made of flames.

He took in a deep breath and his entire body's temperature shot up. It was as if he was in flames.

"Good stuff." He clicked his tongue before walking forward.

Klaus entered and covered his body with small white particles, looking closely, one would see that the particles were snow. The snow was falling directly on his body and within the place he was standing.

Reynolds walked in and his body was covered with lightning. His hair fluttered as the hot air blew past him.

Only Grey, Alice, and Void weren't worried about the hot air. They all had the fire element. Just the air here felt like a good supplement for them.

"If only we can stay here for a while. But we'll have to leave within a short time." Alice felt a bit depressed at the thought of leaving this place so soon.

"I would've regretted not entering. To think all this is possible thanks to an array. It's amazing the capabilities of arrays." Grey was more fascinated by the fact that all these were possible due to an array.

After staying there for a while to familiarize themselves with the place, they headed forward, to the area the fighting was taking place.

Some people were still in the process of fighting the skeletons, while others had managed to get to the other side.

"You guys wanna have a taste of fighting skeletons? Or should we just head to the next round?" Grey asked.

"You can go on your own, we all want to go in our own ways." Klaus pushed Grey to the side and started to walk straight into the army of skeletons.

"Always wanting to steal all the spotlight." He muttered as they walked closer. lightsnovel

He understood the meaning behind Grey's words. According to the man, they didn't need to defeat ten skeletons to get to the next round. As long as they could get to the other side and pass through the door, with whatever means necessary, they had advanced.

Seeing the latecomers walking into the army in such a manner took those present with surprise.

There was a certain pride that was in Klaus' eyes as he walked into the army of skeletons.

A look of disdain as he made eye contact with the skeletons.

"Don't come close." Klaus' body turned into ice as he started to walk right through the army. He wasn't even attempting to fight them as he just ranted off.

"Are you guys real people's skeletons or are you made by the array?"

Klaus walked nonchalantly through the army without getting hit by a skeleton. With each movement Klaus took, two skeletons turned into ice sculptures.

Before long, Klaus was on the other side. He left a path made by ice skeletons in his wake. A long path from one side to the other was created as the skeletons seemed to create a way after being frozen in place.

lightsnovel Grey chuckled when he saw this. Klaus was just using this as an opportunity to show off his abilities.

The group of seven they encountered earlier in the day doesn't seem to be present, but there were a lot of people who looked at Klaus differently. Being able to achieve something like this in such a manner was astounding.

Klaus, seeing that his aim had been achieved gave Grey a look of disdain.

Grey shook his head and with a step forward, he vanished, appearing beside Klaus.

"Easy."

"My turn!" Klaus laughed and his body was covered with lightning armor. He had merged with his Elemental Warrior.

Like a bolt of lightning, Reynolds flew through the army, destroying anything that dared to block his path.

Klaus and Reynolds showed off tremendous abilities, while Grey somewhat cheated. There were other Space Elementalists present, but none of them could teleport to the other end. They've tried repeatedly and were knocked back by the spatial rules here. Grey didn't seem to have any problems bypassing this.

Outside the volcano.

The elders of the Phoenix Faction were in shock. Even some of them couldn't use the space element proficiently inside that place, yet Grey was able to do it with such ease.

"Where are they from?" The middle-aged man was stunned at their abilities.

Klaus and Reynolds were still slightly acceptable, but Grey was just too freakish.

When speaking with them, he knew Grey was the most mysterious one, but being able to do this makes him a terrifying person. Whichever Family or Faction that was able to groom such a genius should be respected. Even if Grey is the only one like this, it was still amazing to think about.

Chapter 1369 She Enough?

"I don't think they're from our Continent. There's a possibility that they're from the Middle Continent given their abilities." Someone said from the group of Elders.

"Such amazing abilities, we have to create a good relationship with them." The middle-aged man said.

"That's not going to be difficult. From the looks of how they interact, they are pretty friendly." Someone else spoke.

They were still talking when Alice started to move. Unlike the boys, she was more subtle, but she displayed exceptional abilities. She was able to get through the large army in a short time while weaving a way through the crowd. She used the lightning element to increase her speed, the ice ability of the Seelie to defend, and the fire element to blast away any skeleton blocking her path.

All four friends displayed amazing techniques to get through the army. They showed that against those in the same stage, if one wasn't a true genius, they wouldn't even be able to lift a finger before them.

They were not the only ones who achieved such a feat, but theirs was more outstanding given all four of them were extreme geniuses. They've gone beyond the level of a normal geniuses and could be called extreme geniuses according to how they're ranked in the Southern Continent.

"That was easy, what next?" Alice said as she appeared on the side of her friends.

Klaus and Reynolds had returned to their normal appearance.

"We walk through this door." Klaus pointed at the door behind them.

The group nodded and left. There was no point watching others struggle with the skeletons. There are a few people worth watching, but Grey wasn't interested in that. They had limited time and it was best he locates the array quickly. The sooner he finds it, the more time he would get to study it.

The group walked through the door and appeared on the other side of the door.

This place, just like the first place, was filled with hot burning air. This wasn't able to cause any problem for the group since it was something they could handle with little to no effort.

"I wonder what this trial is all about." Klaus could see only one thing in this place, and the group of seven they saw earlier was here.

Not just them, but most of the people that had gone through the first trial were present here.

With the appearance of Grey's group, the number of people present went over fifty.

Grey and his friends moved closer to see what was going on. They saw a platform with a man seated. There were no movements from the man, and all they could sense was that the man was lifeless.

"What's this stage all about?" Klaus asked.

The young lady was shocked to see them come in, but she didn't speak about it and replied.

"That's a creation of the Firelord. According to what I've heard, all you need to do is to survive one of its attacks, and also use just one attack on it." She explained.

"Oh, that's simple."

Someone from the crowd said and jumped onto the platform.

The man stood up and took a look into the eyes of the young man who jumped onto the platform.

"Survive one attack, and you get the chance to unleash one attack. Defeat me in one blow or face double the power of my first attack." The man's voice was hoarse, but everyone heard it clearly.

"Interesting. If it can't be defeated in one attack, then the challenger gets to face double the strength of the first attack." Grey rubbed his chin as he studied the man.

The man moved after completing his statement. His figure was covered in blazing black flames.  
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Grey's pupils constricted when he saw this. This was the first time he was witnessing the legendary black flames. These are said to be the most destructive flames. He never thought the creation of the Firelord would possess such flames.

"Just how powerful was he?" Grey got lost in thoughts.

While Grey was thinking about how strong the Firelord was, the man on the platform attacked.

His attack was fast, and equally destructive.

The young man tried to use the fire element to block the attack, but he was sent flying.

His reaction was too slow and he was taken out by the man on the platform.

The man walked back to his previous position and sat down. He had defeated the challenger.

The young man who was sent flying crashed into the ground. He was bleeding from all seven orifices. His ribs were broken from just one attack.

When everyone saw the condition of the young man, they reassessed their situation. Taking an attack didn't seem as simple as it sounded.

"I'll be leaving now." The young lady said to Grey and his friends before leaping onto the stage.

The man opened his eyes and repeated the same statement.

The young lady braced herself and was able to block the attack of the man.

She was quite powerful and did this with some effort. Grey was certain she had no problem with getting through the first stage.

"She's quite strong." Klaus moved closer to Grey, "She enough?"

Grey pushed Klaus' face away from him. He knew what Klaus was implying and wasn't in the mood to even answer him.

lightsnovel The young lady took her time to prepare her strongest attack.

"Oh, feisty, just how Grey likes them." Reynolds joined in on the fun too.

Alice laughed as her friends poked fun at Grey.

The young lady attacked, and was able to force the man to take a few steps back. The man opened his mouth and said.

"You win, you may leave."

"That's all? Pushing him back?" Someone from the crowd asked.

"He says defeat it with a single attack. This attack was enough to defeat him. However, he's indestructible, so he took a step back." One of the young men in the young lady's group explained. He's also from the Phoenix Faction.

"I see."

Chapter 1370 Cockiest Person Alive

"Rey, want to go first or should we wait and watch others?" Grey asked.

"It's cool, we should see how others fair against him first." Reynolds replied. He didn't want to get ahead of himself. They might've breezed through the first challenge, but it didn't mean they should not take the challenges seriously.

Grey nodded and watched as more people tried to get through the challenge. As time went on, only twenty percent of the people they met there managed to get through, the rest were not able to get through. Some managed to block the first attack, but their attacks weren't strong enough to defeat the man. So they had to face double of what they first faced.

None of them dared to take the attack, they all got off the platform without a second thought. The first attack was already almost beyond them, if they were to take double the attack, then they would be in serious trouble.

More people entered this place, but Grey and his friends continued watching as more people tried and failed.



"Done watching?" Klaus asked.

"Pretty much."

Grey vanished after his statement and appeared on the platform just after the man just finished taking out a young lady.

The man repeated the word, and Grey couldn't care less about it. He wanted to try out the man's attack.

The man took a step forward, and his countenance changed, it was about to attack but paused and took a deep look at Grey.

"You..."

It was as if a moment of brilliance flashed through the eyes of the man, but it was only for a second, before he continued his attack.

Grey didn't know why the man paused, or what he wanted to say. But he could tell there was something the man recalled and tried to say, but since the man couldn't complete his statement, he was not going to stay and find out.

If there were any secrets, he could uncover them when he finds the array formation.

The man attacked with a flaming fist, but Grey blocked it with a casual wave of his hand.

He couldn't help but raise a brow, "That's it?"

The man retreated. After attacking Grey, he had to wait for Grey's attack. He, too, would try to block it.

Grey shook his head at how easy the challenge was. He was forgetting the part where he is a monster and shouldn't be associated with other Peak Venerables.

He walked toward the man and punched out. The punch looked ordinary, but for the first time, the man was sent flying off the platform.

Everyone watching, especially those that had been here since the young lady from the Phoenix Faction passed the stage had their mouths wide open. It was as if they were watching something that was impossible.

"Does he always have to show off?" Klaus complained with a disgruntled voice.

"I should've gone first." Reynolds sighed.

Grey's performance has taken away anything they could do, which was infuriating when thinking about it. lightsnovel

They could've been able to at least see the look of surprise in the audiences' faces as they easily pass through the challenge, but Grey blew the man away, what's the point of even competing with him?

Grey didn't expect the man would be taken out with just one attack. He walked forward and noticed the man was fixing part of his body that was damaged from Grey's attack.

The man jumped back onto the platform and everyone saw the hole in his chest. Grey's attack caused a hole in his chest. The surprise in the eyes of everyone became even more apparent.

Klaus and Reynolds on the other hand felt like beating the man up.

"Couldn't he have waited to heal fully before coming up?" Klaus complained through gritted teeth.

"He's making things worse." Reynolds added.

"Do you think he's doing it on purpose? I saw him pause when he wanted to attack Grey." Klaus asked with a thoughtful expression.

"I have no idea, but I'm going to burn him up." Reynolds was poised for his turn.

"I'll turn him into an ice sculpture when you're done." Klaus was pumped up too.

The man took a deep look at Grey and said, "You passed."

Grey didn't walk through the door, rather, he bowed slightly and stood at the side, waiting for his friends.

After walking to the side, and leaving the platform, Reynolds appeared on the platform.

The man stood up once again and repeated the same words before attacking. His fire elemental attack was about to strike Reynolds when his Elemental Warrior suit covered his body and he slashed through the fire attack with a lightning blade. The lightning blade didn't stop with just cutting through the attack, it went on to slash the man who didn't prepare to block the attack.

Just like in Grey's case, the man was sent flying, but the man regained his composure mid-air before landing at the edge of the platform, a large gash could be seen on his chest. The cut was so deep that it almost opened up a hole on his back as well.

lightsNovel Reynolds nodded in satisfaction and returned to his normal state. The man was burnt from the lightning shock, and the damage caused was also massive.

The man healed up once again before saying to Reynolds, "You passed."

Klaus jumped onto the platform after Reynolds walked to Grey's side.

"I'm not like them, please take care not to hurt me." He said with a respectful smile.

Only those who overheard his and Reynolds' conversation knew that he had an evil plan awaiting the man.

The man, after fully healing himself repeated the same words to Klaus.

"I know, I know, get on with it already. I have some things to attend to, I don't want to be late." Klaus waved his hand as if to tell the man to get on with it.

His present appearance was different from the one he used when speaking for the first time. If people didn't hear him speak before, they would've said he was the cockiest person alive.