

Affinity 1371

Chapter 1371 Leaving Everyone Speechless

The man didn't take any offense with Klaus' words, he prepared himself and attacked.

His fire attack was stopped by Klaus' domain. Klaus didn't use anything else, he didn't set up any defenses, he only caused it to snow on the platform and the man's fire attack was extinguished before it got close.

To the ordinary eyes, Klaus used the extreme cold in his domain to stop the attack, whereas in truth, there were a lot of things involved. Klaus not only made use of his ice domain, but he brought to full effect the power of the heavy water. Integrating it into his domain made each snow falling in the domain one of substantial power.

It took multiple snowflakes to take down the attack.

"He always wants to look good. I'm afraid he'll hit himself on the foot one day." Grey shook his head at the antics of his friend.

Klaus, on the other hand, used the side of his eyes to spy and see the reactions of the crowd watching.

Seeing their flabbergasted expressions, he chuckled, while giving Grey a look of disdain. He wouldn't have had to work this hard, but Grey's performance was just too extraordinary. He knew he couldn't match him, but he didn't want to be left behind.

The challenge was just like the previous one, only this man was stronger than those skeletons. If all Peak Venerables are graded in terms of strength, then the skeletons were grade one Peak Venerables, while this man was a grade three Peak Venerable.

Grey and Klaus were far above their grades. So defeating them with one attack was within their ability.

Reynolds had it better since he was not yet at the Peak, so the strength the man shows is on the same stage as himself. But once he adds the Elemental Warrior to it, his strength shoots well above that of a grade five Peak Venerable, hence his superior ability.

Klaus didn't attack immediately, he gave the man time to prepare himself to block the attack, "Are you ready?"

The man didn't reply to his question. He knew the man wouldn't reply, but he just felt like asking.

With all eyes on him, Klaus took in a deep breath and his domain shrunk in an instant. A single long silver ice needle appeared. The air around the needle started to show signs of freezing.

"What the hell?!" Someone exclaimed from the crowd.

Everyone was in awe at Klaus' ability with his ice. One has to recall that this was a volcano and all Water Elementalists, especially ice users are at a disadvantage, yet Klaus was outright freezing the hot air.

Now, a few of them started to understand the reason behind his cockiness. For someone as talented as Klaus, he had every right to be cocky. A proud genius is not arrogant, they just can't hide their glow.

To most people present, they felt they would act in the same manner as Klaus. They didn't see anything wrong with how he was acting in the first place.

The ice needle floated in front of Klaus, it was like he was giving everyone time to take it in its full glory. After making sure everyone had seen it, he pointed at the man.

No one saw the ice needle move, but they all saw Klaus walking in Grey's direction.

The man started to turn into an ice sculpture. Just as Klaus said he would, he turned the man into an ice sculpture.

The array formation was working hard to unfreeze the man, but the ice was faster. Before long, the man was frozen completely.

Silence.

The entire place fell into silence. Not just here, but outside the volcano, in the large Hall of the Phoenix Faction, everyone watching the scene held their breaths, unable to react.

Klaus froze the man with such a powerful technique. The most shocking aspect of the attack was not the extreme cold, but the speed. The attack was so fast that very few people caught sight of it, and they were all above the Venerable Plane. Even Grey wasn't able to keep up with it. Those at the Early stages of the Sovereign Plane could barely keep up with it.

The middle-aged man said after a few seconds, "What sort of monsters are they? They will wreck the ancestor's formation at this point."

The middle-aged man was on the verge of crying. The formation was in charge of giving the man energy to attack and defend. If he sustained any injuries, the formation would heal it, but it took a large amount of resources.

The man had already used a lot of resources to heal up from Grey and Reynolds' attacks, now, he was fully frozen.

The array was currently working on multiple stages of the trial, so it couldn't put its entire focus on this level, hence Klaus being able to fully freeze the man.

It took a while before the other Elders regained themselves, "Such a frightening Water Elementalist. He's going to be well-known in a few years."

"The Lightning Elementalist is no different." Another Elder added.

"The girl as well. We've not seen her in full strength."

The Elders all started to make their assessments of the group, some of them almost completely forgot about Grey. Yes, he was the one who did the first damage, but Klaus' performance was so exceptional, and since it was the recent one, it overshadowed Grey's performance for now.

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Back in the Volcano.

The entire place was still silent after Klaus' attack.

It took a while, but the man started to unfreeze. After unfreezing, he looked at Klaus and said, "You passed."

Klaus had a wide grin on his face and said, "It's nothing special."

Grey felt like smacking the back of Klaus' head. What was the point in replying to the man's words? He knew the man wouldn't say anything else, then why bother?

Alice jumped onto the platform, landing before the just unfrozen man. The man opened his eyes and stood up, repeating the same words to Alice.

All eyes fell on Alice, her friends' performances had been nothing short of extraordinary, they all wanted to see if she could repeat the same feat.

Chapter 1372 Beautiful But Deadly

Alice didn't rush onto the platform like the others. She was a little taken aback at the performances of the trio. She knew they were all outstanding, but with everyone staring at her, she couldn't help but feel some way.

From the start, she used to be the shining one, but now, the others have all grown to shine brighter than her. No matter how hard she tries to catch up with them, they keep getting brighter and brighter.

She was proud of her friends, and even if she wasn't as powerful as they were now, she could still beat them up—the privilege of being the only girl in the group.

'Why do they always have to show off? Couldn't they just pass in the simplest way?' She pouted as everyone watched her.

She jumped onto the platform and glared at the trio.

It was as if they could tell what was in her head, and they all looked away, avoiding her gaze. Klaus even started whistling, acting like he didn't even know her.

Alice sighed and looked at the man who had stood up to face her. She was an Eighth stage Elemental Venerable, a genius in her own right, and confidently well above a grade three genius.

The man repeated the exact words and attacked.

Alice's fire and ice domain came out and blocked the attack. Like her friends, she didn't flinch in front of the man's attack.

After blocking the attack, lightning flashed through her body, and she bolted straight at the man. As she moved, a colorful scene appeared. Her fire and ice domain followed her, with lightning at the center of the fire and ice domain. It was a beautiful sight to behold.

Bang!

Just like the trio, she struck with a deadly attack.

The man wasn't sent flying like in Grey and Reynolds' case. Instead, just like in Klaus' case, the man stood in the same spot, but three different elements were visibly causing havoc to his body.

The man tried to block the attack. Unfortunately, it was just too powerful.

On the left part of the man's body, the fire element was blazing, in the middle, the lightning element came into play, and on the last part, the ice ability of her Seelie came into play, freezing the man's body.

Once again, the man faced enormous damages, which strained the array as it worked nonstop to fix the problems caused by their attacks.

Alice left the crowd silent.

Grey and his friends had been giving them one shock after another since they decided to face the man. Only a few people knew Grey's performance was the best.

When Grey attacked, he didn't try as hard as the others to impress those watching; he only used a casual attack and was able to cause so much damage to the man.

Reynolds and Klaus tried so hard and made an impression on everyone. Alice, on the other hand, was forced to show what she could do. She didn't want to damage the man this much, but since her friends had already done so much, it was only fitting she followed the same path as them.

She was a genius, and she didn't want to be looked down on when with her friends. She already hated the fact that she was the weakest; becoming even worse was going to make her flip out.

The man soon recovered and said to Alice, "You passed."

Alice nodded to the man and walked elegantly to where Klaus and the others stood.

"Shall we?" She asked with a soft voice.

The others shivered when they heard this. Whenever Alice speaks in such a manner, she has terrible plans for them.

"Yes, let's get going." Grey was the first to rush to the door. Of all of them, he was the one who had suffered the most at Alice's hands.

During their sparring sessions, while he was still very weak, Alice didn't show much mercy. Of course, she didn't give him any severe injuries, but she made sure to beat him up every single time. At that time, she kept saying,

'If you don't take a spar as seriously as a life and death battle, you will only limit your growth.'

So even though she is stronger than Grey, she always takes her spars very seriously. Grey, being the unfortunately weak one had to face so many deadly attacks. However, these sparring sessions made Grey who he is. He became so battle-honed that when he entered the world, although there were a few hitches, he still managed to come out on top and become an even fiercer warrior than Alice.

Klaus and Reynolds ran right after Grey, not waiting for Alice to go before them.

"So rude." Alice grunted.

She followed them and walked through the door.

During this time, everyone were still silent. The four friends' performances were stunning!

Everyone kept asking the same question...

'Who were they?'

Everyone watched them leave in awe, starstruck at what they were able to perform.

Just one attack, one powerfully destructive attack was enough to announce the names of the four to the world of the Southern Continent.

"Did anyone catch their names?" Someone from the crowd asked.

"I heard one of them being called Rey, that's all I know." Someone who was standing close to Klaus and Reynolds spoke up.

"Rey? He's the lightning guy, right?" Another person asked.

"Yes, yes, he's the Lightning Elementalist." The person nodded vigorously.

"A Lightning Elementalist called Rey, and I don't think I've heard of such a name among the top ranked geniuses in the Continent."

"Me neither."

"Do you think they've been training in seclusion and only recently came out to test their strengths?"

"No, they didn't want to come in. I saw them when we were about to step in. They were watching."

"Could they be from another Continent?"

"The Middle Continent, most likely. Their talent isn't something that could be grown in other Continents. I heard the Middle Continent is the top in terms of growing such young, talented Elementalists."

"Yes, according to what I heard, the famous Lucas Dawson gave birth to a generational talent as well. So I'm not sure only the Middle Continent can create such geniuses."

Different speculations came up about the four, but they were not there to provide these people with any information.

Chapter 1373 A Grade Five Powerhouse

Outside the volcano.

The middle-aged man and the Elders were all dumbstruck with Alice's display. Just like the other three, she was also above others in the same stage as herself.

"All four are extraordinary!"

An Elder commented.

Going through the first stage was not as impressive as the second stage. The reason for this was due to the grade difficulty of each stage. A grade three Eighth stage Venerable could achieve what they achieved in the first grade. This goes to show the strength gap between each grade.

"The next level is against a grade five Venerable in any stage. If they can deal with that with such ease then we most likely have grade nine geniuses on our hands." An Elder said with seriousness.

"A grade nine genius? When was the last time such a person appeared?" Someone asked.

"It has been so long. I can't help but imagine if all four of them are grade nine geniuses." The middle-aged man sighed.

If all four turn out to be grade nine geniuses, it would be the shock of the century. Four friends, all grade nine geniuses. Just the thought of this thrilled all of them.

The Elders could barely keep their composure when they heard this.

"We'll find out soon enough."

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Inside the volcano.

Grey and his friends appeared on another level. This place was hotter and required more effort from them to repel it.

Grey and Alice had no issues with absorbing it. Although it was difficult, Klaus and Reynolds didn't have any problems with resisting the heat.

"Why repel it? It's good nourishment." Grey said.

"Oh." Klaus let the heat touch his body and felt relieved, however, he was soon hit with intense heat.

A thought came to him and he executed it. He left tiny holes in the snow he created around his body to stop the heat. The heat would be able to get through the holes to give him the nourishment Grey spoke of while his snow would regulate it, making sure it didn't do any harm to him.

"Rey, you should try it." He recommended it to Reynolds.

He was getting into a better state while absorbing part of the heat.

Reynolds followed Klaus' instructions and was soon able to feel the same nourishments.

"Nice." Reynolds commented, he gave Grey and Alice a side eye. He couldn't believe they've been enjoying this and not even offering to tell them.

Alice and Grey shrugged, they weren't too bothered with him.

"Does everything involving this Faction have to do with fighting?" Klaus asked when he saw the group in front of them fighting seriously with another group.

One set of them looked human, and the other, not so much. Although there was a slight resemblance to humans, the lava running through their bodies suggested otherwise.

Grey squinted his eyes and said, "They're stronger than the man from the previous level."

"Of course they are. The higher the level the stronger the opponents." Klaus said matter-of-factly.

He gave Grey a detestable glance before saying, "These things are all on the same stages as their opponents, but they all fight with stronger powers compared to what we fought in the first level."

"Yeah, could the opponents be getting stronger in the same stage?" Grey asked, he thought for a while and said, "Is this trying to see how powerful an Elementalist could get in a single stage?"

"Most likely. If that's the case, then this is a good chance to test our strength." Alice replied.

"I can't believe you didn't want us to come in." Klaus dumped all the blame on Grey.

"Yeah, if we hadn't insisted on coming, we would've missed such a nice opportunity." Reynolds joined in as well.

Grey almost wanted to punch the duo in the face. He told them he didn't want to go, but they could go. They refused, and when he decided to enter, they followed. Now they were blaming him for almost missing out on this.

"Hypocrites." He remarked under his voice.

The duo looked at him as if he offended them, but he couldn't even bother with them.

"Looks like we can fight in a group this time." Seeing others fighting against the opponents in a group, Grey felt this was the case.

"So it seems." Alice nodded, agreeing with his analysis.

"Should we try now, or wait to watch?" Reynolds asked.

"Let's watch and get a better idea of what we're going to be up against." Klaus suggested.

The group didn't have any issues with his suggestions and walked to the side, not stepping into the place for the battle to begin.

They couldn't find the young lady's group and concluded they've gone to the next round.

They watched as different groups fought against their opponents. Some of them were able to quickly defeat those they were fighting, while others were having a difficult time. Not everyone was a grade five genius.

After watching for a while, the group got a hang of it.

They could assist each other if needs be, or they could all fight one against one. It depends on how they wished to fight. As long as they grouped together, they would have to fight against four different opponents on the same stage, but all grade five powerhouses.

"Should we try now?"

"Sure, I told you I have some things to take care of."

"When did you say that?"

"I..."

"If you don't shut your mouth we'll beat you up."

Klaus wanted to turn to Reynolds, but he found out his usual partner in crime was slowly creeping over to Grey and Alice's side.

"Rey..."

"Oh, hey buddy." Reynolds gave him an awkward smile, while still slowly going over to Grey's side.

"Fuck! Let's just go."

Klaus could only give up. He thought it would've been a two on two, but Reynolds had betrayed him to join the enemies. Such a devastating feeling.

With no hope of winning, why bother? Grey was enough to squash him, adding Alice made it overkill. Reynolds didn't have any issues with beating him up too.

Chapter 1374 Do You Want Me Dead?

Grey's group entered the area and a group of lava men appeared. Each man had strength equivalent to each of the group.

"This formation really is something." Grey clicked his tongue.

Alice nodded, impressed at how many things the array formation has been able to conjure. First the skeletons, and then the man from the previous stage, now, it's a group of men made with lava. And being able to show strength that was on the same level as them was also amazing.

"I'll fight that guy, he's at the Peak. You guys fight those on the same level as yourself. You can take Grey's opponent if you want to test your strength." Klaus charged at one of the lava men at the Peak.

His expression, however, soon changed drastically when all four lava men attacked simultaneously. Their attacks were intertwined, enforcing each other.

"Shit!" Klaus exclaimed and blocked the attack.

His ice wall was broken through and he was forced to take some steps back due to the impact of the attack.

"Isn't that cheating?" He complained, "I only wanted to beat that guy up! Why must you all try to bully me?"

Klaus' aggrieved questions fell to deaf ears as the lava men attacked once again.

"Crap! Guys, together." Klaus called for back up.

Grey took a look at the attack pattern of the men and commented, "Their corporation is on another level."

"Fighting them together is harder than when you're fighting them alone." Reynolds remarked.

"Yeah, with them working together, we'll be forced to fight a more powerful unit." Alice added.

"What the fuck are you guys talking about?!" Klaus yelled while being bombarded with attacks from the lava men.

"Help!" Klaus screamed again, he continued, "Can't you see those other guys? Why are you attacking only me?"

"Is your brain fried? I came here with them, we came together!"

"Shit! Shit! Shit!"

Klaus was being forced back as the lava men continued attacking relentlessly. Grey and others were still standing on the side, speaking about the lava men. It was as if they couldn't see Klaus' seemingly dire situation.

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Outside the volcano.

The middle-aged man and the other Elders were stunned at the scene. Not by the fact that Grey, Alice, and Reynolds weren't helping out, but by the fact that Klaus was holding off four grade five powerhouses. Two of them were even at the Peak, just like him, and the other two were in the Eighth stage.

An Eighth stage grade five Elemental Venerable could go one on one with a Peak grade one Elemental Venerable. This shows just how powerful they are, yet, somehow, Klaus was able to hold them off on his own. Although he looked to be completely overpowered, it would take a while before these guys could defeat him.

"This boy is amazing." An Elder said with a look of shock.

"I wonder how the others are in such a situation."

"They're all most likely all grade nine geniuses. Unbelievable."

The Elders and the middle-aged man was lost for words at Klaus and the others.

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Back in the volcano.

"How long do you think he can last alone?" Reynolds asked with a playful expression.

"Five minutes max." Grey replied.

"I'll say three."

"Wanna bet on it?"

"What do you have to offer?"

Klaus was left speechless when he overheard Grey and Reynolds betting on his head.

"I'm literally standing right here! What the hell is wrong with you two?!" Klaus once again felt like killing someone, unfortunately, the lava men were too strong. No matter how hard he tried, he hasn't been able to separate them, which made battling them harder.

'Why aren't they attacking those cowards?'

'I can't believe Alice joined in on this!'

Klaus was complaining internally.

"Stop playing around, do you want to see him get hurt." Alice spoke up when she saw Grey and Reynolds on the verge of bringing out what they wanted to stake for the bet.

Grey actually said he would give Reynolds Void if he won. Void annoyed voice came from the void, yelling and cussing at Grey for wanting to give him away.

Grey shrugged when he heard Alice's words.

"Be prepared."

After saying this, he took in a deep breath and his countenance changed. It was like he was a completely different person. The previous person who was joking around was gone and the battle warrior appeared.

Reynolds nodded and his Elemental Warrior suit appeared on him. Alice merged with her Seelie as well, bringing out her domain.

"Attack!"

Alice and Reynolds turned to attack Grey the moment these words left his mouth.

Klaus, sensing this was stunned beyond words.

"What the hel..." He froze mid-sentence when he recalled something and couldn't help but cuss at Grey.

"You fucking show off!"

Grey switched places with one of the Eighth stage grade five lava men.

After appearing among the other three lava men, Grey spread out his hands and a powerful repulsion force sent all three flying.

The lava man that appeared on the spot he was standing on was killed by the attack of both Alice and Reynolds. The lava man didn't expect the attack, and didn't prepare to defend against it.

Facing such an attack, defenseless, there was no way he would've been able to survive the attack. From the lava man's head down to his waist disappeared, leaving just from the waist down.

The body fell to the ground after a second.

"That wasn't so hard. Why were you yelling? You almost destroyed my eardrums." Grey used his pinkie finger to clean his ear as he talked.

Klaus dropped his ice wall and not seeing anyone other than Grey, he felt depressed. Grey appeared and everything was almost instantaneously solved. He had been getting abused by these lava men all thanks to his friends who refused to help out.

"You guys are hateful." He said through gritted teeth.

"We have dealt with one of them, can't you handle to other three?" Grey asked.

"Do you want me dead? Tell me, I'll kill myself. No need to go through pains before eventually dying." Klaus asked.

Chapter 1375 All Grade Nine Geniuses

The remaining three lava men soon came running back while Grey was poking fun at Klaus.

"Since when did you turn into a bully?" Klaus asked.

"I've always been a bully." Grey replied with a laugh.

Klaus sighed and said, "You guys deal with them, I'll be in charge of stopping all their attacks."

He had the strongest defense among them and could easily protect the others. The others all had destructive elements and could deal a good amount of damage to the three lava men.

"I'll protect myself, I can't trust you with my life. You might just allow them to strike me." Grey said.

Klaus chuckled but didn't say anything. He actually had the thought of letting them hit Grey one or two times. With Grey's strong physical body, he knew he wouldn't die from the attack. At most he would just feel some pain. Unfortunately, Grey knew his intentions and didn't want his help. Since he had the earth element too, he could defend the attacks.

"A shame."

The three lava men started their combined attacks once again. But with all four friends working together. It was too easy for them to deal with the lava men.

Klaus, just like the plan, was in charge of defending all attacks coming their way. He blocked each of the lava men's attacks before they could even move three feet from them.

Alice and Reynolds attacked, Grey acted like a support too. Only attacking occasionally.

Before long, all three lava men were dealt with.

Grey didn't get too involved in the battle. Alice and Reynolds were the only attackers, but they managed to kill them off within three minutes.

Klaus blocked all the attacks, which made things easier for Alice and Reynolds.

"Well that was easy." Grey commented from the side.

"You always watch from the side, useless." Klaus said.

"I'm the group's cheerleader. You guys need me to cheer you on." Grey replied shamelessly.

"At times, I tend to forget how shameless you are." Klaus gave up.

Grey always shows this serious and nonchalant look that even his friends tend to forget he was occasionally playful and shameless, just like Klaus.

"Should we move on to the next round?"

"It's going to be harder than this one."

"The harder the better. I need a real challenge."

"Yeah, me too. These levels have been too easy."

"Weren't you being beaten up a few minutes ago by those lava men?"

"Fuck! I was ganged up on! Can you fight four of them on your own?"

"Of course, didn't you see how easy it was for me to handle three of them?"

"I could've handled them too if I had the space element you pig!"

"Who are you calling a pig?"

"You. What can you do about it? Pig!"

Grey and Klaus started their cussing session with Reynolds not joining the party this time. Klaus has always had the advantage whenever it comes to this, and since Grey is too strong now, he also has his own advantages. It was best for him to stay on the side and watch the duo.

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While Klaus and Grey were having a battle of words, the middle-aged man and Elder were stumped.

"Did you see what he did?" The middle-aged man couldn't help but ask, pointing at Grey.

The Elders nodded. When they saw Alice and Reynolds attacking Grey all of a sudden, they thought maybe something happened since they couldn't hear what was happening inside. But all of a sudden, they saw one of the lava men standing on the place Grey was standing on while Grey appeared among the lava men and attacked.

"Such battle knowledge. They are all so well familiar with each other."

"Being able to switch places with an enemy at any time is a dangerous skill to have. Such a figure can not be made an enemy, no matter what!"

"The boy is something else. I wonder how he was able to get this powerful."

"I believe they are all grade nine geniuses. If that's the case, they are special."

"Building a bond with them won't be that easy. If only we can recruit both Fire Elementalists."

"We can offer them some techniques."

"We'll wait for them to step out."

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Inside the volcano.

Grey and his friends had gone to the next round, and to their shock, the next challenge didn't have to do with fighting. It was breaking through an array formation that could attack. Any wrong move and they would be blasted by a powerful attack.

"This shouldn't be difficult." Grey sensed the array and said, "Give me some time, I'll make a few tweaks to this thing and we'll be able to pass through with ease."

This time, they encountered the group of seven once again. As they advanced, the number of people they encountered started to dwindle. It was common in trials like this. Since each level gets harder, fewer people would be able to advance. It was like a way of filtering the talents. Only those who are strong enough could get to the last levels.

The deeper you go in, the better it is for you.

Also, the heat had gone up once again. However, with the heat comes some benefits. Absorbing it gives each Elementalist a good amount of nourishment, and their essences are well filled. The constant fighting and nourishment will make one's essence grow stronger and they can use more powerful attacks.

Grey and Alice had it easier since they had the fire element. Klaus and Reynolds continued with the same method as before, but this time, they've been able to increase the size of the hole. They've seen the benefits and didn't want to waste the opportunity.

The trio waited as Grey went to work. After about ten minutes, Grey stood up and wiped off the sweat on his head.

"We can go now."

He took the first step and instantly retreated.

"Well, not just yet." He said with an awkward smile as an explosion rang off.

Chapter 1376 Getting Through With Ease

Klaus looked at Grey in shock, "You're planning to kill us, aren't you?"

"There was a little error, I'll sort it out. If you know you can't wait, you can enter and be like those guys." Grey retorted.

Klaus looked at the group of seven and the other few people in the array that were moving cautiously. Explosions rang out occasionally, followed by screams of pain. It was clear that getting through the array wasn't easy by any means.

"I'll just wait, it's not like I'm in a hurry anyway." Klaus cowered away.

"Coward." Grey spat on the ground.

Klaus pretended as if he didn't hear anything Grey said. There was no way he was going to stress himself when Grey could easily make them walk through the array without facing any challenges.

They all knew Grey's capabilities as an array genius and knew that as long as he was focused, he would surely be able to tweak this array, no matter how old it was.

While Grey was working on the array, the group of seven, were drawn by the explosion. Seeing Grey and his group in such a lively manner, they were slightly taken aback.

"They made it this far?" One of the young men in the group asked, a little surprised.

"Well, so did we. I didn't think they would be this talented." A young lady from the group said.

The reason they managed to get to this stage was thanks to the help of the young lady leading the group and two other young men who helped out during the group battle on the previous round, if not, some of them would've been held back.

Luckily, this level doesn't involve fighting. As long as they were not hit by an attack from the array, they were good. The young lady and the other two young men were on a tightrope as they tried all their might to block the attacks in their stead. Although it was quite stressful, they knew the others needed the rewards to grow as well.

"Is he trying to work on the array, or are they just watching?" The young lady leading the group asked with a questioning expression.

"What? What if he messes up with the array and we get killed?!" Someone exclaimed from another group when they overheard the young lady's question.

"I don't think he will mess up with the array, you don't need to worry." The young lady said.

"But what if he does? What do we inside do then?" The person wasn't willing to take any chances, he has managed to come this far, and wasn't willing to lose it all due to someone else's attempt, "If you are acquainted with him, tell him to stop!"

The young lady thought about it and felt it was a good choice to stop Grey. If he costs others their opportunity in this trial, he would attract the ire of a lot of people. This was not something she wanted for Grey's group. She found them amicable, hence she didn't want them to get into any conflict while they were in the Phoenix Faction.

"Hey, what are you doing?" She used her essence to increase her voice as it traveled to where Grey was seated.

Grey, who had both eyes closed, opened them and looked in the direction of the young lady. He waved, "Oh, I'm trying to see how this array works. I overheard everything. Tell them to be rest assured, nothing bad will happen to them. If not, I'll take all the responsibility."

The young lady looked at Grey's eyes and nodded. She didn't need to relay any of his messages since they heard him clearly too. Since he was willing to take any responsibility, then there was no need to worry about it.

The young man who spoke up grunted and continued advancing. He wanted to get through before the madman finished whatever analysis he was doing on the array. They all heard how he was attacked from the start, and the attack was even more powerful than what they had been facing. From what he guessed, it was an act of retaliation from the array for Grey trying to mess with it.

Grey couldn't be bothered with these people as he focused fully on the array.

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Outside the volcano.

"Don't tell me he's trying to figure out how the array works?" The middle-aged man felt a headache coming.

He recalled the only reason Grey entered the volcano was all out of his curiosity towards the array the Firelord placed inside. Now that he saw him seated with his eyes closed in front of an array, he started to feel it was a bad idea letting Grey enter the volcano.

Grey had already surpassed all his expectations, and he knew that if Grey manages to get the crux of the array, then this wouldn't be a challenge to him and his friends since he could use the weak links.

"It can't be that he's actually going to be able to decipher such a complicated array, right? Even the Faction Leader, a renowned array master, hasn't been able to decipher it." An Elder said.

"Should we be worried that the works of the Firelord can be taken by this kid?" Another Elder asked.

"No need to rush to conclusions, we'll see how it goes. Let's keep watching." The middle-aged man calmed the nerves of the others.

It was clear that they were all starting to get agitated, and rightly so. Grey's performances all through the trial had been eye-catching. At the moment, they didn't believe Grey would be able to get the basics of the array, but for a reason, they all felt like he would succeed in this endeavor of his, and it was a feeling they all didn't like.

They continued watching as Grey sat on the same spot, not making any moves.

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Inside the volcano.

Grey was seated, going through the array.

Klaus and the others were standing, bored as there was nothing to do.

"Come on, hurry up."

"I thought you said you were not in a hurry?"

"It doesn't mean I don't have to tell him to hurry up, does it?"

"If you keep talking I'll throw you into the array."

"I can always walk out of it."

"Don't distract him, you're making too much noise."

"So what if I don't stop talking?"

"You're looking for a good beating."

"Don't think I'm afraid of that stupid clothes you wear when it's time to fight. For your information, it doesn't look nice. Why don't you try changing how it is when you use it next time."

"I'm not interested in how it looks. As long as I can beat you up with it, I'm good."

"I'm done, what are you guys yapping on about?" Grey's voice broke the tension between Klaus and Reynolds.

"Don't you think that stupid armor or whatever he turns his Elemental Warrior into looks bad?" Klaus asked.

"Well... as long as he can bring out the best of his abilities, there's nothing wrong with how it looks." Grey replied.

"You see, even Grey knows it looks crappy." Klaus pointed out.

Grey's slight hesitation indicated what Klaus wanted.

"I can't be bothered with how you see my body armor." Reynolds didn't care about what Grey or Klaus felt about his armor.

"Well, it looks crappy, and since you're fighting beside handsome guys like myself and Grey, it will make us look bad. Fix it up." Klaus wasn't going to give Reynolds a chance.

"I can beat people up with how ugly it looks. Fuck what you think." Reynolds' nonchalant attitude infuriated Klaus.

"Alright bud, why don't I make some suggestions for you?" Klaus asked, he knew there was no way he could get to Reynolds with such an approach, so he changed his approach.

Reynolds snorted, not willing to answer him, "Aren't we going any more?"

Grey laughed and said, "Let's go."

Grey took the first step, and this time, unlike when he tried it the first time, an explosion didn't take place.

"Take the same path as me." He said to them.

Klaus and the others nodded and followed behind him.

The group of seven were about to get to the end of the array when Grey and his friends stepped on it.

With Grey at the front, they walked casually through it. It was as if they were taking a stroll in their backyard. Not a single explosion rang off, and within a few seconds, they were on the other side of the array.

"That was easy." Klaus commented as they left the array.

"You thought I was joking when I said it'll be easy?" Grey asked.

"I never doubted you, I just wanted to mess around with you." Klaus said.

Grey chuckled, he believed Klaus' words fully.

The group of seven were in shock when they saw how easy it was for Grey and his friends. Not just them, but everyone else who was present there.

"Impossible!"

Chapter 1377 A Fraud?

"Nothing is impossible?" Klaus said.

Someone who had been forced out of the array saw this scene and couldn't believe his eyes, without any hesitation, he charged straight into the array.

The memory of an Elementalist was excellent, especially one at such a level. The young man took the same path as Grey and his friends.

"Sto..."

Grey's voice was covered by the explosion that followed suit.

The young man didn't set up any defenses and assumed he would be able to pass through with the same ease Grey and his friends did. Unfortunately for him, he was blasted into the sky, before crashing into the ground, losing consciousness.

Grey shook his head when he saw this. He sighed and said, "Wait for me. I'll be back real quick."

He entered the array and walked over to where the young man was lying. A few people were staring at the injured young man, but none of them were making any moves to help him out.

When Grey arrived, some of them looked at him and he shook his head, "I wouldn't try that if I were you."

He understood the meaning behind their looks. Some of them had the intention of forcing him to make the path safe for them. None of them had the intention of rushing through the path like this foolish young man, and they felt it would be easier to follow Grey or better still, force him into creating an open path.

A liquid substance appeared on Grey's palm and he placed his palm on the young man's chest. The seriously injured young man started to show signs of recovery. The heat in the volcano shockingly made healing even quicker.

The young man opened his eyes and saw Grey's face.

"I have no reason for helping you but since you were injured due to your ignorance, I'll help out just this once."

After saying this, Grey turned around and walked into the array. Before entering, he said to the eager crowd ready to jump in.

"You all know how deadly it is, if you think I'd help heal the next person, then you're all fools. Also, don't even think about attacking me, you'll not like the outcome."

With that threat, Grey walked into the array. After taking his first step, he shook his head, he knew some people wouldn't take his threat seriously and would definitely attack him.

"Don't take another step, or else I'll kill you here and now."

A young man said, his voice was cold. He was the one who told the young lady from the group of seven to stop Grey from doing whatever he wanted to do.

Grey tilted his head slightly and used the side of his eyes to look at the young man. He shook his head and took another step.

The young man attacked when he saw this.

Grey turned and with a wave of his hand, the attack was destroyed. One hand was placed behind his back while his other hand was in front of him, his expression turned cold, and without hesitation, he attacked.

He warned them from the start, but the young man thought he was stronger. He wanted to make sure he used the young man as a scapegoat.

The young man was a Fire Elementalist, and his flames roared as he unleashed it at the incoming Grey.

Grey acted oblivious to the flames as he phased through it. His body shone with pale blue flames as he attacked with ferocity. The young man could barely defend against his attack as he was sent flying.

With just one attack, Grey showed his superiority.

The others didn't dare to try to get in his way any further.

The young man spat out a mouthful of blood before getting back up. He didn't think Grey would be this powerful. Now, he didn't know what to do. In his present condition, passing through this level was impossible. His only chance was by healing up and attempting to go through the array once again.

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Outside the volcano.

While Grey was walking through the array like it was nothing, the middle-aged man and the other Elders couldn't believe their eyes. Grey was breaking every form of logic they thought they had.

"How?"

This was the only question coming out of their mouths. They couldn't believe someone like Grey actually existed. He cracked the array and got through it safely with his friends within thirty minutes.

One must be a genius in the art of arrays to be able to get the hang of this array in such a short time. Either that, or he had prior knowledge of this array. However, from his first attempt, it was evident he didn't have any prior knowledge of it.

"So he broke through this array in such a short time?" An Elder asked.

"You saw it too, didn't you?"

No one was willing to give an answer to the Elder, just like him, they didn't know what to say about Grey's performance.

"Isn't that the kid that Old man is so proud of? Flint or what is his name again?" An Elder pointed at the young man Grey sent flying.

"Yes, I remember him. That Old man said he was the greatest student he had ever groomed. A grade seven genius, I think." Another Elder added, confirming the words of the first Elder.

"He couldn't take one blow from him. Is the difference between a grade nine genius and a grade seven genius so high or is it that the Flint kid is a fraud?"

"There's a good chance he's a fraud. I don't think the difference should be that high."

"Haha, I can't believe that Old man has been cheated." An Elder laughed in delight.

The Old man they were referring to had been using the young man named Flint to show off before them for a while now. Seeing Flint being beaten with a single blow made them feel a certain sense of satisfaction.

Even though they had nothing to do with Grey, they were happy someone could beat up that Old man's student. At least the Old man would stop showing off in front of them after this.

Chapter 1378 I'm The Smartest Person Here

Grey walked to the other side of the array and looked at his friends.

"We should get going. I don't think those guys like me much."

"You just walked through something that has been giving them difficulties, twice, even I have the urge to attack you." The young lady from the group of seven said when she saw Grey.

Klaus gave a sheepish laugh and said, "He warned them beforehand, they were fools to try to attack him."

"Who in their right mind would dare to attack someone who could get through this array with such ease?" He asked.

The young lady didn't see anything wrong with Klaus' statement, and much as it sounded prideful, it was the truth. Anyone capable of achieving such a feat isn't someone she would underestimate.

From how easy it was for Grey to send Flint flying, she felt Flint underestimated Grey. She has sparred with him on a few occasions and she barely gets the win. Most of their spars tend to end up in draws. She knew just how powerful Flint was, and she didn't believe Grey would be able to defeat him with one blow if he was prepared for it.

"You're benevolent for helping that guy, he might've gotten worse if not for your help. However, if he were conscious, he would've been fine." The young lady said.

"I noticed there's a special attribute here, healing seems pretty quick here thanks to the heat from the volcano." Grey said.

"I didn't expect you to notice it so easily. But you're right. The healing process here is very fast. Most of the Faction Elders and top geniuses come here to heal up after a tough battle." The young lady nodded to Grey's words.

"It's just like our Faction's ice tree." Klaus wasn't too impressed with this.

There was a tree made entirely of ice in the Moonlight Faction. According to the legends, the tree was brought by a God Plane Water Elementalist. Although he didn't believe it much, it was said to be grown on the moon. It's the only one of its kind, and could not live outside the Moonlight Faction.

The Elders and Faction Leader held this tree in high esteem, and even treated it like it was a god. However, Klaus has never doubted its healing capabilities. There had been an occasion where an Elder was seriously wounded, on the brink of death. But the Elder was brought back to life by the tree.

If not for the fact that he didn't know where his father was located at the moment, he would've already taken him there.

"An ice tree?" Reynolds asked in curiosity.

"Yeah, I don't talk about it much, but it has one of the greatest healing abilities I've ever seen." Klaus commented.

"Damn, and I almost died from my stupid Faction's lightning healing technique. I don't know if that's even a healing thing or if they just wanted to end my life." Reynolds couldn't help but complain.

"Did you heal up?" Klaus asked.

"After almost one month of being constantly struck by lightning." Reynolds shivered, it was as if he could still feel the spasm from the lightning shock.

"Haha, that's not a healing technique, but it's a good method to strengthen the body while also healing up." Klaus laughed.

"They used the lightning to stimulate your healing, while also training you. It's more like a two in one technique. It's quite good, I'd recommend it." Grey explained when he saw Reynolds' expression.

"I know, but it's not something I would want to go through another time." Reynolds pouted.

"Enough talking, we should head deeper into the volcano. I wonder what lies ahead." Alice said.

"You'll find out when you step through that door." The young lady from the group of seven took the lead.

Grey and his friends didn't rush there, they waited until they'd gone through before they decided to go in themselves.

On the other side of the door.

Grey and his friends felt the heat surge.

"If I'm not mistaken, this should be the last level." Grey said as he saw the burbling lava.

"By chance, is this thing going to, you know, erupt anytime soon?" Klaus asked with a somewhat shaky voice.

He could sense the danger from it and didn't want to go anywhere near it.

"Relax, she said their Elders will deal with it if it erupts." Alice said.

"I'm not really too confident in leaving my chances to others. What if they're a little slow. We'd be toast." Klaus said.

"Don't worry, I wouldn't come in here without having plans of leaving in case of danger." Grey said, he paused and said, "The space here is quite difficult, but with Void present, we'll be able to at least transport us to the first level. Leaving the volcano will be easy once we're there."

Klaus heaved a sigh when he heard this, "This is why I like going to dangerous places with you. You're always thinking ahead in case of any danger. Unlike an ugly armor wearing fellow who just charges in without thinking of what dangers it holds."

"Aren't you the same?" Reynolds retorted.

"No, I'm a civil person. You act like a barbarian in these situations. You always believe you'll survive one way or the other. Although this makes you strong, you'll get in serious trouble sooner or later." Klaus reiterated.

Reynolds and the others thought about Klaus' words and they couldn't deny it. He was right. If Reynolds continues in this fashion, he will be in danger sooner or later.

"Since when did you get so smart?" Alice asked.

"I've always been smart. Don't mistake my playfulness for stupidity. If I'm not mistaken, I'm the smartest person in this group." Klaus said, he looked at Reynolds and said, "Unfortunately, you're the last."

"It's a tight competition between you two, but I believe Alice is smarter. Grey believes too much in his abilities and sometimes acts like Rey, charging into an ambush." He added.

Everyone paused for a moment, Klaus actually made sense with his statements. There had been a few times Grey almost got into trouble due to his overconfidence in his abilities.

Chapter 1379 A Phoenix?

Grey didn't say anything to Klaus since he knew he was right. Of course, he wouldn't agree to Klaus saying he was the smartest, he'd rather he continued believing so.

For someone who makes enemies all over the place, how could someone like that be the smartest person in the group.

"What do you think this challenge is about?" Klaus asked.

"Most likely crossing the lava." Alice pointed at the group of seven as they made their way across the lava.

"They can't be serious..." Klaus had a skeptical look on his face.

"We'll never know until we get to the other side." Grey said.

He didn't waste any time and teleported to the other side with his group.

When he arrived, he was met with an attack.

The group's senses were sharp, and they reacted accordingly. The attack that shot out of the lava burned out their defenses, but they were still able to dodge it. The defenses they set up were able to slow down the attack speed of the lava.

"Damn, these things are hot!" Klaus commented and shut all the holes in his snow protection shield.

He wasn't the only one, Reynolds, Alice, and even Grey set up protection against the heat from the lava. Apparently, this heat was not beneficial to them in any way. The only thing to do was to make sure it didn't touch them.

"What the hell is this? Are they planning to kill us for some sacrifice or something?" Reynolds exclaimed.

The group of seven looked at them and the young lady explained, "You were attacked because you chose the shortcut. If you had gone across the lava like us, you would've had time to adjust to the sudden increase in heat."

"Oh, I see. Well, we're already here, there's no point going back." Grey shrugged, he looked around and asked, "Is this the challenge? If it is, I'll be a little disappointed."

The young lady shook her head, "This is only one part of the challenge. The next part is on the other side. Walk a little further and you'll see."

The young lady was from the Phoenix Faction, and her status might be high given her talent. It was normal for her to know a thing or two about this place. Grey had zero apprehension about her words since he knew it was most likely true.

The group weren't attacked again as they advanced forward. Just like the young lady said, as they walked forward by a few meters, they saw what they would be fighting. Well, it was more like individual battles.

"Is that thing alive?" Klaus moved closer to Grey and asked.

"Nope. It's just like that man. But it does have features of a living being." Grey explained.

He had the light element and had a close connection with life. He could sense if a being had any form of life essence in them or not. Seeing the creature before them, he knew there was no form of life in it, even though it looked like it was alive.

"That's scary, how do they do it? I wouldn't mind tricking a few people." Klaus asked.

"I'll find out after cracking the array the Firelord placed here." Grey replied.

"You better get the hang of it, I wanna scare the living daylight out of my Faction members." Klaus gave an evil grin.

The others knew he was planning something evil for his Faction members. It was a smile they were all too familiar with.

"Don't do anything stupid, dumb head." Reynolds said.

Klaus didn't care about what they were saying, "Oh, can we take this thing with us?"

The young lady who was still crossing the lava with her group heard his words and almost lost focus, tripping and almost falling in the lava.

"Don't you dare think about anything!" The young lady lost her composure for the first time since Grey's group encountered her. She has always been very calm and composed, but Klaus' words threw her off her feet. Not just his words, but she got to find out the reason Grey entered this place.

She recalled Grey and his friends didn't show any interest in coming in, but she suddenly saw them inside. Who would've thought their intentions was to steal the formation of the Firelord?

She panicked, but then given her status, she knew a thing or two about the array formation and calmed down.

'There's no way he would be able to get it.' She calmed herself.

However, there's a good chance Grey and his friends might be able to steal the creature that was there. She had heard about it and knew that it was a sacred beast.

Klaus heard her scream and chuckled awkwardly, "I was only joking."

The creature before them was none other than a Phoenix. The legendary Magical Beast that is said to be extinct. They've seen drawings of it and its distinct features were not something they could mistake for something else.

"To think we'd see a Phoenix here." Reynolds remarked.

"A dead Phoenix kept in good shape by a powerful being." Klaus corrected his statement.

"It doesn't change the fact that it's still a Phoenix." Alice said.

"Since it's a Fire Phoenix, I'm not too interested in it. If it had been an Ice Phoenix, then, I would've shown interest." Klaus wasn't too impressed with the Phoenix.

The others shook their heads. They all knew how Klaus was like and couldn't be bothered with him.

"This is most likely the last level. I'll be able to see the array formation after this." Grey said to Klaus, his intention was clear, be focused.

"I know, I know." Klaus waved his hand at him, "I also have use for such a magnificent formation."

"It'll cost you." Grey said.

"Don't worry, my Faction has a lot in our reserves. The Faction Leader will only be upset for a few days. She can't stay mad at me for too long. At most she'll keep me inside for a year or two." Klaus didn't seem bothered with Grey's words.

He knew Grey wasn't speaking about payment, rather, resources to keep such a formation active.

Klaus' intention was for Grey to set up a formation like this in his Faction. He knew Grey wasn't as powerful as the Firelord, but a small scale formation would be enough to groom a few talents.

Of course, it all depends on if it will be worth it or not.

If it is worth it, the Faction Leader wouldn't punish him for too long. If it is not, then he was toast.

Grey didn't speak any further. They had to focus on what was at hand. Dealing with the Phoenix before them.

"How powerful do you think it is?" Reynolds asked.

"Not above our capabilities. I don't know if we have to fight it together or individually." Grey wasn't worried about the Phoenix.

He had sensed its strength and knew it was within their ability. The only thing that has him confused is that he didn't know if all of them would fight it simultaneously or individually.

He soon got his answer when the Phoenix started to separate. It soon turned into five.

"Oh, Void, looks like it sensed you too. You can't avoid this." Grey chuckled.

Void came out, looked at the Phoenix, "Stupid bird."

After that statement he vanished, along with one of the Phoenixes.

Of the five Phoenixes, three were at the Peak. It was evident that it was for the trio at the Peak.

"Let's deal with ours and leave." Grey said to the others. He didn't know where Void disappeared to, but he knew he was safe.

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Outside the volcano.

The middle-aged man was stunned when he saw how Grey crossed the lava. He directly disappeared to the other side. What was worse was that they managed to block the attacks. Each of these attacks was a grade seven powerhouse attack, yet they managed to survive it.

He was left astonished by the groups strength.

"How are they all so powerful?" Another Elder asked.

"I have no idea, but it's safe to say they're all grade nine geniuses." Another Elder said.

They already had this thought in mind, but now that they saw them in action, they confirmed their guesses.

Grey, Klaus, and Reynolds were the ones who drew the most attention. But from the looks of it, Alice was also on the same level as them.

"Why did five Phoenixes appear and one of them disappeared all of a sudden?" An Elder noticed the anomaly.

Void was too small, so when he appeared, they didn't know he appeared. He disappeared with one of the Phoenixes, due to how fast everything happened, some of the Elder felt there was an error.

"The formation has never made a mistake before." The middle-aged man said.

"Could it be that there are five of them?" An Elder asked.

"A Magical Beast hidden perhaps?"

"Most likely."

"How come it hasn't been sensed since?"

Chapter 1380 Where's It?

"What sort of Magical Beast do you think they brought in?" Someone asked.

"One with a top tier bloodline. Since the array wasn't able to sense it early on shows that it is quite adept at hiding itself. We weren't able to sense it as well." The middle-aged man said to the other Elders.

They all nodded. When they saw Grey, they didn't think that he had a Magical Beast on him. Well, neither did they sense the Seelie that was on Alice. But the case of Alice and the Seelie is different given the fact that they merged, unlike Grey's case that an entire Magical Beast was completely hidden from them.

"Did anyone get the strength of the last Phoenix that appeared?" An Elder asked.

No one could answer, Void left too early, taking it with him. Since they couldn't sense the cultivation stage of the Phoenix, there was no way they would be able to know just how powerful the Magical Beast is.

"It should be powerful since it's with them."

The Elders all continued their conversation.

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Meanwhile, Grey and his friends had started their battles with the Phoenixes.

These Phoenixes were stronger than anything they've faced so far. Klaus was having difficulties oppressing it with his ice as he had done all through the trial. Not just him, Reynolds and Alice as well.

But the Phoenixes didn't have it easy as well. They couldn't overpower their opponents which indicated that they were around the same strength.

Well... not all of them. Grey had the advantage over his opponent. It was easy to say that with his multiple elements, fighting someone on the same level wasn't really a fair fight for the other person. Grey was too versatile, making him a pain in the ass.

With his versatility, he could use multiple tricks, forcing his opponents into difficult situations in a short time.

Grey was used to fighting people stronger than he is, and even during those times, he still tends to get a certain type of advantage over them. Fighting a grade eight opponent of the same cultivation stage was a little different when compared to when he was fighting against those people who were stronger than he was. A grade eight opponent in the same stage as himself could accomplish some of the things he does, which includes fighting against opponents on a higher cultivation stage.

Grey didn't think too much about his opponent, he knew he had the advantage, and he was using it to the fullest.

The Phoenix was forced back from the start of the fight. Grey's attack power was stronger than its own, adding the fact that he could disappear and appear whenever and wherever he wanted, it made him a tough target.

The Phoenix kept missing its attacks while Grey's attacks came from unpredictable angles, forcing the Phoenix which was in the air lower to the ground.

Grey was making full use of his abilities, and the Phoenix was not able to keep up. Two inscriptions lit up the sky to add to Grey's already overwhelming arsenal.

With the inscriptions in place, the Phoenix slowly started to show signs of being completely suppressed by Grey. At this rate, it would not be able to last a few more minutes.

Grey was forcing his opponent back, beating it up, while the others were still struggling with theirs. They weren't oppressed by their opponents, but they didn't have the complete advantage like in Grey's case.

Klaus' defense made him a hard nut to crack, Reynolds and Alice's speed made them difficult to get a hold of. They kept attacking the Phoenixes, but these Phoenixes were also just as fast as they dodged most of the attacks coming their way.

Other than Grey who was having a field day, the rest were in a real tussle.

In no time, Grey managed to defeat his opponent. The Phoenix, after a long battle, was taken down by Grey and it soon turned into elemental particles that started to merge with Grey.

Grey wanted to move away, but he sensed that it was good. He didn't dodge it and allowed his body to be covered by the particles. After a few seconds, he absorbed all there was to be absorbed.

"Looks like I can't help them." He muttered after absorbing the elemental particles.

If he helps the others out, he might get a share in these spectacular particles. He didn't want his friends to miss out on this, and from the looks of things, he knew they would undoubtedly win.

"So long as they don't make any mistakes, they will be good."

Void suddenly appeared on his shoulder, "Defeated yours?"

"Light work, you?" Grey asked.

"Yeah. The particles are great stuff. Take more if you can." Void advised and vanished.

'Where are you going?' Grey had a bad premonition.

'I'm going to steal a little from their reserves. They won't even know.'

Void's voice sounded in Grey's ears and Grey felt like he had been struck by lightning.

'Fuck! Void don't steal anything! Wait until I've seen the array!' He panicked.

He didn't know much about the array, but he was afraid they might be kicked out if Void was caught stealing.

His intention hadn't been met yet, there was no way he was going to leave without checking out the array. As long as he could get a sense of the array, he would be able to understand a few things from it.

He had been studying the symbols he saw in the secret realm he visited the last time with the Giants. Although he hadn't been able to understand much from it, the few things he had understood were breathtaking. His eyes have been opened to another dimension of array formations he never knew was possible. If he could learn this as well, he would truly advance in his studies of formations.

He was still thinking on how to stop Void when the young lady and her group arrived.

They managed to get through the volcano after some minutes.

Seeing Grey standing idle, the young lady understood what happened, but she didn't want to believe it.

"Where's the Phoenix?"