

Affinity 1391

Chapter 1391 Klaus' Opportunity

Grey was about to walk away when he noticed Flint was walking out of the platform, "Still want to go?"

Flint shook his head and a wry smile appeared on his face, Grey saw his legs about to give way and quickly understood what was happening. Being forced to receive continuous attacks from Grey, Flint's body was on the verge of breaking down. Had he not accepted defeat, he would've done more damage to himself that would take a long time to fix.

Grey disappeared, taking Flint along with him. Flint had a certain pride, and Grey didn't want to be the one to squash it. He had already defeated him, but he liked how Flint finally realized there was no point in fighting and gave up, hence his current attitude towards him.

The Old man was about to react, but he sensed that Grey only took Flint to an area where no one else was present.

The middle-aged man also sensed this, but he had something else on his mind. He appeared on the platform and took a look at the young lady, before giving her a knowing smile.

The young lady, as if already knowing what the middle-aged man wanted stepped on the platform and looked straight at Klaus.

"You're my opponent." She declared.

Klaus, who was seated was stupefied when he heard this, "What? Who told you I'm willing to fight with you?"

"Your friend already showed what he has in store, wouldn't you want to do the same?" The young lady asked.

Klaus thought about it, and given the fact that Grey would steal all the shine if he didn't fight, he couldn't help but nod his head, "You're right, I should also try out my strength."

The young lady sighed when she saw that Klaus was willing to fight with her. As much as she was curious about his strength, she also knew that there was no way she would be able to beat him. She was not as deluded as Flint who would self-hypnotize himself into believing no one was superior to him. She knew how the world works and knew that there would always be someone stronger.

Well... in the case of Grey, she didn't know if that would be possible.

Grey stood with a calm and collected expression, his hands on his back as he looked at the young lady, "May I know your name?"

The young lady was taken aback, but she replied, "Aries."

"Nice name." Klaus complimented, "Well, I'm Klaus. Don't forget the name of the man who's going to make you famous just by being defeated by him."

Hearing Klaus, Aries realized Flint was not on the same level as Klaus when it came to self-hypnosis. Klaus was on a level of his own when it came to this.

It was genuinely shocking that someone as powerful as Klaus had such a habit.

Klaus, naturally, didn't know anything about what she was thinking about. His main priority was defeating her in style. He felt he would be able to show an even more dominant style compared to Grey.

He saw the battle and knew Grey held back to a certain extent. It had to do with Flint breaking through, but it was still a little sad that he didn't show off some of his strength. Klaus wasn't going to do the same.

Well, this depends on if Aries made the same breakthrough as Flint. If she makes the breakthrough, then he would let her advance, if not, he would beat her up.

The battle started and Aries attacked with the fire element. She was a Fire Elementalist, one of the best in the present day Phoenix Faction, among those in the younger generation.

Klaus, a Water Elementalist, was fighting a Fire Elementalist who was close to an active volcano that would increase all her attributes, yet he showed no fear.

He stood against her valiantly and blocked all the attacks she sent his way. His ice was impenetrable, no matter how much Aries attacks, she isn't able to break through it.

It was one thing when you're fighting against someone, it's another when you can't even break through their defenses. As long as Klaus doesn't make a move, she will never be able to win or even break through his defense. After her first three attacks, she knew there was no way she could break his defense.

Klaus, seeing that everyone was speaking about his lack of attacks, he decided to spice up the battle.

The entire arena started to freeze up as his domain came into play. Snow started to fall and with each one that touched Aries, she felt her body showing signs of freezing.

"Such intense cold... how is this possible?" The middle-aged man was stunned beyond words.

Klaus being able to use such an intense amount of cold was frightening. This shouldn't be possible for someone of Klaus' level.

"A grade nine expert, just how terrifying are they?" He asked himself.

The Firelord was known as a grade nine expert who roamed the world. His strength knew no bounds. He traveled to multiple places and his name shook the world.

With Grey and his friends being grade nine experts, will they have the same fate as the once famous Firelord?

The middle-aged man had a lot of questions, but there was no answer. These guys were shockingly powerful for their age, and there was still more hidden potential to be unlocked.

Aries called upon her fire domain as well. She knew against Klaus' ice domain, she would most likely turn into ice before she could even try to do anything.

Ice shards appeared in the sky and attacked Aries.

Aries used her fire element in a bid to block the attack, but she found out to her shock that the ice shards were not melting, even under her blazing hot flames. She couldn't melt the ice.

She found it strange, but continued attacking. After a while, she noticed the platform turn wet, and curiously looked below.

When she saw it, her heart tensed up. Klaus was turning the platform into the perfect ground for him to fight.

And just as she feared, the water on the platform started to show its use.

Klaus used the water to attack her, while also using ice attacks.

She decided to fly up since there was no way she could withstand the double attack.

Klaus went after her, attacking continuously in a calm manner. The difference in strength, just like in Grey and Flint's case was evident for all to see, Aries was on the losing end in this battle, and it was only a matter of time before she was defeated.

Aries was finally forced down after a snow storm pushed her down. The entire platform was shrouded with the storm, and when it died down, Aries was held up by ice, as her body from her chest down had been frozen, a large ice spear floated above her head, and Klaus could be seen sitting on the other side of the platform with a peaceful expression.

Other than those above the Venerable Plane, the others didn't see what transpired inside the snow storm.

The middle-aged man looked at Klaus, and then he looked at the Old man.

"Did you see that?" He asked.

The Old man nodded, his eyes almost closed, "These kids are all unique. How is his water and ice so different from that of a regular Water Elementalist?"

"Do you think the other two will have any special treats for us? The first two has already blown us away." The middle-aged man asked.

"There's no harm in trying. At least, we get to watch some entertainment." The Old man said.

The middle-aged man appeared on the platform and Klaus removed the ice holding Aries hostage.

"You did good." The middle-aged man said.

Aries nodded, she wasn't disappointed with her defeat, she already knew what awaited her. But to be honest, she did find the experience worth it. Now she understood why Flint was able to level up during the battle. These guys were just too strong.

Klaus smiled at her and turned to leave the platform.

The middle-aged man spoke up, "Since we've started out this way, why don't others come forward and challenge these young champions?"

A Peak Venerable jumped out almost immediately and pointed straight at Alice.

Alice was in the Eighth stage of the Venerable Plane, so it might be a little odd that someone at the Peak challenged her, but she still stood up and walked to the platform. She would never back down from a fight like this. Besides, she had seen Grey and Klaus show their strength, she wanted to see how well she would do.

On the side, Klaus and Reynolds started talking.

"Do you think they're testing us?" Klaus placed his hand on his chin.

"Isn't it obvious?"

"It is, I'm just curious as to why. We didn't offend them. It's okay if that guy tried to fight us, but these people, something isn't adding up."

Chapter 1392 Don't Give Her So Much Time

Outside the arena.

Grey took Flint away from the platform and watched him drop down to his knees, he was exhausted.

He was about to help out when the Old man appeared, he took a glance at Grey, and then at Flint. He picked Flint up and took him away, before heading back to the arena.

Grey found the Old man's behavior strange, but he didn't think too much about it. He wondered if he should go back to the arena or not. If he could stay somewhere that was peaceful, he would be able to study the array formation, but his friends were still in there.

From his speculation and the sound of fighting ongoing, he could tell that Klaus was fighting with someone.

"I better go back before they do something bad."

He didn't rush to go back, he was going through formation as he headed back. It hadn't been long he acquired the formation and he didn't get the chance to go through it before being challenged to a battle by Flint. Now that he wasn't going to fight anymore, he decided to check it out as he headed back.

By the time he got back to the arena, Klaus was no longer on the platform, rather, it was Alice who was fighting against someone at the Peak. This person isn't as powerful as the likes of Flint and Aries, but he was still a Peak Elemental Venerable.

Grey walked over to Klaus and Reynolds, "Why did you let her fight that guy?"

"Oh, you're back." Reynolds said, he looked at the platform and said, "She should be fine. Besides, she knows her limits."

Grey nodded and didn't say anything else.

Grey's appearance drew the attention of most of the people present in the arena, he was the reason they all came here in the first place. Seeing Grey and no sight of Flint, they were a little curious, but there was no way for them to confirm what happened. All they were certain of is that there was no way Grey was going to kill Flint in the Phoenix Faction.

Everyone soon turned their attention back to Alice and the young man who were fighting. The battle was heated up and the young man seemed to have the advantage from the start of the battle.

Alice wasn't making use of her Seelie from the start, rather, she was trying her natural strength. She was repeatedly on the back foot as the young man overwhelmed her.

Her opponent was a Dual Elementalist who had both the fire and wind element. This made him very dangerous thanks to his speed. The reason Alice was still in the fight was due to her lightning element which increases her speed as well.

The duo were flashing through the platform as they battled. Even though the young man had the advantage, Alice was not giving up without a fight.

Bang!

Alice was hit by an attack and was sent flying. She crashed into the platform, and the young man continued his assault. He could tell she was special just like her friends, so he wanted to end the battle before it got too late.

Alice, covered with lightning, shot up. But she was met with a powerful tornado which came from above, pushing her back to the ground.

Her body glowed with a bright light and she merged with her Seelie.

Boom!

She used both the ice ability of the Seelie and her fire element to attack the tornado, causing a large explosion. The impact of the attack made her take a few steps back.

The young man's gaze turned serious. He could tell this was her getting serious with the fight. As long as he could defeat her in this state as well, then he would be victorious. He didn't even want to think about the possibility of there being another state.

He attacked, but Alice blocked and countered. This time, his attack wasn't overwhelming hers, so she had all the chance to counterattack, unlike the first time.

The young man dodged the attack, and sent wind blades at Alice's direction.

Alice was technically two stages below the young man, but it was clear to see the duo were fairly even now that she had merged with her Seelie. At the current rate, it all depends on who could grasp a moment and take the advantage.

The young man was being careful not to give Alice that chance, while Alice, on the other hand, was attacking aggressively. She has never liked holding back when battling. She preferred attacking consistently, and since the young man was holding back, it was the chance she needed.

The young man kept his cool as he faced the repeated attacks from Alice. This was the first time he was showing signs of being on the back foot since the start of the battle. However, everyone watching knew that he was by no means on the back foot.

Both fighters are hoping their method would win them the battle.

Alice's constant attacks against the well-composed young man.

As time went on, it became evident that the battle was most likely going to stop there.

Grey shook his head and said, "Alice will win. Against anyone else, that guy would've won. But giving Alice a free reign to attack is a terrible thing to do."

"Yeah, especially with so much time as well." Klaus chipped in.

"He's not even trying to counter. Such a shame." Reynolds added.

All four friends knew what each other were capable of. Grey and Reynolds presently had the most explosive attacks, but Alice was no pushover either. Since she awakened her fire and ice domain, she rarely uses her lightning element, even though it was originally her dominant element.

In times like this, however, her lightning element comes into play. She would use the fire and ice element to soften her opponent, and when he unleashes the explosive attack of her lightning element, her opponent would be caught off guard.

And just as the friends thought, Alice used her fire and ice domain to strike.

The young man focused all his strength to block the domain attack, but his pupils constricted when he sensed danger.

Buzz! Bang!

Chapter 1393 Sit And Watch

A lightning bolt fell from the sky with frightening speed. Before the young man could react, he was enveloped by it.

Alice stopped her fire and ice domain attack and used the ice element to freeze the ground, freezing the young man's feet to the ground

She attacked with her fire element, sending him flying.

With a series of continuous attacks, she was able to take out someone that was on the same level as herself in terms of battle strength.

The young man had the cultivation stage advantage, but she made up for it with the help of her Seelie. The mistake the young man made was thinking he would be able to defend against her. He planned for a lot of things, except for her lightning element which other than boosting her speed, she hadn't used it so far for any form of attack. It was easy to assume her lightning element's attack power was minimal since she barely uses it.

The Old man and middle-aged man exchanged glances once again.

"These guys are just something else. What are people like them doing here?" The Old man couldn't help but ask.

"To train. It's understandable, given the talent they possess." The middle-aged man said.

"Aren't their Family or Faction leaders afraid to lose such talents?" The Old man would never allow his student to travel in such a manner without protection.

"They can't grow to their full potential if they're always being looked after. Danger brings out the hidden strength of geniuses. I believe they've faced a couple dangerous situations that made them the people they are today." The middle-aged man said. He understood the reason behind the Faction and Family leaders of the group letting them come out to train.

"I'll never put my student in such a situation." The Old man said.

"Hence his inability to defeat them." The middle-aged man's words hurt the Old man, but he pretended he didn't hear it.

"Time to check out the strength of the last one. I'm quite curious about his strength." The middle-aged man didn't mind the fact that the Old man was pretending not to hear.

When the Old man heard this, he nodded and looked into the crowds. He wanted to see who was best to challenge Reynolds, seeing the person who stepped out, he couldn't help but turn to the middle-aged, "Good choice."

"Of course, all opponents were carefully selected. This is the only person except Aries who can put up a fight against these grade nine kids. He's the only one who will not be defeated instantaneously." The middle-aged man nodded.

The young man who challenged Alice, and this young man stepping out were carefully selected by the middle-aged man. When he came out to give the announcement that battles would take place since they were already here, he transmitted his orders to the duo secretly, while also ensuring they were the first to come out after Aries and Klaus' battle ended.

The young man stood on the platform and pointed at Reynolds, "I'd like to test the strength of a foreigner, please."

The young man was polite in inviting Reynolds onto the platform.

Reynolds took a look at the young man and nodded. On his way, he turned to Klaus and asked to borrow the throne. Klaus, being Klaus, refused to give it to him.

Reynolds grumbled as he walked to the platform. When he arrived, the young man prepared to fight.

Reynolds, on the other hand, walked to the edge of the platform, sat down cross-legged and closed his eyes.

The young man was a little startled and he asked, "Foreigner, what's the meaning of this?"

Reynolds opened his eyes, when he saw how the young man was staring at him, he replied, "Oh, don't mind me, you can attack."

Reynolds wasn't making a move, and the young man felt disrespected by this. He attacked, sending a fire snake at Reynolds.

Reynolds was motionless. Just as the fire snake was about to hit him, a humanoid figure appeared and grabbed a hold of the snake. The snake struggled to break free from the grip, but it was impossible and it was destroyed.

When everyone saw the humanoid figure, they thought someone was helping Reynolds out, only after a few seconds did they understand what happened.

"An Elemental Warrior!" An exclamation came from the crowd.

Summoners are highly regarded anywhere, a high grade summoner even more.

Reynolds, being a summoner already gave him the advantage in this battle.

The Elemental Warrior that appeared had the strength of a Peak Venerable, the same as the young man.

The middle-aged man was surprised, he recalled when Reynolds was fighting with the Phoenix, he wore a strange armor.

'How come he isn't using it?'

The young man attacked once again, but he was on the same stage as the Elemental Warrior, defeating it with just casual attacks was out of the picture. His problem wasn't the Elemental Warrior, but Reynolds who was sitting quietly by the side.

Summoners could still fight while controlling their summons. An high grade summoner doesn't even have a need to control their summons, all they needed to do was mark the target.

There was only one target present, and it will naturally become the target of the Elemental Warrior.

The young man and the Elemental Warrior started to exchange blows. The fact that the Elemental Warrior could fight both a long and short range battle made it fearsome. One moment it was attacking from a distance, the next it was standing before him, using a short range attack.

On the side.

"No wonder he wanted the throne. So he wanted to show off. Such a pretender." Klaus said, but deep down he felt like crying. Just the thought of doing what Reynolds was doing thrilled him.

"He's just watching. The battle should be over by now. I see no point in playing this much." Grey said with folded arms.

"Yeah." Alice and Klaus nodded.

If Reynolds merged with his Elemental Warrior, he could use more power which will make him above the league of his opponent.

Chapter 1394 Learning From Klaus

Grey and the others watched as Reynolds was sitting on the same spot, motionless, while his Elemental Warrior fought with his opponent.

His opponent was inferior to the likes of Flint and Aries, so even though Reynolds didn't go full power on him, there was no way he would be able to fight on equal footing as the Elemental Warrior. It only took a few minutes and the young man started to crumble under the consistent attacks of the Elemental Warrior.

He was eventually defeated after a few more minutes. There was no point in fighting on, so when he realized he could win, he accepted defeat and gave up, giving Reynolds a simple victory.

Reynolds acted bored as he sat on the platform, "I still have time, why don't another person come forward to try their luck?"

When the crowd heard his words, a few of them wanted to make a fuss about his pride, but then thinking about how he was able to effortlessly defeat the young man who was his previous opponent, they couldn't help but swallow down their words.

Reynolds was powerful, and the strong had the right to be proud. Everyone present who was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane dropped their heads, none of them wanted to try their strength against Reynolds. They were not as strong as the person he just defeated, so what was the point of coming out?

Reynolds was a little surprised when he didn't see anyone step forward.

"Alright, I'll fight two on one." He added to his initial statement.

The eyes of a few people lit up. One of the main reasons they felt the young man lost against Reynolds was due to his presence. The young man couldn't put his entire focus on the Elemental Warrior due to Reynolds, but with two people present, it was a different story. Reynolds was only in the Eighth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, and the Elemental Warrior was at the Peak.

If one of them fights off the Elemental Warrior, the other person can easily take Reynolds out. With Reynolds defeated, the Elemental Warrior will naturally disappear.

Different discussions started in the stands. Some people felt Reynolds, just like Klaus was too proud. While others felt there was a reason behind Reynolds' words and he was confident he could defeat them.

Others believed Reynolds was joking.

Their speculations died down when two people at the Peak stepped on the platform. A young man and a young lady, but Fire Elementalist at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane. They were on the same grade as the young man whom Reynolds defeated a few minutes ago, both grade three experts.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior had the strength of a grade six expert at the Peak of the Venerable Plane. A difference of three grades was quite massive, but against two opponents, unless he was like Grey who had a lot of tricks under his belt, it would be difficult to defeat the duo with just that strength.

The young man and lady stood on either side of the Elemental Warrior, but prepared to attack.

Reynolds, who had always been seated, finally stood up.

"Don't be in a hurry, since there are two of you, I need a little power up." He said with a smile.

The duo didn't attack as they waited for him to power up according to him.

Reynolds appreciated their patience and walked over to where the Elemental Warrior was standing, he ran his finger across the body of the Elemental Warrior before chuckling and walking into the body of the Elemental Warrior.

Those watching were stunned beyond words when they saw this. This was the first time they were seeing a Summoner enter their summons.

"What's happening?" An Elder asked.

"He's merging with it." The Old man and middle-aged man replied at the same time, their expressions as serious as it could be.

Each one of the four friends have shown abilities unlike no other. They are all unique and they use abilities that would shake the cultivation world.

"How did they become like this?" The middle-aged man was shaken.

The Old man was just as astounded as the middle-aged man. If he were told he would witness such geniuses in this lifetime, he would've never believed it.

As they watched, Reynolds fully merged with the Elemental Warrior.

The Elemental Warrior disappeared from view and Reynolds, donned in silver armor appeared before everyone. His eyes had lightning arcs flashing through them. It was a sight to behold.

The aura Reynolds gave off scared the duo who originally felt they had a chance against him.

The young man he defeated the last time didn't feel any sense of shame being beaten in such a manner. If anything, he was grateful for Reynolds for showing him mercy and giving him face. If Reynolds had used this technique from the start, he would've blown him away with only a few moves. Just the thought of it frightened him.

The duo who were facing Reynolds felt like crying, they didn't expect his power up to be by this much. They felt even if he could increase his strength, it still wouldn't be able to match up to their combined strength, but with what they could feel, they knew the chances of them being able to defeat him was almost zero.

The duo exchanged glances and couldn't help but feel a little excitement. Fighting people of this caliber always tends to be thrilling. Geniuses like these could always stimulate their opponents, making them grow stronger. Therefore, even though they were weaker, there was a good chance they could improve. They all saw how Flint leveled up during the fight with Grey, and couldn't help but think if something like that could happen to them too.

"Ready?"

Reynolds asked after fully merging with the Elemental Warrior. The reason he didn't speak early was because he was giving them time to take in his look. After hanging out with Klaus so much, he had picked up a thing or two.

Chapter 1395 Intense Battle

Grey and Klaus felt their eyes twitch repeatedly.

"Beat him up when we're leaving?" Klaus looked at Grey.

Grey nodded, he was willing to indulge Klaus this time. Reynolds was showing off too much. For some reason, this entire trial has been a means for Klaus and Reynolds to show off. Even Alice wasn't an exception. Due to the blazing performances of her friends, she couldn't be left out which made her show off to a certain extent.

Of all of them, Grey could be said to be the only one who acted naturally. Well, given the fact that he was always the first to make a move, which would in turn set a high bar for the others to attempt.

Reynolds didn't know the plans his friends had for him, he was more focused on dominating his opponents.

The duo attacked, charging at Reynolds with flaming swords.

Reynolds created a lightning spear and started an epic battle with them. Elementalists rarely fight in this manner, so it was a great sight for those watching as it was something fresh.

While watching, most of the Elementalists recalled their days before they got to the Arcane Plane. During those days, they couldn't manipulate the elements outside their body. Other than using the elemental essence to strengthen their bodies, there was no way to use elemental attacks.

For those in the Aurora Continent, they don't really have much experience with this since they blaze through the first two Planes due to the abundance of essence present here. But for those like Grey and his friends who grew up in the Azure Continent with lesser essence, their first journeys always have to do with them heading out without being able to use elemental attacks. How well one could strengthen themselves with the elements determines how strong they are.

"Rey has the advantage in both speed and strength. Adding the fact that he had a longer time fighting with weapons, he shouldn't have a problem quickly defeating them." Grey speculated.

Klaus and Alice also felt the same way, but they didn't come to a conclusion since they knew nothing was certain.

On the platform.

Things went just how Grey said it would. Reynolds was using his superior speed and strength to get the better of his opponents. The fact that he was also using a spear made it even more terrifying for his opponents. They could barely get close to him while due to his long range of attack, he is able to strike them.

"At this rate, they will lose even before the start of the fight." The middle-aged man said.

The duo, as if they could hear what the middle-aged man said, changed their tactic. From swords, they started attacking with flaming arrows. They knew there was no way they could get close to Reynolds, so they started using long range attacks.

Reynolds tried to close the gap between them, but they kept their distance as they started to use long range attacks.

'I thought I'd be able to play a little longer. Guess I have to go with the flow too.'

Reynolds stopped trying to get close to them and multiple lightning bolts fell from the sky. He used the technique, lightning rain.

When he was still at the Lunar Academy, he attempted learning this technique, but it was one of the top lightning techniques in the Faction that was very difficult to master. Grey caught the hang of it very quickly, and so did Alice, although a little slower than Grey.

Reynolds learned it a little slower, but he was able to learn it. With his current strength, he could cause a continuous lightning rain for a few days if he wills it. Of course, it would expend a large amount of essence, but it's something he can work with.

The lightning rain forced the duo into a corner, but they were covered with flames as they both made use of their domains.

Reynolds, seeing this also used his domain. The domain of the duo clashed with his, while he sent bolts of lightning at them.

A large lightning snake flashed through the sky as it opened its mouth and tried to swallow the duo.

The duo knew if they were caught in that attack, it would be the end for them. They steeled their minds and created two large fire dragons that charged towards the lightning snake.

The attacks crashed into each other, causing a large explosion. The impact of the attack rampaged on the platform.

Reynolds, being the superior one stood on the same spot, not moving an inch.

The duo were forced to take some steps back.

This was their strongest attacks, but even when combined, they were only able to just barely block Reynolds' attack. They knew for sure that this was not Reynolds' strongest attack.

They started to have a feeling of doubt. If Reynolds used an even stronger attack, they were finished.

Reynolds looked at them, he chuckled and attacked once again. There was no point delaying any further.

The duo prepared for this attack, they wanted to make use of their domains for this attack.

A lightning snake appeared once again. This time, it was larger than what it used to be, the attack power was more than the previous one.

The duo created the fire dragons once again, thus time, their domains were placed inside it.

The fire dragons were stronger than the previous one, just like Reynolds' own.

Boom!

The attacks struck each other and a powerful shockwave spread across the entire platform.

Everyone watching stared at the platform with curious eyes. They didn't think the battle would be this intense. This was the strongest clash so far.

Grey overpowered his opponent, so did Klaus. Alice fought with her opponent due to being at a disadvantage, while Reynolds was fighting against two people.

The attack died down and the platform came to view once again.

Reynolds was standing on the same spot, while the duo were both on the edge of the platform, both breathing heavily. Blood could be seen on the side of their mouths.

Chapter 1396 Meeting The Faction Leader Of The Phoenix Faction

Reynolds and the duo stood on the platform. Reynolds was still in the same condition, but the duo were finding it hard to catch their breath. Blood was dripping from the side of their mouth as they tried to breathe.

They looked at Reynolds, both stunned beyond words. They never thought Reynolds would still be able to overwhelm them even with their combined strength. Yes, they saw that Reynolds' attack had an increased strength, but they also increased the strength of their attack and still weren't able to get the advantage over him.

"He's too strong." One of them said.

The other one nodded. He was also confident they would be able to at least fight Reynolds to a draw.

Reynolds looked at the duo, he didn't feel strange by the fact that they survived the attack. To be fair, he knew there was no way he would be able to defeat them with just that strike. However, just like the duo, he was a hundred percent certain that he would defeat them.

"Still want to go?" He asked with a calm expression.

The duo nodded and prepared to attack. They've come to understand that giving Reynolds the chance to attack was a grave mistake, so the best option was to be the one taking the lead. As long as they didn't give Reynolds the chance to unleash his dreaded attacks, they would be safe, and the battle might tilt to their side.

Reynolds saw them and lightning arcs appeared around him on the platform. He was making use of his domain, while also using the Elemental Warrior.

The duo made use of their domains as well as they attacked.

Multiple fire blades shot towards Reynolds.

Reynolds created a lightning screen to block the attack, but the screen broke after receiving multiple attacks.

Reynolds was aware the screen wouldn't be enough, his aim was to stop the attack, giving himself time to move away from the targeted spot.

His plan was successful since he got the chance to dodge the attack, while also countering with lightning bolts.

The duo didn't try to dodge the lightning bolts, rather, they made sure to use their fire element and their domains to block against the attack.

Boom!

The attacks collided, causing an explosion.

Reynolds moved into the middle of the explosion and unleashed more lightning attacks at the duo. The duo followed Reynolds' lead and jumped into the dust from the explosion, attacking with everything they had.

Other than Alice's battle, this was the most intense battle. And unlike Alice's battle, Reynolds had the advantage, but the duo were still fighting due to sheer determination. Given the impact of attacks they've received while going toe to toe with Reynolds, they should've given up by now, but they didn't want to.

To the duo, this was their chance to improve from pressure, and they didn't want to miss this chance.

Reynolds was forcing them back with each attack, but they continued coming back.

As the battle progressed, Reynolds started to show signs of losing his temper. He had been holding back since he didn't want to accidentally kill the duo, but with them not wanting to give up, he wanted to crush them and be over with it.

Reynolds' mood changed, which also affected the strength of his attack. At this point, he wasn't holding back any further and his attack power has seen a significant increase.

The duo he was fighting didn't sense the difference until they were hit by his attack. This time, they weren't able to block the attack and were both sent flying. One of them left the platform completely, but the other was able to stay inside with the help of the other one.

"You can't fight me on your own." Reynolds said when he saw just one of them left, blood dripping from the side of his mouth.

"Since we challenged you together, he can come back to the platform. We haven't been defeated yet." The young lady said.

The young man sacrificed more injuries to ensure the young lady stayed inside the platform. This will give them a chance to continue their battle with Reynolds.

Reynolds laughed and his figure flashed through the platform, like a lightning bolt, he appeared close to the young lady and attacked. His attack power was beyond what the young lady could defend against on her own.

The young lady's figure was sent flying, but Reynolds saw another person standing on another side.

"You guys don't care about your safety, do you?" Reynolds spoke, a little dissatisfied with how persistent the duo were.

"We'll..."

The young man was about to reply, however, he shut up when he saw a bolt of lightning headed his way.

He tried to defend against the lightning.

Things didn't go according to his plan when he saw that the lightning bolt wasn't actually a lightning bolt but Reynolds himself.

The young man, who wasn't at his peak was left speechless. He tried to block the attack, but the force was beyond what he could handle. A Peak Venerable appeared, but neither of them stopped their battles. They both were confident in their abilities.

Reynolds' strike sent the young man flying. The young lady tried to get back on the platform, but it was already too late as both of them had been sent out of the platform.

The young lady stepped on the platform, but both figures were outside the platform, so it was Reynolds' victory.

"You tried, but I believe you know I will win." Reynolds said to the young lady.

The young lady felt dissatisfied at the ease with which Reynolds was able to beat the two of them.

'He's too strong.' She said with a sigh of defeat.

There was no way for her to defeat Reynolds, and since she wasn't able to get on the platform before her counterpart was eliminated, it was over for them.

She wanted to try to slow Reynolds down since the victor hadn't been declared yet, but she didn't stay on the platform for more than a few seconds before she was also sent flying by Reynolds.

Reynolds smiled and looked at the middle-aged man who appeared on the platform to announce the winner.

After being declared the winner, Reynolds left the platform and went back to his friends.

"Where did you go to?" He asked when he saw Grey.

The other two looked at Grey, waiting for his reply.

Grey didn't hide anything from them and told his how he took Flint away from here before he fell to the ground.

"How honorable." Klaus commented.

"Yes, very honorable." Reynolds added.

"Well, there's no point letting him pass out here. Besides, I was already victorious. That's enough." Grey knew why they were speaking in such a manner.

"That's your choice. I don't like cocky people, so I wouldn't mind putting him down here." Klaus shrugged.

"That's because you're an evil person." Alice said.

Klaus grinned, not denying her statement.

With the four showing off their abilities, others came up on stage to show off their abilities as well, fighting against anyone they felt like. Other than Alice who fought above two stages, no one else repeated such a feat. In short, the things the four friends did were not repeated by anyone else as the battle went on.

Klaus and Reynolds started to feel bored and wanted to leave, but there was no way Grey was going to miss out on the chance of getting a few tips on the array formation. He was waiting for the battles to be over before he heads over to meet up with the middle-aged man and tell him to fulfill his promise.

They stayed there for a few hours before the battle was finally over.

Everyone left, but Grey and his friends sat in the same place, staring at the middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man seemed to understand why Grey was staring at him and he walked over to them.

"You want what was promised, don't you?" He asked Grey.

Grey nodded.

"To be fair, that's all on the Faction Leader, but I'll make sure he helps you with it. What he impacts to you depends on how he sees you." The middle-aged man didn't hide the fact that he didn't have the power to impact the knowledge to Grey, but he also made him aware that he would be able to help out to ensure he got what he was promised.

Grey didn't see anything wrong with the man's words, he knew that was how some Factions were, and the Leader was the one with most of the power.

"Uncle... you're really going to take him to see Teacher?" Aries asked when the middle-aged man walked over to where she was.

"Yes, what's the point in going back on my word?" The middle-aged man didn't see anything wrong with it.

"But... that's the Firelord's secret formation and something available only to the Phoenix Faction." Aries tried to argue.

"Don't worry, I know what I'm doing." The middle-aged man said and invited Grey and his friends over to go meet with the Faction Leader.

Chapter 1397 Against The Elders

The middle-aged man was surprised at how easy it was for Grey to follow him. Grey didn't hesitate which he found odd. Anyone who is cautious enough should be hesitant to head over to see a Faction Leader of a Faction of the level of the Phoenix Faction, but Grey, nor his friends showed any signs of fear.

'I guess they're already used to seeing leaders of such powerful Factions.' The middle-aged man came to a conclusion in his head as he took them there.

Aries followed along, after all, they were going over to see her Teacher.

A few minutes later, they were all in a secluded building in the Phoenix Faction.

The middle-aged man led them into the room, and a man, identical to the middle-aged man, was seated crossed leg on a futon.

"Brother, they are you." The middle-aged man said and walked to sit at the side.

The man seated on the futon opened his eyes to stare at Grey and his friends. This was the first time the group were seeing such a figure, but when he opened his eyes, they all felt like they had been sucked into his world, a fiery world with Phoenixes soaring across the sky. It was both beautiful and deadly at the same time. Nevertheless, none of them showed any fear as they watched the soaring Phoenixes in the fiery world.

"Four tremendously talented geniuses, I wonder where you are from." The man opened his mouth to speak after a short moment of silence.

"We're humbled to be in your presence, My Lord." Klaus was the one who spoke up with a bow. Among the friends, he was the one who knew more about etiquettes since his father was a Mayor of a City and he got to meet with important figures all the time during his stay in the Azure Continent.

"We're from the Western Continent and are traveling across the other parts of the Aurora Continent to learn a thing or two from other cultures." Klaus continued, "I'm Klaus Ealdian, that's Alice Reiss, Reynolds Orvyn, and that's Grey Dawson."

Klaus introduced the group one by one to the Leader of the Phoenix Faction.

When Grey was introduced, there was a reaction from the man, as well as the middle-aged man.

"That Grey Dawson?" The man asked calmly.

"The one and only." Klaus replied with a smile.

"I see, Lucas is the greatest genius to have appeared over the past five hundred years in the Aurora Continent, it's normal for his son to surpass him." The Faction Leader squinted his eyes, now, they didn't seem all too shocked at Grey's abilities.

Lucas Dawson is famous across the entire Continent. A generational genius who managed to rock the world at a young age. He was someone that grew to fame very quickly. His son however seems to be miles ahead of him. Lucas Dawson is well-known in the Aurora Continent, but everyone knows that the Gnome race has issued a kill order on Grey's head. That is more telling compared to his father's antics.

"I never expected Grey Dawson to visit my Faction. Since you're here, I believe it's only right that I give you a few pointers." The Faction Leader's cold expression died down and he looked at Grey in a different way, "I have something for everyone of you."

Seeing the expression of the group as well as his student, Aries, he couldn't help but laugh and add, "I have some close relationship with your father, Grey. If he knew you were coming here, he would've told you to come see me."

"Oh, so that's how it is."

The others came to a realization. They initially felt the Faction Leader was trying to be nice to Grey due to knowing his father was a top powerhouse, but from the looks of it, it seems they had a good relationship.

The Faction Leader recalled something and said, "Also, don't let that old guy know you're Lucas' son. He still hasn't gotten over the fact that he was beaten so many times by your father. He's very vengeful and might want to beat you up in your father's stead."

"He beat up the old guy's student too." The middle-aged man chuckled from the side.

"Oh, that's interesting." The Faction Leader smiled in amusement. Grey's father beat up the Old man, and now Grey beat up the Old man's student.

It looked like an unending cycle of the Old man getting defeated repeatedly. If the Old man were to find out about this, he would seek justice for his student, and mostly himself. He was a shameless figure who wouldn't mind beating Grey up. Of course, he wouldn't want to get on the nerves of Lucas, so he would only give him some superficial injuries.

"Actually, I was promised something else." Grey said. He didn't want the Faction Leader to forget about this since he was saying he wanted to give them pointers.

The Faction Leader smiled and said, "Don't worry, I'm aware of that. I would've had some reservations if it was someone else, but you're different, so I'll give you a few tips. Not much, but it should help you with some of the basics."

Grey thanked him after getting the confirmation the Faction Leader would give him tips on the array formation.

The Faction Leader soon got to work. There was nothing else to talk about. He wanted to give Grey and Alice a few pointers on the fire element.

Alice and Grey benefited from his pointers, after all, he was the leader of the top fire elemental Faction around. And since the Faction was created by the legendary Firelord, it's normal for it to possess fire elemental techniques unique only to it.

Klaus and Reynolds didn't know what to do as they watched Grey and Alice being tutored by such an expert and started to pick a few things from whatever the man was teaching them. The thing about these things is that all elements are intertwined and one could use the teachings from one element to bolster their other elements. Take for instance, Klaus, being a Water Elementalist and also an ice user could take into the account the method of heating up a flame and use it to make his ice even colder.

It was more like a difference in their elements. As long as it involved the manipulation of their elements, there was no way he couldn't use it as well. Reynolds used the same for his lightning element, making his attacks pack more power compared to how it used to be.

In short, the training session benefited all four of them. When the Faction Leader saw how the other two were learning from it, he started to show them a few more things as well, different from what he was teaching Alice and Grey. It would be better for the duo to work with this than what they were trying to do from what he was telling Alice and Grey.

The duo benefited better from this than when they were learning from what he was teaching Grey and Alice.

A few hours later, Grey was taken to another place.

Klaus and the others were left on their own.

"He's going to teach him about the array?" Reynolds found it a bit odd the Faction Leader would be willing to give out such important information.

"Well, since he has a good relationship with Grey's father, he might not see anything wrong with it." Alice replied.

"He's the Faction Leader, not the one with complete monopoly of the Faction. There are still Elders he would need to consult for things like this." Klaus said.

"Don't worry about your friend getting that information, my brother will make sure he tells him a thing or two." The middle-aged man who overheard their conversation said.

"Uncle, the Elders will not agree to this." Aries spoke up.

"And who says they're going to know about it?" The middle-aged man raised a brow.

Aries understood they wanted to teach Grey these things without the knowledge of the Elders.

Thinking about it, she knew it was something her Teacher and Uncle could do. This was not the first time they were doing things that were not accepted by the Elders. The only reason they could still do something like this is because in the end, the decisions made by the duo have always come out to be very good for the Faction. The Phoenix Faction is one that thrived due to making connections with geniuses and powerhouses. With a figure like Grey, and given who his father is, it's not odd that the Faction Leader and his brother are willing to take the gamble on him.

As long as Grey didn't meet an untimely death, he would grow to become one of the strongest experts in the Faction, it was something everyone is aware of. However, with the Gnomes wanting him dead, he was in danger of getting killed pretty quickly.

Chapter 1398 Unique Individual

In a secret room.

"What do you know about the formation?" The Faction Leader asked Grey.

Grey looked at him before telling him all he got from the short time he studied the array.

The Faction Leader was stumped beyond words when he heard Grey's words. The things Grey told him about were basically what he planned to teach him. If he taught Grey just those things, it would be difficult for Grey to fully utilize the array since that was just the beginning of it and it required more complexity. He never thought Grey already had the basic knowledge which means he had to tell him about a more complex part of it.

'If I teach him just one part, with his brain, I'm certain he will be able to notice that I omitted a few things.' The Faction Leader was in a dilemma.

The plan was to teach Grey the basics, but Grey already knows this. If he taught Grey anything more intricate, Grey might be able to eventually figure out how the array works in the future.

'There are a few secrets I'll have to keep. I'm sorry kid, you'll have to do the rest on your own.' The Faction Leader concluded.

Grey noticed the Faction Leader was lost in thoughts and didn't interrupt him. He knew what the Faction Leader was about to do was not good for his Faction, but he was still willing to teach him despite the issues it might cause.

After a while, the Faction Leader went on to teach Grey the few things he felt were enough. It didn't expose too much of the secrets behind the array formation, but it was enough for Grey to grasp it over time. But he was confident it would take a long period, maybe a few hundred years before Grey gets the core of the array.

However, things started to take a turn after he told Grey the first step. Apparently, this was something Grey had been thinking about for a while since he had the entire core array drawn in his head. When the Faction Leader spoke to him about the issue, Grey was not only able to quickly grasp it, but he was able to link it to three other aspects of the array formation which scared the hell out of the Faction Leader.

The three things Grey understood were among the few things the Faction Leader was willing and also not willing to show him. One was something that took him over ten years of study, and also with the help of the older Elders to understand, yet Grey was able to get it with just a hint.

The Faction Leader concluded Grey was a scary individual and someone also worth investing in. The biggest investment in the world is human investment. Find someone with a good potential, invest in them, and reap the benefits in a few years time. This was something the Phoenix Faction and a few other top Factions and Families has been doing since time immemorial. They all have a few people they've invested in due to the potential they see in them.

Grey is someone even an enemy would want to invest in just to make sure they were on good terms. A genius both on and off the battlefield was a rare sight.

For a moment, the Faction Leader was stunned beyond words when he heard Grey's analysis. It was evident that Grey had been trying to bypass this particular issue for a while now, and after being given a hint that isn't even directly relating to that issue, he was able to dissect it due to the fact that an array formation is intricately linked. So understanding one part of the formation will help him understand more parts of it.

The Faction Leader thought about it and he suddenly became curious, just how freakish is Grey?

With that thought in mind, he continued teaching Grey about the array formation while purposely omitting more information. This time, he didn't give Grey the obvious hints like the last time, but he was left speechless at Grey's attention to detail. With each of Grey's responses, it was like he could see the array formation in front of him and it was slowly being taken apart one piece at a time to understand how it works. To a certain extent, the Faction Leader saw new things he hadn't seen in the array formation before and he was also able to understand some things that he had always been confused about.

It was a strange feeling. To a certain extent, it was as if he wasn't teaching Grey, but they were both trying to unravel the same secrets and each was bringing out what they understood about it. Time went on and before the Faction Leader knew it, the short lesson he had in mind for Grey was long discarded as he was also learning from Grey's words and perspective on the array formation.

Time went by and the next day soon came.

Grey and the Faction Leader spoke throughout the night, and even when it was dawn the next morning, they still weren't done with the conversation. The array formation was so complex that even with Grey's input and the Faction Leader's knowledge, they still weren't able to cover five percent of it.

One has to know that they were only still speaking about the core of the formation. Grey had some insights thanks to the array he had been studying since leaving the secret realm, which came as a help to the Faction Leader.

The Faction Leader was the one who did most of the unraveling, but Grey's input cannot be undermined. His thinking process was completely different from whatever the Faction Leader had seen which made it possible to see a new part of the array formation he had been missing.

The middle-aged man and Aries were both shocked at the length at which Grey and the Faction Leader were speaking. They originally felt it wouldn't take more than an hour or two, but it had been over twelve hours, and the duo were speaking enthusiastically.

They looked at Grey's friends and didn't see a surprised expression on their faces.

Sensing the middle-aged man's gaze, Klaus laughed and said, "The mistake you guys made is to think he's like every normal person. You've seen him fight, do you think he used up to fifty percent of his strength?"

The middle-aged man was dumbstruck by Klaus' question. How could one who trained so much to become a master Elementalist still have the time to become such an expert in the art of array formations. From how lost the Faction Leader is, and the occasional excited screams he makes, the middle-aged man knew that he was understanding some things that had been proving difficult for him. What he couldn't understand is how Grey was able to make this possible.

Grey is a youngster who was still in his twenties, yet his insight on arrays has gotten to such a frightening level. If not for the fact that he could tell Grey's age from his bones, he would've never agreed to him being this young.

Klaus and the others were freaks, but it was clear that they only focused on being freakish Elementalist. Grey on the other hand was different, he was a freak at everything he does.

If they knew about Grey's exploits in battle, they would be astounded by his battle knowledge. Grey was too young for the abilities he possesses. This is something he knows, which is why he always tries to ensure he doesn't go overboard whenever he's doing things like this.

Seeing Grey and the Faction Leader talking, the middle-aged man looked at Grey's friends and asked.

"Can you tell us how he trains?" He asked curiously.

"No one knows how he trains. But he trains more than the regular Elementalist. That's clear for all to see." Klaus explained, "Not just that, but he has always been curious towards arrays, so he learns about to to whatever end."

Klaus didn't spill any information about Grey, only speaking about basic things like how much he liked training and learning about arrays.

The middle-aged man looked in the direction Grey was and then at Klaus and the others.

As if he could tell what the man was thinking, Klaus raised both hands, "Don't look at us, we're not like him. Who has the time to train both their elements and also master arrays. You can only be one of either, Grey is unique, as you can see."

The middle-aged man nodded, he knew Grey was unique. He didn't need anyone to tell him Grey was unique. Even a blind man could tell Grey was unique. It was just so shocking to see someone of Grey's caliber in person.

Grey was shattering everything he knew about geniuses which he found crazy. If he were to continue watching Grey, he might pass out.

Chapter 1399 Raid

Grey had spent two more days with the Phoenix Faction Leader, speaking nonstop on the array formation. In the end, they were only able to uncover a few more things about it. As they unraveled things about the early stages of the array, it started to get even more complex the deeper they went.

Grey got to understand why the Faction Leader and the Elders of the Phoenix Faction hadn't been able to understand the array even after so long. This was an extremely complex array that required a long period to understand. With what Grey understood, there was no way he would be able to set up the

formation. Even making an easy form of it was impossible, there was no easy form of this particular array, you either get it or you don't.

Klaus was getting bored waiting for Grey so he went to the City close by with the others to have fun.

There was nothing special about the city. Other than the Faction that was close by, there was nothing else to do around.

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In the Phoenix Faction.

Aries looked at the bored Klaus and asked, "Do you want to follow us for a raid?"

Klaus' ears perked up when he heard this, and he nodded, a look of curiosity appeared on his face, "You guys go for raids?"

Aries chuckled when she heard this and replied, "Occasionally. Mostly when we're bored. There's a group of bandits that usually nest close to a volcano."

"The volcano is in the woods and close to a path in the forest. They would come up and you know, rob."

"We've been getting reports of kidnaps going on there lately, so we want to go check it out. I've been delaying it, but since you guys are here, and Grey's working with my Teacher, I don't mind taking you guys there."

Klaus turned to Alice and Reynolds who both nodded. They were also in support of heading out for the raid.

Aries took that as the go ahead and took them out of the Faction once again, heading towards the woods.

They disguised themselves so as not to give away their identity and make the bandits come out. Klaus was dressed elegantly while the others were dressed as his guards and servants.

Klaus played his part to the peak as he would occasionally cuss at Reynolds. Reynolds didn't have the chance to speak back since he was technically a guard. Although he couldn't speak back, it didn't mean he can't get back at Klaus while doing his duty as a guard.

He would occasionally swing the spear in his hand which would then go on to hit Klaus' head.

"Fuck! If not for my father I would've killed such a stupid pig!" Klaus fumed when Reynolds did it again.

Reynolds dropped his head as Klaus continued cussing at him. Klaus was about to hit him when a group stepped out of the bushes.

"My Lord, you shouldn't be yelling this much. Don't you know you might attract bandits?" One of the people who just came out from the bush said with a sarcastic smile.

"Who are you to tell me what to do? Get the hell out of my sight, clowns!" Klaus turned to the person that spoke and yelled at him.

He looked at the others and seeing how they were dressed, he asked, "Are you guys going for a show? I'll pay good money to watch you guys fool yourselves."

The mouth of the man who spoke twitched when he heard Klaus' words. They were clearly dressed like bandits, yet Klaus was saying they were clowns. It was clear he didn't take into account what they could do to them.

In the group of bandits, three of them were at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, while five were in the Ninth and Eighth stage.

Aries didn't bring anyone else with them so they were clearly outnumbered. Of course, these people at the Peak couldn't be measured with Klaus, Reynolds, and Aries' level, but they were still at the Peak, nonetheless.

With eight members in the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane, this could be said to be a deadly force in the woods. There were still around ten that were in the Early and Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"Kid, I don't think you know what's good for you, if not, you would've shut your mouth." One of the bandits at the Peak said.

"Shut up! What do you know, swine!" Klaus cursed and even picked up a small rock and tossed it at the man.

The rock hit the man's head, but it wasn't painful. Although other Elementalists are not like Grey who has trained his physical body so high, they were still Elementalists and their bodies benefit from housing elemental essences. The essences strengthen their bodies and they become stronger. A stone from Klaus wouldn't be able to hurt a Peak Elemental Venerables, unless the throw was enforced with the elements.

The man looked at Klaus, his eyes twitching from anger.

"What Family are you from? They better be rich, if not, I'll personally make sure you beg for death." The man said.

Klaus looked at him and smirked, "What does my Family being rich have to do with you? So what if they're not rich, what will you do?"

"I'll... Why am I explaining to you?" The man wanted to tell Klaus what he would do to him, but then he realized something and felt angered, he looked at those in the Early and Mid stages, "Seize them. Keep most of them alive. The more we have, the better we can benefit from this."

Klaus was already waiting for them to come close. He wanted to make sure they took out as many as they could from the first attack. This will tilt the battle over to their side.

With the numbers on the side of the bandits, they had the advantage. But if they could take out a few of the top powerhouses, or take out most of the weaker Elementalists, they will be able to shorten the gap.

The Early and Mid stage bandits rushed over to where Klaus and the others were standing, all with grins on their faces. Some of the men had their eyes on Alice and Aries. They were both beautiful, so it was normal for these people to have their eyes on them.

Alice and Aries felt disgusted with the way the men were staring at them. Before Klaus and Reynolds could even react, the duo had killed three of the men that went close to them.

Klaus spread out his domain and froze those who were close to him. Reynolds sent lightning bolts at the few who were close to him.

In the space of a second, ten Early and Mid stage bandits were incapacitated by the group of four. One has to know that even though the group of ten weren't making any attempts to defend, it was still a shocking feat to achieve. The fact that they were taken care of within such a short time was baffling.

The trio at the Peak of the Venerable Plane were stunned. They couldn't comprehend what just happened. Their underlings were killed before them and they couldn't even make any moves.

"You filthy clowns tried to touch me, you have another thing coming." Klaus pushed the head of one of the bandits he froze and the bandit fell to the ground, shattering after making contact with the ground.

"What are you looking at? Do you want to experience the same thing?" Klaus looked at the trio at the Peak in a threatening manner.

When they disguised themselves, they originally hid their true cultivation stage, but now, there was no need to hide it.

The trio at the Peak realized they had been tricked by this group of four, but they quickly relaxed their minds when they sensed the cultivation stage of the group. Even though there were two at the Peak, the other two only had the strength of an Eighth stage Elemental Venerable. They might be stronger than the regular Eighth stage and Peak Venerables, but they were still outnumbered.

Two Peak Venerables will be able to kill one of the duo at the Peak, and then two Ninth stage Venerables will team up with the other Peak Venerable at the side of the bandits and fight against the second Peak Venerable on Klaus' side.

This was the plan that came to them when they saw the strength of the four of them.

"What's the point of showing your strength? You'll still get kidnapped by us, and we will make sure to make you suffer for killing our brothers." One of the Peak Venerable bandits said coldly.

"Do you think you can beat us?" Klaus asked mockingly, a grin on his face.

The man looked at him and turned to the other man at the Peak, "We'll take this brat."

Chapter 1400 Amazing Klaus

"Two is not enough, you should join them." Klaus pointed at the third Peak Venerable.

He was looking down on the bandits, and it infuriated them even more when they saw the eyes he was giving them. Klaus had no respect for them and felt he could defeat all of them on his own. This was something the bandits didn't want to accept.

There was no way they would believe they would be defeated by a single kid.

Klaus didn't have any qualms with fighting them on his own. Well, he didn't really want to fight them on his own. He's just riling them up before the battle.

The man moved close to Klaus, one of the bandits at the Peak joined him and they charged at Klaus.

Klaus snorted and an ice wall appeared before him, blocking the path of the duo who were coming his way.

"Don't rush. I'm enough for you guys. Tell the others to wait, I'll kill them when I'm done with you guys." Klaus said to the others who were about to attack Aries and the others.

Aries couldn't help but take a glance at Klaus.

Alice, seeing her reaction, said, "That's how he is. He has no interest in fighting with them. He's just distracting them."

Realization dawned on Aries when she heard Alice's explanation, now she understood why he was talking this much. In all honesty, she could see that the bandits all had him in mind and if given the chance, they would all charge at him. To be fair, she thought this was a nice skill to have, but being able to irritate so many people was not something just anyone could do.

"How's he still alive?" She blurted out.

"Well, we're always with him. And he's smart enough not to annoy people above his backing." Alice expected her to feel this way. For someone able to annoy people this much, it was easy to assume he had too many enemies.

Reynolds didn't rush into battle, he brought out his Elemental Warrior before fighting with those in the Late stages.

Aries was fighting with one Peak Venerable and one Ninth stage Venerable, Alice didn't merge with her Seelie and was fighting with someone in the Eighth stage just like her.

Reynolds took over those that were left.

The appearance of Reynolds' Elemental Warrior took the entire battlefield by surprise. The Elemental Warrior made things tilt over to Klaus and his friends' side.

The duo at the Peak who were fighting with Klaus couldn't believe their eyes, they looked at Klaus who had a grin on his face.

"You guys are morons. Don't you even think? Do you think we'd want to fight with you guys without being confident?"

Klaus started cussing at the bandits, his voice was loud enough for all of them to hear. He abused them in so many ways that even when the thought of escaping came to their heads, they were too vexed not to even think about it. All they wanted to do was to kill Klaus.

They weren't too interested in fighting with the others, all they wanted to do was to kill Klaus, that was all they were concerned about.

Aries was shocked at the rate at which these people hated Klaus. All he did was to say a few words, well, she would be vexed at the words if they were directed at her, but she didn't feel she would have the same reaction as the group.

Klaus was laughing hard, even though he was being bombarded by multiple attacks, he was laughing his heart out. His defense was too strong and it was frustrating the duo fighting with him. Before they could take down one wall, another would appear, making it seem like all their efforts were in vain.

Aries was stronger than her opponents, but since there were two of them, she wasn't able to deal with them in a short time. She had the better attack power, but she had to focus on two places at the same time which made things hard for her.

Alice was fighting with two opponents in the Eighth stage, and it wasn't easy for her. She was under some pressure, but she wasn't worried. With her strength, all it would take was time and she would successfully be able to defeat them.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior had been able to send the Ninth stage Venerable it was fighting with. Being at the Peak, there was no way this person would be a match for it. After injuring him, it moved closer to Reynolds and attacked the person fighting with Reynolds.

The man didn't expect the Elemental Warrior to attack while he was under pressure from Reynolds' attack. He was forced to take Reynolds' attack while blocking the Elemental Warrior's attack. Unfortunately, he was in the Eighth stage of the Venerable Plane, there was no way he would be able to block the attack of the Elemental Warrior that's at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

Both Reynolds and the Elemental Warrior's attack hit him at the same time. He was clamped in the middle of the attack and felt the full brunt of it. There was no way he could survive the attack of the duo, and he died under the impact of the attack.

"Rey, you always make it so easy." Alice complained and her Seelie appeared.

When Alice's Seelie appeared, it dawned on the bandits that this was a battle they couldn't win. The thought of escaping came to them at this moment. Since this wasn't a battle they could win, then the best thing to do was to run away.

Reynolds and his Elemental Warrior naturally wouldn't allow the Ninth stage Venerable with them escape. Alice and her Seelie also held back the duo with them.

Aries and Klaus were fighting with two, and none of their opponents would want to show their backs to the duo, they knew just as dangerous each of them were.

Klaus might've only been defending all through the battle, but the men knew he was by no means dangerous when it came to attacking.

Aries was a relentless attacker, even when fighting against two people, she was still the one who held the initiative due to always being on the front foot when fighting. The best defense is to attack.

"Use them, don't hold anyone back!" One of the Peak Venerables fighting with Klaus screamed.

They could see their defeat slowly coming.

After Reynolds joined his Elemental Warrior against the Ninth stage Venerable, they killed him in a very short time.

Of the large group of bandits, only six were left, Klaus had two of them, Aries had two, and Alice had two.

Reynolds had killed the duo with him, and he didn't help anyone else, rather, he was standing on the side, waiting for who might attempt to escape from the area.

Alice's Seelie was stronger than the Eighth stage Venerable it was fighting with, and so was Alice. Before long, the duo had seriously injured their opponents, leaving them on their last legs.

Not just them, but Aries had been able to also severely injure the Ninth stage Venerable.

Klaus was the only one who hadn't caused any harm to his opponents.

After one of the Peak Venerables said this, those left alive brought out a talisman.

Aries' eyes enlarged when she saw this and yelled, "Retreat!"

She knew what these things were and didn't dare to be hit by them.

The bandits tossed the talisman towards Klaus and the others.

Klaus, seeing all of them smiled and used his water element to gather all the talisman, compressed them into a small ice ball and tossed them at the group of bandits who were also running.

He was so fast that even his friends didn't know when he completed it.

Boom!

A loud explosion came from where the bandits were headed.

Aries paused when she sensed where the explosion came from.

"What happened?" She couldn't help but ask.

Klaus, being the only one left standing, explained, "I took their talisman and tossed it at them."

"Wait, what?" Aries couldn't believe her ears.

"They were struck by their talisman." Klaus said.

Reynolds looked at Klaus and said, "Since when did you become such a great fighter?"

"I've always been a good fighter, I just don't like showing off." Klaus snorted.

Aries looked at the duo, still stunned with what she just heard. She could see where the explosion happened and knew Klaus wasn't lying, but she still found it hard to believe.

What she didn't know was that due to Klaus' ice ability, he was able to use the cold to slow down the explosion of the talisman, giving him the chance he needed to compress them into a single ice ball and send it towards the bandits.

"We better go capture them. You know they won't die from that attack." Alice reminded the group.

Aries nodded, still in shock at Klaus' feat.