

Affinity 1401

Chapter 1401 Amazing Klaus II

Klaus and the others rushed to where the explosion happened and they found the figure of those in the Ninth and Eighth stage, the trio at the Peak were nowhere to be seen.

The duo Alice was previously fighting with couldn't survive the explosion and died from it. The Ninth stage Elemental Venerable Aries was fighting with was still barely alive. Only the trio at the Peak were nowhere to be seen.

Klaus looked towards the volcano and said, "They're there. You guys can go deal with them."

"You're not going?" Aries asked.

"I don't like volcanoes." Klaus said, but after thinking about it, he added, "I'll just go since I'm the leader of this squad."

"Who made you the leader?" Reynolds felt like beating Klaus up.

"We all agreed whenever Grey is not around I'll lead the group. Do you think you can lead the group?" Klaus asked with cold eyes.

"I think Grey has messed up your head after beating you too often." Alice shook her head and moved in the direction of the volcano.

Klaus and Reynolds continued arguing while Aries followed behind Alice. She has come to understand that there was no speaking with the duo, they would argue over everything.

Reynolds wasn't willing to be below Klaus, and Klaus seems to enjoy putting Reynolds below him. Well, that was how she saw it. Unknown to her, even when Klaus was weaker, he was still like this. The only person he willingly gives in to is Grey, other than Grey, he would never give in to anyone else. Even Grey tends to be a victim of his abuse on some occasions.

Klaus and Reynolds continued arguing as they headed toward the volcano.

"Damn, we really have to go in." Klaus dropped his head when he saw this.

It was clear that the bandits ran into the volcano, and if they wanted to capture them or even kill them, then they had to go into the volcano too.

"Yes we do. Don't tell me the great 'squad leader' is afraid." Reynolds teased.

"Who do you think you're talking to? I've been to bigger and more dangerous volcanoes. This is a walk in the park." Klaus grunted and walked forward, taking the lead. He couldn't see any opening on the body of the volcano, so the only in was through the top.

They flew to the top before entering the volcano.

After entering, they saw the trio close to the lava, they were healing themselves using the essence from the lava.

"You couldn't even go far? Who runs to their hideout when being chased?" Klaus' irritating voice echoed in the volcano.

The trio raised their heads and looked at Klaus.

"It was you!" One of the Peak Venerables pointed his fingers which only had bones at Klaus.

He was the last to leave and saw the others escaping, except for Klaus. He recalled seeing a grin on Klaus' face when he was turning around, but he didn't think about it, only now that he saw Klaus' face did he recall it. Klaus was an evil fiend that deserved the most gruesome death.

"It's good you know the name of your killer. I would've been disappointed if you pointed at someone else." Klaus shrugged, clearly proud that he was remembered by the man.

One of the men did a hand seal and the volcano started to show signs of activity.

Klaus froze when he saw this and asked, "I thought it wasn't active?"

"Not to my knowledge." Aries replied.

"We've been keeping this guy from erupting for years now. We kept it this way for a situation like this. Since we want him dead, we'll unleash it on you." One of the bandits said, his face was half flesh half skeleton.

Lava started to shoot out of the lava pool the bandits were standing close to. Klaus and the others who were mid-air were forced to dodge the lava.

Klaus wanted to use his water element but he noticed an abnormality.

"Fuck! This is why I hate volcanoes!"

Klaus' water element was being suppressed due to the volcano. The effect was stronger due to the volcano being on the verge of erupting.

However, Aries and Alice could feel the fire essence in their bodies heat up.

Alice took in a deep breath and a sound of pleasure left her mouth, "Ah... this is so satisfying. If only volcanoes would erupt more often."

Aries nodded in agreement before charging at the trio who were on the side.

Reynolds didn't feel his element being suppressed, nor did he feel any boost in his strength, he looked at the trio and his armor appeared on his body.

Klaus was the only one who had a grumpy expression on his face. He couldn't believe there was nothing he could do due to the suppression of his element.

Alice merged with her Seelie and her strength shot up. Not to the Peak, but she had no problems with fighting against one of the bandits in her current stage.

The bandits were not at their peak, so they naturally wouldn't be able to suppress her.

Reynolds, after merging with his Elemental Warrior, was at the Peak. Aries was also at the Peak, so Klaus wasn't technically needed in this battle.

A fierce battle started the moment the trio from both sides clashed.

The bandits were already seriously injured, so they were fiercer in the battle. If they held back, they would die, this was something they were aware of.

Alice was a battle maniac and enjoyed battles like this. Reynolds didn't mind engaging in these types of battles since he had the Elemental Warrior armor.

Aries was a fearsome fighter, so she could deal with battles like these.

Klaus was annoyed there was nothing he could do and turned his anger to the volcano. Since the presence of the lava was making him weak, he would freeze it.

Klaus' domain appeared and his body started to show signs of freezing. His skin turned pale white from the drop in temperature and even his eyes turned silver. A large silver moon appeared behind Klaus, and with a wave of his hand, a large gust of snow blew toward the volcano pool.

The bits of volcano that were spewing out froze the second the snow blew past it.

Klaus was incensed, and he was going to go all-out against this volcano!

The trio were in a heated battle against the bandits, while Klaus focused on the volcano.

The lower part of the volcano was hot from the heat leaving the lava, but the upper part of the volcano was freezing from the cold leaving Klaus' body.

Klaus turned his body into an ice dispenser. He was sending out a chilling cold that even those who were in the middle of battle could feel it.

They paused and looked in Klaus' direction and they were amazed, even Alice and Reynolds were dumbstruck by Klaus' current appearance. His eyes were the most dazzling. The silver eyes along with the moon behind him gave him a striking appearance.

Klaus yelled and a large ice needle appeared. The cold it gave off shook the hearts of those present. The bandits knew that if this attack hit any of them, they would not be able to survive it.

Klaus, who everyone thought had his eyes on the volcano suddenly unleashed a tiny needle at one of the bandits.

"Stay focused. Hahaha!"

Klaus' laughter accompanied his attack as the man was frozen solid.

Aries and the others were once dumbfounded by this. Klaus had the time to even do a sneak attack even when in such a condition. It was clear that he was vexed by the fact that he couldn't join in on the battle, now after drawing all the attention to himself, he killed off Reynolds' opponent.

"Fuck! Why did you have to kill the person I'm fighting?!" Reynolds suddenly realized something.

Klaus didn't kill anyone else's opponent, rather, he killed his. That was annoying.

"Hahaha, even when I'm not interested, I can beat someone you can't! Weakling." Klaus laughed once again.

Like a maniac, the large needle was sent toward the lava.

As soon as the tip of the needle struck the lava, the lava gave off steam. It was clear that the cold and heat were fighting each other.

Reynolds didn't continue to fight with the bandits, leaving only Alice and Aries to fight with them.

This time, they didn't dare to be distracted by Klaus' fight with the volcano. One of them was already dead, and there was no way they could escape now. The only chance they could escape from them was if they could win against the ladies.

As the battle between them got to the peak, they sensed the temperature drop to a staggering level.

This time, they were forced to look, and once again, they were left speechless.

"Amazing..." Aries couldn't keep it in. Klaus truly was amazing.

Chapter 1402 Frozen Volcano

"It's... freezing..." One of the bandits said with a low voice, he couldn't even summon enough courage to speak properly.

For the first time in his life, he was truly astounded by someone's ability. Klaus was freezing the lava. This was something he never thought he would experience in this life, but it's happening right before his eyes and he didn't know what to make of it. Klaus, a youth in his twenties was freezing a lava, something that was extremely hot was being frozen solid by a young man. It was an unbelievable sight.

Reynolds and Alice were shocked when they saw what was happening. Klaus exceeded their expectations which was something he rarely does given how highly they all thought of each other. Other than Grey who frequently exceeds their expectations due to his uniqueness, Klaus was not someone they thought would do something like that given the fact that they all thought very highly of him.

"Show off." Reynolds mouthed.

Klaus not only killed his opponent with a single attack, but he also froze a lava. What else could be described as showing off if not this. Klaus was a show off and Reynolds wanted to beat him up for it.

Aries was just as stunned as the bandit. At the moment, she didn't know what to say about this group of friends. There was the freakish Grey, Reynolds who was a high grade summoner, Alice who had a Seelie, and then there's Klaus, someone capable of freezing lava powerful enough to kill them all.

"Hahaha, next time you wouldn't take me to a stupid volcano! I'll turn it into a snow garden!" Klaus laughed like the evil genius he is.

Reynolds and Alice couldn't help but shake their heads.

Everyone present could sense that Klaus' aura was starting to increase, a testament of the lava being suppressed. Aries and the other Fire Elementalists present felt the boost they have starting to decline, not just that, but it was affecting their strength as well. If this continued, then there was a high chance that they would not be able to use their full strength. Luckily, their opponents would also be weakened as well.

Alice on the other hand, although her fire element's strength was seeing a decline, the Seelie, being an Ice Elemental al Creature started to surge with power. Just like Klaus, it was being repressed, but not any more.

Klaus unleashed a terrifying cold that spread across the entire place.

"What sort of monster is he?" One of the bandits said.

"A maniacal one, that's for sure." Reynolds answered spitefully.

"Stop being envious. Savor the moment, it's not everyday you get to see a genius in action." Klaus said, annoying Reynolds even more.

"You're a weirdo, I'm very sure of that." Reynolds snorted.

"Haters will hate, but it will not deem my light." Klaus had a smug look on his face.

Alice and Aries went back to their intense battle. This time, the intensity on the side of the bandits dropped drastically, but Alice's strength increased due to the Seelie and she was able to quickly overwhelm her opponent. Before the bandit could try to escape, she froze the bandit.

Unlike Klaus, the Seelie, an Ice Elemental al Creature wasn't able to freeze the innards of the bandit. This goes to show just how powerful Klaus' ice ability is. The fact that even Ice Elemental Creatures couldn't compete with him shows his uniqueness.

The bandit frozen by Alice broke the ice and didn't even attempt to continue the battle, he instantly tried to make a getaway the second he was free.

Alice gave chase, thanks to her lightning element, and the decrease in the overall attributes of the bandits due to Klaus freezing the lava, she was faster and was able to catch up to him before he was able to leave the volcano.

"You think you can escape?" She asked.

"No, but I'll kill you!" The bandit laughed and an excited look appeared on his face, he looked at Alice who had a strange expression on her face.

Alice looked around and asked, "How? If I may ask."

The bandit looked around, and then his eyes turned to Klaus.

"You! You froze our array formation?!" The bandit felt like his head was about to explode.

The array formation was the last method he could use to escape when chased into the volcano, but Klaus had unknowingly froze it which means it was not going to work. Without the array, his odds of escaping was slim.

"Fuck!"

"Hahaha, I'll freeze you too if you don't get off my sight!" Klaus was smug, saying whatever he wanted.

"You don't need to worry about him, I'll be enough to deal with you. Just make sure you don't expect anything else to help you out." Alice said and without waiting, she attacked.

The bandit didn't expect Alice to attack instantly, he was hoping to rest for a while, but Alice made it impossible for him to do so.

Aries' opponent wasn't having an easy time either. He had lost one hand, and was bleeding profusely. He was standing with sheer willpower. Dying was not something he wanted to accept, even though he could already tell his chances of survival was minimal, he didn't want to give up until the very end.

Aries wasn't expending too much energy as she fought against the bandit.

Reynolds wasn't bothered with the battle any longer, he was still grumpy that Klaus took away his opponent.

Klaus still had a maniacal look on his face, he looked at Reynolds and said, "You still have time to beg for forgiveness. You know I have a soft spot for you since you've been following me for a while now."

"Beg?! When I'm done with you, you'll be the one who has to beg for forgiveness!" Reynolds was vexed by Klaus' words.

"It's naturally that you feel angered by my brightness, I can't keep it down, if not, I would. Don't worry, my light will shine on you and make you better." Klaus started spouting nonsense, well, to Reynolds it was.

The duo started arguing while Aries and Alice dealt with the bandits. A few minutes later, Alice and Aries were done with their opponents.

Alice, seeing the two still arguing but not as intensely as the start couldn't help but shake her head in embarrassment. The duo didn't have any shame, Grey included.

She knew if he were here, he would've also joined them.

The days of the trio cursing each other flashed through her mind as she saw the duo in this act. Even after so many years, they've not changed. This was one of the things she liked about the guys, no matter what they go through or their current situation, they didn't change towards each other, they still laughed and joked with each other.

"Is there anything else we can do?" Klaus asked, he didn't want to go back to the Phoenix Faction and continue waiting for Grey, for some reason, he felt Grey would still be trying to decipher the array with the Phoenix Faction Leader which would just make them stay there for a while longer while doing nothing.

"Well... there's another place we wanted to raid. We've been getting reports on it for some months now. No one has been chanced since there aren't too many Peak Venerables present in the Faction who are youngsters. The rest are all old guys dying to make a breakthrough." Aries explained.

"What are you waiting for then, let's go!" Klaus said.

"What about Grey?" Alice asked.

"What about him?" Klaus looked at Alice with a weird gaze.

"Nothing, let's go." Alice knew Grey was not going to be free anytime soon and it'll be a pain in the butt if they were to go back and Grey was still in the process of trying to comprehend the array formation. Klaus and Reynolds would probably not let her see the end of it.

Aries took a glance at Alice and realized she just gave in to Klaus'.

'What a weird friendship.' She thought internally.

Normally, the guys are usually the ones who give in to the ladies in most friendships, but in this case, that wasn't the case, rather, Alice was the one who was giving in to Klaus.

To be fair, Alice also didn't like sitting idle, so since there was something to do, it wouldn't be bad to keep Grey waiting.

Seeing that none of them had any issues with heading to the next location, Aries went on to tell them what the situation was.

Apparently, in a neighboring town close to the Phoenix Faction, there have been multiple cases of someone going missing. Mostly those at the Peak of the Sage Plane. When the Faction heard news of it, they sent an Early stage Elemental Venerable Plane member to check it out, but the situation was the same, the person vanished without trace.

It was after a Late stage Venerable disappeared did the Faction get alarmed, mainly due to the fact that the person managed to report back, saying there was a hidden expert at the Peak of the Venerable Plane hiding there.

Chapter 1403 A Grieving Father

In a town some kilometers away from the Phoenix Faction.

Alice and Reynolds stepped into the town, looking at the place that looked almost deserted. It was already approaching sunset, and there was no one in sight. It was almost as if all the people from the town went into hiding.

Alice took a glance at Reynolds, "Do you think this will be dangerous?"

"Of course, but don't tell me you don't have anything in case you meet with a Sovereign?" Reynolds didn't seem bothered.

If by any chance their opponent was a Sovereign, he had something from the Faction he could use to scare the person away. Even if the person is bad, they wouldn't want a powerful Faction like his own to go after them, so they would most likely leave him alone. All he has to do is say he wouldn't pursue the matter.

"I do, I just don't like leaving my survival to chances." Alice replied.

"Don't worry, we'll be fine." Reynolds reassured, he grinned and said, "Don't forget we have the legendary Lucas Dawson on our side too."

Alice thought about it and nodded, very few people would want those sort of enemies on their tails. As long as Alice and Reynolds didn't have any plans of taking what belongs to a Sovereign, the Sovereign would not bother with them once they find out about the people backing the duo.

Klaus and Aries didn't follow them into the town so as not to alarm the suspected Peak Venerable. If the person was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane, there was no way the person would come out when two Peak Venerables are present, unless there wasn't one person but multiple people at the Peak.

Alice and Reynolds were sent there since they were the ones with lower cultivation stages but high attack power, Reynolds especially. So long there is only one Peak Venerable, Reynolds would be able to deal with the person with the help of his Elemental Warrior.

"What's about the possibility of more Peak Venerables?" Reynolds asked.

"We'll stall so Klaus and Aries will come help." Alice replied.

"I'm saying what if there's more than ten Peak Venerables, how are we going to deal with them?" Reynolds rephrased his question.

"Well, none of us is Grey. We'll escape, what else can we do?" Alice shrugged, she didn't even need to think about it. Escaping with their lives was more important. As long as the intel was wrong, they would escape and talk about it later.

They had a few items that should help with escaping from situations like these.

Reynolds nodded to her words. This was also what he wanted to confirm. Grey could fight against more opponents on his own. The others could do it, but if they were heavily outnumbered, it was best to escape first.

"Why aren't people outside?"

They could sense the presence of people, but they were all inside their houses. Most of them were still in the Overlord Plane, only a few people had high cultivation Planes, being in the Sage Plane. This was the perfect place for an Elemental Venerable to hide since they could hide without being caught.

Reynolds and Alice quickly scouted the place and found the abnormality. It was quite easy to notice since there was a foul stench of decay coming from the place.

The duo's expressions changed when they got to the place.

"Necromancers?" Alice looked at Reynolds.

They've dealt with Necromancers on a few occasions due to Grey being marked and they were familiar with this stench. This was something they perceived when they raided a hideout together.

Reynolds nodded and his demeanor changed, he knew this was not something to be taken lightly. If there were Necromancers here, it would completely change a few things. First off, the Necromancers wouldn't be afraid to kill them since they already had a bone to pick with everyone else in the Aurora Continent.

The duo hid their aura as they tried to sneak into the building that had the stench of decay.

They were successful in getting into the place, but they soon realized something was horribly wrong. A figure was waiting for them, the figure had some parts of its face hanging out. It was like the figure was purposely disfigured for things like this.

The duo were stunned by it and just as they were about to turn, they heard a voice.

"Another set of specimens, I didn't think that fellow would send so many good specimens over. Having a friend in high places is very convenient."

The voice was eerie, making the hairs on both Reynolds and Alice's body stand on edge.

The duo exchanged glances and nodded, wanting to escape. But they saw more figures appearing. Some of them were young while there were a few old ones, all of them were Elemental Venerables, Late stage Elemental Venerables.

Over ten figures came out, surrounding the duo.

"Don't rush out, come in for tea. I've been expecting my supply for some days now." The voice spoke from inside the building.

Reynolds and Alice looked at the figures blocking their path and they noticed they all had one thing, they were all dead.

"Puppets." Alice said through gritted teeth, "I hate Necromancers."

"Kikiki, don't worry, you won't feel anything soon enough. Come have tea, at least before you join my legion."

The voice didn't seem to mind Alice's words.

"You're the one who's not going to feel anything soon enough." Alice said and she walked straight into the building.

Reynolds looked at the puppets and felt his heart weigh heavily on him.

'If only Grey were here, he would've deactivated this guy with nothing more than a thought.' Reynolds sighed as he followed Alice into the place.

The building was simple, not too large and properly lit.

"Welcome, please, take a seat."

The voice came from inside the house. A young girl walked out, with a tray in her hand. There were two cups on it, and just as the voice said, there was tea inside.

Alice looked at the little girl and she spat on the ground. The young girl who should be around eight was also a puppet.

"How can you even kill someone like this?" Alice asked, on the verge of exploding with anger.

"That's my daughter. I'm trying to bring her back to life. But there isn't much I can do now. This is why I need a good amount of supplies for my research. I'm getting really close, I've had a major breakthrough during the previous experiments." The voice came from inside once again.

"The dead should stay dead." Alice said calmly.

Hearing the words of the voice, she felt calmed down. She took a look at the little girl but she didn't feel that what the voice was doing was right.

"The dead should stay dead..." The voice repeated Alice's words and there was a short silence in the place, footsteps were heard as a figure walked out of one of the rooms.

A well-dressed middle-aged man walked out from one of the rooms. His well chiseled face was a complete contrast of his voice.

"My daughter was my life. Do you think I should let her stay dead when there's a chance of bringing her back?" The man's voice wasn't as high pitched as he was making it sound when he was hidden away.

"You know too well that no matter what you do, she can't come back to life. You're not a God, how can you bring the dead back to life?" Alice looked straight into the eyes of the man and said, "Stop playing around, you've killed so many people just because you're chasing a stupid possibility."

"I like you, kid. But you'll never understand the pain of a father watching his daughter die while being unable to do anything." The man was calm, he wasn't bothered with Alice's words.

No one could understand what he was going through, and there was no point in trying to make them understand it.

"Huh? You don't seem to be from the Phoenix Faction. Did that guy send you over or did you come on your own?" The man was confused when he sensed their auras, a thoughtful look appeared on his face as he said, "To think of it, he didn't inform me as well."

"You have an accomplice in the Phoenix Faction?" Reynolds asked.

"Of course, why do you think I can comfortably camp in their territory without having to worry? I'm not doing too much to attract the higher ups, so I'm good." The man said.

"I see. I'll report back to the Phoenix Faction with your corpse. They should know how to deal with their internal moles." Alice understood what was happening and didn't seem too surprised. Things like these happen everywhere, she was aware of it.

"Little girl, I like your confidence, but do you think you can defeat me?" The man chuckled.

Chapter 1404 We're All People

Alice took a glance at the man and chuckled, her aura burst out as she instantly merged with her Seelie.

Reynolds sighed softly and said, "We shouldn't rush into this."

He also merged with his Elemental Warrior. He knew this man wouldn't be an easy opponent and he didn't want to take any chances and then have to be forced into a tight spot.

The man saw the increase in the strength of the duo and laughed, "You think you can defeat me with this? I've been alive for so long and two little kids think that because they have a method of increasing their strengths, they can fight me on equal footing?"

"You two must be delusional." The man scoffed, he looked at Alice and said, "Especially you. At least he has what it takes to talk to me, although he's still not on my level, but he has what it takes. You little girl do not. I'll let one of my toys play with you."

A lightning bolt shot at the man, it was an attack from Alice. But before the attack could strike the man, a figure appeared and blocked the attack.

This figure was that of a lady, and she was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane. It was evident that she was dead, just like the other puppets of the man, but compared to the others, there was something off about her.

"You see this puppet, even the Gnomes have been searching for a breakthrough. I was able to do this after years of research." The man explained proudly.

The duo could tell how proud the man was at this puppet, and when they sensed its aura, they understood why. This puppet seems to have retained the original strength of the person while she was still alive. This is a very strange thing to experience because all the puppets they've encountered were always weaker than their original version, unless cultivated.

lightsNovel This one wasn't cultivated in any way, rather, it retained its original strength.

"You've noticed the difference. I guess it's expected since this doesn't seem to be your first encounter with necromancers. However, this is your first encounter with a necromancer of my caliber. I'll change the entire world once I bring my little girl back to life. Even those who hated necromancy will be forced to practice it. Everyone has that special person they wish to bring back to life." The man said.

Thinking about it from his angle, it was understandable to say something like this. There are people who have lost someone close to them and have been thinking of ways to bring them back to life. This was an opportunity almost anyone would take up, Alice and the others included.

Fortunately for the duo, they weren't in such a position, so the best thing they felt to do was to kill off this man before this spread. Once it spreads, then the Gnomes will take control of the human world, this was not something any human was willing to accept.

The lady blocked the lightning bolt and looked at Alice with her listless eyes, she took some steps forward and Alice unconsciously took a step forward as well. There was no fear in her eyes, she can never back down from a fight, even when she's the weaker one, she will never back down from a battle she knows she has a slight chance of winning, especially one of this importance.

Reynolds didn't try to get involved, he knew the man was his target. He let Alice deal with the puppet while he focused on the man.

The man was different from other necromancers who were mostly scrawny. This man was well-built, and it was evident that he wasn't weak either.

"Kid, I'll play with you for a while. If that girl can survive ten minutes with her, I'll applaud her strength." The man didn't think Alice stood a chance against the puppet he just brought out.

This was a puppet that belonged to a grade four Peak Venerable. Alice didn't even have the strength of a Peak Venerable, so how could she fight against a grade four Venerable.

The man made sure his special puppets all had high grades. This will make using them better. As long as they retained their original strength, they would be able to cause unimaginable damage to others. Especially those who look down on puppets.

This was his biggest confidence, this was why he had never tried to leave this area. With a steady supply of information from the Phoenix Faction, he knew when to leave and when to stay. As long as a Sovereign didn't show up, he was fine. Even if multiple Peak Venerables come, he has a few tricks up his sleeves to deal with them.

Also, grade four Peak Venerables aren't all that common, much less those with higher grades.

He didn't know what grade Alice and Reynolds were, but he didn't think they would be above grade three.

Reynolds and the man didn't immediately engage in a fight, instead, they faced off. Reynolds was just as relaxed as the man, it was as if he wasn't about to get into a life and death battle.

The man was captivated by Reynolds' composure.

"Join me, boy. You're different from that girl." The man suddenly spoke up.

"I'm sorry, my friend doesn't like you. I'm good staying by her side." Reynolds rejected the man's offer without blinking.

The man chuckled, "You're a man, you'll understand what I'm speaking about soon enough. Women mostly make rash decisions based on their emotions. Sooner or later, she'll get you killed."

"I mean, take a good look at your current situation, this isn't something that should be happening if not for her rash decisions." The man tried to convince Reynolds.

"You're doing something based on your emotions right now. What does that make you?" Reynolds asked.

Reynolds' question stunned the man. In truth, Reynolds was right. He turned to necromancy because he couldn't bear to lose his daughter. And he had been conducting multiple researches and tests just to make sure he finds a way to bring back his daughter.

"It's different. I'm still calm even with what I'm doing. Yes, I indeed get into this due to my emotions, but it's different. Men and women think differently, you know that." The man said.

"I know, but in the end, we're all people. Women are wired to be more emotional, we are different, we're wired to be rational." Reynolds didn't seem moved by the man's words.

"Hahaha, you're a smart kid. I want you to join me even more now." The man laughed, he looked at Alice who was holding her own against the puppet, "I might've underestimated your friend. How about it, I let her go and you join me?"

"That's a good deal."

Reynolds squinted his eyes and said, "The thing is, you're in no position to make such deals. I'm very confident we will be able to get out of this alive. I don't know about you, but I'm confident we will survive this."

The man looked at Reynolds, then at Alice. He smiled and with a wave of his hand, another figure appeared. A puppet just as strong as the lady that is fighting with Alice.

The man took note of Reynolds' facial expression and didn't see any changes.

"Looks like you have so much time on your hands. How about I keep you entertained." Reynolds vanished after saying this.

He was currently in his merged state, his speed was frightening.

The man's pupils constricted and he turned to his left. A dark screen appeared there, and with the appearance of the dark screen came a 'bang!'.

Reynolds was standing on the other side of the screen which was starting to crack from the fist that collided with it. Reynolds' fist was covered with a lightning gauntlet made from the Elemental Warrior armor, increasing the strength of his attacks.

The man frowned when he saw this. He understood that he miscalculated the strength of not just Alice, but Reynolds as well.

From what he saw, Alice and Reynolds were definitely around grade five experts.

'If I can add them to my collection, it'll be amazing!' The man thought internally.

He was more interested in Reynolds and the lightning armor he was wearing. He could tell that Reynolds' increase in strength has everything to do with the lightning armor. What he couldn't understand was how it was formed.

He didn't see any signs that it was an elemental weapon which was very strange.

'Could it be a secret technique?' He wondered.

The thought of dissecting Reynolds started to become very interesting in his head. Yes, he wanted to revive his daughter, but that doesn't mean he didn't want to increase his strength as well. If he could get a technique like the one Reynolds has, his strength would move to the same level as those grade seven experts, if not even a grade eight expert.

Chapter 1405 A Powerful Puppet

'I must acquire whatever he has!' The man came to a decision in his head.

This was something that might change the trajectory of his life. With this technique, he would be able to acquire more items and more people that he would use to quicken his research.

The man suddenly burst out laughing, pleased with what was about to happen.

"I don't know where you come from, but you're what I've been missing all this while. Once I have you in my grasp, that's all I truly need." The man spoke while laughing.

"It's a shame that whatever you have planned out will not work. It's unfortunate you have to meet up with me and her. If you had encountered anyone else, you would've had it very easy." Reynolds wasn't bothered with what the man was yapping on about.

He had seen far too many psychopaths to be worried about this man. For someone who has been friends with someone as crazy as Klaus, there was nothing that could shake him at the moment.

The man saw Reynolds' calm expression and laughed, the more he saw Reynolds like this, the greater his curiosity grew. He wanted what gave Reynolds such confidence. This wasn't something that was ordinary, it was clearly from the fact that he was confident in his abilities.

Why would he be confident in his abilities if not for this technique?

The man had everything figured out and already knew his plan on extracting the technique from Reynolds.

Reynolds didn't know what the man was thinking about, neither did he care. He took a peek on Alice's end and his face changed slightly. Alice had no problem with fighting the lady, but with the addition of the other puppet, she was starting to feel the burden of being outnumbered.

'I have to help her. If this continues she might be in danger.'

After coming to a decision, Reynolds didn't delay any further and attacked once again. The dark screen had already been destroyed from his first attack, now, he wanted to get a clean hit at the man.

The man's body moved in a weird manner and he was able to dodge Reynolds' fist even though it was such a close range.

Reynolds didn't give up as he continued attacking. His domain came out and covered a large area. Making sure there was no way the man wouldn't be caught up in the domain.

The man let out a dark mist from his body. He was also going to make use of his domain. Since Reynolds wasn't playing around, he too would take this seriously, after all, Reynolds could kill him given how high his attack power was.

The battle intensified as the duo started to exchange moves at a quicker pace. The house was quickly destroyed thanks to both them and Alice's fight.

Alice was being pushed back by the puppets, but she was holding her own against them. She was irritated with what the man was doing, and that rage was fueling. Her attack power was showing signs of growing stronger than it previously was when she had been fighting.

Reynolds and the man took to the sky. Neither of them wanted to interfere in Alice's battle.

The man felt once Alice was defeated, Reynolds would give up and try to escape, that's where he would catch him. Reynolds on the other hand didn't want Alice to be injured. Taking out the man would incapacitate the puppets, this was something he was aware of and that was his plan.

He had to take out the man before Alice was seriously wounded.

As Reynolds and the man's battle started to get more heated, the man quickly realized something, he was no match for Reynolds.

Boom! Bang!

The man was tossed around by Reynolds' attacks. Even when he manages to block the attacks, the impact of it alone is enough to send him flying. He had crashed into the ground on so many occasions within such a short time that it frightened him.

Nonetheless, the excitement he was getting from this revelation seemed to overthrow the pain he was feeling from being beaten by Reynolds. Once he manages to get this technique, he would become invincible!

This was the only thought in his head.

Bam!

A lightning arrow struck his shoulder, making him jolt from the pain and shock. He looked at Reynolds who was still well organized, and then at himself who was in a sorry state. He couldn't help but give a self-deprecating laugh. He knew the difference between him and these top grade geniuses was big, but he never thought it was this massive.

'I can't fight him alone.' He soon came to a conclusion.

He looked at Reynolds and gritted his teeth, "You better be worth it!"

With that statement, another figure appeared close to him. This was a figure of a young man who looked to be in his twenties. The man was a puppet, just like the others, but the aura he was giving off was on the same level as Aries and Flint.

"To think you have such a specimen hidden." Reynolds commented. He didn't think the man would have a puppet of this quality, and he was a little worried. If another puppet of this caliber were to show up, then he would be pressed.

It was different if he were fighting with normal puppets, but this was different. These puppets retained their original strength which means they would be very powerful.

The man laughed, he saw the seriousness in the eyes of Reynolds and knew Reynolds was apprehensive of him now.

"Kid, I'll let you and your friend go, but for a price." The man felt it was best to offer a deal now. This was the best time he could do it. With this puppet, and himself present, there was no way Reynolds would be able to win this battle.

"You still don't have the right to bring up offers." Reynolds shut the man up as he was about to continue his words.

The man was stunned when he heard Reynolds' words.

"What do you mean I still don't have the right to make any deals?" The man asked. He saw the change in Reynolds' eyes, but it quickly went back to his previous confidence.

"Because I said so." Reynolds said calmly.

The man snorted, "Then I'll kill you. When I'm done with you, I'll make you into one of my precious toys."

"You're not worthy of having someone like me or her as your puppets. The thought of even doing something like that is sacrilegious and you deserve death because of it." Reynolds chuckled.

The man squinted his eyes and for the first time, he took the lead in the battle, attacking, alongside the puppet.

Reynolds was prepared for them, without flinching, he blocked the man's attack, but wisely moved away when the puppet was about to attack.

He was stronger than the puppet, but he knew that fighting the duo simultaneously wouldn't be easy. At times like this, he couldn't help but wish he learnt inscribing just like Grey.

If he had been an inscriber, even without having the space element, he would be able to attack from two different angles simultaneously.

'My Elemental Warrior wouldn't be able to hold off this puppet on its own, neither can I fight the man on my own.' Reynolds was deep in thoughts.

'Do I really have to summon that cocky guy?' He pondered.

Given Klaus' strength, Klaus would change how the battle would take place if he was invited. However, once he comes, he would rant about too many things. This wasn't something Reynolds wanted.

He took a peek at Alice, who was bleeding from the side of her mouth. It was evident that she was trying hard against the puppets but it wasn't easy since her cultivation stage hadn't gotten to the Peak of the Venerable Plane yet.

Reynolds took a deep breath and started attacking the man. He wanted to see how far they could go. Alice might be injured, but it was nothing serious. She knew when to move away, there was still a chance for her and she was trying to create the opportunity.

The same could be said for Reynolds. He knew there was a good chance for him to defeat the man and this puppet, but it would take a lot from him. He's contemplating what to do as he attacks.

The puppet was a Fire Elementalist and its strength was on another level.

Unlike the man who couldn't handle Reynolds' attacks, the puppet could. Not just that, but it was also able to counterattack as well. This gave the man the opportunity to attempt a sneak attack on Reynolds. But Reynolds was on guard against this and always moved away whenever the man's attack was about to hit him.

The man didn't get frustrated, he knew it wasn't going to be that easy.

Chapter 1406 Borrowing Klaus' Attitude

Bam!

Reynolds slammed into the ground after getting hit by the man's attack.

After trying repeatedly, the man was finally able to cleanly strike Reynolds down.

Reynolds couldn't do anything about the attack and was forced to take it head-on. Even though he knew taking on such an attack was dangerous, he didn't mind it, the reason for this was because...

Boom! Bang!

"Ah!"

The man screamed in pain as his figure also slammed into the ground, a few hundred meters away from Reynolds.

Reynolds let the man strike him, but he didn't let the man go without any sort of retaliation.

He detached from his Elemental Warrior at the last minute and the Elemental Warrior was able to slash at the unprotected back of the man.

The man didn't know Reynolds had an Elemental Warrior and never prepared for something like this. After striking Reynolds, he felt inexplicable joy, but it quickly turned to pain when he sensed a deadly force hitting his back. He coughed out a mouthful of blood as his figure broke through the sky, crashing down outside the town.

Reynolds crawled out of the crater he made, looking in the direction the man crashed. He heard the man's scream and knew his plan worked.

He looked at the black patch on his right shoulder and frowned.

'This will be troublesome.'

He could tell this black patch wasn't ordinary, but he was more interested in taking down the man and felt it was alright to make the sacrifice. As long as he was alive, he would think of how to deal with it.

He took flight and just as he was rushing to where the man was located, he saw the man climbing out of a pit. The man was in a sorry state. His back was bloodied, and his left shoulder had a large cut on it.

The slash the Elemental Warrior gave it came from his left shoulder onto his back. The man wasn't able to protect against it and was left in such a bad state.

"Ah! I will kill you! Filthy brat!" The man was incensed.

He never thought that Reynolds would play such a trick on him. What he found appalling was that he still didn't have any idea of what struck him, all he knew was that it was powerful and the attack was enough to kill him if hit again.

"Stop yelling, do you want the entire town to hear the voice of their oppressor in such a state?" Reynolds said with a smile.

With the man annoyed, Reynolds had a goal in mind, and that was to irritate him even more. This was something he learned from Klaus and from experience, he knew that it always works. Especially against people like this man who feel they are above everyone else.

Once such people start to realize what their reality is, they will find it difficult to accept it, which will bring in room for other things. In this case, losing focus in this battle and getting killed by Reynolds who would enjoy doing it.

The man looked at Reynolds and asked, "What did you do?"

"I attacked you, were you blind? Didn't you see me attack you?" Reynolds stood mid-air, looking down at the man.

The man gritted his teeth, "Kid, I'll wake this one last time. What did you do?"

"Looks like the strike has made you lose your senses. I thought you were always sensible, what's up with this dumb question?" Reynolds continued to rile up the man.

The man shot into the air, straight at Reynolds when he heard this. Reynolds wasn't going to give him the answer he wanted, it was evident. So he knew what to do, he was going to get the answer himself.

The puppet also came out and started attacking Reynolds as well.

Reynolds didn't show any fear as he continued to take on the attack from both the man and the puppet. While focused on only blocking and dodging, he started to cuss at the man. Now he understood how Klaus felt whenever he's focused on defending while cursing at people, it was a good feeling.

Reynolds was fast thanks to his lightning element, so unlike Klaus, he didn't need to stay in one place defending, he could move.

He was faster than the puppet and the man. With none of them being able to get a good shot at him, the man started to lose his cool. It was okay when Reynolds was actually trying to fight, now that he focused on running from the attacks, the man had almost no chances of hitting him.

The man looked around and his gaze turned to Alice, he licked his lips as he bolted in that direction.

'Since you're not going to fight me, I'll kill your friend.'

As the man was rushing towards Alice, Reynolds, who already expected the man to do this, attacked.

His attack was blocked by the puppet, but the impact forced it back a few meters. Before the puppet could regain its footing, Reynolds flashed past it. Like a bolt of lightning, Reynolds crashed into the man.

The man was already expecting something like this to happen, so when the puppet blocked Reynolds' attack, he had already prepared his attack.

As soon as Reynolds reached him, he turned and attacked.

This time, he saw what happened clearly. Reynolds detached from a lightning figure and escaped from the attack, letting the lightning figure crash into the man.

The man's attack hit the Elemental Warrior, while the Elemental Warrior slammed into the man at full speed.

The impact of the attack broke most of the ribs of the man as the duo fell to the ground.

Reynolds was on the side, watching this with a grin on his face.

He managed to trick the man twice, and this time, the chances of the man actually being able to walk away from this attack was slim.

Boom!

A loud explosion rocked the town.

Chapter 1407 Unexpected Change

Alice was still battling with the puppets. Even though she was bloodied, she still had a clear view of everything that was taking place.

She had been keeping an eye out for Reynolds' battle. Seeing the man sending Reynolds flying the first time, her heart skipped a beat, but then she saw the Elemental Warrior behind the man and knew it was all Reynolds' doing.

She couldn't help but applaud Reynolds' determination. The fact that he was willing to take a dangerous blow just so he would be able to land one of his own was courageous.

The slight distraction made the puppets overwhelm her. She was starting to run out of breath due to the pressure from the puppets. Fighting two puppets of this level was something she shouldn't be doing, but she wanted to test her strength, and thanks to the man, she had to push herself even more.

Her combined fire and ice attack was showing signs of evolving as the battle extended. She felt if she fought with them for at least thirty to sixty minutes, she would be able to see the evolved form. Her only concern was if she would be able to keep herself alive until then.

She knew what she was capable of doing, and fighting these puppets for the next ten minutes would revolve around if Reynolds would be able to assist her at important intervals.

If Reynolds is able to ensure she doesn't get hit by a powerful attack while also keeping the man alive, this would be a massive upgrade for her as her attack power would increase exponentially.

On Reynolds' end, he flew towards the place the man crashed after being hit by the Elemental Warrior.

The man wasn't able to dodge the attack, and even though his prepared attack hit the Elemental Warrior, it wasn't enough to negate the full impact of getting rammed into by a full speed Peak Venerable Elemental Warrior.

The man lay on the ground gasping for air as blood repeatedly poured out of his mouth.

The man had an incredulous look on his face. The scene of Reynolds separating from the Elemental Warrior was repeatedly playing in his head even with the pain he was going through. He quickly disconnected his pain receptors in his body. After playing around with the human body on such an extensive level, he knew a thing or two he could do in situations like this.

He had to keep himself conscious, and he knew there's a chance he might pass out from the pain. Of course, he knew the downside of doing this, but at the moment, there was no way he would be able to think properly while going through so much pain.

He had assessed his condition and knew that he could survive it and even still fight as long as he doesn't feel the pain.

Since there was grade seven Peak Venerable on his side, he didn't have anything to fear. The puppet would attack Reynolds while he tries to get himself together.

Reynolds was about to charge at him when he suddenly sent the puppet after him.

Reynolds was forced to stop and retreat. He looked at the puppet and knew that he couldn't neglect it.

He turned to look in Alice's direction and his expression changed.

He separated from the Elemental Warrior and let it deal with the puppet while he rushed to Alice's aid. With a lightning attack, he sent one of the puppets flying.

The puppet, although at the Peak didn't sense Reynolds rushing over and the man didn't have the time to even send the information over to them since he was more concerned about fixing his damaged body.

Alice felt relieved the second one of the puppets was sent flying. With her focus placed on just one puppet, she started to gain advantage over it. Reynolds also used the opportunity to properly help her, slicing off one of the arms of the puppet.

This was the cons about puppets. So long as the necromancer doesn't pass any information to it, it wouldn't stop its initial command. When the man sent them after Alice, his command was for them to kill her. They have no instructions on what to do with Reynolds, so they didn't try to attack him.

This gave Reynolds the freedom to do whatever he wanted. Fortunately for the puppets, he wasn't at his full strength since the Elemental Warrior was dealing with the grade seven puppet.

Reynolds was strong, but not strong enough to kill a Peak Venerable without the help of his puppet.

"Don't worry, I can deal with them. Do not let him escape." Alice said when she saw Reynolds still helping out.

She was worried about the man escaping when they're not focused on him.

Reynolds nodded and rushed back to the battle with the puppet.

The man was still seated in the same spot. He hadn't tried to make any moves.

Seeing this, Reynolds didn't bother with him. This was an opportunity to take out this puppet. Once he achieves this, the man was as good as dead. He would be able to defeat the man with ease.

He merged back with his Elemental Warrior and started attacking. The second he merged with it, the attack power increased and the puppet which had the advantage lost it in an instant. It wasn't able to deal with the sudden change and was quickly pushed back by Reynolds.

'Yes. I can end it before he comes to.' Reynolds felt inspired. Once he takes out the puppet, the battle was over.

After getting the advantage, he didn't give the puppet any chance to regain itself and he released attack after attack on it. The puppet started to show signs of some parts of its body starting to break apart.

'Just a little more.'

Reynolds pushed, and just as he was about to end the puppet, it disappeared.

Well, not completely disappearing, but it shrunk into a bead and flew to the man's outstretched arm.

"Hahaha, thank you, kid."

Chapter 1408 Stop Him!

Reynolds looked at the man, a little surprised that the man was thanking him. But for some reason, he could feel like things were about to take a turn. The sudden change in the puppet, making it turn into a bead was strange.

One thing he noticed when he saw the bead was the enormous energy it contained. Not just that, but the energy was completely without any impurities. It could be consumed without any fears of there being any backlash.

'Oh no!'

Reynolds' heart sank when he figured out what the man was about to do. The man wanted to consume the energy. From the looks of it, the man got the motivation to do this after seeing Reynolds merge and detach from his Elemental Warrior.

'Why does the evil guy have to be so smart?!'

Reynolds couldn't believe what was happening. He sent a lightning bolt at the man, hoping to stop him from consuming it. Unfortunately, he was too late as the man consumed it even before the attack finished forming.

The man's aura exploded out and the buildings close to him were crushed to smithereens.

Reynolds' attack was destroyed.

The man's aura spiked and for the first time, Reynolds' felt his heart beat heavily out of fear since the start of the battle. He sensed an aura from the man that he had only ever sensed in one person who was still in the Elemental Venerable Plane, and that person was Grey.

Grey's strength has clearly exceeded the Peak of the Venerable Plane, even though he was technically a Peak stage Elemental Venerable, only a fool would accept that he was a Peak Venerable. Grey was the strongest person in the Venerable Plane, and anything above his current strength was the Sovereign Plane.

The man being able to exude such an aura meant one thing, he was heading into the Sovereign Plane. The man couldn't achieve the same feat as Grey, but he could break through to the Sovereign Plane.

The second he does this, Reynolds and the others are dead. Even if Klaus and Aries came over to help, they wouldn't be able to fight against a Sovereign. A Sovereign was just that powerful.

Reynolds threw away his pride and quickly summoned not just Klaus, but Aries as well.

Before the duo came over, they were both given two talismans each, to use in summoning the duo. The duo would be instantaneously teleported to their current location once used.

Reynolds didn't see any need in using it all this time, but now, he knew there was no way he could defeat the man at his current state. Their only chance of winning is ensuring they take out the man before he breaks through to the Sovereign Plane.

"Damn, you finally called for help. I've been waiting for so..." Klaus was speaking when he paused and turned to look at the man.

"What the fuck man?! What did you do?!" Klaus was stunned when he saw the man about to break through.

They were usually the ones who broke through when fighting against their enemies, now this man was breaking through, and from his condition, it was obvious that he had been badly beaten by Reynolds before this.

"He comprehended something when he saw me merge with my Elemental Warrior." Reynolds said.

"Fuck! You're giving the bad guys ideas now? Really?!" Klaus was shocked at what he was seeing.

"I didn't know he could do something like that." Reynolds complained. He too was at a loss for words at the fact that the man was able to do something like this.

"Will you two stop quarreling and help me stop him from advancing?!" Aries couldn't believe the duo were still arguing at such a time.

"Who says weren't not helping?" Klaus asked.

The entire area had turned into a snow covered valley without the trees.

Klaus' use of the ice element seemed to slow down the speed at which the man's aura was improving.

Without sufficient elemental essence, there was no way the man could break through, and Klaus was freezing the elemental essence precisely.

He might be arguing with Reynolds, but he got to work the moment he saw how bad the situation was. There was no harm in yelling at Reynolds, so why not?

Aries was once again dumbfounded by Klaus. The fact that Klaus thought to do something like this showed just how quick-witted he is.

The man was also shocked at what Klaus thought of.

"You brought help. Hehe, looks like I'll have a lot of good things to work with this time." The man laughed, he looked at Aries, "Aren't you the jewel of the Phoenix Faction? What are you doing here?"

Without waiting for Aries to reply, he said, "It doesn't matter, I'll go into hiding after killing you kids. You guys are really a good batch. I made the right choice to wait a little longer."

"Does he talk so much?" Klaus turned to Reynolds.

"Yeah, it's nice you're here, you guys can get to know each other." Reynolds nodded.

Klaus snorted before taking a look at Alice, an ice needle formed and shot at one of the puppets.

The puppet didn't even have time to react before it was frozen solid.

Alice was already aware of Klaus' appearance when the temperature suddenly dropped.

She sensed the change in the man's aura and knew that this wasn't the time to try to evolve her cultivation technique. They will be in serious trouble if the man breaks through to the Sovereign Plane.

Klaus, Reynolds, and Aries didn't stand idly any longer, they charged at the man after Klaus made things easier for Alice.

As much as he wanted her to join in on the fight, he didn't want her to get close for now. It was too dangerous for anyone below a grade seven Peak Venerable. Even Aries who was a grade seven Peak Venerable might also be in danger if they were careless.

"Don't let him break through."

"You think you can stop me?"

Chapter 1409 Naturally Talented Klaus

Boom! Bang!

"Fuck! He's already as strong as Grey!" Klaus cursed when his ice dome was shattered by an attack from the man.

Grey was the only one who could destroy this, and the fact that the man could break it now meant that he was already touching the threshold of the Elemental Venerable Plane. Anything more than this and he would be unstoppable.

They wouldn't be able to deal with him even with all the people they have with them.

"Come on, we have to try. We fought Grey to a draw the last time." Reynolds said.

"Are you stupid?! We were sparring, no matter how powerful our attacks were, we all still held back in the end." Klaus felt like knocking Reynolds senseless, but when he thought about it, Reynolds was already senseless, doing that would make life hell for him.

"Oh..." Reynolds didn't argue with that cause he knew it was the truth. If they were in a life and death battle, they wouldn't worry about harming the man, but when fighting with Grey, they all held back, Grey especially.

Grey had the higher attack power, and given the fact that he also had the space element, there were a few times he would've been able to open them up, but he held back.

Klaus didn't say anything and hurriedly created an ice wall to block the attack. This time, he used the ice technique he learnt while they were getting the Ice Seelie.

When the man attacked, the ice wall retaliated. This gave them the chance to also counter, forcing the man to take a step back.

The man was strong, but he wasn't invincible. With a good plan, they will be able to defeat the man.

Klaus was the one who had to block the attacks of the man while Reynolds and Aries were the main attackers.

The trio were smart, and even though this was their first time fighting one opponent together, they were able to cooperate flawlessly.

Reynolds and Aries had frightening attack power that even in his current state, the man knew not to take their attacks lightly.

Reynolds was stronger than Aries, but Aries' attack packed a different type of power that made the man worried.

The man tried to take out Reynolds, but he was blocked by Klaus' ice attacks that forced him back.

"Damn it!"

Frustration slowly started to creep in. Yes, he was stronger, but there was nothing he could do with Klaus present. Klaus' ice was too strong. No matter how powerful his attacks were, they could only break them, but the entire impact of the attack is almost fully absorbed by the ice wall before they break, which makes it impossible for them to cause any harm to Reynolds and Aries.

"Since you want to die so much, I'll follow your wishes." The man was vexed and decided to turn his focus to Klaus.

Klaus looked at the man with a smile, "An old guy that can't beat three youths, I can never take someone like you seriously."

"You..."

"You what?" Klaus asked with a mocking tone, "I understand why your kid died. She probably wanted to escape from you."

Reynolds had told him about what happened and knew the man was trying to resurrect his dead daughter. What's the best way to make the man lose his senses if not with her?

This might be a low blow, but as long as they were able to take the man down, then he was okay.

The man's eyes turned red when he heard Klaus' statement. This was the first time in his life that he felt such pain from words spoken by others. He has been abused and talked down on, but he had never felt this much pain in his chest from just words. It was like a large sword was used to stab his heart as Klaus made that statement.

"Take that back!" The man's red veiny eyes showed his anger.

"Bud, you outdid yourself this time." Reynolds couldn't help but applaud him. He had been trying to get the man to go berserk all this while, but it didn't take long for Klaus to do it.

"What can I say, I'm naturally talented." Klaus gave a smug smile.

Aries, on the other hand, was left speechless.

'This is also a battle tactic?' She was dumbfounded.

Although a berserk version of the man looked tougher to deal with, in truth, he is easier to deal with in his current state. He would barely care about his safety as the only thing in his head would be to kill Klaus. This will mean he might even neglect the existence of the others and focus his attention on Klaus.

"I said take that back!" The man roared and dark clouds covered the area.

"Don't think you're the only one who can make the clouds change." Klaus didn't bother with him and turned to Reynolds, "Bud, light it up."

Reynolds chuckled, "With pleasure."

Reynolds' figure shot straight into the dark clouds which had covered the area and a large lightning web stretched across the dark cloud.

Klaus attacked the man while Reynolds was doing this. He used his heavy water to grab hold of the man's legs.

The man tried to break free, but he noticed the abnormality of the water.

"Ah!" He roared and exploded out with a powerful darkness dome that shattered the water.

The dome didn't stop as it continued to increase, destroying anything it came in contact with.

Klaus looked at it and felt chills in his spine, "Damn... that's strong."

"Bud, aren't you done yet?" He looked at the sky while retreating.

Just as Reynolds was about to speak, a figure covered in lightning shot into the cloud as well and the duo created a large flash of light that shattered the dark clouds.

"Good, now destroy that." Klaus pointed at the dark dome that was advancing forward.

"The townspeople!" Aries exclaimed.

The dome was getting close to where people lived in the town. If they were caught in this, they would definitely die.

Chapter 1410 Dangerous Opponent

"Bud, help them." Klaus said to Reynolds, he turned to Alice, "You too. You two are the fastest here."

Alice and Reynolds didn't speak and disappeared from where they were located. A lightning flashed went through every house in the town and out.

The duo were taking each family out of their houses and taking them to a safe place, ensuring they wouldn't be harmed by the darkness dome that was moving.

Klaus looked at the man, he frowned and said, "We should take him down. The quicker we do that, the better it is for us. He's too dangerous."

Aries had no problems with that, she also wanted to take the man down. From how the man was able to create such a powerful technique just from watching Reynolds merge and detach from his Elemental Venerable, it showed that he was an outstanding genius.

Klaus used his ice ability to attack the dome while it was moving. He noticed that it had some effect from the man's domain, and also used his own in his attack.

Aries also attacked, ensuring the dome was destroyed. If the dome were to continue spreading, it would be dangerous for them as well.

The duo's attack was able to create an opening in the dome which halted its movement.

The man raised his head to look at the duo.

"You two think you're something, right?" He asked, he watched them and said, "This is how things are going to work from now. You'll escape so I don't kill you within the next few minutes. If not, you'll regret your decision."

Klaus looked at the man and knew the man's strength was increasing.

'Even with my ice domain, he will continue improving. I need to make sure he's defeated.'

Klaus realized that his domain will only be able to delay the man and not stop him from getting to the Sovereign Plane. The only thing they can do is stop him from breaking through. And that's by killing him.

"Let's kill him." Klaus said to Aries and Reynolds.

The dome stopped moving and it gave Alice and Reynolds the chance to come back. Although Alice joining isn't enough to stop him, Reynolds was present there and with his strength, they will be able to stop the man from breaking through.

This was one of the differences when they fought against Grey. Even though they all held back, Grey wasn't using his full strength since Alice wasn't on the same level as Klaus and Reynolds. The man would not think twice and will definitely try to kill Alice.

It was just as Klaus feared, from the second Alice joined the battle, the man turned his attention to trying to kill her. He didn't even hide his intentions.

Alice also had the ice ability which made his breakthrough even slower. Thanks to Klaus' domain, Alice's ice domain saw a boost in strength and the man noticed the speed reduction of his breakthrough.

His focus turned to Alice, but with Klaus present, it was wishful thinking if the man thought he would be able to kill Alice.

Klaus blocked each and every attack that came Alice's way while also making sure Reynolds and Aries had the chance to attack him.

The man was held back by Klaus while being bombarded by both Aries and Reynolds.

'These kids are smart.' The man might be going berserk, but he still had a sense of reasoning.

As things stand, he knew the numbers of his opponents meant that he had almost no chances of winning as it is.

'If that's the case, then there's no point fighting.'

The man wanted to kill Klaus, but he also wanted to survive. Reynolds and Alice were able to call for help when things started to go wrong, the man is afraid that they've already called for help and were just trying to stall before help arrives.

In truth, the group had indeed called for help. When Reynolds and Alice were in the cloud, they contacted Grey. Even though he was still caught up with learning about the array formation, this was very important.

Klaus is aware of this and wants to make sure they stall until Grey comes. With the man's current ability, other than Grey, only those in the Sovereign Plane could stop him.

The man attacked, and when the group blocked the attack, the man turned to escape.

"Don't let him leave." Klaus rushed after the man.

Reynolds was the fastest so he caught up with the man.

The man turned and looked at Reynolds, he felt a strong hatred for Reynolds because he was the one who caused such damage to his body. Although Klaus' ice domain could be said to be the reason for his delayed breakthrough, the main obstacle was the fact that Klaus seriously wounded him and even his core had cracks. Unless those cracks were healed, he wouldn't be able to break through.

He was on the verge of fixing those cracks when Klaus came and slowed it down with his ice. Now he had a few seconds with Reynolds, he wanted to kill him with his overwhelming strength before the others came in to help.

Reynolds didn't think about fighting with the man, he knew he was no longer his match, all he wanted to do was ensure the others came over.

While he was about to exchange moves with the man, Alice arrived.

The man changed his focus to Alice and struck out.

Alice expected this and dodged to the side, while also attacking with the lightning element.

The man blocked the attack and moved closer to her.

"Don't forget about me." Reynolds attacked with lightning arrows.

The man created a darkness dome and used it to block the arrows. He was about to get close to Alice when he sensed a powerful attack coming his way.

A large lightning spear broke through the dome and was heading for his head. He was forced to turn and block the attack.

But it was at this moment that he felt a bone chilling cold close to him. Even before the attack got to him, he sensed his body started to grow cold.

'That bloody Water Elementalist!'

The man was caught between taking Klaus or Reynolds' attack. Each was dangerous, but the danger level he was reading from Klaus' attack was off the roof. If he dared to take it, then he should forget about ever breaking through. He wouldn't even be able to escape with his life.

The man turned and spread out both hands, he focused more energy on his right hand which he sent a darkness beam out of, striking the ice needle that was coming his way. His left hand unleashed a darkness orb that struck the lightning spear.

Both attacks didn't stop, they only slowed down.

While the man used the opportunity to move up, hoping to dodge the attacks. To his dismay, a large fire snake was coming at him with shocking speed from above.

He opened his mouth and sucked in a large breath, the fire snake was swallowed and the man looked at Alice, he opened his mouth and spat out the snake.

He hurriedly flew into the air, narrowly dodging both Klaus and Reynolds' attack. The only issue with narrowly dodging Klaus' attack was that his right foot, from the down, was frozen solid.

All the ice needle did was graze it, and it was still able to cause such a degree of damage.

The man felt his heart almost jump out of his throat.

Klaus and the others were using their numbers to overpower him, and he knew he couldn't beat them like this.

'Fucking brats! I'll kill you all when I break through.'

The man focused on escaping, that was all that was important at the moment.

"Where are you going? Are you such a bad father that you don't even want to try to bring your daughter back?" Klaus started talking as he chased after the man, "I knew all that talk about wanting to bring back your daughter was a lie. All you wanted was to grow stronger. You just needed an excuse to become a crazed necromancer."

Klaus' words pierced the man's heart, but he didn't dare to slow down. He could feel a cold creeping closer to him. The cold felt like the hands of death and he knew if it caught up with him, he would most definitely die.

Reynolds and Alice soon caught up once again and forced him to slow down.

"Arghhh!" The man was getting frustrated with his constant failed attempt to escape.

He was once again caught in a pincer attack and was forced to take some damage to escape.

The battle continued in this manner. The man's strength was growing stronger, but he was still not able to overwhelm the group of four.

As he was escaping, he noticed something odd, it was as if he was being forced towards a certain direction.

"Huh? Could I be wrong?"