

Affinity 211

Chapter 211 - Void's Mystery

The twelfth prince and his companions managed to keep their lives for about ten minutes or so. But as soon as one of them was killed, it didn't take long before Aetonth killed the twelfth prince's last companion.

Regret washed over the face of the twelfth prince when he watched the last of his companions die. He quickly tried to escape, going as far as using the secret technique he was given in the palace in case he met any danger.

Unfortunately, compared to Aetonth, even when he used a secret technique, he still wasn't fast enough.

"Please don't kill me. I...I...I can be your slave! No, no, I'm a prince, I can get you anything you want. I'll become the next emperor so...so...I'm...I'm...very wealthy." The twelfth prince initially thought of becoming a slave, but he quickly changed his mind thinking he could trick Aetonth into letting him go.

Aetonth looked at him like he was looking at a fool.

Seeing that there was no reaction from Aetonth, the twelfth prince started thinking once again, "How about you keep me, then find someone to send a message to my father, the emperor? He will comply with whatever demands you make."

Aetonth studied the twelfth prince again and felt like someone so stupid shouldn't have been born. How could someone who didn't even have a storage ring say he was wealthy?

It moved closer to the twelfth prince who was still speaking of his wealth, opened its mouth and let out a breath of icy wind. After the icy wind passed the twelfth prince, an ice statue was what appeared in place of the twelfth prince.

Crack!

Lines ran across the statue from the head to the toe, before the statue crumbled down.

"No." Aetonth replied to what the twelfth prince was saying after killing him.

'Hmm, the kid seems to be heading out of this place. I'll attack him one more time before letting him go.'
It shook its body before taking to the air.

In an open field.

Grey was currently running, hoping to get to where the array was before Aetonth located them. He did not know the twelfth prince stupidly following behind him, or getting killed in the process. Even if he did, he wouldn't care.

'Is it coming yet?' He asked Void who was still grumpy from when his b.u.t.t was lashed.

'No, and it better not come.' Void said angrily.

'Or else?'

'I'll beat... You'll see what I'll do to it when it comes.'

Grey chuckled but refrained from speaking any further. He should at least allow Void to fantasize about something he was unable to do.

It had been just over one hour since he escaped from Aetonth, and he estimated he would get to the array within thirty minutes or so.

'After leaving this place, I'll have to go back to Red City. I need to find mom.' thought Grey.

He was already in the Origin Plane, and other than those in the Overlord Plane, he could fight against anyone in the Origin Plane, with Void's help, of course, or the Fusion State. He could move freely without really having to worry for himself.

'It's been so long I saw dad, will he be able to recognize me?' He instantly thought of his father.

His mother said she was going over to meet his father, which meant that he was still very much alive. It had been almost ten years since he last saw his father, and he couldn't help but think how it would feel like seeing him. The truth was, he didn't really know how he felt towards him. He had been with his mother for so long that he sometimes forgets his father is still alive. Not just that, but he felt he might not recognize him if he sees him again.

After going to the Academy, other than his mother, he rarely thinks of his father. If not for the fact that his mother said she was going to meet him, he wouldn't be too bothered about him.

'What would Void's parents be like? I wonder if they have the same obsession as he has.' Grey threw a glance at Void who was sitting on his shoulder.

He almost wanted to ask, but he felt it didn't sound right because when he found Void, he was still in an egg.

'Hmm, so those memories of yours, how do you get them?' asked Grey.

Void usually behaves weirdly sometimes, there are also times when he knows things that he hadn't seen before. There had to be something that made him remember all these things.

'I don't know, I just do. There are some things I see and I just recall things about them, it's like I've always known about them.' Void replied after thinking for a while.

'Strange, are you sure you're not something else?' Grey picked Void up and started scrutinizing him just like he did the first time he saw him.

'Honestly, I don't know.' answered Void.

Grey looked at Void for some time before continuing their journey. It must be though being surrounded by so many mysteries, even his birth was a mystery. A cat hatching out of an egg. Not just that, but he needed to absorb blood essence before he could hatch. He had a rare element. Now, he could recall things.

'Don't worry, we'll find out, eventually.' Grey consoled Void on their way.

'Hmm, I know. You don't need to doubt me, I'll never do anything to harm you.' Void said.

He could tell there was a little doubt in Grey's voice, he wasn't really surprised though since even he didn't know what to believe about himself. Hatching out of an egg and recalling things he knew nothing about was not easy for someone to accept.

'Seriously?' Grey asked with a weird expression.

Void had put him in danger multiple times, so hearing this was very strange.

'You know what I mean.' Void said lightly while wearing an awkward smile, he could tell what Grey was thinking.

Grey shook his head with a soft smile. Of course he knew what Void meant, it was just that Void putting it that way didn't sound right, given their current situation.

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Five minutes later.

'It's here.' Void said as soon as he sensed Aetonth.

'*Sigh* Let's get this done with. If we can escape from it this time, then we're free.' said Grey.

They were still in the open field, just ahead was a forest. After going through this forest they would appear before the hill that leads to the mountain where they first appeared.

'Why don't we fight against it here?' Void suggested.

'I feel fighting against it in the forest would be better.' Grey voiced his opinion.

'No, it would catch up as soon as we get into the forest. We should take this time to prepare.' Void urged.

'Hmm, okay.' Grey nodded thinking the idea wasn't bad.

'Shit! I'm running out of essence stones.' Grey complained after putting the last stone on the array.

He got the stones from Quinn's group, but rarely used them in cultivating, rather, he always used them whenever he was making arrays. Since he couldn't make a strong array without them.

Aetonth soon came in sight, and Void was staring at Grey's hand with big round eyes. He still couldn't figure out how Grey always does this thing.

Grey immediately started creating the fusion orb when Aetonth got within the range of his senses. He planned to use it during their first barrage of assault. Calculating the time, he felt he would be able to form it before Aetonth arrives. And luckily for him, Aetonth came just in time.

To Grey's greatest surprise, this time though, he managed to keep the orb under control for almost ten seconds.

'That's a new record.' He thought excitedly before noticing the orb was losing control after just getting to the ten seconds mark.

But that was all he needed since Aetonth had already gotten close to them.

Void was the first to attack, disappearing from Grey's shoulder and appearing some distance away from Aetonth, he stayed mid-air before sending out fire and darkness element attacks. This was part of the plan they had, he would distract it for the first second or so to give Grey time to attack properly. After all, Aetonth wouldn't just stand there and allow the orb to hit it.

Roar!

Void quickly vanished once again before appearing behind it. He decided to follow in its footsteps and also formed a claw made of the darkness element.

Aetonth turned around to block it. It couldn't rely on its ice sphere against this since it would be able to corrode it.

Grey threw the orb the moment Aetonth turned around. He not only attacked with the orb but the three inscriptions, as well as the attacking array. The array was of the fire element, as well as the inscriptions.

'Void!' Grey yelled but to his surprise, Void was already on his shoulder.

The duo retreated since Aetonth was only fifteen meters away. If the orb exploded and they were caught up by the blast, even though they might not die, it would definitely hurt them.

Boom!

Being forced to block Void's attack, before defending against the attacks from the inscriptions, Aetonth was unable to evade the orb. He hated it a lot, this was the second time he was going to be blasted by it, and to be honest, he didn't like it.

Grey looked at the explosion as he retreated further. He recalled it was able to stop Aetonth the last time.

'Haha, this time it didn't even touch us.' Void said happily.

For the first time since they were fighting against Aetonth, they managed to quickly put it down. They couldn't even call this a battle, it ended too quickly.

'Yeah, preparing wasn't really that bad.' Grey nodded.

Had they not prepared, then they would've had to go through a long tough battle before they would be able to strike it. The duo had always made sure that whenever they got the opportunity to attack it, they gave it their strongest attacks.

They ran into the forest, heading for the hill. Grey couldn't wait to leave this place. He had been running all this time, at least once he leaves here, he would finally be able to rest.

Twenty minutes later.

Grey appeared at the foot of the hill that led to the mountain, he saw the purple bamboo tree patch that was on the hillside. It still had the faint mist that wreathed around it, while giving one an ethereal feeling of a unique realm.

'What are you standing here for! Have you forgotten what's behind us?'

Void's yell woke Grey from his state of reverie and he quickly started ascending the hill.

He got here at least ten minutes faster than the time he estimated, the reason for this was because...

Roar!

Grey and Void looked behind them and he tried to push his speed further. Unfortunately, he was already at his limit.

At the peak of the mountain.

Three youths could be seen sitting idly close to an array, they were Klaus, Alice, and Reynolds. They stood up simultaneously when they heard Aetonth's roar. This was the second time they were hearing it today, so they recognized it.

"Grey's almost here." Reynolds said.

"We should move closer to the array." Klaus said moving a little bit closer to the array but not entering it.

If he places his foot on it, then it would suck him in, transporting him outside the trial land. He didn't know if he could enter again after leaving, so he didn't dare to try it.

It took Grey almost three minutes to get to the peak of the mountain, and Aetonth was already very close to him. If not for the fact that Grey never stopped running even when Aetonth attacked, they would've already been fighting.

"What are you guys standing there for? Get in!" Grey yelled as soon as he saw the others.

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"Huh!"

The trio exclaimed simultaneously when they heard Grey. As soon as Grey appeared, Aetonth's figure soon came into view.

"Crap! It truly chased him all the way here." Klaus was the first to react.

He quickly stretched out both his hands, holding onto Reynolds and Alice's arms respectively. He dragged them closer to him as he stepped into the array.

He recalled when Grey said the dragon might actually be behind him as he was coming here, but he never thought it would happen.

After stepping into the array, Klaus, Reynolds, and Alice were quickly enveloped by light before vanishing.

Aetonth sent an ice ball in Grey's direction.

'Incoming!' Void alerted Grey of the ice ball.

'You take care of it.' Grey said not changing his direction.

Void had been the one changing the direction of some of Aetonth's attacks, since they were already this close, Grey saw no reason to dodge to the side. Aetonth might even catch up with them if he does so.

'I can't.' replied Void.

'Why?'

'I'm out of space essence. I haven't had much time to refill before each battle. I don't think what's left will be enough to transport the ice ball, it would be bad for us if it doesn't.' explained Void.

Grey's absorption speed was faster than his, so unlike Grey who would use about one hour or so to fill up his essence reserve, he needed nearly double the time.

He was very reliant on his space element, so it's understandable why even after resting for thirty minutes, it couldn't keep up with his consumption.

'Fine! But attack it, I don't think I can fight against it anymore.' said Grey.

Grey appeared almost seven meters to the right. The moment he appeared, he continued running since he didn't dare to waste any more time.

'Luckily, I'm very fast.' Grey thought as he looked behind him, to his surprise, Aetonth didn't continue chasing after him when he got close to the array.

Aetonth didn't have any problems with deflecting Void's fireball. It stopped in place after deflecting the attack and looked at Grey as he was about to step into the array.

'Looks like it can't leave this place. No wonder it tried so hard to stop me when I started ascending the mountain.' On seeing Aetonth's reaction, Grey thought it stopped because it couldn't leave this place.

He felt it was just like the quasi dragon who couldn't leave that underground lab, so it tried to do everything it could to stop him.

"Goodbye mister, miss..." Grey paused since he didn't know how to address Aetonth.

He had no idea if it was male or female.

'What are you doing?' Void asked looking at Grey strangely.

He felt they should've already left by now, yet Grey was trying to tell Aetonth goodbye. Was he crazy?

'I'm trying to say goodbye. Oh! Do you know if it's a mister or a miss?' Grey asked enthusiastically.

'Now I see why he's friends with those two.' Void shook his head.

He had always thought compared to Klaus and Reynolds, Grey was relatively more serious. But on seeing what he was currently about to do, he felt they were the same people. Presently, he wouldn't be surprised if Grey truly used the healing tonic he got from the Blooming Vipers to cook.

'Why don't you ask it? Or even better, check.' Void said sarcastically.

'Forget it, it's not like knowing its gender matters.' said Grey.

"Goodbye dragon, I'll truly miss you. Just like ever..."

Roar!

Aetonth who just wanted to make sure Grey left before it went back to its cave roared angrily. It was currently about fifteen meters away from where Grey was standing, yet, saliva and snot still came out of its mouth and headed straight for Grey.

It wanted to attack, but it recalled that Grey would be able to easily dodge it. But with this, Grey would definitely want to leave.

"Crap! Gross."

Grey immediately stepped into the array, hoping to disappear before the yellowish substance that came out of Aetonth's mouth got to him. He didn't know if it was an attack or not, but just from how it looked, he didn't want it anywhere near himself.

He was quickly enveloped by a white light, before disappearing. Just as he was disappearing, the yellowish substance got to the place.

Splat!

It touched the ground, with Grey nowhere to be seen. But looking closer, Aetonth noticed there was a part of the substance that was missing.

Because of the trajectory, the substance was supposed to form a complete circle since it missed Grey. Yet, a chunk from that circle was missing, at least one-third of it.

Aetonth burst into laughter when it realized what happened. It originally didn't expect it to touch Grey, so on seeing that it did, it was amusing as well as satisfying.

"Haha, I have something else to brag about. I spat on him. Haha." Aetonth was laughing happily as it took to the air.

The old man appeared above him with a wry smile. He didn't know Grey's personality, so seeing him standing there seemingly wanting to say goodbye to Aetonth stunned him. He was further shocked when he saw Aetonth spraying saliva and snot in his direction.

"Why did you do that?" He asked with a curious expression.

"Haha, I didn't really plan for it to go this way, but I'm glad it did. Haha." Aetonth didn't answer his question, rather, he continued laughing joyfully.

The old man couldn't understand the joy it was currently feeling. In the future, it wouldn't only say it beat up Grey, it would also say it sprayed saliva and snot on him. Its friends would be envious! Well, that was all on the premise that Grey turns out to be stronger than the old man in the future. If not, it'll never speak of it. It's not like it lost anything anyway, everything that Grey took was nothing much compared to its wealth.

"That doesn't answer my question." The old man said calmly.

"I just wanted him to go so I could go back to my cave." Aetonth said while chuckling.

It still found the whole scenario very hilarious.

"I saw what you did though." The old man said with a smile.

"It's just a small amount of water, it's nothing much." Aetonth said nonchalantly.

The old man looked at him with a strange smile.

'Heh! Even though this guy likes bragging, he didn't forget to help Grey out.' He thought.

When Aetonth opened its mouth to roar, a string of ice-cold water shot straight at Grey. It was faster than the yellowish substance, and Grey didn't even sense it before it entered into his body.

The water was from the pond in Aetonth's cave, it's very beneficial to Ice Dragons. In the case of humans, it increases a Water Elementalist's ice ability.

Aetonth always carries some with it. It originally didn't want to give some to Grey because from the first time they fought, Grey only used the fire, lightning, earth, and wind elements. It was when Grey first used the water element to trap it that it started getting the thought. It finally decided to give him some as a parting gift when it saw Grey's ice ability when Grey created an ice whip.

Since Aetonth was an Ice Dragon, it naturally favored ice, in regards to humans, Water Elementalists. It noticed compared to some of the humans it had seen, Grey's ice ability was lacking, so it decided to help him out. But given Grey's current abilities, there was no way he would know it helped it. Aetonth didn't do it to gain his favor anyway, it did it because it wanted to.

"My crystal." Aetonth said, not forgetting what made it do all this in the first place.

"I thought you've forgotten about it?" The old man laughed before making the crystal appear before him.

He waved his hand and the crystal went back to Aetonth. With this crystal, Aetonth's ice power is almost double. This meant that had it been with this crystal while fighting against them, they wouldn't stand a chance.

The crystal floated before Aetonth for two seconds, before going back to its head. As soon as it came close, it embedded itself into it once more.

"I'll be going back now, old man. Call me when you need me." Aetonth said before flying off.

The old man stood in the sky for a while before looking in the direction of the array.

"*Sigh* Hopefully he grows in time." He muttered before vanishing.

'Haha, what a way to leave this place.' Void laughed on seeing the sight of Grey after he appeared on the other side of the array.

Chapter 214 - Incensed Klaus!

Outside the trial land.

Before Grey and his friends came out.

Some guards could be seen on each camp, carefully patrolling the area. There was the threat of them being attacked by magical beasts, after all, they were at the borders of the magical beasts forest, so they had to make sure the place was safe.

Each empire left a group in the camps to help protect the youngsters once they came out of the array. There was no way to predict when they would come out, so there was always someone watching it constantly. Once anyone exits the array, there is a group that would immediately transport the person back to the empire. Given the conflict between the empires, especially the Qilin and Azure empires, it wasn't safe for the youths to stay there.

Over the past ten days, at least twenty youths had already exited the trial land, and they were all in the Origin Plane. Although not even one-tenth of the people who went in had come out, the guards from their respective empires were all happy seeing the increase in the strength of the youths.

At the Qilin's empire camp, some guards could be seen discussing.

"*Sigh* Only two from our empire have exited the array so far, could it be that most of them are dead?"

"I don't think so. Maybe they are trying to further increase their strengths during these last few days."

"Yeah. The Azure empire are just like us, only having three people coming out."

"Hmph! Those stupid fools, to think they would try to assassinate one of our geniuses."

"Hehe, if not for the fact that we still have to wait, I'd have killed someone already."

The guards discussed while glancing at the Azure empire's camp. Three days back, the second person from the Qilin empire exited the trial land, he was surprisingly in the Fifth stage of the Origin Plane. As soon as the guards from the Azure empire noticed this, he immediately attacked, trying to kill him.

Luckily, the guards from the Qilin empire were quick to react, so they managed to block it in time without harming the young lady who just exited the trial land.

When they wanted to attack, the guard from the Azure empire said he saw a magical beast that was why he attacked. Since if both empire's guards went into an all-out battle it would benefit the other two empires, the leader of the Qilin empire's guards told them to keep calm, for now. Besides, they were also given the order to kill any genius above the Fourth stage of the Origin Plane that was from any of the other empires. But they didn't dare to do it so blatantly.

The guards from each empire were all around the Sixth and Eighth stage of the Origin Plane, only the leader of the guards were in the Ninth stage of the Origin Plane. But hidden within each camp was an Overlord Plane expert. They were there in case of any mishaps.

While the guards were still discussing, the array lit up.

"Someone is coming out."

The guards from each camp rushed out of their camps before the light would die down so they could see which empire's genius came out of the trial land.

The lights soon died down, and Alice, Klaus, and Reynolds came into view. The guards from the Qilin empire who were closer to the array quickly surrounded the trio. The guards coming from the camps still hadn't gotten there yet so these guards had to protect them.

It didn't take up to two seconds before the other guards got to where the array was, since the guards from the Qilin empire had already come out in full force, the Azure empire's guards didn't try anything funny. Almost all the guards from the Qilin empire surrounded the trio as soon as they got there. Although they were only in the Third stage, the guards didn't want to risk it, after all, only two of their empire's geniuses have previously exited the trial land.

"Quickly, before they try to attack." The leader of the guards said as soon as he got there, not forgetting to glare at the group from the Azure empire.

Before Klaus and the others could say anything, the guards pushed them away from the array towards their camps.

Most of the guards from the Qilin empire followed behind the trio so they could ensure their safety. It wasn't like anyone would come out instantly, right?

"There's..." Klaus tried explaining but he was cut short.

"Talk after we go in, these people wouldn't mind fighting us just for the chance to kill you three." The leader of the guards said.

"I know, it just..." Klaus tried speaking again but he was once again interrupted.

"Please, wait till we enter the camp." The leader said but continued taking them to the camp.

Klaus, Alice, and Reynolds felt like they were prisoners who were being taken to the dungeons. They wanted to speak but the leader of the guards would always interrupt them.

They immediately lost their patience. The leader of the guards said they might be attacked by the guards from the other empires, doesn't that mean that when Grey comes out he would also be attacked?

Klaus looked back and realized only two guards were close to the array, and they were even at the Sixth stage of the Origin Plane, while the other empire's guards were still there. Some haven't even started going back to their camps yet.

"F.u.c.k this! Now you listen to me, my friend will be coming out soon, and since you're saying those guards would attack us, the chances of him being attacked is higher since he's far stronger than us." Klaus cursed out in anger.

He also said some more vulgar words, that made the guards' expressions changed. Some were angry, while the leader on the other hand nearly fainted.

"Why didn't you say so earlier?" The leader of the guards asked.

"Did you give me the chance of speaking?" Klaus asked looking at him angrily.

"Why are you still standing here? Get going!" He ordered like a commander.

Chapter 215 - In Danger

While Klaus was speaking with the leader of the guards, the array lit up once again. Grey was about to exit it, but there were only two guards from the Qilin empire there.

"Someone's coming out again."

Before the leader of the guards from the Qilin empire could rush back to the array, the light died down and Grey who was covered in yellowish substance appeared.

The guards were initially taken aback seeing him, but when the leader of the guards from the Azure empire saw the panicked expression in the face of the leader from the Qilin empire, he immediately knew Grey was not from their empire.

He also noticed that Grey was in the Fourth stage of the Origin Plane. Smiling evilly, he attacked.

He was a Water Elementalist that was already in the Ninth stage of the Origin Plane, just one more breakthrough and he would become an Overlord Plane expert. There was no way the two guards who were at the Sixth stage could stop him.

When his guards saw him attacking, they attacked the two guards as well. They didn't care if this might spark the flames of the battle between the two empire's guards here. But they knew there was no way the Qilin empire would want to risk fighting against them once the boy was dead. Even if they fought, it wouldn't be to the extent of them killing each other.

Anger and despair surfaced in the faces of Alice, Reynolds, and Klaus. They felt even if Grey was powerful, defending against someone at the peak of the Origin Plane was impossible given the difference in strength. But a little hint of hope appeared when they thought of how he managed to escape from the pursuit of Aetonth. According to Alice, it was above the Origin Plane.

Grey who was currently cursing his stupidity, and swearing at Aetonth for spraying saliva and snot on him was stunned when he not only sensed a thick killing intent coming towards him, but also a terrifying attack.

The power of the attack was not on the level of Aetonth's attacks, but it was still too powerful for him, especially when he was being sneak attacked like this. Without the Fusion State, he couldn't really defend against Aetonth's attacks.

Grey immediately went into his defensive mode, even Void who was previously laughing at him because of the yellowish substance in his body expression changed. This was the first time he was seeing the world, yet he was sneak attacked! What sort of welcoming was this?

He still hadn't recovered his space essence, so helping Grey out of this circumstance was impossible, he couldn't even escape. He could only brace himself while also preparing to defend as well.

The fire element was currently Grey's strongest element, without even trying to figure out where the attack was coming from, he immediately raised a wall of blue flames around himself. After doing that, he also created an earth armor. The strongest earth armor he could create.

Boom!

The water snake the leader of the guards from the Azure empire sent towards him crashed into the firewall. Contrary to the expectations of everyone, it didn't break through the defense instantly.

"What?!" The leader of the guards from the Azure empire exclaimed in disbelief.

Even though he could tell that the attack would eventually break through the defense, he was shocked by the quick reaction from Grey. He also didn't think that someone in the Fourth stage of the Origin Plane could block his attack, even though it was just barely.

Those watching also felt surprised by this. Seeing the blue flames had already ignited their surprise, but never in their wildest dreams did they think the young boy who just left the trial land would be able to react this quickly.

'He must die.' The leader of the guards from the Azure empire made up his mind.

Those from the Blue Wind empire, as well as the Stellar empire, did nothing to stop Grey from being killed. Since he could block this attack, it meant he might also become a possible threat to them later in the future.

The leader from the Qilin empire felt a little excited hoping Grey could hold on for another three or five seconds. He couldn't allow someone who has such a special flame to die, his flame wasn't only special, but his strength and reaction speed were exceptional as well. He felt even some of his soldiers might not react as quickly as Grey did.

The water snake soon gained the advantage and quickly opened up a hole in the firewall. It crashed into Grey with a frightening force.

Grey's body shot out from the other side of the flame wall when the water snake hit him. He felt like his organs were falling apart, and his bones were destroyed. Luckily, his body was far stronger than that of a normal Elementalist. But it didn't change the fact that he was currently in danger. After his body shot out of the firewall, it moved for almost fifty meters before falling down.

Crash!

He first crashed into the ground, but the force bounced him into the air again, after crashing about four times, his body finally slide into the ground before being stopped by a boulder. He was currently almost one hundred meters away from where he was attacked.

As soon as his body stopped moving, it was like time stood still.

No one could believe what happened, they didn't think the leader from the Azure empire would truly be this heartless enough to kill a genius from another empire. The leader wasn't only heartless, but he was extremely bold as well.

"Grey!" Alice, Klaus, and Reynolds screamed in unison while charging straight for the currently motionless Grey.

"You animal!" The leader of the guards from the Qilin empire said with angry eyes.

He still couldn't believe what just happened. Everything happened within the space of a few seconds, yet it felt like it happened in one hour.

Chapter 216 - Kill Him!

The leader of the guards from the Azure empire smirked on hearing what the leader from the Qilin empire called him, he didn't care what they said about him, so long as he's doing what he was told to do by his empire, he was satisfied.

But his smirk didn't form completely before it turned into a frown. Looking in Grey's direction, he could see that he was trying to stand up.

"Impossible! How can he survive that?!" He exclaimed in disbelief.

He knew just how powerful his attack was, there was no way in the world that even someone in the Seventh stage could survive it after being hit by the full force of it. Yet, Grey who was only in the Fourth

stage of the Origin Plane not only survived, but he was currently about to stand up. It wasn't even up to a minute yet!

Klaus, Alice, and Reynolds who were running in his direction were elated when they noticed Grey was actually moving.

"Haha! I knew he wouldn't die. You old dog, count your days." Klaus laughed out hysterically while not forgetting to threaten the leader of the guards from the Azure empire.

"It's impossible, he shouldn't be able to stand this early even if he survives." The leader from the Azure empire didn't even bother about Klaus' threat because he still couldn't believe what was happening.

The leader from the Qilin empire who previously stood on the same spot thinking Grey was dead was beside himself from joy. He couldn't believe Grey was alive. He acted quickly and headed in the direction of the leader from the Azure empire. He was afraid if he went in Grey's direction, then the leader from the Azure empire would get there before him, after all, he was closer than he was.

Grey was currently struggling to get on his feet, blood could be seen flowing out from the side of his mouth. The veins on his head bulged out while his eyes were red due to anger.

After the light died down, he didn't even get the time to take in what was happening in his surroundings before he was attacked. When he stood up, he recalled Void was previously on his shoulder.

"Where's he?" He asked while touching his shoulder.

He couldn't feel Void there. Hastily, he looked around. Lying about thirty meters away from him, was Void who was currently motionless. His previous black fur was covered in blood. That was when it all settled in Grey's head, just as the attack was about to reach him, Void jumped from his shoulder, taking the full force of the attack.

This was the reason why even though he was hit by the strike, it didn't affect him by much. The reason he was hurt was because of the times he bounced off the ground, other than that, he was feeling a slight pain in his c.h.e.s.t. Had he taken the strike head-on, given his physical defense and earth armor, he wouldn't die, but he would most likely be seriously injured.

"Void." He muttered softly as he staggered in his direction.

"Void!" He ran quickly while yelling the motionless Void's name with watery eyes.

If he was told that he would cry one day because of Void, there was no way he would believe it. He didn't even think that if he were to see Void in such a state anytime he would get emotional. But one shouldn't forget that even though he tries to act m.a.t.u.r.e sometimes, he was still only seventeen years old, and he had never seen anyone close to him being hurt before.

Klaus and the others were running towards him, yet, he was running in the other direction where Void was lying.

'This boy is a threat, he must die.' He didn't think that the small cat on the young boy's shoulder was what saved him, but he didn't care either.

Since Grey was able to obstruct his attack even if it wasn't even up to five seconds, he had already regarded him as a threat to his empire. According to the orders they received, it was to remove all potential threats. Currently to him, Grey wasn't a potential threat. He was a threat! A threat that he had to eliminate at all costs.

"Kill him!" He immediately gave the order to his guards.

Unlike the leader from the Qilin empire, he wasn't scared of them fighting to the death with the other guards. The reason for this was simple, he knew the guards from the Qilin empire wouldn't dare to fight to that level. His current plan was to hold off the guards from the Qilin empire and kill Grey, since Klaus and the others were also here, he would kill them as well.

Boom!

The leader from the Qilin empire immediately attacked, trying to stop the leader from the Azure empire from going close to Grey. He was an Earth Elementalist, so his attacks weren't something his opponent could neglect. The earth element wasn't just used for protection, it's also deadly in attacks, and it has been proven during multiple wars. Its greatest asset when it came to attacking was its terrifying weight.

The boulder that the leader from the Qilin empire sent towards the leader from the Azure empire was blocked by the ice wall that appeared before him.

Bam! Crack!

Cracks appeared on the ice wall the moment the boulder came in contact with it. The force from the boulder was too much for the ice wall.

Bang!

The ice wall fell apart after a second boulder celebration into the scene.

With no other option, the leader from the Azure empire was forced to stand and fight against the leader from the Qilin empire.

The guards from each camp had already started a brawl. But since the guards from the Azure empire were closer to Grey, some were already heading in his direction while the others tried to stop the guards from the Qilin empire.

The entire scene was a mess, but the group from the Blue Wind empire and the Stellar empire just watched from the sides with folded hands. This had nothing to do with them.

Chapter 217 - Curious Experts

Grey couldn't even sense the battle that was currently ongoing, the only thing in his eyes was Void who was on his hands.

He had tried communicating with Void via their mind link, but he didn't get a reply. He was almost on the verge of going crazy, tears were already slowly flowing down his eyes. He couldn't think properly, it was like nothing else existed.

"Void, wake up." He called with his already croaked voice while lightly shaking Void.

He suddenly recalled what he promised himself while in the trial land, he said he would become the strongest so that no one close to him would face any danger. Now, he hadn't even properly left the trial land yet Void's life was already in danger. He didn't even know if he was still alive or not. His mind was a mess.

Klaus and the others soon got to where he was and Alice seeing the bloodied Void almost started crying. She liked Void, even though they hadn't spent much time together.

Klaus and Reynolds on the other hand were calmer, when they saw Grey's current state, they could tell he was hurting because of Void's current condition.

"Move aside, give him to me." Klaus hurriedly took Void from Grey's hand.

He could tell Grey currently wasn't in his right mind. He couldn't blame him since he had spent the last four months or so with Void. Although he didn't know why Grey was this emotional over the cat, he could tell there was already a close bond between them.

"He blocked the attack." Grey said while staring at Void.

He currently felt like killing someone, but since Void's state wasn't confirmed yet, he was holding himself back. As it stands, he didn't even mind using the Fusion State.

"Hmm, he's still alive, although, barely." said Klaus.

He had been too angry and sad when he saw Void's condition and also when he didn't get any response from him that he didn't try to check. Even if he checked, given his state, he wouldn't know if he was still alive or not.

"Don't you have that healing tonic we extracted from those B...b... Those snakes?" Klaus asked.

He wanted to call the name of the snakes, but he had completely forgotten about them, all he recalled was the sweet tonic as well as the use of it.

"Oh! That, I forgot about it." Grey was about to take out the healing tonic when Klaus stopped him.

"Not here, people are watching, if they see you suddenly making something magically appear from nowhere, then you'd be in bigger trouble." Klaus explained.

The guard was in the Sixth stage, so Reynolds couldn't really stop him.

After blocking two attacks, he quickly summoned his Elemental Warrior. He knew doing this would put them in more danger, but if he didn't do it, then they might probably die. What's the use of hiding his strength when death was looming around them.

"Hmm, keep him close to you." Grey's eyes which were already red turned even redder.

He wanted to fight, this was the only way he could release the pain and anger he was currently feeling.

On the other side of the battle.

The leader from the Qilin empire was in a heated battle with the leader from the Azure empire.

When he saw Reynolds fighting against the first guard that got close to them, he panicked and tried to go over. But there was no way his opponent would allow that.

"Haha, watch as we kill all of them." The leader from the Azure empire laughed happily.

Presently, he wasn't even trying to go over anymore, he felt as long as he could keep the leader from the Qilin empire at bay, his men would take care of the rest.

The leader from the Qilin empire pushed himself harder, but he still couldn't break away from his opponent.

Despair soon appeared on his face, he felt like the stupidest person alive. How could he allow Klaus and the others who he had already brought to his side to go over? What was worse was that neither he nor his guards followed after them, they all stood dumbstruck when they thought Grey was dead.

His despair increased when Reynolds summoned his Elemental Warrior. He should've been happy seeing this since it meant that they could survive a little more, but he felt more depressed. The reason was that he realized Grey wasn't the only outstanding person among his friends.

With the current situation of things, he didn't think they would last long enough before he and his guards would manage to get to the other side.

He could already see that two other guards from the Azure empire were already edging over to Grey and his friends. One of the two was even in the Seventh stage of the Origin Plane. There was no way Reynolds' Elemental Warrior could fight against them alone.

"Hmph! To think there's another threat amongst them. Haha, they will all die." The leader from the Azure empire snorted coldly when he saw Reynolds summoning an Elemental Warrior.

'These people must die, they can't be left alive.' He thought.

In the Qilin empire's camp, the Overlord Plane expert had been watching everything that was happening since Grey was attacked till now, but it hadn't made a move yet. The thing that he was currently more curious about wasn't Grey or Reynolds who had an Elemental Warrior, rather, it was the pitch-black cat that was on Klaus' hands.

The others didn't notice it, but it couldn't escape the senses of an Overlord Plane expert, they all saw Void taking the strike for Grey. The thing that made all the Overlord Plane experts more curious was that even with their powerful senses, they couldn't figure out how Void moved from Grey's shoulder to his front and blocked the attack.

'It's almost like it teleported.'

Chapter 218 - Vengeful Grey

'It's almost like it teleported.' thought the expert from the Qilin empire.

The expert from the Qilin empire was a plump lady whose hair was slowly starting to grey. What surprised the lady even more was the fact that Void not only blocked the attack, but he was still alive. Although he was seriously injured, they knew he would survive. Compared to Klaus senses, theirs were far superior.

'The cat must be a strange magical beast.' She thought.

She had seen magical beasts that are cats, but almost all the powerful ones were big. Void on the other hand was small, too small to be noticed even. If not for his eye-catching pitch-black fur, people would rarely take note of him.

The plump lady couldn't sit still anymore when she saw Reynolds' Elemental Warrior. This group of youths not only had someone who had rare blue flames but there was also a high-grade summoner as well, the empire couldn't afford to lose them. It was time for her to intervene.

She disappeared from where she was sitting, quickly flashing past the entrance of the camp. Even though she was fat, she had no issues with moving quickly. She appeared mid-air but was confronted by an old man with long white beards who had both hands behind his back.

"Why don't we leave them to fate? If they can survive this, then they are true geniuses." The old man stroked his beard as he said.

He was overjoyed just thinking of the talents the Qilin empire was about to lose. Once this was reported back to the empire, he would be rewarded greatly.

"You shameless old man, get out of my way." The lady said while preparing to attack.

"Haha, I don't need to fight against you, all I need to do is delay you till they're killed." The old man laughed as the two started to struggle mid-air.

They were by no means close to the battlefield on the ground, and they also couldn't afford to allow their attacks to hit those fighting since it will most likely kill them.

The Overlord Plane experts from the Blue Wind and Stellar empires looked at the duo mid-air, but taking a glance at Void, they were more curious about him. But getting involved in the scuffle between the Qilin empire and the Azure empire wasn't a good idea, unless, there was something in it for them.

On Grey's side.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior was fighting against the guard in the Sixth stage, and it was surprisingly gaining the advantage. It was in the Fifth stage, but its true strength was in the Sixth stage. Against someone in the Sixth stage, it naturally shouldn't be able to quickly overpower them, but it seems like this guy's elemental grade wasn't that high. His elemental grade was probably orange, hence him being weaker compared to those with purple or blue elemental grades.

Whenever anyone close to him was hurt, his vengeful side comes out. People might hurt him and he'll let them go, well, that was on the premise they didn't show any killing intent. But messing with those close to him means incurring his wrath.

He was currently quickly making two inscriptions mid-air while also preparing a powerful fire spear that he shot straight at the guard who was fighting against the Elemental Warrior.

The guard who just managed to dodge the Elemental Warrior's attack was faced with an attack that he couldn't dodge. He braced himself to face the attack head-on.

'He's just a Fourth stage brat, does he think because he accidentally managed to survive the leader's attack he can become c.o.c.ky.' The guard thought.

The guard was a Wind Elementalist, so he quickly created a wind screen before him. He was confident it would be able to defend against Grey's fire spear.

His expression changed when he noticed the fire spear passing through the wind screen like a hot knife through butter.

The power of Grey's fire element has always been stronger than his stage. One shouldn't forget that at the time he was in the First stage of the Origin Plane, his blue flame's power was already stronger than Quinn's darkness element's power, and at that time, Quinn was two stages above him. Much less this guy whose elemental grade was orange.

Boom!

The fire spear first pierced into his t.h.i.g.h before exploding.

"Ah!"

The guard's scream of terror resonated in the entire area.

Everyone was forced to look in that direction, and they all s.u.c.k.e.d in a cold breath when they saw the guard.

He was currently lying on the ground, using both hands to try to hold onto his right leg. But the thing was, his right leg was gone. From his t.h.i.g.h down to his feet was missing. On the ground, bits of flesh and blood could be seen all around.

"Oh my God!"

Some of the guards from the Azure empire exclaimed and looked at the guard in shock. Not all of them were looking at what was going on there, after all, most of them were currently in a heated battle.

Some guards from the Blue Wind and Stellar empire who witnessed the scene of Grey attacking were dumbfounded.

"How could he be so powerful?" One of them asked.

Most of them still had their mouths wide agape. To say they were shocked was an understatement.

Just like everyone froze when the leader from the Azure empire attacked Grey, the entire battlefield was also currently frozen. They were all in a state of disbelief, none of them moved an inch, they just stared at the wounded guard.

Everyone stopped, except for the vengeful Grey. His eyes were currently bloodshot, and seeing an opportunity like this, he wouldn't miss it. He could tell the reason why everyone hadn't reacted was because of the surprise, being warriors, they would quickly get over it, that was why he had to strike now.

He wasn't the only one moving, unlike people, the Elemental Warrior had no reason to be surprised. It had only one mission, and that was to kill his opponent, nothing else mattered.

"Die!" Grey muttered through gritted teeth as a large hand made of earth came out from the ground where the guard was lying.

Grey closed his hand, and the earthen hand closed as well.

"Stop him!" The guard in the Seventh stage who was originally coming in Grey's direction attacked.

But Reynolds was quick to react as he sent the Elemental Warrior to block the attack.

"No..." The guard who was held by the hand screamed in fear when he sensed the hand closing.

He was already too weak from the pain he was feeling in his leg, he still hadn't realized his leg was gone. The pain he was feeling made it too hard for him to previously think properly, but now, the fear of death woke him up.

His scream soon came to an end as his body was crushed by the large earth hand. Blood was slowly dripping out from the hand that crushed him before it crumbled to the ground.

Grey's bloodshot eyes turned to the other guard who was held up by the Elemental Warrior.

The guards from the two empires which were watching the battle all gasped when they saw his eyes. Those were the eyes of a killer. What left them astounded was that it hadn't even been up to fifteen seconds since Grey joined the battle, yet, he had already killed one person. This was the first kill in the battle, and the one who did the killing was the one whom everyone thought would be the first to die.

The leader from the Qilin empire was filled with joy, he couldn't believe what he was seeing. Since Grey could kill that guard at the Sixth stage, it meant he had a chance against the other one who was in the Seventh stage.

The leader from the Azure empire on the other hand couldn't believe what just happened.

"How could he be so strong?" He asked in shock.

Now he understood why Grey's firewall was able to stop his water snake for some time, it was overpowered!

The leader from the Qilin empire attacked more fervently, compared to before, he was more motivated now.

In the sky.

The two experts who were previously fighting stopped and looked at each other, they were slightly taken aback on seeing that Grey was actually able to almost one-shot someone who was two stages above him. Had the spear been aimed at the guard's head, then Grey would have killed him in one strike.

"Hmph! He won't survive past today." The old man snorted coldly.

"Haha, watch as he kills your guards." The plump lady's cheek vibrated as she laughed.

If Grey and the Elemental Warrior could kill another guard, then the result of the battle was fixed.

Chapter 219 - Vengeful Grey II

Grey's current appearance was something that neither of his friends had ever seen, even he didn't know he had such a side to himself.

Alice, Klaus, and Reynolds stared at the somewhat lonely figure that was standing before them. It was like this was the first time they were seeing Grey, he was currently releasing a horrifying killing intent, it was almost visible.

The killing intent wasn't directed at them, yet they felt pressured by it. Alice and Klaus who weren't involved in the battle looked at each other, but other than the pressure from Grey's killing intent, they felt angry. Alice was originally aggressive, it didn't take long before she decided to join in on the battle. She also wanted to fight alongside her friends.

Klaus was boiling inside but because he had to take care of Void, he couldn't join in as well.

"Shit! I should be fighting, not catsitting." He said angrily.

Grey was just about to attack the guard who was in the Seventh stage. While fighting against the Elemental Warrior, the guard had a slight advantage. But as soon as Grey's attacks joined in, his life was placed in danger.

Things went from bad to worse when Alice joined in. Luckily, the second guard in the Sixth stage came over just after Alice joined the battle, so he was able to relieve him of the pressure.

It hadn't been up to one minute, so Grey hadn't been able to complete any of the inscriptions. They had to fight against the guards using their normal attacks.

Alice was using her lightning element which is her fort, Grey was using his fire and earth element for attacking and defending, while the Elemental Warrior was originally made of lightning, so it used only the lightning element.

After the group consumed the Great Earth Essence Liquid, the power of their elements each saw a boost, which also goes for the Elemental Warrior as well. Now compared to before, it was more overpowered.

"Kill that brat first!"

The leader's order could be heard even on the chaotic battlefield. To him Grey was the greatest threat, so he had to be eliminated first.

The two guards fighting against Grey, Alice, and the Elemental Warrior weren't having an easy time, so there's no way to carry out the order. The Elemental Warrior was facing off against the guard in the Sixth stage, while Alice and Grey were fighting against the guard in the Seventh stage.

Had it been any two youths at the Fourth and Third stage fighting against this guard in the Seventh stage, they would probably have been dead. But he was unfortunate to have encountered these two.

At first, he mostly focused on Grey's attacks and neglected Alice. But when he was hit by Alice's lightning whip, he almost cursed at his stupidity.

'What are they?' He asked himself.

He didn't even know if to classify Grey and his friends as humans. He had seen human geniuses before, but none like them. They were all too overpowered, currently, Alice's attack power was almost at the Fifth stage of the Origin Plane and she was only in the Third stage.

The reason she was defeated by the trio previously in the trial land was because of the numbers, had they been only two, she wouldn't have had any problems with beating them up.

Just as the guard was starting to fight back, Grey's inscriptions lit up mid-air.

Buzz! Boom!

The guard at the Seventh stage was fast enough to sense the attack and quickly tried dodging it. On the other hand, the guard on the Sixth was too focused on the Elemental Warrior to sense the attack. Before he realized it, the lightning bolt was already above him.

"Ah..."

For the second time in the battle, another scream of terror resonated in the area.

The guard in the Sixth stage was currently burnt all over his body, it was shocking that he managed to survive the attack even after literally taking it head-on. While he was shouting in pain, the Elemental Warrior drove its lightning sword into his head.

The scream seized abruptly before the guard dropped dead.

The guard in the Seventh stage who just managed to escape from the lightning bolt didn't have time to steady himself before Grey and Alice assaulted him with attacks.

Grey sent out a barrage of fireballs, while Alice sent a lightning blade towards him.

Bam! Boom!

"Ah!"

Another scream rang out in quick succession after the first one, but this time, it didn't stop.

The guard in the Seventh stage was currently missing an entire arm. His left arm had been detached from his body by a lightning blade.

Alice smirked when she saw this and continued attacking. Grey hadn't stopped attacking, so why would she?

"Stop! Stop! I don't want to fight anymore!" The guard in the Seventh stage yelled in horror.

Not everyone is brave enough to face death. Seeing Alice and Grey's incoming attack, the guard knew in his current injured condition, he couldn't fight against them properly.

'They're youngsters, they wouldn't kill me if I give up.' thought the guard.

But to his surprise, neither of them stopped. He could understand that since Grey was a man, and he was the one who was sneak attacked, he naturally had the right to be angry. However, what he couldn't comprehend was why Alice who looked so young and tender had such a bloodthirsty nature. She didn't even blink when he told them to stop!

"I give up, stop! I'm only following orders." He said again, trying to get them to stop attacking.

Grey and Alice didn't even bother and attacked ruthlessly. The already injured and scared guard couldn't fight against the bloodthirsty duo, he could only blame his leader for what was happening. He died with eyes wide open as if trying to tell the world that he died wrongly.

While Grey and Alice were fighting against the guard in the Seventh stage, the Elemental Warrior had located another opponent.

In a battle that had two Overlord Plane experts, two Ninth stage Origin Plane experts, it was unbelievable that the ones making the impact were three youths. One was in the Fourth stage, while the other two were in the Third stage.

In contrast to the intense battle ongoing, Klaus was surprisingly the most eye-catching person, even though he wasn't even fighting. The reason for this was because he was cheering on his friends from the sidelines in a very distracting way. Some of the guards fighting had been distracted by it.

He made what looked like a mini volcano, but out of ice. Whenever Grey, Alice, or the Elemental Warrior's attack struck anyone, the volcano would explode, shooting out snow into the air. He became his friends' unofficial cheerleader.

The people from the Blue Wind and Stellar empires camp would occasionally take a glance at him. They couldn't help but wonder how such a weirdo had so amazing friends? There were even times when he would say catchy phrases!

In the space of within four minutes, they've been kept amused by Klaus even when an intense battle was ongoing.

Grey and Alice quickly went over to join the Elemental Warrior who was being ganged up on. One more guard teamed up with the one it was previously fighting against, making it two.

While Grey was slowly going into the battlefield, he was searching for the leader of the guards from the Azure empire. That was the person who caused all this, he was the one who hurt Void, so naturally, he should die.

Another two minutes went by, and one more guard from the Azure empire was killed by the trio.

More guards from the Azure empire couldn't attack them because they were all occupied. They couldn't try to turn and attack Grey and his friends because they were currently facing off against the guards from the Qilin empire. Yet, they couldn't fight against the guards from the Qilin empire fully because of the fear of being attacked by Grey and his friends.

Each empire had to send in the same number of guards here, with the removal of two from the Azure empire, it placed them in a very unfavorable position. Although they had some guards who could fight against two people, the Qilin empire also had guards like that as well.

The old man from the Azure empire realized things were no longer going in their favor, and if he allows this to continue, then most of their guards would die.

"Order you guards to stop, if this continues, you should know not only my guards will die. We can't allow the other two to gain the upper hand." The old man tried persuading the lady from the Qilin empire.

The lady knew he was right, even though Grey and his friends had surprisingly managed to kill three guards, she could also see that some of her guards were also injured.

"Ah!"

Another guard's scream of fear spread on the battlefield. Grey, Alice, and the Elemental Warrior had killed yet another guard, increasing the tally to four.

'Another one? Are these really kids?' The old man thought frightened.

Grey's ruthlessness was not something youngsters should have, although they could sense that he was incensed, they still couldn't believe he was killing people this easily.

Chapter 220 - I Don't Threaten People

The lady was taken aback seeing Grey and his friends killing yet another guard. But she knew that if this continues, even if more of the guards from the Azure empire dies, some of her guards would still die. That wasn't good for them since the Blue Wind and Stellar empires still had their complete guards.

There was also the problem of Reynolds' Elemental Warrior, she didn't know how long it would last. It has been the thing making the killings easy for Grey and Alice, once the Elemental Warrior dissipates, then things wouldn't be like this anymore.

"Fine. I think you've learned enough lessons for today." The lady said with a smug smile.

She was winning, so she had every reason to be happy. Presently to her, Grey and his friends are gems, people that would take the empire to its greatest height! She planned on sending a report to the emperor about this incident so the emperor would know how to treat them.

The old man sighed in relief when he heard her agree to what he said, he couldn't watch on as these monsters who masquerade themselves as kids kill off all his guards. To him, Grey and his friends were monsters, not kids.

They stopped fighting and quickly descended while ordering both guards to stop fighting. The guards from both empires stopped fighting, except for three figures, Grey, Alice, and the Elemental Warrior.

They had no reason to listen to the Overlord Plane expert, and besides, Grey hadn't vented enough.

The guards who were being attacked by the trio were forced to continue fighting since stopping would mean their deaths. When the guards from the Azure empire saw that Grey still didn't stop his assault, they all wanted to gang up on him, but the guards from the Qilin empire acted quickly holding them down.

With things being like this, it became extremely difficult to stop the battle, the Overlord Plane experts couldn't stop it since Grey had no plans of stopping now, yet, they couldn't allow it since it would cause further damage to each camp.

The lady from the Qilin empire quickly moved in Grey's direction.

"Stop this now!" She ordered.

The lady had an awkward expression since she thought after hearing her order, Grey and his friends would stop fighting. She felt annoyed being ignored by these youngsters in front of so many people.

'Even if they're geniuses, they still need at least five years before they can get to the Overlord Plane.' She thought angrily.

Some people can't even breakthrough to the Overlord Plane, so an Overlord Plane expert should be given the respect they deserve.

With anger evident in her voice, she ordered once more, "Stop this now!"

But just like before, Grey didn't bother to listen to her.

Currently, other than the guard fighting against Grey, the others all stood still, looking in Grey's direction, even Alice and Reynolds had stopped fighting.

Alice walked closer to Grey, "Hey, that's enough. You need to take care of Void."

Hearing Void's name, Grey grew more enraged. Alice felt genuinely angry because of their situation, on one hand, she wanted to get revenge for Void just like Grey, but on the other hand, she knew she couldn't allow Grey to keep up with this. There's a chance he might die if he continues, and there's also the possibility of him changing forever.

Clenching her fist tightly, she walked closer to him. Looking at Grey, she felt he was like someone who was losing his mind to anger, she raised her hand, and...

In the battlefield which only the sound of Grey's attack was being heard, a hard slap rang out in all directions.

"Enough! Void needs you, we need you." She said softly with watery eyes to Grey who was in a state of shock.

Klaus and Reynolds were standing close to each other with mouths currently shaped like an 'o'.

"Oh! That took an unexpected turn." Klaus said not feeling Alice's actions were wrong. In fact, he applauded her decision internally.

"Yeah, Grey seemed to be on the verge of losing it." Reynolds nodded.

When they saw the Overlord Plane experts, they felt it was probably time to stop the fighting, for now. But they didn't expect Grey to continue fighting, not heeding to a single word the lady said.

Grey stood still, not expecting Alice to slap him. His pupils dilated, before turning to look at Alice with his infuriated eyes, but all he saw was care. Care for her friend who was on the verge of taking a path he might probably regret for the rest of his life.

He stood in the same position for some seconds while staring at her watery eyes, everything slowly started playing out in his mind once again. He recalled how he felt when he thought Void was dead, and pain as well as the hate and rage. Recalling Void's injury...

"Void..." He said slowly before turning around, heading in Klaus' direction.

The Overlord Plane experts couldn't believe that Grey did all this just for a cat, a magical beast pet. Yes, it saved his life, but they didn't think a magical beast was actually worth all this.

To them, magical beasts were tools, once they're useless, they should be discarded. It might be special, but it's not the only one in the world. There are other beasts he could easily train to block attacks for him, why go to such lengths?

Alice went after her friends since Grey and the others started walking away, but she was stopped by the lady.

"What Academy are you from?" The lady asked.

Since the four of them were friends, they should be from the same Academy.

"Lunar." Alice said while trying to walk out.

"Thank you for stopping him." said the lady.

She thought Alice did what she did because of her, and since these people would turn out to be very useful later in the future, she thought of putting on a good impression on them.

"You don't need to thank me, I did it for myself and my friends." Alice looked at the trio who were walking alongside each other and smiled lightly.

These three weirdos were her friends, her best friends. Some people find it strange that her best friends were actually boys, they felt since she's a girl, her best friend or friends should be girls as well. But she

didn't really think about it, these were the only people she could be free with, they were the ones who she knew in times of danger, they wouldn't think twice before running to her aid, even if there's a chance of them endangering their lives.

The lady looked at her but didn't say anything.

Alice quickly caught up with them before saying, "Guys, you know that isn't our camp, right?"

Klaus and Reynolds looked around and realized they were actually heading in the Azure empire's camp direction. But being the shameless people that they were...

"He's the one leading." They pointed at Grey simultaneously, trying to shift the blame to him.

He was the one who was at the front, so shifting blame looks very easy.

Grey looked behind them but didn't say anything, he wasn't in that mode. He shifted his gaze to Alice, "Thank you."

"It's nothing, we're friends so we should help each other out." Alice smiled softly.

"Yeah I know, but thank you." Grey said before looking in the direction of the leader from the Azure empire.

They weren't far from him, since they were technically still around the Azure empire's camp. The leader looked at the youngster who survived his sneak attack in hatred. He would be punished because of his mistake. Had he been able to kill him, he would have been rewarded but causing the death of four of his guards while still not being able to kill the boy was something he would be punished for.

"Count your days." Grey said calmly.

Compared to before, he wasn't putting on an angry expression or even acting like someone who was infuriated, rather, he acted as if nothing happened. This actually scared the leader more than when Grey was infuriated.

Given Grey's talent, he knew as long as Grey broke through to the Seventh stage while he was still in the Ninth stage, he wouldn't stand a chance against him.

"Is that a threat?" The leader asked icily.

"No, I don't threaten people." Grey continued walking, not turning to look at him anymore.

The leader narrowed his eyes. If he were threatened by someone else in Grey's age, he would laugh it off, not even bothering to think about it. But he had seen Grey in action, and all he saw was a ruthless killer.