

Affinity 401

Chapter 401 - How Did You End Up Like This?

Oliver couldn't believe what he was hearing, Reynolds was not only a summoner but a high-grade one at that.

Since the Academy usually runs background checks and all, he knew Reynolds was not a summoner at the time he got into the Academy. And even when he was in the Academy, there was no report of him being a summoner. This meant that he only recently became a summoner.

Cases like this are really rare, usually, most summoners are born with it. Only a few lucky ones get to actually become summoners after growing up, and Reynolds was amongst them.

"You four are quite something," He praised the friends, unfortunately, only two of them were here..

"It's nothing, we're just doing our best to dominate everyone," Klaus replied, making both his father and Grey roll their eyes.

"So, when do you plan on leaving?" Klaus asked, turning his attention back to Grey.

"Soon, it has already been over two months now since Void has been in this state, I really want to wake him up sooner," Grey replied.

"Oh, that's sad." Klaus said, he suddenly went closer to Grey, whispering in his ear, "So, have you been able to, you know, get a girlfriend yet?"

Grey's expression changed multiple times, they were speaking of something important, and Klaus just had to bring up the topic of a girlfriend.

"Answer me, this is important," Klaus continued pestering him.

"You... *sigh* No," Grey wanted to complain, but in the end, he answered the question.

Klaus would obviously continue disturbing him if he didn't answer the question, so it was better he told him.

"Such a shame," Klaus shook his head in pity.

Grey couldn't believe he was acting this way because he hadn't gotten a girlfriend yet. It was almost like Klaus was the one who hadn't gotten one yet.

"If you continue in this manner, you're going to end up like Uncle Chris, a loner who likes food and seeks solace in the company of a Griffin," Klaus said with a serious expression.

"Klaus, I'm still very young. And given the lifespan of Teacher, he could marry any time he wants," Grey reminded him.

"So you think, but before you know it, you're already over twenty-five, and will still be a... I don't even want to say it. You know what, how about I get you hooked up?" Klaus suggested.

"I'll probably break both your legs and arms, if you keep on with this topic," Grey threatened.

"Come on, just try it," Klaus started persuading.

"Your face included," Grey added to the list of places he wanted to break if Klaus didn't keep his mouth shut.

"See, just once. Nothing more, all I ask for is for you to try it, just once," Klaus begged.

Grey pushed Klaus' face away from him, trying his best not to listen to his nonsense.

Klaus of course didn't plan on stopping, he continued pestering Grey and before he knew it, they started fighting. Well, it couldn't be called a fight, one was being beaten while spouting all sorts of nonsense, while the other had a sour expression even though he was the one who was beating up the other one.

'At times like this, I really wish Alice was here. Unlike me, she wouldn't hold back against this blockhead,' Grey thought as he and Klaus were running around the shop.

Oliver watched on with a smile, seeing the close kinship of these youngsters was quite refreshing. Although, not everyone in the shop felt that way given how Klaus was yelling like someone who was about to be killed, and Grey had the expression of a serial killer.

Before long, Klaus and Grey left the shop, heading to the outskirts of the town.

Blake and Delia saw the two but didn't do anything to get involved. Since it was Grey, it's fine, especially if Klaus got beaten.

Delia wanted to help at first, but Blake stopped her, saying that this was how young boys usually interact after not seeing each other for so long.

Delia looked at him, her expression clearly asking if he thought she was a little girl who would believe such things? But in the end, she didn't try to intervene since Grey wouldn't really hurt Klaus.

Outside the town.

Grey and Klaus had walked out of the town, with Klaus having a black circle under his right eye.

"You're really heavy-handed, you know that?" He asked while massaging his aching head.

"You're foul-mouthed, and crazy," Grey replied casually.

"What do you mean crazy? I was trying to help you out!" Klaus exclaimed.

"By walking up to a random girl and asking her if she would like to be my girlfriend?" Grey asked with a sneer.

"But she didn't refuse," Klaus replied with a grin, "That was your chance, but you blew it away,"

He shook his head as if disappointed by Grey's performance.

"I'm not ready for all these just yet," Grey said after a while.

"*Sigh* You're wasting such a handsome face," Klaus continued shaking his head, "If only Rey was the one with this face, I'd have taught him a lot by now,"

"Since you two are crazy, I wouldn't be surprised if you were both assassinated for stealing people's daughters, and maybe wives," Grey said.

"We won't be stealing them, we would be only stealing their hearts," Klaus corrected.

Grey shook his head, he wanted to use this to mock Klaus, but after hearing his reply, he quickly gave up. He had already gained the advantage in a physical fight, if he were to start a battle of words, he would lose, woefully, especially now that Klaus was upset that he was beaten up.

"*Sigh* How did you end up like this?" He couldn't help but ask.

"Fun, by having fun. You on the other hand are way less charismatic and entertaining," Klaus replied with a smile.

"I should speak to Rey and Alice, it's been so long!"

Klaus brought out the communication device from his pocket after the duo took a seat under a tree just outside the town.

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Grey watched Klaus and the others speak for a long time without joining in, he was currently planning his next move.

Rustle...

'Huh?' He turned to look behind them, and a smile crept up on his face.

"Hey buddy, let's take a stroll," He tapped Klaus on the shoulder.

Klaus also seemed to hear the sound, so he quickly understood what was going on.

The duo stood up and started making jokes as they headed further away from the town.

Grey couldn't help but be surprised by the fact that the people from the town actually sent someone after them, what was more surprising was that the person was still in the Mid stages of the Origin Plane.

Even their chief who was at the Peak of the Origin Plane stood no chance, much less someone in the Mid stages.

After walking for a few minutes, Grey and Klaus walked up to an open field in the forest close to the town, and to their surprise, there were over ten people in the open field.

These people were clearly waiting for someone.

"Hey bud, I think we just walked right into an ambush," Klaus said, but there wasn't a hint of fear in his face.

"Yeah, so it seems," Grey nodded.

While the two were facing the people in front of them, a middle-aged man with a mustache walked out of the bush from behind them.

"Heh! It's just as they said, you brats are really too confident," The man said.

"You're even more confident. I mean, after what happened in your town some minutes ago, I didn't think you people would have the guts to try to fight us again," Klaus replied.

"The chief is a coward, we'll kill you here and offer you two to the Moon stone," The man said.

"Such boldness, I approve of it!" Klaus cheered.

Grey looked at Klaus, trying his best to keep a straight face. Klaus was just plain weird and psychotic.

The man almost tripped when he heard this statement, it was almost like Klaus was cheering him on, but given the situation of things, it was an obvious mockery.

"We'll see if you can keep running your mouth when we're done with you," The man said before looking at the group behind them, "Formation!"

"Oh... a formation, what are you going to do with... oh shit!" Klaus' expression which was previously filled with mockery changed when he saw what was in front of him.

"Interesting," Grey narrowed his eyes on seeing what was taking place in front of them.

The ten people separated into a group of two, both groups started making hand seals, while quickly channeling their essence in a particular manner.

Within seconds, an ice monster soon started to form. What was shocking was the aura the thing was radiating. It was at the Peak of the Origin Plane.

There were not just one, but two. Each ice monster stood at a shocking twelve meters tall.

Only now did Grey and Klaus know that the chief didn't use the town's full strength against them. Given the number of people there at that time, it wouldn't be difficult for them to make at least ten of such monsters, and although most of them would be relatively weak, they couldn't help but wonder the strength the one made by the town chief and the elders would have.

The thought of it stunned the duo. Of course, they weren't really scared since Klaus' father and Blake were just a few meters away.

Blake could easily kill everyone in the town with a single slap, much less Klaus' father.

"Wow, I didn't know you people had something like this," Klaus commented.

"Hmph! Even if you beg now, we still won't spare you," The man said.

Presently, he was the only one who wasn't in a formation. He was watching the battle from the side. Of the people here, only four others were in the Mid stages of the Origin Plane, this was why Grey and Klaus were surprised by the aura of the ice monster.

But thinking about it properly, since there were five people, two in the Mid stages and three in the Early stages, it didn't seem strange. Well, someone in the Peak of the Origin Plane would be able to beat up five people of such caliber though.

"Do I look like someone scared? I'm only shocked you people have something like this up your sleeves," Klaus looked at the man as if he were looking at a fool.

"We'll see about that. Attack!" The man said, not convinced that the duo wasn't afraid.

Roar!

The ice monster roared loudly, before charging at the duo. One for each person.

The five people were all in one part of the ice monster's body. One person was in the head, one in each arm, and one in each leg.

Whoosh!

The speed of the ice monster was shocking, to say the least. It was at least equal to a Wind Elementalist in the Peak of the Origin Plane.

Given its size, neither Grey nor Klaus thought it would be this fast.

Swoosh! Boom!

The ice monster swung its fist at them.

Grey and Klaus each dodged the attacks of the two ice monsters. The ground where they were previously standing was smashed, a small crater forming in it.

"Damn! This thing is fast and strong," Klaus said.

"It's just a huge target waiting to be hit," Grey said.

"Easy for you to say, you can blast it with your blue fire and all. All I have is the water element, and this freaking thing is made entirely of ice, I don't see where any of my attacks are going to be doing any damage to it," Klaus retorted.

"Hehe, then get ready for another beating!" Grey laughed and pounced at the ice monster that was charging towards him.

"Damn it! Why couldn't they just use any other element? It just had to be the water element," Klaus complained before moving to the side, quickly evading another fist.

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Boom!

"Shit! Come on, attack him, he's stronger!" Klaus yelled as he hurriedly moved to the left, dodging the attack of the ice monster.

The ice monster swung its free fist, aiming for the location where Klaus just moved to.

"Crap!" On seeing the incoming fist, Klaus couldn't help but curse out again.

He hastily set up an ice wall in front of him since he just landed, there was no way for him to quickly evade this attack.

Bam! Crack!

The ice wall was able to block the attack of the ice monster but also suffered some cracks.

Klaus stretched out his head from behind the ice wall, peeking at the ice monster.

Roar!

As soon as Klaus brought out his head from the side, the monster roared, sending out a snowstorm that blew fiercely into the ice wall. Klaus' head was on the side, so it got hit by the outer regions of the snowstorm.

After retracting his head, his face was covered in ice, and his hair had turned white from the snow. He opened his mouth, spitting out the bits of snow that entered his mouth.

"I hate these people," He said while trying to remove snow from his face.

With no other option, he decided to fight against the ice monster, although most of his attacks wouldn't be effective since they were of the same element, it didn't mean that it wouldn't really cause some damage.

The ice wall soon broke apart after receiving another blow from the ice monster. After removing the obstacle, it charged towards Klaus, trying to quickly strike him.

Klaus had created some distance between himself and the ice wall, so when it was broken apart, he was fairly in a safe position.

Seeing the ice monster charge towards him, he drew his left leg back slowly, before facing the ice monster. When the monster got within fifteen meters of him, he smirked and lifted his index finger lightly.

Bam!

The ice monster's right foot suddenly collided with something strong, and since it was at full speed, it came tumbling down.

Bang!

It slammed into the ground, sliding towards Klaus' direction.

Klaus, who was already prepared quickly made a hammer made entirely of ice. Since simple attacks wouldn't do any damages, then he would use brute force.

Ice is naturally very strong, as long as it's thick enough. And Klaus could be regarded as one of the best ice users, if not the best in the Azure continent thanks to the technique he got from the trial land.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The ice hammer came crashing down, slamming into the ice monster repeatedly.

"Haha, you think I'm a weakling? Well, you're so wrong!" Klaus said while hammering away.

In a single minute, he slammed the hammer into the ice monster a total of eighty plus times, an astonishing number given he didn't major in speed. Even Klaus didn't think he would be able to attack this quickly.

The head of the ice monster was completely crushed, and some parts of the chest region were blown away.

"Heh! Stupid ass people, daring to mess with me. You people didn't learn anything from our last en... what the hell is wrong with you people?" Klaus, who was in the middle of bragging, stopped midway and couldn't help but complain.

The ice monster was currently recovering those parts of its body that were destroyed by Klaus' heavy blow.

"Fuck this!"

And with that, he started slamming the hammer into it once again. Since the ice monster was recovering, then he wanted to see if it could recover if every single part of it was destroyed.

What was worth mentioning was that the person who was in the head of the ice monster wasn't there anymore. It seemed to have moved somewhere else.

Klaus guessed that as long as the people were still in the ice monster, then it would infinitely continue regenerating. Well, until they run out of essence. This time, he planned to make sure the entire monster was completely destroyed!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The sound of the hammer continuously hitting the ice monster reverberated throughout the entire field.

The man who led them here couldn't believe what was going on. All Klaus did was trip the ice monster, and without even giving it any chances to stand up, he started hammering away.

Klaus' battle wasn't what he found depressing, it was Grey's battle. At least hearing Klaus curse and complain still showed he wasn't having an easy time, Grey, on the other hand, was systematically dismantling the ice monster, then when it was at its end, he would leave it to recover.

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On Grey's side of the battle.

Grey gained the upper hand from when the battle started till now, given his monstrous physical strength and speed, it wasn't hard to dodge the blows of the ice monster while attacking with his own.

His punches were powerful enough to create holes in the body of the ice monster, so it was easy to see why he had the upper hand.

He also coated his fists with his blue flames, making the ice monster all the more vulnerable to him. It couldn't even be said to be a fair fight.

If the monster were smaller, it wouldn't have been this easy for him. But with this huge target placed in front of him, it was difficult not to hit it.

Presently, he was trying to figure out how the people from Moon town were able to come up with such a technique. It could almost be said to be a summon, something like the golem Damian summoned back at the Academy.

If he could figure it out, then he might be able to create something like this as well. He had the elemental essence to make it, so he wasn't bothered if he could sustain it.

It wasn't bad to have an added ace up his sleeves. The shock this would cause his opponents can easily change the tide of a battle.

"Tell me, how do you people make it?" He asked one of the people in the ice monster.

Chapter 404 - I'm Your Friend!

Grey held the man on the shirt, but other than the scared expression on the man's face, he couldn't get a reply.

'Hmm, this thing works on elemental essence, but other than that, I have no idea how it's made.' He thought to himself while releasing the man back into the ice monster.

More than half of the ice monster had been blown off, three of the people could be seen sprawling on the ground, not able to stand up.

Grey retreated a few steps backward, he wanted them to recover so he could continue studying them. But unfortunately, the three people were unable to join the ice monster once again.

The aura of that monster quickly started dwindling, and before long, it got to the Mid stages of the Origin Plane. It didn't stop there, it continued falling until it almost got to the Early stages.

Grey felt a little more and it would truly fall to the Early stages.

"Such a shame. Hey Klaus, come on, let's change opponents," He said while walking towards him.

"Go away! I'm having fun here," Klaus refused, not even giving Grey any time to speak up again.

"Sheesh! Come on, just a little bit, I want to study something," Grey begged.

Klaus looked at the ice monster which could barely recover anymore, and with a shake of his head, he retreated. Since Grey said he wanted to study something, then he couldn't say no.

'I'll go smash the other one,' He consoled himself.

The man who was by the side was stunned. He couldn't believe that Grey and Klaus were changing opponents mid-battle. Who even does that?!

'I can't sit by anymore.'

Resolve shone on his eyes before he took a step forward.

"You two are very powerful, I'll give you that..."

"Well, thank you," Klaus interrupted him, claiming the praise with a smile.

"But, your journey ends here," The man continued, after being rudely interrupted by Klaus.

"Come on out, it's time to end these boys," He said while looking around the field.

Five old men walked out from behind the trees around the field.

"Huh? There's more of you?" Klaus asked with a surprised expression.

He was obviously acting, Grey had told him even before the battle started that there were five people hiding on the side. And it was just as Grey said, all of them were in the Late stages of the Origin Plane.

Although not at the Peak, if they're allowed to form this ice monster, it's strength would be unimaginable.

Grey naturally wanted this, Klaus on the other hand, not really.

The old men didn't say anything, they casually walked over to where the other ten people were sitting, some were lying on the ground, exhausted. A look of disappointment washing over their faces.

"We'll take it from here," The man with a mustache said.

"Elders, we failed. Punish us," One of the men said.

"You'll receive your punishments after we've taken care of these twats. Formation!" The man said, moving his gaze from the men.

He joined the five men, making them six. They formed two groups, three people in each group.

And they started making the same weird hand seals again, while also channeling their elemental essence in a strange pattern.

'Oh, so there's a drawback to using this technique,' Grey thought while looking at the ten men behind the old men.

They were currently exhausted, and not even a single ounce of elemental essence could be sensed from them. It was like they had been completely drained. They would probably need about two to four weeks before they could start absorbing elemental essence once again, and would need around two to three months to recover to their original strength.

Now he understood why the town chief didn't want to use this technique. If they were to be weak for so long, then there's a chance that their enemies might capitalize on it to attack them.

'I'll study it, just in case. It's not bad having an extra ace up my sleeve.' He thought.

Watching the process once again, he gained a small knowledge of how they were doing it. Although he didn't completely get it, he believed once he gets free time to reflect on it, then he would be able to get something.

"Hey bud, remember when you asked if I could give you my opponent so you can study something?" Klaus suddenly asked, retreating.

"I didn't ask for your opponent, I only asked if we could switch," Grey corrected.

"It's the same thing. I'm gifting this one to you too, make sure to do your research properly, I'll watch from this side," Klaus darted away from where the battle would take place.

"Where are you running to?" Grey asked with a sour expression.

He couldn't believe Klaus was trying to leave him alone with both ice monsters. Couldn't he at least have a little shame?

With a wave of his hand, Grey turned the ground which Klaus was about to step into to muddy ground.

Plop!

Klaus immediately sank almost to his knee, "Fuck! Quick, let me go,"

Grey didn't even bother to answer him.

"Since you're going to run away, why don't I just trap you so they can step on your head?" He said with a sneer.

"How can you act like this? I'm your friend for fucks sake!" Klaus said.

"I don't think the Principal would mind you being stepped on, he might even reward me," Grey joked.

Klaus continued struggling while the ice monster was close to completion, its intimidating aura continued increasing.

The reason he couldn't escape from the mud was that Grey also use the earth element to seal his legs below it. So there was no way for him to get out of there, and since he couldn't properly attack it, he had no other choice but to beg.

"Hey, Grey, how about you let me go, I promise to say you're the most handsome, how about that?" Klaus asked.

"No, stay there for a while. It's not like they can kill you, they'll only smash your face," Grey continued.

He rarely got opportunities to play tricks on Klaus, so he was enjoying himself.

Chapter 405 - Are You Seeing This Shit?

"Grey, how can you do this to me? We've been friends for so long!" Klaus continued struggling while begging.

"Stay still so they can smash your face," Grey said with a smirk.

This was exactly what Klaus told him when he wanted to punch him in the face. Although he was unsuccessful, it felt nice saying this to him.

"You bastard! I'll... I'll tell Alice and Rey that you tried to kill me," Klaus pointed at him in exasperation.

"I think they'll be more inclined to believe it when I say it, you know, given your bad habits," Grey shrugged.

Klaus almost fainted when he heard this because he knew Grey was right

"Fuck me! Grey quick, it's already completed the transformation," He said, this time, a little scared.

Although he knew Grey wouldn't let him die, there's a slim chance that he might let them smash his face for a little bit..

"*Sigh* Fine, but next time you mess with me, I'm definitely going to let them smash your face," Grey sighed before freeing him.

"Yes, of course I wouldn't dare to mess with you again!" Klaus said while putting on a righteous expression.

'Just you wait, my chance will come! Hehehe, I'll get you then!' He thought inside while laughing evilly.

Of course, Grey naturally knew Klaus would not adhere to this promise of his. Given Klaus' character, he's probably planning how he would get back at him.

Klaus continued retreating.

"Where are you going?" Grey couldn't help but ask with a strange expression on his face.

"I'm taking it that I'm trapped, so you have to fight against them on your own," Klaus said, a shameless smile on his face.

Grey almost tripped when he heard this. Klaus didn't even wait for a long time before he started his revenge.

'Hehe, that will teach him. Hmph! Daring to trap him.' Klaus thought while grinning from ear to ear.

Plop!

The sound of something dropping into the water rang out once again.

Klaus who was previously grinning had a sour expression, he was currently sunk into the mud, again. This time, it almost got to his waist.

"Since you want to pretend like you're trapped, why don't I just make your dream come true?" Grey asked with a smile.

His smile froze when he saw Klaus jumping out of the mud, quite easily.

"Heh! You think I'll fall for the same trick twice?" Klaus smirked.

The two ice monsters had already completed the transformation, but to the surprise of the people inside, and the ones standing outside, Grey and Klaus were arguing with each other.

It was almost like they had forgotten that they were in the midst of battle.

Are they even normal?

This was the question running through the minds of the people there. First of all, the duo were insanely strong, especially Grey. Now, they're pranking each other in the middle of a battle.

This would be funny if it were in another scenario, but in the presence of such opponents who almost rivaled the strength of an Overlord Plane expert, it didn't look funny. Well, to the group from the town, that is.

But it had nothing to do with them. One of the monsters created an ice hammer, charging towards Grey.

From the experience of the previous battle, they knew it was a bad idea to get in close contact with Grey due to how strong he was.

Klaus on the hand was easy to deal with, as long as they watched their steps and didn't get tripped, then they were fine.

This was all according to what they gathered from the previous fight, unfortunately for them, Klaus and Grey weren't people who should be judged using common sense.

Bang! Bam!

"How rude! Can't you see we're arguing here? Fuck off!" Klaus turned to the ice monster who almost tried to hit him and immediately attacked with multiple ice spears that made the ice monster retreat, trying to block its vitals.

The vitals of the ice monster here referred to the three people that were inside it. Klaus aimed the spears so well that they all shot towards one of the people in the body of the ice monster.

The people in the ice monster were stunned. Because they didn't expect Klaus to get on the offensive immediately, they quickly fell into the back foot, not knowing how to respond.

Klaus continued attacking while spouting all sorts of nonsense like he usually does, he would occasionally curse at Grey who was also fighting against a monster.

The ice monster continued retreating, and Klaus soon found a weak point of this transformation. He noticed the decision making of the ice monster was slow like it didn't know which order to take.

Obviously, the people inside the ice monster were each giving out their own orders because of the current situation which was making them confused. This in turn was making it look as if the ice monster was hesitating to make a decision, hence making it seem weak in front of Klaus.

The only thing that it made sure to do was to block its vitals, it seemed like that was the only thing all the people in the ice monster agreed on.

Boom!

"Shit!! Klaus cursed and quickly retreated.

Ice spikes sprang out from the ground, almost impaling him.

"Damn these people!" He whipped away the sweat on his head.

Just when he was having fun with his attacks, he was almost caught off guard by these crafty old men.

Roar!

The ice monster roared loudly.

"This is bullshit!" Klaus exclaimed when he saw what was happening in front of him.

An even stronger ice was forming an armor around the three people in the ice monster. The thickness of this ice was far above that of the one used to create the ice monster.

With the people protected, the ice monster had blocked its main weakness. This simply meant it could run into any of his attacks without having to worry about the people inside it being hurt.

"Grey, are you seeing this shit?" Klaus couldn't help but draw Grey's attention to what was happening in his side of the battle.

Chapter 406 - Klaus' Ultimate Ice Technique!

"Yes Klaus, very clearly," Grey replied, after being forced back by the ice monster.

When the one fighting against Grey saw what the other one was doing, it immediately copied it.

Now, both ice monsters were covered in armor, now there was no way for Grey or Klaus to get to the people inside. Grey of course didn't have any problems, other than being a little bit more difficult, he was confident he could fight against them.

Klaus on the other hand was incensed. He had tried to use the ice spears to pierce through the ice monsters, and it was unable to go through.

"Come out and fight me like a man you old fogies!" He said when he saw that his attack was futile.

'They couldn't make an earth element monster, or even a fire element one, they just had to be Water Elementalists.' He complained inside while dodging the attacks of the ice monster.

Now, compared to before, the ice monster wasn't only using physical attacks, it was also making use of elemental attacks. Although it was only using ice, it made things extremely difficult for Klaus.

The strength of each ice monster was well above someone in the Peak of the Origin Plane, but fortunately, it didn't get to the Overlord Plane.

Others in the Eighth stage of the Origin Plane might not be able to survive against the ice monster in the Peak of the Origin Plane for so long, much less this one that is above the Peak in regards to its strength.

On Grey's side of the battle.

Things didn't change much, the ice monster used the same tactics as the first time, trying to keep a good distance from Grey while attacking it with its hammer as well as elemental attacks.

Grey didn't have any problems with dodging most of its attacks, so he was relatively carefree. He would occasionally send out attacks that the ice monster would be able to block with its hammer, but after blocking a single strike, cracks would appear all over the hammer.

Grey's plan was simple, and that was to wear them out. He wasn't using any essence in dodging due to his high physical speed, while he would occasionally attack to break the hammer or even hit some parts of the monster that wasn't covered in armor.

The ice monster would quickly restore the damaged parts, this would in turn increase the consumption rate for the people in the ice monster.

He soon got tired of dodging, since it wasn't his usual style of fighting. And he soon started his offense, with his superior blue flame, he would naturally be able to cause damage to the ice monster. Presently, he had a simple plan that if it's successful, he would take the ice monster down.

He created a fireball, sending it towards the ice monster.

Seeing the fireball coming, the ice monster swung its hammer at it, trying to destroy it.

Bang!

The fireball crashed into the ice hammer in the hands of the ice monster, exploding upon impact. The force of the explosion forced the ice monster to take a step back, but when its leg touched the ground, it sank.

Grey smiled and attacked with another fireball towards the chest region of the ice monster.

Boom!

Another explosion rang out. The second fireball landed on the chest of the ice monster. Given the unnatural position it was in because of its leg which was stuck in the mud, it fell over very easily.

Grey rushed towards it, and soon started his usual brutish way of fighting, punching away at the ice monster with hands covered in blue flames, while also making sure the leg of the ice monster was still stuck in the mud.

The ice monster struggled, trying to get Grey off it while attacking it. But Grey's speed came into play again as he was able to dodge the attacks. Although, it wasn't as easy as it previously was since the ice monster wasn't even trying to take precautions against hurting itself, and because of the close distance.

With the battle in this state, the victor could be said to already be decided. As long as nothing unforeseen happens, Grey would be able to easily take this ice monster apart given their current situation.

Klaus on the other hand was frantic from the attacks of the ice monster fighting against him. He tried tripping it, but it was just like he said to Grey the previous time, he couldn't be tricked by the same trick twice.

The people in this ice monster watched the previous battle, hence they were fighting with the knowledge they acquired from their battle.

"You cowards, I'll beat you to bits, until then, why don't you go fight with my friend? He's a really good fighter," Klaus said while pointing at Grey who was simply punching holes in the ice monster.

'Damn! That's just brutal,' He thought when he saw how Grey was beating the hell out of the ice monster.

Roar!

The ice monster roared, and to Klaus' surprise, it turned and ran towards Grey's direction.

"Crap! Where are you going? I'm not done with you, stay here," Klaus immediately chased after it and started attacking it again.

Although he told it to fight with Grey, he wasn't serious about it. If Grey had defeated the other one, then he wouldn't mind letting it go, but Grey was still pounding away at that one, so he had to make sure he kept this one here.

Bam!

"Stop there you overgrown bloke!" Klaus yelled while continuously attacking the ice monster from behind.

Luckily, Grey and the other ice monster were quite some distance away.

Seeing the ice monster getting closer to Grey, Klaus quickly thought of a plan. Since the people in the ice monster were wary of him tripping them over, then he's just going to freeze the ground.

Creating ice on the ground so the ice monster would slip, and fall on the ground.

As soon as the thought came to his head, he quickly implemented it. While doing this, he was also preparing something else. He wanted to also use the ultimate ice technique he acquired from the trial land, sub-zero to hit one of the people in the ice monster.

Given how strong the ice needle usually gets, it wouldn't have any problems with piercing through this thing's armor, easily immobilizing? the target.

Chapter 407 - What Do You People Want?

Thud!

The ice monster charging towards Grey slipped on the ice Klaus created and fell to the ground.

Just as it fell to the ground...

Pu-chi!

A small ice needle broke through the ice armor on the chest of the ice monster, going straight through the forehead of the old man in the middle.

The needle was so fast that no one got a good view of it, and due to its small size, the others didn't even notice that it had pierced through the head of the man in the chest region of the ice monster.

If one took a closer look at the forehead of the old man, then one would see a tiny spot covered in ice.

The old man was dead, his eyes still open.

Klaus naturally had plans of killing the man, even if the man were to sense the needle and move so it wouldn't hit his vitals, as long as the needle made contact, then it would be enough to immobilize the man.

With one person killed, the aura of the ice monster reduced significantly.

"How could this be?" The old man on the left leg asked, shocked.

They were able to immediately tell that the old man in the chest region was dead because of the change in the power of the ice monster. But they still couldn't understand how it happened.

One second the ice monster was slipping, and just as it got to the ground, the old man was dead. They didn't see Klaus making any other attacks, so how did it happen?

Klaus on the other hand was elated on seeing that the aura of the ice monster had decreased, this meant that he could take care of it.

"You old fogies think you can mess with me and go scot-free? Hehe, you're dead wrong!" He laughed and immediately attacked.

Not understanding how the first man died sent the two surviving old men into a panic. Everyone naturally had a fear of the unknown, and they were no exception.

Bang! Boom! Bam!

Klaus' attacks were wild and aggressive, he didn't want Grey to steal all the spotlight in this battle.

Grey was currently beating the hell out of the ice monster on his end, and the regeneration rate of the places damaged had reduced significantly. Even the glow on the ice armor that they created around the people in the ice monster had reduced as well.

Now, Grey was confident in being able to break apart the armor.

The battle went on for another five minutes or so.

Grey and Klaus were currently standing in front of sixteen people, well, fifteen since one of them was dead.

The men all looked drained, and almost all of them wore looks of horror, not believing that these two youngsters could defeat them, even when they used their ultimate technique.

Grey and Klaus weren't particularly happy that they defeated these people, it wasn't really something to be happy about. Had the elemental grades of these people been blue grade, then the chances of winning against them when they formed that ice monster would've been very slim.

Klaus could easily manhandle all of them here on his own due to his superior elemental grade. According to the people here, only two of them had blue elemental grades, while the others were either purple or orange.

Grey and Klaus were stunned since they hadn't seen anyone in the Origin Plane that had an orange elemental grade. Elemental grades are regarded like talent, they would usually determine how far an Elementalist could grow.

But these people were clearly born special, or maybe it had something to do with that odd rock in the town.

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"What do we do to them now?" Klaus asked.

He had already killed one of them, and honestly, he didn't mind killing the rest of them. After all, they were enemies who wanted to sacrifice him to their Moon God. Even if he wouldn't want to kill, just the fact that they said they wanted to sacrifice him meant that they should be killed.

Thinking about it properly, there's a chance that this was not the first time they were doing something like this, sacrificing someone to their imaginary god.

"The usual," Grey replied nonchalantly.

He had the habit of killing people who tried to kill him, he didn't care who they were or what their intentions were. Since the person tried to kill him, then the person should naturally be prepared to also die.

Just as they prepared to attack.

"Stop!"

A scream came from behind them.

Turning around, they saw a group of people running towards them frantically. At the front of the group was the town chief, behind him were about ten to fifteen people.

"What do you people want?" Klaus asked with a cold look.

"Please, don't kill them. If they were to die, then our town would be in danger," The town chief begged as soon as he got close.

Some of the people here were the main powers of the town, if they died, then the town would be in grave danger. They had a ton of enemies who were eyeing their sacred rock, if news of almost half of their powerful Elementalists being killed were to spread out, then it would be bad news for them.

"Are you involved in this?" Grey asked, still wearing the same nonchalant expression.

The fact that the town chief came just as they were about to kill these people looked suspicious. But Grey was sure he wasn't in this area when they were fighting, so it was a little confusing.

"No," The chief replied hastily.

"Then how did you know we were here?" Klaus asked with a sneer.

Obviously, he didn't believe what the town chief was saying, and he couldn't be blamed, even Grey found it hard to believe.

"I sensed them using the technique, and from what happened before, I could tell they were coming after you two," The town chief said.

"Hmm, since you sensed them using it, why didn't you come earlier?" Grey asked.

"Be..."

"Simple, he wanted to see if they could kill us.. But when he sensed that the old men used it as well, he knew they were in trouble." Klaus cut the town chief short and answered Grey's question with a smirk, he turned to look at the chief, "Am I right, chief?"

Chapter 408 - Offer Them Up!

"Am I right, chief?"

Klaus' question reverberated in the town's chief ears a few times.

"No... no, that's not it. I rushed here as fast as I could," The chief shook his head, denying Klaus' claims.

"Bullshit! Even I can get here from that town of yours within five minutes, much less ten. Stop playing dumb with us," Klaus cursed out, like usual.

Grey looked at Klaus, then at the town chief. He couldn't deny it, Klaus' claims seem to be quite viable. It would greatly benefit the town chief if these people were able to defeat them, after all, this was his plan right from the start. But unlike these people, he quickly gave up on it.

"I... I..." The chief tried explaining, but he knew neither Grey nor Klaus would believe him.

"No need to explain, since you weren't among them from the start I'll spare you. You can take their bodies with you as you go," Grey said.

He was so casual about it that the town chief and the people behind him had a hard time believing he was a young man who was below twenty years of age.

Even some of the old men in this group weren't sure they'd act this casually when killing people.

Thud!

"Please, spare them," The town chief begged, dropping to his knees.

"I'm sorry, but I show no mercy to people who try to make any efforts against my life. If not for the fact that I know a bit of this town's history, then I'd have killed you people as well," Grey replied while looking at the town chief who was still in a kneeling position.

The people behind the town chief unconsciously took a step back. They didn't think they were looking at a young man, instead, they felt they were staring at a demon in human form. How could he say these things so nonchalantly?

Well, they all thought like this since they were the victims. Some minutes back, all they wanted to do was sacrifice Grey and Klaus, at that time, they didn't see anything wrong with what they wanted to do. But now that the case was reversed, they felt dread.

"Please..."

Thud!

Just as the town chief was about to continue begging, one of the people amongst the fifteen people who was still able to barely stand dropped to the ground, a small ice dot could be seen on his forehead. He clearly died from the same thing that killed the first old man.

This was naturally Klaus' doing. He had a grin on his face while staring at the town chief, "You were saying?"

His question angered and stunned the town chief and his people at the same time.

Due to using the transformation technique, all the people were currently drained, they could barely stand, much less evade an attack. And even if they could, it would be difficult for them to evade this attack from Klaus because of its terrifying speed.

Grey looked at Klaus with a wry smile, he was playful yet brutal at the same time.

"I beg..."

Thud!

Another figure dropped to the ground with an ice arrow in his head.

Klaus turned to the town chief again, "For every time you beg, I'll kill one person. If you continue begging when the last person is about to be killed, I'll start dropping people from behind you,"

Grey sucked in a cold breath, Klaus was way more brutal compared to him.

The town chief looked at Klaus with a complex look. Klaus just placed him in a difficult situation, either he watched on silently as all his elders and people were killed in front of him, or he begged and not only watched them die, but also risk the others he brought with him dying as well.

'This kid is terrifying.'

This was the thought running through the head of the town chief and the people behind him.

"I..."

Thud!

Another figure dropped again.

"Now I'll drop one person whenever you speak," Klaus said.

The town chief grinds his teeth, his eyes red from anger. He couldn't believe Klaus and Grey wouldn't even give the people a second chance.

He turned to look at Grey with a pleading look, but all he saw was the same emotionless gaze in Grey's eyes.

Grey turned, and within a minute, all surviving thirteen people died. Klaus had previously killed two, and with Grey joining him, it didn't take long to kill all of them.

"Had you come along with them, I'd have killed you as well." Grey said, he looked at the people behind them, "No hard feelings people, you'd do the same in my position, unfortunately, you're not strong enough."

The people stood in the same spot, hands clenched. They couldn't disagree with what Grey said, had they been stronger, they would have already killed the duo back at the town. But they weren't strong enough.

The town chief didn't speak any further, with his head dropped, he walked towards the first elder Klaus killed, sealing him in ice before doing it to the other people as well. He couldn't dare to speak out since Klaus threatened to kill the people behind him every time he said something.

"We should leave, staying any further wouldn't make any difference," Grey said to Klaus.

They've already killed the people who tried to kill them, since the town chief was well-behaved, there was no need in trying to make things more difficult.

Klaus had already placed the chief and the people in a difficult situation, doing any further would give them a mental breakdown.

They left the town chief and the townspeople while heading back to the town again.

After Grey and Klaus left the field.

"Seal them properly, since these fools decided to waste their lives, we'll offer them to the Moon rock." The town chief said.

The people just died so there was still some bit of essence left in them.. The rock could naturally absorb all of them.

Chapter 409 - You Don't Believe Me?

Grey and Klaus had no idea what the town chief did to the people they just killed, neither did they care.

Although this attitude of theirs seemed extreme, it's pretty common in the world of Elementalists. Only the strong are allowed to walk and do whatever they want freely, status and family background means nothing in front of those who are truly strong.

This was exactly why the Emperor didn't want to take the chance of giving them the opportunity to grow stronger. Once they were stronger than the rest of the people in the continent, then it didn't matter if the opponent was an Emperor or the Crown Prince, they could do whatever they wanted when offended.

They could even forcibly take the throne from the current Emperor and there was nothing he could do. Of course, none of them had such plans. Maybe except for Klaus, given his personality, he'd probably want to be in a very high place.

Grey didn't really enjoy being in the limelight, he preferred the solitary life of his Teacher. He would be like his Teacher, but he wanted such a peaceful life.

Even the Emperor can't do anything to his Teacher who was still in the Overlord Plane. He couldn't help but imagine what would happen once his Teacher breaks through to the next Plane. According to the few people who had interacted with his Teacher, he was a once in ten thousand years genius. His Teacher was so powerful that it was unbelievable.

To be sincere, he would really like to see his Teacher in action. Unfortunately, other than when he slapped that Instructor from the Starlight Academy to death back at the Capital, he hadn't seen him do anything major again.

Grey noticed something in his Teacher at that time, compared to other Elementalists, he seemed to be better physically. Even though it wasn't up to Grey's level of physical strength, his Teacher seems to be well above the other Elementalists in that aspect.

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Moon Town.

The duo soon returned back to the tea shop, Klaus was joking around with Grey, while also speaking to Alice and Reynolds. Grey could see the excitement in Klaus' expression when he was speaking with the others.

After not seeing and speaking with each other for so long, they had a lot to catch up on, especially Klaus and Reynolds who for some reason soon started a cursing session as they would usually do.

Klaus was undoubtedly the winner, as usual. Grey didn't even consider it a competition between the two, if he was placed in Reynolds' position, he would try to avoid this as much as possible.

Unfortunately, after losing to Klaus', Reynolds decided to team up with Klaus and focused their attention on him.

Alice was constantly laughing from her location. Even saying as much as a single word was difficult for her due to how much she was laughing.

All in all, the group had a great time. Klaus always tends to make them all laugh, even in serious situations, this was why he was the most fun to be with.

Grey was certain the group would speak more frequently now with Klaus around, but he wouldn't really be a big part of the conversation since he had to focus on getting to the Magical Beasts' forest.

Klaus' father had given him a map indicating which direction he should take to the Magical Beasts' forest. He also marked out the city he would check out for the auction. Who knows, he might actually not need to enter the treacherous forest in search of the Resurgence Liquid, instead, he would be training and searching for his parents.

Void's injury only delayed his search for his parents, it didn't stop it. He was sure that at some point, he would be able to find them, until then, he wanted to grow as fast as he could. Once he's gotten to the peak, then he wouldn't be afraid of losing anyone close to him anymore.

The name of the City he was heading to was called Lapis City. This city was just as its name suggests, only a little different. It could be regarded as a treasure city. One could find so many rare treasures in this city that it was astonishing.

The city is also famous for having the rare lapis stone, hence its name. It gained popularity because of this stone, and because of the huge quantity it had, some people believed this place was a blessed land of treasure. These stones are used in making all types of weapons, they were very important to all forge masters. And since Grey had been improving his knowledge on forge mastering these few weeks, he planned to get some stones for himself.

The group left Moon town together, they were able to surprisingly encounter the town chief and the people on their way out.

Seeing the people, the others knew this was clearly the work of the two rascals among them.

"Your work?" Blake looked at the duo.

"Not one worth showing off about, but yeah, we took care of some trash who wanted to kill us even after the town chief had agreed we could leave. Also, I should enlighten you, these people have a strange transformation technique that turns them into literal gigantic ice monsters with strength greatly improving. Of course, they couldn't get to the Overlord Plane. But the thought of what they could do if they truly had Elementalists in the Overlord Plane is quite scary," Klaus replied.

Blake and Oliver turned to look at Grey, they couldn't really afford to believe everything that came out of Klaus' mouth. He tends to spout nonsense sometimes, but, of course they knew he was telling the truth in this scenario because they sensed the auras while they were fighting.

The only reason they didn't come out to intervene was because they didn't sense any aura surpassing that of an Origin Plane Elementalist. There was one which almost got to the Overlord Plane, but it unfortunately didn't.

Grey nodded to affirm what Klaus was saying.

"You don't believe me?" Klaus asked with an angry expression.

Chapter 410 - I'm Your Father, Boy

"Principal, we'll be going our separate ways here. Thank you for your help with the map," Grey bowed to Klaus' father when they got to a two-way junction.

He would be taking the path on the right while Klaus and his group would be taking the path on the left. According to the Principal, they wanted to travel the continent, see what each continent holds.

That was a plan that Klaus was especially excited about. He had been stuck in the Qilin empire since he was born, well only he would use the term stuck.

"It's okay. Make sure to take care of yourself. Also, in case you encounter Chris, tell Klaus about it." Oliver said to Grey with a soft smile.

Grey hadn't given the Great Earth Essence Liquid to him yet, but he wasn't really too concerned about it. As long as the youngsters could protect themselves, then he was satisfied.

From Grey's performance back at Moon town's square, he could tell he didn't have an opponent in the Origin Plane. This meant that he could walk freely since Overlord Plane experts aren't as much as those in the Origin Plane.

"Hey bud, are you sure you don't need me with you?" Klaus asked.

"No, I feel we'd die if we were together," Grey shook his head with a smile.

"What's the meaning of that?" Klaus asked angrily.

"Simple, you're going to cause so much trouble that people would want us dead," Grey said with a deadpan expression.

"What do you mean to cause trouble? I've always been an upright person!" Klaus replied righteously.

Everyone turned to look at him with a surprised expression, even Delia was no exception. She had been traveling with the group now for months, and she had already tagged Klaus as a once-in-a-lifetime troublemaker. She didn't think there would be anyone else in this world who can annoy so many people simultaneously, and still be alive. Yet here Klaus was, defying all expectations.

"You really believe that?" Grey asked with a sneer.

"Nope, not really," Klaus shook his head.

His response threw the others into a fit of laughter. Klaus was so shameless about his personality that he didn't really care if he were annoying or fun, as long as he could do whatever he wanted, then he was fine.

He truly was having the best of his life. Of course, having so many enemies wasn't something people would brag about, except for Klaus.

While he was talking to Alice and Reynolds earlier, he told them about the number of people who had tried to kill him and failed.

Reynolds also jumped in, and the duo started recounting their encounters on how they were almost killed by people and survived. The surprising thing was how nonchalant and comedic it seemed to the duo.

Grey was sure they were the only two people who would find people almost killing them funny. They were clearly psychopaths, with Klaus being of a higher rank.

They had just enough sanity and self-awareness not to be regarded as mad people.

After speaking to Klaus a little longer, and getting a huge hug from him, Grey was once again forced to travel alone. Something he was still not accustomed to.

After Grey left.

"Crap! Dad, he forgot to give it to you!" Klaus suddenly said.

"It's okay. I didn't really want it," Oliver waved it off.

"Are you sure?" Klaus asked with a suspicious-looking smile.

Oliver wanted to answer the question, but looking at his son's face, he felt doing that would come back to haunt him. But since Grey really didn't hand the Great Earth Essence Liquid to him, there wasn't much he could do. So he nodded after a while.

"That means I can sell it then," Klaus spoke out after seeing his father nod.

Oliver almost tripped, falling face-first to the ground.

"What did you just say?" He asked, wide-eyed.

"Since you didn't want it, I can sell it, right?" Klaus said with a cheeky smile.

"Stop playing games boy," Oliver smacked him on the head.

Who in their right mind would sell something as precious as the Great Earth Essence Liquid? Well, his son doesn't seem to be in his right mind.

"Why would I play games? He gave it to me to hand it to you, but since you said you don't want it, I think I'll sell it. No, I'll find a girl and use it as a wedding gift. Such extravagance! I'll surely be regarded as the best husband in the history of the world!" Klaus said, clearly deep in thoughts.

Oliver's expression changed, he couldn't believe this little rascal who he called his son would play a trick on him. He obviously had the Great Earth Essence Liquid with him, yet he said Grey forgot to give it to him. Knowing that he wouldn't want them to go after Grey because of it, he would then say he didn't want it.

'Such a sly move, unfortunately, he has forgotten I am his father!' He thought inside.

"Where did you hear me say I don't want it?" Oliver looked at Klaus with a stoic expression.

"I clearly heard it!" Klaus argued.

"Blake," Oliver turned to Blake and Delia.

"Yes Teacher," Blake answered.

"Did you hear me say I didn't want it?" Oliver asked in a stern voice.

"No Teacher," Blake replied seriously.

Oliver nodded before turning to Delia, "And you?"

Just like Blake, Delia gave the same answer.

"You see, now hand it over," Oliver stretched out his hand in front of Klaus.

"This... this... this is cheating! You said it," Klaus continued arguing.

"Does that mean that out of everyone here, you're the only one who heard something different?" Oliver asked with a smile.

"But... but..." Klaus knew they were messing with him, but he couldn't do anything.

With no other option, he took out a small circular cloth from his chest region, placing it in his father's outstretched hand.

"I'm your father, boy, I've been playing these games before you were born.." Oliver chuckled while studying the Great Earth Essence Liquid in his hand.