

Affinity 501

Chapter 501 - Wiping The Floor With Ernst City's Geniuses

After the explosion died down, Harry's worn down figure appeared before everyone, he was on his knees, gasping for breath while a red light screen could be seen with cracks around him.

He was sweating profusely, but the first thing he did when the explosion died down was to look at the sky to see if his last-minute attack was able to give him the result he wanted. But disappointment soon covered his face when he saw Grey who was still floating mid-air.

He gave a self-deprecating chuckle before forcing himself to stand up.

"I thought I could take you down with me, I never thought you'd be able to dodge that attack," He said still standing in the same spot.

"I was lucky," Grey replied.

Harry stared at him for a while before giving him a nod, just as he took another step, he started to fall.

Grey's figure blinked, before appearing beside Harry. Supporting with one arm so he wouldn't fall. Even though he won, he had nothing but respect for him.

After sensing the hand supporting him, he opened his eyes to look at who held him, on seeing that the hand belonged to Grey, he nodded slightly before closing his eyes, passing out.

He used up all of his essences while defending against Grey's attacks, and he still felt a small amount of the effects of the attacks, so he was not only exhausted but injured as well.

Someone from the Pyro Faction came to the platform to carry Harry away. It was a young lady who was around Grey's age, she nodded with a cold look before taking Harry away.

Grey kept his deadpan expression before walking back to the center of the platform.

"Next," He said.

His words shocked everyone in the arena. They all expected him to take a rest of going through such a battle, and they wouldn't even feel angry since they felt he needed it. But they never expected he was still raring to go.

"Are you sure?" The head of the Gayle family asked, slightly taken aback.

"Yes," Grey nodded.

"Alright, come on stage," The head of the Gayle family turned to look in the direction of those in the First stage of the Overlord Plane.

The person who stepped up next was a young lady, but everyone could sense the slight fear in her body language. She was no match for Harry and seeing that Grey had the space element, she knew she wasn't an opponent for him.

"You should give up if you know you're not confident in at least trying to fight," Grey remarked.

"No, I'll fight," The young lady replied.

"Alright," Grey replied.

Thanks to his great physical body, he could still continue fighting without getting exhausted. Even when overusing his essence, it wouldn't make him exhausted, this was the benefit of training one's physical body! Unfortunately, no other Elementalists do it since they feel their bodies grow stronger after every breakthrough, and unlike Grey, even when some do, they can't improve this quickly.

The reason for his rapid improvement in his physical strength was the orb in his body.

"Begin," The head of the Gayle family said without much zeal. It was like he already saw the outcome of the battle.

He wasn't the only one, everyone else could tell that the young lady wasn't a match for Grey.

The young lady was a Lightning Elementalist, so she quickly attacked as soon as the head of the Gayle family said they could begin.

Grey didn't think much, coating his legs with the lightning element, he shot towards the young lady. In terms of speed, red lightning is faster than silver lightning.

Whoosh! Buzz! Bang!

Within a few moves, the young lady was sent flying.

Grey's strength was not something she could defend against. Not just that, but after the previous fight, he was attacking with the same attack power, so his attacks were stronger.

The attacks he used against Harry, if he used them against any other person in the First stage of the Overlord Plane or anyone in the Origin Plane, there was a fifty percent chance that they might die.

After defeating the young lady, Grey didn't take any rest, fighting the next person immediately. The next person was a young man who gave up, not daring to enter the platform.

What was the use when he knew he wouldn't be able to even last a move against him? Although Grey was holding back in his attacks, it didn't mean that it didn't hurt when they hit.

Grey soon increased the number of people he fought against to two, after defeating three groups, he increased it to four. But the results were the same, especially now that he started using his space element in battles. His opponents couldn't touch a hair on him, while he was able to easily switch locations, striking them from angles they never expected attacks to come from.

Harry was the strongest person in the First stage of the Overlord Plane, and from his battle with these people, he ascertained that he was definitely stronger than them. Although, if he used the space

element he would be able to deal with him quicker, with that sensory ability Harry used, it would be difficult to sneak up on him.

Thirty minutes later, Grey was done battling those in the First stage of the Overlord Plane. Now, there were around fifty people left, fifteen of them were in the Third stage of the Overlord Plane, while the rest were in the Second stage.

Harry was stronger than some of the people in the Second stage who were present here, and given the strength Grey had shown so far, he should be able to deal with most of them.

"Are you continuing or taking a rest?" The head of the Gayle family asked.

Just before Grey spoke up, the lady stood up.

"He'll be taking a twenty minutes break," She said before heading towards Grey.

Before leaving, she made sure to look at the Faction Leader, telling him not to take a step out of the special area.

Unknown to everyone here, while they were watching battles, the greatest heist was taking place in the entire city, and it was being done by a cat!

Chapter 502 - Poison Specialist

Twenty minutes soon went by and Grey walked back to the platform.

Everyone has been waiting patiently for the battle to start again, when they saw Grey step into the platform, they looked on excitedly.

"How many people are you fighting against?" The head of the Gayle family asked.

Just like when Grey fought against those in the First stage of the Overlord Plane, he wanted to fight against one individual.

A young lady was the first person to walk out, strutting into the platform confidently.

"This is the end of your journey. I commend your effort for coming this far," The young lady said.

"We'll see about that," Grey replied gently.

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When the crowd saw the young lady stepping onto the platform, a discussion broke out.

"Petra, she's the first person to step forward. Yes, we're in for a show again!" Someone from the crowd exclaimed.

"She's ranked thirty-first in the geniuses rankings right?" Someone asked.

"That was the previous ranking, it has been updated and she's currently ranked twenty-ninth!" Another person said.

"Wow! She's moved up in the rank, amazing!"

"Do you think that guy would be able to defeat her?"

"We can't be sure yet, but he definitely hasn't shown his full strength. What I'm wondering is how he would be ranked in the rankings. He has already defeated Harry, so he should be able to take his spot, the only problem is this, he's still in the Origin Plane,"

"Forget about that, the battle is about to start. Let the people who make the rankings worry about it,"

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Petra raised her hands slowly, and a streak of darkness danced around her fingers like a snake.

"A Darkness Elementalist," Grey muttered to himself.

He had only ever fought against one Darkness Elementalist, and that was Quinn. Back at the Azure continent, the darkness element was rare, just like the light element, and it seems like it's the same here.

"Begin!"

Grey didn't immediately attack when he heard the order for the battle to begin, he waited while staring at Petra.

"Heh! Cautious," Petra smirked before tapping her foot on the ground.

A dark shadow spread around the platform.

Grey retreated when he saw this, making sure the darkness didn't touch him. He didn't know what it could do, nor did he want to know.

The darkness didn't stop even after going more than halfway through the platform. It moved like a circle before covering the entire platform.

Grey was forced to make an ice step that he stood on top.

Petra smiled before waving her hand, a spike shot out of the ground, stabbing towards Grey who was still standing on the ice step.

Bam!

Grey sent a fireball at the spike, destroying it. But as soon as he destroyed this one, another came from his back. He was standing still on the ice step, attacking any of the spikes that came in his direction.

The spikes continued attacking from all angles of the platform, keeping Grey in the same position.

Grey created an inscription, using it to attack Petra. Since she didn't want to give him the chance to leave the spot he was standing, he would attack with inscriptions. He could also use the space element if he wanted to.

Bang!

Petra created a darkness shield that blocked the attacks from the inscription.

Grey vanished from where he was standing, appearing beside her with a fire orb in his hand. He quickly sent it towards her, while also making sure to create an ice step that he stood on.

He had a bad feeling whenever he looked at the floor, so he didn't want to stand on it.

Petra's figure suddenly sank into the ground when the fire orb got close to her. It was as if the ground was made of water.

Grey's expression changed slightly when he saw this. Looking around, he tried to find the location Petra was going to surface. Unbeknownst to him, the ice step he was standing on had already sunk into the ground, his legs already going in.

He suddenly noticed the ground was getting closer to him, by the time he looked down, he was already knee-deep into the ground.

"What the hell?!" He exclaimed before jumping.

After he jumped up, he made an ice bridge that ran across the platform, with pillars suspending it in the air outside the platform.

Petra soon resurfaced after he landed on the ice bridge, an evil grin on her face.

Her expression alarmed Grey which made him look around vigilantly, but he didn't notice anything. He even checked his body properly in case there was anything inside, but he didn't find anything.

'Hmm, weird. Why would she have that expression if she didn't do anything?' He thought to himself.

Petra on the other hand was starting to look at him confused. Usually, all she needed to do was touch the opponent with her darkness attack just once, and she would win the fight. But Grey was alright even after soaking in her darkness swamp.

The technique she was practicing made her one of the deadliest Darkness Elementalists since she turned her attacks into something similar to poison. It's just like how Grey used his darkness element to slowly corrode the cores of the young lady from the Smith family, only much more powerful.

'Why isn't he showing any signs of reacting to my poison?' Petra asked while staring at Grey.

Grey stood on top of the bridge for a little while before spreading out his hand. Since Petra wasn't going to make any move, then he was going to destroy what she made on the platform.

"Meteor descent," He muttered.

Large fireballs appeared in the air like a meteor, before descending down.

Petra, seeing the attacks, sank back into the ground, hoping to use the darkness swamp to block the attacks.

Bang! Boom! Bam!

The attacks started crashing down on the platform, but as soon as they touched the ground, they would sink down.

Chapter 503 - Underwhelming Performance

In the special area of the arena.

"Eh? I thought she was powerful, how come all she's doing is defending?" One of the old men from the big families said.

"She is specialized in using the corrosive ability of the darkness element to full effect. Previously, all she needed to defeat her opponent was nothing but a touch. But as you all saw, that young man is very cautious. Not just that, but he seems to be completely immune to the corrosive ability of the darkness element. Without that, even though Petra can still fight, she isn't really much of a threat to him," The Faction Leader commented.

Petra was very famous in Ernst City because of her abilities with the darkness element. She has a series of ways to make the element touch her opponent, thereby incapacitating them. But presently, Grey wasn't reacting to this, which meant that she has technically lost more than fifty percent of the advantage she had.

If others look at the ongoing battle, some would think she was weaker than Harry, which was not true.

"Heh! If sending something into that guy's body is the only way she can win, then there's no need to even start this battle in the first place," The lady who came with Grey scoffed.

Even someone as powerful as her couldn't incapacitate Grey by sending elements into his body, much less someone who is just barely stronger than him.

'Hmm, looks like this guy has more secrets than he's willing to share,' She thought while looking at Grey.

She sent out her spiritual senses when Grey's body got into the darkness swamp, and she was certain that the darkness element entered his body. But unlike the time she sent lightning towards him, he didn't absorb it, instead, lightning in his body automatically fought against it, and even Grey was oblivious to this.

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Back at the platform.

Bang! Boom!

Grey's attacks kept crashing down, but unfortunately, none of them could do any damages to the swamp-like area Petra made.

She hasn't resurfaced since he started attacking, leaving the duo in a stalemate.

'Hmm, at this rate, I'm just wasting my essence. Since that's the case, I'll use that,' Grey stopped his meteor descent.

Before making multiple hand seals, small orbs soon started to form around him. It was a combination of fire and lightning elements. This was the strongest attack he could quickly use without straining himself out.

The orbs were five in number, after growing to the size of a fist, he dropped his hand, making them fall straight down.

They touched the ground, before slowly sinking into it.

Boom!

An explosion rocked the entire platform, causing the swamp-like ground to stir up uneasily. It was as if it was boiling after the first explosion.

Like a chain reaction, the remaining four orbs started exploding one by one.

Boom! Bang! Boom!

The swamp-like area churned like a raging sea. Soon, the area started to shrink.

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In the special area.

The Faction Leader stared at Grey, a little uncertain of what to feel. But there was one thing he was presently sure of, and that was that he wanted to recruit him so badly.

His eyes darted to the figure who was sitting beside him, and his dreams of being able to convince Grey to his Faction died. Let's face it, with her here, he wouldn't even dare to take such a bold step in trying to recruit him.

'His elemental grade is quite high. He must be from those high-ranked Families or Faction. But, he's still a bit lacking in strength when compared to them, and his cultivation stage is even below our geniuses. What happened to him, could it be that he couldn't break through to the Overlord Plane?' He pondered while staring at Grey.

After this attack of Grey, the winner of the battle had already been shown.

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Bang! Crash! Boom!

A human figure was soon blown out of the shrinking swamp which was only around two meters now. The figure crashed hard into the platform.

Petra had a look of dread in her eyes, not believing that she lost just like that. She didn't even last as long as Harry lasted, nor did she bring out any powerful skills. It's not that she didn't, it's just that it was useless against Grey.

"Give up, you're not strong enough to fight against me," Grey said while still standing on his ice bridge.

"Hmph!" Petra snorted coldly, but still turned and left the platform.

There was no use in staying any longer, the outcome of the battle had already been decided when her special attacks proved useless.

She knew any other attack would be futile since it would be difficult for her to touch Grey again with her attacks. The darkness element was powerful, but it had one fatal flaw, it was too slow, especially for someone like Grey with the space element.

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"Well, that's underwhelming," Someone commented from the crowd.

"Yeah, I think her special move was useless against him. This is why she lost so easily," A more observant person in the crowd said.

They all started to discuss the battle, but one thing was for sure, it didn't live up to expectations. Harry's battle was more blood-boiling and thrilling.

"No need to fret, there are still two more people higher up in the rankings, and none of them is a Darkness Elementalist. And if he manages to defeat them, then there's the lot in the Third stage, and Clovis from the Pyro Faction is there. He's ranked among the top five in this region amongst those in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane. I don't think this kid would be able to beat him.

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Back at the platform.

Grey had called for the next challenger to step forward. After defeating Harry, no other battle has been worthwhile.

Even he couldn't deny it, if not for the lady's training, he wouldn't have been as powerful as this.

'Every bit counts.. I hope she can continue training me though.'

Chapter 504 - Fighting Against A Speedster

The next person was also a young lady, but she was a Dual Elementalist, having the fire and wind elements which are greatly beneficial to each other.

"Begin!"

Swoosh! Bang! Crack!

The young lady darted forward and attacked immediately, destroying the ice bridge Grey made.

Grey jumped down from the bridge to dodge the attack. But just before his leg could touch the ground.

Boom! Bang!

The young lady attacked again, forcing him to defend.

He was pushed back, sliding almost five meters before he stopped.

He raised his head to look at the young lady, but she was nowhere to be seen. Without even thinking, he set up an ice wall around himself to block any unsuspecting attack.

Bam!

An attack slammed into the ice wall on his right, and he quickly looked in that direction.

Swoosh!

As Grey was turning to look to his right, a figure appeared in the sky, just above him.

'Crap!' He suddenly realized the attack to the wall was a feint.

Boom!

The young lady who was just around four meters above him attacked with full power.

Bang! Crack!

The ice walls in all corners shattered, and Grey's figure could be seen shooting out of the place where the explosion occurred. The young lady followed swiftly, not waiting to give him a chance to recuperate.

She was far stronger than Clara who he fought against back at the Gayle family. Assisted by her dual elements, she wasn't an easy opponent. Her attack power was on the level of Harry, and her speed was surprisingly above Grey's.

Swoosh! Boom! Bang!

She continued attacking relentlessly, with Grey doing his best to make sure he wasn't hit by any of the attacks. He was dodging the attacks by a hair's breadth, making sure to minimize the space essence he uses.

Without the space element, she would've hit him by now.

Bang!

An attack which was about to hit him solidly on the back was blocked by a timely fire orb he sent out. The impact of the attack though forced him back once again.

As soon as his foot touched the ground, even before he could regain his footing, he hurriedly made an inscription in the sky.

The young lady shot past the place of the explosion which still had smoke around, attempting to attack Grey once again. But she suddenly halted, before dodging to the right.

Bang!

Grey's inscription attacked slammed into the ground, missing its target.

Grey used the small time he got to organize himself before trying to attack the young lady.

When the young lady saw Grey's attack coming towards her, she created a wind screen that blocked the attack, before sending out an attack.

They soon started exchanging moves, with the young lady dodging most of Grey's attacks while also blocking some.

Grey decided to play it safe, dodging as much as he can. He noticed from the start that his defense was not strong enough to block the young lady's attacks, so whenever he tries to block it, he only creates opportunities for his opponent to suppress him.

Since the introduction of his inscription, the battle has been slightly balanced, although, the young lady is clearly on top in terms of power and defense.

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The crowd cheered on happily while watching the back and forth battle between both fighters. This has been one of the most even battles since the battles started, and for the first time even, Grey was on the back foot. This made the crowd cheer even more.

Although they had been enjoying the battles all this while, it was still somewhat embarrassing to see the geniuses from your city being wiped out by an unknown individual who isn't even on the same Plane as them.

"Hahaha, although Phoebe is ranked lower than Petra, she has her advantages as well. With insane speed and power, she is dominating this brat. Hahaha, I can feel my blood boiling, quick, hold me before I jump onto the platform," An excited laughter came from the crowd.

"Hahaha, me too. Unfortunately, we are already too old. I would've loved to teach this brat a thing or two,"

The crowd was very lively in this battle. Some were commending the efforts of Phoebe who was suppressing Grey, while a stark few were unexpectedly rooting for Grey. The reason for this? They didn't want to battles to end soon.

In the special area.

"Hmm, Phoebe made the best decision, ceaseless attacks will always suppress your opponents," The Faction Leader commented.

Phoebe was a member of the Pyro Faction as well, so he felt quite proud of her. The Pyro Faction only took in Elementalists who had the fire element.

"Not against an opponent as cool headed as Grey. Yes, it will place him in a slightly difficult position, but he will find a way to get through this. Don't forget he's making minimum use of the space element. And I do believe that he has a few tricks up his sleeves as well," The lady who came with Grey said.

The Faction Leader nodded, he too noticed Grey's amazing composure. Most people his age wouldn't be this composed when they're being forced back or suppressed, but he was not only keeping calm, but people could see that he seems to be planning something.

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Back on the platform.

Grey has been dodging in a certain movement, moving all over the platform as he dodged and attacked.

There was a reason for this though, he was making an array. Not just any array, but a small scale teleportation array.

While he was training with the lady on essence consumption, he tried to implement it on his arrays as well, and he managed to come up with something a little unique. Making a small scale teleportation array around a certain region, it would not only make him teleport faster, but the essence consumption rate would be at least forty percent lower.

Against a fast opponent like Phoebe, this was the best move. How do you defeat a speedster? By being faster!

There's no way a Wind Elementalist would be able to dominate a Space Elementalist in terms of speed, and Grey was about to show Phoebe exactly this.

Chapter 505 - Fighting Against A Speedster II

'That took longer than expected,' Grey thought as he once again dodged Phoebe's attack.

Bang!

The attack slammed into the side of the platform.

'Alright, time to counterattack,' Grey smiled before vanishing.

For the first time since their battle started, Grey used the space element when he was not under any attack.

Phoebe tensed up, waiting patiently for where Grey would appear.

"Left," She turned to her left quickly while sending out a powerful swirling flame.

Boom!

The attack missed its target as there was no one there.

'Hmm, he's gone again. Heh! If he thinks he can defeat me this way then he's underestimating my capabilities,' Phoebe scoffed.

Grey's figure soon popped out from behind her, but she was ready once again, attacking quickly while retreating backward.

Boom!

The attack hit empty air once again as Grey's figure was nowhere to be seen. Just before Phoebe was able to steady herself after retreating, Grey's figure popped up once again from her back.

Bang!

Grey attacked as soon as he came out this time.

Phoebe turned around quickly with the help of the wind element, using her powerful flames to block the attack.

She was forced to take a single step back because of the impact.

Compared to Grey's fire attack, Phoebe's was more powerful. And it isn't really something surprising since she was more powerful. If not for Grey's array of elements, as well as his strong physical body, he wouldn't have been able to fight against her for this long.

Phoebe's expression turned serious, not expecting Grey's speed in teleporting to be this fast.

Boom!

She managed to block another attack, but this time, she was forced back by two steps because she was slightly distracted.

Grey soon started an onslaught of attacks, not giving her any chance to try to counterattack, it's not that she didn't have any chances, it was just that before her attacks could get to Grey, he was already gone.

Grey started using the inscription that was mid-air in the battle as well, attacking with everything he got.

Phoebe was immediately placed in a passive state, barely able to defend properly, much less attacking. Grey's use of the inscription and timing of his attacks were ingenious.

He would attack with the inscription, and while Phoebe was focused on defending against the inscription, he would appear from her blind side and attack.

Phoebe might be strong, but fighting against someone like Grey who seems to be two because of the inscription was impossible for her.

Although she was fighting against one person, she was technically defending against two attacks from two different angles at the same time, with each attack sent out with unimaginable precision.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

Phoebe soon started to take hits from the attacks, although it was only the weakened version of the attacks, it was still starting to take a toll on her body.

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The crowd was still watching the battle excitedly, those rooting for Phoebe clenched their fists in worry as they could see she was on the verge of losing.

Those who supported Grey were all happy, while the majority of them were just enjoying the beauty of the battle and the craftiness of Grey. With a simple solution, he reversed the situation of the battle, and from the looks of it, this was how the battle was going to end.

At the special area.

"*Sigh* He's won again," The Faction Leader shook his head dejectedly.

Although he wasn't too hopeful in Phoebe winning, he still had some hope when Grey was on the back foot.

Grey isn't as powerful as Phoebe, but he was more experienced in battling, knowing when to defend and attack. This was the true strength of a fighter. Battles aren't always about power, but brains. A smart opponent can easily wipe out an army if given resources and a chance to plan properly.

"Isn't it expected? He might be weaker than those left, but his battle experience is higher. Not just that, but having multiple elements and being smart enough to use it in the most ingenious ways makes him an opponent people wouldn't want to meet. If he were to be a stage or two lower than me, I wouldn't dare to fight against him," The lady said.

The Faction Leader nodded, he couldn't refute the fact that Grey was a tad above others his age when it came to battles. He was also very cool and collected when forced into a tough situation, making it difficult to force him to make wrong decisions.

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The battle went on and Phoebe continued getting hit by Grey's attacks. After almost ten minutes of the constant barrage of attacks, Phoebe was forced to her knees.

"It's over. I win," Grey said, appearing before her.

"I guess so," Phoebe replied before standing up.

She gave Grey a deep look before turning around, heading back to the area those from the Pyro Faction were sitting. Since she had been defeated, she had turned to one of the audience watching the battle.

Grey heaved a sigh of relief, this battle was tougher than he expected, but he was happy with the result.

"Will you continue?" The head of the Gayle family asked.

To his surprise, Grey shook his head.

This battle took a lot from him, he wanted to take a fifteen minutes break to recover. The head of the Gayle family nodded, before taking his seat.

None of the people in the arena complained when Grey said he wanted to rest. He had been fighting for almost four hours now, alone, against a large group of people. Not many people could last this long. What was more exciting was that there would be more thrilling battles to come, and the possibility of Grey losing soon is very high. This can be seen in his battle against Phoebe.

Although he managed to win in the end, it wasn't as easy as it used to be. Not everyone in the Second stage was as powerful as Phoebe, there were two or three more just as strong if not stronger than her. Then, there's the group in the Third stage of the Overlord Plane.

If Grey manages to get to that point, then he would most certainly lose.

This was what everyone in the crowd was thinking, but they were all impressed by his performance nonetheless.

Chapter 506 - Two Left

After thirty minutes went by, Grey stood up from his meditative position.

"I'm ready," He said to the head of the Gayle.

The head of the Gayle family nodded before calling the next challenger. This person was a young man, dressed in the uniform of members of the Pyro Faction.

Their battle soon started, with both individuals being locked in a stalemate. Although this person wasn't as powerful as Phoebe, he wasn't weak either.

Just like Phoebe, he was also a Dual Elementalist, having the fire and earth element. His high defense coupled with the high firepower made him a difficult opponent.

Grey was certain that he would be able to go toe to toe with Mid stages Overlord Plane Elementalists who have a purple elemental grade for their elements. The strength of each Elementalist is greatly attributed to how high their elemental grades were.

For instance, the only reason Grey could fight against these people was that he had multiple high elemental grades. Some of his opponents had the blue or violet grade, but he had three elements that were in the blue grade, and one was in the violet grade while another was in the cyan grade which he was certain was more powerful than the violet grade.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

They exchanged moves rapidly, with Grey managing to slowly gain the upper hand when he introduced his inscriptions as well as his space element. With these two in his arsenal, it was difficult for people who were just barely stronger than he is to defeat him.

After almost twenty minutes of fighting, he managed to defeat the young man. The crowd didn't find this unexpected since they had already predicted it from the start. Other than two young men in this group who were slightly stronger than Phoebe and a young lady that was on her level, there was no one else who would be able to threaten Grey.

Even with those three, it would be difficult for them to defeat him since once he introduces his inscriptions it would seem like they were fighting against two individuals at the same time. Given the wits and brains Grey had shown so far, he's good at capitalizing on mistakes.

Grey started the next battle immediately since he didn't use much of his elemental essence during the previous battle. His opponent was weaker than the young man he just fought, so he was able to quickly get the win.

One hour thirty minutes later, only three people were left in the group of the Second stage Overlord Plane Elementalists, and they were the three the crowd singled out.

"Will you continue?" The head of the Gayle family asked.

Grey nodded, not wanting to waste any more time. He could tell these three were just as powerful as Phoebe, if not stronger. She was the only one who had placed him in a difficult situation, and he wanted to see if someone could force him to go the extra mile.

"Alright," The head of the Gayle family nodded before turning his gaze to the group of three.

He couldn't believe that of over five hundred people who came for the battle, only eighteen were left. Fifteen were in the Third stage of the Overlord Plane while the remaining three were in the Second stage. If things went as expected, then Grey would certainly defeat these three.

He didn't know what was more embarrassing, calling forth multiple people from their city to be defeated, or the fact that they were being defeated by a single person who was even on a lower Plane.

The young lady amongst the three was the one who stepped forward when she noticed none of the two young men were showing any signs of making a move. They both had smug and confident expressions, and she couldn't help but wonder where it came from.

It was important for a fighter to be confident when they're going into battle, but if who they're fighting is someone who has defeated someone stronger than they are, confidence alone won't be enough.

"Hello, I'll be your opponent this time, please go easy on me," The young lady bowed as she got on the platform.

"Likewise," Grey bowed as well.

"Begin!" The head of the Gayle family called out.

Grey and the young lady attacked simultaneously, each not wanting to give the other the time to prepare.

Boom!

Both attacks crashed into each other, causing an explosion.

The young lady was a Lightning Elementalist, so after his attack was blocked by Grey's attack, she coated her body with the lightning element before rushing towards him.

Grey didn't stand by idle, he also used his lightning element to dash towards the position the young lady was standing.

Swoosh! Buzz! Bang! Boom!

They quickly started exchanging moves with red and silver lightning streaks running through the entire platform. Some people with lower stages found it difficult to keep up with their speed.

Grey didn't give the young lady any chances, attacking whenever the opportunity arose. The young lady also attacked as well, blasting Grey with her most powerful attacks.

The battle didn't last long as after five minutes, Grey and the young lady stopped moving, red streaks of lightning still dancing around Grey's body like a snake. Surprisingly, the red streaks weren't dancing around his body alone, even the young lady was tied by red lightning in the shape of a snake.

"I lost," She said softly.

Grey retracted the lightning that was holding the young lady. She glanced at Grey before walking down from the platform. Even after going all out, she couldn't even force Grey to use his space element, although he used it, it was only two or three times.

This battle ended with a resounding victory for Grey, and it was also one of his quickest against those in the Second stage of the Overlord Plane. This didn't mean that the young lady was weaker, it was just her style of fighting.

Grey was able to capitalize on a single mistake, hereby quickly defeating her.

"Will you continue?" The head of the Gayle family asked.

Grey stared at his two opponents left in the group of Second stage Overlord Plane Elementalists.

"Yes," He nodded.

Chapter 507 - Tough Battle

Of the two young men left, one of them was from the Pyro Faction, while the other was from one of the big families in Ernst City.

The young man from one of the big families looked at the other from the Pyro Faction, seeing that he wasn't making any moves, he took a step forward.

Walking towards the platform with steadied footsteps, he stared at Grey all the way. He couldn't hide the fact that he was surprised and impressed by Grey's performance. He wasn't sure he would be able to

fight this long. If he was to take breaks, then he wouldn't have any problems, but Grey had barely taken any rest.

Not just that, but they all knew how terrifying Petra was, but seeing how Grey was able to easily defeat her, they guessed he was her natural enemy, meaning she was powerless against him.

After stepping onto the platform, he didn't say a word, waiting for the head of the Gayle family to call for the start of the battle.

"Ready?" The head of the Gayle family asked both fighters.

Grey and the young man nodded simultaneously.

"Alright, begin!"

With a simple step, the young man suddenly disappeared.

Bang!

Grey created an ice wall on his right which blocked the attack of the young man.

The young man was unexpectedly a Multi Elementalist, having two elements that boosted speed, and the earth element for defense and powerful attacks.

The earth hammer that he sent towards Grey was easily blocked by the ice wall, but cracks appeared on the wall.

He didn't stop there, attacking with his lightning element.

A streak of thunder shot across the sky before shooting towards Grey's head.

Grey didn't try to dodge the attack, he gave a small smile, before opening his mouth, and like a Dragon, he spat out flames that blasted towards the lightning coming towards him.

Boom!

Both attacks clashed, causing an explosion.

The young man already prepared his next set of attacks, using the wind element to bolster the speed of the earth arrows he made, shooting them towards Grey at breakneck speed.

The arrows quickly created a hole in the ice wall shielding Grey.

Grey dodged from side to side, making sure he wasn't hit by any of the earth arrows. The earth arrows might be small, but they all packed a powerful punch.

Bang! Boom! Bam!

The battle raged on with both fighters exchanging moves from left to right.

The young man was the fastest opponent Grey had met, and he was using his speed to the fullest. He seemed to have learned a thing or two from Grey's previous battles, so he knew when to retreat and when to constantly attack.

He had been able to make sure Grey didn't have the time to make his inscriptions, while also being aware of Grey's movements. They've all found out that Grey was able to defeat Phoebe because he made a small array that aided his teleportation.

Boom!

Grey was sent flying by an attack, but while still mid-air, he spread out his hands, sending out a stream of flames to make sure the young man didn't get the chance to attack him while he was mid-air.

After doing that, he vanished, appearing on the platform once again. The moment he appeared, the young man attacked with the lightning element, sending out lightning spears.

Grey dodged once again, using the space element to dodge the attack.

Other than dodging, he still hadn't used the space element to its full effect. He still had a very valuable skill he was saving for when he would fight against those in the Third stage of the Overlord Plane, switch.

If he were to use it now, then he would definitely be able to quickly defeat this young man. But that would mean showing his remaining opponents the skill and giving them a chance to find a way to counter it. Although it was a difficult skill to counter, it didn't mean it was impossible.

Bang! Boom!

They started their brawl once again, each sending the other flying whenever the opportunity came, but none have been able to get the upper hand. Although it was clear to all that the young man was stronger than Grey, he was unable to defeat him. After all, it wasn't like he was the first person who had shown strength that was more than Grey's. Yet, Grey has managed to not only fight against them, but he had defeated them as well.

"Meteor descent," Grey used one of his most powerful moves.

The young man created a tornado that he used to ward off the fire coming his way. He countered by creating a lightning blade he slashed towards Grey.

Bang!

Grey blocked the attack but was forced to crash down because of the force of the attack.

Bam!

He landed on the ground but quickly dodged to the left because of the attack the young man sent in his direction.

The young man continued attacking with his lightning blade, not giving Grey the chance to rest.

Bang! Boom!

Grey's expression was one of utmost seriousness, making sure he didn't give the young man any chance to hit him properly.

"Huh?" A look of surprise appeared on Grey's face when he was unable to move.

He looked down and saw his leg had been clamped by the earth element, reaching his knee.

The next lightning blade slash that came his way appeared just as quickly. Since he was stuck, he was forced to either take the blow head-on or use the space element. But given the distance of the attack, he wasn't too confident in being able to dodge the attack with his space element.

Even though the space element was fast, he wasn't that good with it yet. Void could easily dodge an attack that was already so close that it was touching his fur, Grey on the other hand couldn't, for now.

'Damn it!'

He infused the fire element in his fist, before sending a punch to the slash that was coming his way.

Boom!

Chapter 508 - Mission Accomplished!

Boom!

A figure was sent flying from the place of the explosion.

Bang!

The figure crashed heavily into the platform.

When the crowd stared at the figure, they were stunned when they realized it was unexpectedly the young man. Looking at where the young man was previously standing, they saw Grey standing there, gasping a little for his breath.

Before they could process what was happening, Grey had shot towards the young man who was still on the ground.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

Within a few moves, he sent the young man flying once again.

Crash!

The young man bounced off the ground, and just before his body could get to the ground again, Grey appeared, slamming a large ice hammer into his body.

Bang!

The young man was sent flying again, this time, heading towards the crowd, away from the platform.

Bang!

He slammed into the ground just below the first row of seats. Blood dripping from the side of his mouth, not showing any signs of moving.

Those related to him hurried towards where he crashed, after checking and seeing that he was only unconscious, they heaved a sigh of relief.

It was only after this did everyone turn to look at Grey in amazement, even the lady who had been with him for a while still had this expression on her face. It was clear that even she didn't know of this skill.

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In the special area.

"What an impressive skill, he switched places with his opponent just before the explosion happened," The lady remarked.

The others nodded with a serious expression. This was a skill that would take anyone unaware.

What Grey did was simple, the attack he did was only a feint. What he really did was not only causing an explosion, but he improved the force of the young man's attack, while using the chance to switch places with the young man.

There was no way the young man would expect that he would be thrown into such a predicament, hence he was unable to set up a defense against it which caused his defeat.

"With such a move, will anyone be able to defeat him?" The Faction Leader asked.

"It will be difficult, but they should. Well, as long as he doesn't have any more surprises," An old lady from one of the big families replied.

"From what he's shown so far, do you think he doesn't have more surprises?" The Faction Leader asked.

Although he hadn't been in contact with Grey for long, he could tell he was a very cautious person. There was no way someone that cautious would show all his cards. There is definitely something he was still hiding, something more powerful.

But the truth was, he didn't really need it since only this skill was enough to deter anyone from recklessly attacking him. As long as all his opponents were holding back, he could easily dominate some of them.

Those in the special area weren't the only ones who were discussing the skill Grey just showed, the entire arena was abuzz because of it. From thinking Grey was defeated to seeing him miraculously changing positions with the young man, defeating him in the process.

The rest of the challengers stared at Grey in trepidation. It wasn't that they weren't confident in their abilities, but this ability of Grey's was just too unpredictable.

If they send out a powerful attack and he suddenly switches places with them, then they would be in danger of not only receiving their own moves but also Grey's attacks.

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The head of the Gayle family lost more hope when he saw Grey's new skill. Initially, he hosted this event to see who would be able to help him get revenge, but now, he didn't think anyone would be able to. Even if they could beat Grey, none of them could kill him before the lady intervenes.

He asked Grey if he wanted to continue, and Grey shook his head, opting to take a break.

He didn't say anything, taking a seat as well, his expression showed disappointment and anger. Grey was right in front of him, but he couldn't do anything to him.

He even sent some geniuses who he thought might be able to do at least a small amount of damage to Grey, but it was futile. Grey even fought them together, and none of them managed to hit him.

Petra was his best hope of harming Grey with her poison-like attacks, but it was even more hopeless.

While Grey was still resting, he heard a voice in his head.

'Alright, mission accomplished . You can stop fighting now,' Void said.

'Oh, alright. I'll fight two more battles before losing,' Grey replied.

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In the special area.

Void soon appeared from nowhere, jumping into the lap of the lady who was sitting close to the Faction Leader.

None of the people there noticed when he appeared. Even the lady, it was only after she felt him on her lap did she realize he was back. A smile formed on her face before she turned to look at Grey, her eyes clearly telling him to give up immediately so they could leave this place.

The reason she set up this battle was surprisingly because of this. Initially, she only planned to take what Void wanted, but the idea suddenly came to her when she realized Void could actually sneak through any array set up. This was when she had the grand plan of stealing from all the big families at the same time.

Grey on the other hand wanted to see how far he could go. So there was no way he was planning to give up now.

"Huh? Such a strange cat, when did it come here?" The Faction Leader was the first to notice Void.

"He's been here for a while now, but how would you notice him when you're praying your students defeat that kid," The lady replied casually.

"Oh, I didn't take note, don't mind me," The Faction Leader quickly ended the conversation.

Grey had been beating people up for a while now, it would be a shame if the lady decided to continue their battle from before.

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Twenty minutes later.

"I'm ready," Grey stood up, walking to the center of the platform.

Chapter 509 - Fighting Against An Elemental Warrior

"Begin!"

Boom! Bam!

Grey's last opponent in the Second stage didn't hold anything back while attacking. Of course he was aware of Grey's ability to switch places with his opponent, but he just doesn't seem to care, or at least that was how it looked given how recklessly he was attacking.

He was from the Pyro Faction, which meant he was using the fire element.

His attacks were powerful, more than that of any of the people Grey had ever fought against.

Seeing the raging flames coming towards him, Grey knew blocking it was completely out of question. With a swift movement, he dodged to the right, making sure he escaped from the range of that attack.

His expression soon changed the moment he dodged the attack, the reason for this was because there was a figure made entirely of fire, standing over two meters tall that suddenly appeared before him.

He didn't need anyone to tell him what it was, an Elemental Warrior, and a high-grade one to boot.

Bam!

The Elemental Warrior sent a punch towards him.

Grey crossed his hands in front of him, ice quickly spreading across them to increase his defense. But he was effortlessly sent flying by the Elemental Warrior.

Swoosh! Bang!

He slammed into the ground heavily, bouncing off a few times. Just as his body bounced off the ground for the fourth time, the Elemental Warrior appeared beside him, giving him a powerful kick on the side of his stomach that sent him shooting into the sky.

Bam!

Grey was sent well over fifteen meters into the air, giving off a trail of ice as he shot up.

He managed to use the water element to create ice around his body that helped block the attack of the Elemental Warrior. Although he was able to block it, he still faced the full brunt of the attack which rocked him.

The kick made him feel like his organs had all moved positions, causing him a lot of pain.

'Damn it! I need to find a way to fight back,' Grey thought while still mid-air.

This wasn't his first time fighting against Elemental Warriors, so he knew just how powerful they could get.

The Elemental Warrior appeared in the sky, while Grey was spiraling down, throwing a punch at his chest.

This time, instead of using ice, Grey opted to use water instead, trying to soften the punch, while also praying that it slowed it down enough for him to quickly escape.

Luckily, the water managed to halt the movement of the punch, just in time to give him the chance to use the space element to dodge.

The fist of the Elemental Warrior gave off a huge amount of steam since it was made of flames.

Boom!

Grey's figure suddenly appeared behind the Elemental Warrior, adorned in ice armor from head to toe, he punched the head of the Elemental Warrior, infusing all four elements into his attack.

Bam! Bang! Crash!

The Elemental Warrior came crashing down from the blow, landing heavily on the ground. It created a large dust cloud on the platform as it landed.

But before long, its flaming red-figure could be seen shooting towards Grey.

Bam! Bang! Boom!

They started exchanging blows mid-air. Grey punched as if his life depended on it, dodging as many blows as he could while also delivering some powerful ones.

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The crowd was surprised by Grey's approach in this battle. Even though they knew from the start that his physical strength was high, none of them actually expected him to fight against an Elemental Warrior with his fist. Naturally, the fight was nothing short of amazing in their eyes.

They cheered as Grey and the Elemental Warrior fought across the entire platform, one figure covered in ice, and the other made entirely of flames. It was like a battle of two contrasting elements.

Those in the special area watched on seriously as well. Everyone knew just how powerful Elemental Warriors could get, and seeing Grey fighting against it was kind of refreshing to watch.

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Bang!

Grey slammed into the ground heavily, but quickly bounced up, coating himself with the lightning element, he dodged to the side, to make sure the Elemental Warrior's follow-up attack didn't hit him.

Moving his fingers as if drawing multiple seals, he created a lightning attack that covered a span of over five cubic meters, perfectly hitting the Elemental Warrior with the repeated attacks.

This attack focused on the speed of the Elementalist since it involved attacking repeatedly with a series of lightning strikes, from different angles, all done by the Elementalist. If the Elementalist is slow, then the attack wouldn't be able to carry any powerful punch.

The Elemental Warrior was forced to take a few steps back, before creating a fire sword that it used to block most of Grey's attacks.

Grey quickly took out a blade from his storage ring, of course it wasn't the one he acquired from the Gayle family. Although the quality was a little lacking, he felt he could make do with it. Not just that, but while he was attacking a few moments ago, he had also created the array he made when fighting against Phoebe.

Bang! Bam!

They started exchanging attacks with swords, Grey looking as if he was in every single part of the platform.

The attacks were powerful, sending out countless raging flames and lightning in all directions. Luckily, there was a special array that stopped any of the attacks from getting to the crowd.

Just when everyone was still engrossed in the battle, it suddenly stopped. The reason for this was because Grey's sword was currently placed on the neck of the young man from the Pyro Faction, and the Elemental Warrior was a distance away.

Grey's eyes were cold, clearly saying that if the young man didn't stop his Elemental Warrior, then he would end him.

'Heh!' A grin formed on the face of the young man.

Boom!

Grey was pushed back when an explosion suddenly occurred, with him bearing the brunt of the attack.

Chapter 510 - Fierce Fight

"Heh! How reckless of you, did you think I would be defenseless when my Elemental Warrior was fighting?" The young asked with a smirk.

He had been watching Grey since he summoned his Elemental Warrior, and he surprisingly noticed that Grey focused entirely on it, not giving any attention to him. Grey was lucky he actually tried to attack him at the time he did, or else he had been preparing a powerful attack that would've been able to kill him.

Although the Elemental Warrior took a lot of essences, he could still fight against Grey with his Elemental Warrior active.

Bang!

Grey crashed into the ground, rolling before quickly standing up.

'Hmm, looks like I miscalculated. Unlike the Azure continent, people here can easily fight with their Elemental Warriors active. I was lucky this time, this is a mistake that could cost a life,' He thought seriously.

If not for his speed in retreating, he would've been seriously hurt by the attack. At the time he placed the sword on the neck of the young man, he was completely carefree, not even setting up a defense or anything since he didn't think the young man was of any threat anymore.

Luckily for him, he learned his lesson, although slightly bruised, it wasn't really anything serious.

"My mistake, but I can assure you, you've also taken me too lightly," Grey replied to the young man's words.

Snap!

With a snap of his hands, a light lit up on the platform, it was in the shape of a hexagon. It was the array he learned from that group who captured the Barbarians. This time, instead of using it in an inscription, he created a large array with it, almost covering the entire platform.

The advantage of this was that he could attack the young man and the Elemental Warrior as long as they were standing on the platform with it, not just that, but he could also defend with it. While the array was lighting up, two inscriptions appeared mid-air, one on the left, and one on the right.

"This is me taking you seriously," Grey said after everything was set up.

"Haha, I must say all these are impressive but do you have the mental capacity to use all of them at the same time?" The young man scoffed.

They all looked impressive, but his question was right, it would require a large amount of mental strength to control them while also attacking personally as well. It was like dividing your attention into four separate parts.

"Why don't we check it out?" Grey asked challengingly.

'I'm going all out this time. Although I wouldn't be using all my elements, it wouldn't really change much. I've improved significantly since the start of the battle, and I need to fight those stronger. Unfortunately, I'm not sure I can defeat any of them without the Fusion State,' Grey thought to himself.

He knew his strength, fighting against this young man was already very taxing for him, it would be almost impossible for him to defeat those powerful individuals in the Third stage. There are of course a few who aren't as strong as this young man here, but it still didn't mean he could defeat them easily.

"Alright, don't disappoint me," The young man smiled before attacking.

His Elemental Warrior dashed towards Grey while the young man attacked.

An ice shield sprouted out of the ground, blocking the attack of the young man while causing steam to rise up into the air.

Bang!

Grey and the Elemental Warrior got entangled in a fistfight once again.

Not just that, but his inscriptions were attacking the young man, keeping him at bay. Whenever he manages to attack, the array would block the attacks, making sure Grey's battle with the Elemental Warrior wasn't disturbed.

Attacks flew left and right, large explosions occurring at the same time. Not just that, but Grey and the young man were occasionally sent flying by each other's attacks. The Elemental Warrior was occasionally sent flying, but in the battle against Grey, it clearly had the advantage.

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In the stands.

The crowd watched the battle with their bloods boiling. This fight has been nothing short of thrilling, even if Grey wins or loses, they wouldn't feel bad, some of them were even grateful he was able to give them such exciting battles. Although they didn't know him, they were unconsciously rooting for him to win.

But they were all certain of one thing, if Grey were to break through to the Overlord Plane, then he would dominate the rankings, shooting straight to the top of the Early stages Rankings for Overlord Plane Elementalists. Some of them were even hoping to see him again after he has broken through to the Overlord Plane, he was already this powerful while still in the Origin Plane.

To what extent would his strength be when he breaks through to the Overlord Plane? This was something that had everyone here curious.

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While the crowd was watching fervently, the battle raged on, getting more aggressive. Blood could be seen dripping from some parts of Grey's body, the young man wasn't any better.

The blue vest was completely out of essence since it had been protecting Grey since the start of the battle.

Bang! Boom!

The young man was sent flying after being attacked by one of the inscriptions. This time, the attack came from nowhere.

After he landed on the ground, a wound could be seen on his back.

Gritting his teeth, he stood up, when he looked around, he noticed a slight change on the platform.

'Damn these Space Elementalists!' He cursed internally.

Grey had added a space array to the platform, this meant that he could move his attacks to wherever he wanted.

Bang!

Grey crashed into the ground after suffering from a blow from the Elemental Warrior.

Splat!

He spat out a mouthful of blood.

His clothes were torn, and blood could be seen dripping from the left side of his lips.

He cleaned it before staring at the young man. Their gazes met, each seeing the unyielding eyes of each other.

Presently, they both knew that the battle would be decided shortly, whoever manages to hold on the longer would be able to win this battle.

Due to controlling two arrays and two inscriptions, Grey's attention was slightly divided, meaning the Elemental Warrior which was originally more powerful than he was is starting to largely gain the upper hand in the battle.

Boom!

The Elemental Warrior attacked again, forcing Grey to dodge.

Grey once again started his battle with the Elemental Warrior, while the young man focused on the inscriptions and arrays. His current motive was to last longer than Grey.

Bam! Boom!

As time went on, each started getting hit more frequently, crashing into the ground.

It was complete chaos since Grey would be sent flying, but the next second, the young man would also be sent flying.

Bang! Boom!

The attacks didn't stop ringing on the platform, while the sound of fists hitting each other also rang out.

It was a brutal fight, and the crowd knew only one of them would be able to come out on top.

Five minutes later.

Bang! Bang!

Both Grey and the young man slammed into the ground simultaneously, crashing a few meters away from each other.

The Elemental Warrior slowly started to fade, but it wasn't the only thing. The arrays as well as the inscriptions also faded away.

The crowd stared at the platform, waiting for who would be the first to stand up.. Whoever stands up first will most likely win the battle.