

Affinity 671

Chapter 671 - You Beat People Up Like A Barbarian

The ongoing battles on the platform continued for a while before a new set of fighters stepped onto the platform. Someone challenged the person ranked first on the rankings, and surprisingly, the challenger was only in the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane.

This made people quite excited as they wanted to see the first person's strength. A figure stood up from the crowd and calmly walked towards the platform. The figure was a young man with white hair.

Everyone turned to look at the youth as he gently stepped onto the stage. He looked to be around twenty-two years or so but was already at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. Grey wasn't surprised that the person at the top was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. It was naturally even.

If he wasn't challenged by someone from one of those high leveled Regions, then he should have very few opponents in this Region, and all of them must be in the same stage as he was.

Alice shook her head when he recalled the strength of those in the Azure Continent. Her family which was regarded as a big family in the entire Qilin Empire at that time only had about three Peak Overlord Plane Elementalists or so, yet they were treated so highly. Here, any youth below twenty-five could trounce her family's strongest individuals by themselves. It was depressing just thinking of it.

The battle started quickly and ended quickly as well. The young man ranked first was a Light Elementalist, fast and dangerous. It didn't take him long for him to dispatch his opponent.

What was worth taking note of was that even though he knew his opponent was weaker, he didn't go easy on him, attacking with his full strength from the get-go.

"What are your chances of defeating him?" Reynolds asked Grey curiously.

"In my current state? Zero. But all-out, I think one thousand." Grey replied.

He wasn't bragging or anything, but if he enters the Fusion State and boosts his strength to the Peak of the Overlord Plane, he was a hundred percent confident in defeating anyone, even those from high leveled Regions.

"Will you challenge him?" Alice asked.

"Nope. I can't carelessly show my hand here." Grey said.

They weren't trying to join any Faction here, so there was no use in showing his full strength. All he could do was show part of it. When they've gone to a better Region, he would think of going all out then.

The appeal of joining a Faction that could protect him was something that he found extremely attractive.

The battles continued and others challenged people in the top twenty. While the group was watching, the young lady who Klaus and the others encountered when coming here stepped forward, her target was none other than the young man ranked first.

She was in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane, so she definitely had a change against him.

The young man walked into the stage as calmly as ever, and after getting the go-ahead from both participants, the man in charge of that platform called for the start of the battle.

When the fight started, it was explosive. First of all, the young man was a Light Elementalist, while the first element the young lady showed was the space element, however, she used the fire element soon after.

The battle didn't go on for long before she displayed a third and fourth element. This came as a surprise to many.

Klaus and the others had never met anyone with more than three elements before other than Grey, so seeing this young lady's display, they were amazed.

While the others were focused on the young lady, Grey's attention however has never left the body of the young man. This was the only element he knew he was missing, he had already started trying to comprehend it, so seeing it physically would mean a whole lot.

'I should've challenged him, that would've given me a better chance in experiencing the light element.' He thought while putting his full attention on him.

Luckily, the battle didn't end quickly like the first one the young man had. Since the young lady was strong, not in any way weaker than the young man, the battle lasted for a while.

Swoosh! Boom! Bang!

The battle had lasted for over fifteen minutes with no clear winner yet. If not for the young man being a Light Elementalist, he would've lost a long time ago to the young lady's endless assault. But his speed gave him an edge when it came to dodging those attacks.

"Wow, she's aggressive, almost on Alice's level of aggressiveness." Klaus commented.

"What do you mean?" Alice raised a brow.

"No offense, but you beat people up like a barbarian." Klaus moved from his seat before he made this remark.

He knew Alice might attack him once he was done speaking.

Reynolds and Grey stifled a laugh when they heard this, but they couldn't refute it since it was true. Alice did beat people up like a savage, and this was them not being able to find a word stronger than this. Even when sparring, she didn't go easy on them.

Grey was the one who had it better generally because he was not only stronger but had the space element to help him out of difficult positions.

Klaus and Reynolds were the two who suffered the most, especially Klaus, because of his mouth.

Alice smiled sweetly at him, and Klaus couldn't help but shiver. He concluded for the next month or two, he would refrain from sparring with her. If she managed to get her hands on him, he was toast, literally!

Grey and Reynolds ceased their laughter when they saw this and focused on the battle once again. No one wanted to be on her bad side. The most frustrating thing was that they couldn't really beat her up.

They had no qualms with beating up ladies that were enemies, but once the lady was a friend of theirs, then it was out of the picture.

Chapter 672 - Getting A Higher Rank

The battle between the young lady and the young man continued for another ten minutes before a winner was finally decided. It was unsurprisingly the young lady. Most people expected after she showed her four elements.

Defeating a Space Elementalist on the same level was something that was almost impossible to do, much less when said Space Elementalist has three more elements in their arsenal.

With the young lady's victory, she cemented herself as the number one figure in the Dixon Region's Overlord Plane Elementalist.

The young lady was already in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane, so it was only a matter of time before she broke through to the Sage Plane. For someone like her, it wasn't a matter of if she could, but when.

She walked off the platform calmly before going back to her seat.

"Can we leave now?" She asked the middle-aged man accompanying her.

"You'll have to wait to see if there are any people who want to challenge you." The middle-aged man explained gently.

"Alright." The young lady nodded before sitting peacefully.

Grey and his friends observed everything that happened.

'Looks like she's not from this place.' Grey thought to himself.

He had heard of geniuses from high-level Regions coming to lower leveled Regions to test their strength. When he first came to the Aurora Continent and challenged the geniuses, they thought he was from one of those high leveled Regions due to how powerful he was even with his low Plane.

After the young lady and the young man's battle ended, the other battles in the platforms soon ended as well and it was time for others to challenge who they wanted.

Grey stepped forward again, challenging the person ranked twentieth. He wanted a better rank so he could at least get a reward. Even though the reward wasn't really something he was too interested in, it was still better than nothing.

His opponent was a young lady who looked to be younger than he was, he however didn't have too many problems with defeating her. She was a Dual Elementalist, wielding the earth and lightning element.

Grey finally used his space element in the battle, not taking any chances with his opponent.

The battle lasted around five minutes or so before he defeated her. When the others saw him using the space element, they knew he was someone they should take seriously.

From how he fought, they knew this wasn't his full strength. One has to know that the young lady was in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane while Grey was only in the Sixth stage. Crossing three stages and trouncing his opponent was even more amazing than what the young lady did.

Grey walked back to his seat with his usual nonchalant expression, however, the only thing in his head was how to leave this place and start trying to see what he had gotten in the light element. Watching the fight between the young lady and young man had been beneficial to him. It was just like when he watched his Teacher fight, but unfortunately, he didn't get to watch the battle properly.

With Grey defeating his opponent, it was Klaus' turn. He didn't want to be the one left out, after all, Grey had already brought too much attention to them.

'He couldn't challenge someone ranked twenty-fifth.' He complained as he walked up the stage.

The higher the rank, the stronger they are. Even though he had fought against someone in the Eighth stage, if his present opponent were to be in the Eighth stage as well, they would be stronger than his previous opponent since their rank was higher.

Klaus challenged the person ranked twenty-fifth. He knew he wasn't as powerful as Grey, but he couldn't really be that weak when compared to these geniuses.

His opponent was also a young lady, and just like Grey's opponent, she was a Dual Elementalist wielding both the fire and water elements.

When the battle started, she unleashed the fire element immediately. It was known for its explosive power, so she naturally used it instead of the water element.

Klaus didn't panic, using the water element to block the attacks coming his way. Any attack that came close to him was swallowed by the water he conjured. However, he was on the back foot almost all through the battle.

His opponent was in the Eighth stage, but she was clearly stronger than the young man he fought against.

Klaus was forced to stay on the defensive from when the battle started, but with his patience, he didn't feel overwhelmed by her. After facing Grey and Alice multiple times, it was almost impossible for him to be pressured by others.

Alice was aggressive while Grey was unpredictable because of the space element. Thanks to Grey, the group could fight against a Space Elementalist without too much pressure because he had somewhat assaulted them too much.

Void was even worse, the first day Klaus tried sparring with Void, he almost wanted to give up on life in general. But as time went on, things became a little easier, of course they were still beaten black and blue, but it wasn't that bad. Even Grey wasn't an exception from Void's hand if they sparred, so that was a consolation to the others.

Unexpectedly, Alice sparred with Void frequently compared to the others. So she stood a better chance when fighting against Space Elementalists. The boys preferred fighting against Grey since he was at least a bit lenient with them.

Swoosh! Bang!

The young lady attacked Klaus once again, but he was unfazed by it, with a wave of his hand, he blocked it easily.

"Are you only going to hide like a tortoise?" The young lady asked, a little annoyed since she was unable to break his defense.

"Not necessarily, I'm testing out a new defensive skill." Klaus replied with a smile.

The young lady's expression was a little irritated by his reply.

"Hmph! Fine, I'll destroy you and your defense." The young lady said with a snort.

Klaus of course didn't care about how she felt.

Chapter 673 - Getting A Higher Rank II

Boom!

A large raging flame exploded out from the ladies direction, heading towards Klaus.

Klaus had a casual expression on his face as he defended against the young lady's attack once again. He didn't feel embarrassed that he was defending all through.

He defended patiently, waiting for the best time to counterattack. Even though he was on the defensive, it didn't mean he wasn't attacking. Unfortunately, the young lady was more powerful than he was, so he had to fight with his head.

With his current strength, his chances of becoming one of the top twenty was not that large, but he could enter if he used his head.

All that needed to happen was for Grey to move higher in rank, then he could fight freely without fear against the person ranked twentieth.

The young lady soon lost patience with Klaus' way of battle and started attacking aggressively.

Seeing her way of attacking, Klaus smiled with a shake of his head. He could already see that she had lost. Even some of the old people in the place shook their heads. In this battle, Klaus won just by his wits. He might be slightly weaker than his opponent, but overall, he was the one who had the advantage because of his brain.

When the opportunity presented itself before Klaus, he didn't let it go, with a wave of his hand, he used the water element to send out what looked like a vine, holding onto the leg of the young lady and sending her airborne.

When she was airborne, he started attacking with ice shards, almost ending the young lady mid-air, if not for the fact that it was only a competition, he wouldn't have a problem with killing her since she was almost defenseless after letting down her guard.

The man in charge of their battle stepped forward before declaring Klaus as the winner.

The young lady looked at Klaus in annoyance, angered by the way she lost. Klaus didn't say a word, smiling as he left the platform. When walked past the young lady who was presently ranked first and glanced at her a little longer before walking over to where the others were seated.

Grey and the others congratulated him while he sat down next to them.

"Bud, all you have to do now is go higher then I'll have a chance of entering the top twenty. I still haven't used my full strength." Klaus said to Grey the second he sat down.

Grey smiled before nodding. Getting into the top ten was easy for him, even becoming number one wasn't a problem for him. But this wasn't the place to go all-out.

After waiting for this round of battles to end, Grey stepped out once again.

This time, his target was the person ranked seventh. His reason for this was so that anyone higher was challenged later on, it wouldn't really affect him.

His opponent was a young man in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Looking at the Sixth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist standing in front of him, he couldn't help but scoff. He saw Grey's previous battles, but he wasn't really too impressed by him. To him, those were people he could also beat.

Grey didn't feel angry being looked down on by this young man, he was bigger than that.

The young man was a Wind Elementalist, and he displayed his speed the moment the battle started.

Grey didn't feel pressured by him, using the space element to dodge most of the attacks that he used.

With the help of the lightning and the space element, the young man found it extremely difficult to attack him because he was almost untouchable.

Boom! Bang!

The young man attacked with a large tornado, but Grey blocked with the fire element, causing a large stream of blue flames to spread in the sky. The crowd looked at the blue flames in awe.

They've already seen him use red lightning which was a special type of the lightning element, using a special element in the space element as well made the others stunned. For one person to have one was already regarded as rare, but having two was something almost unheard of. If there were people who had two special types of elements present in the Aurora Continent, they could be counted on one hand.

Bang! Buzz! Boom!

Grey attacked after dodging the Wind Elementalist's attack.

The Wind Elementalist dodged the attack and countered.

The battle was thrilling and the crowd couldn't get their eyes away from it. Other than the battle to decide the first position, this was the most captivating battle yet.

Grey and the young man were putting on a show for everyone to see. Grey's colorful elements, as well as the young man's nimbleness because of the wind element made them almost on equal footing.

In terms of cultivation stage, the young man had the advantage, and when attacks were measured, his were stronger than that of Grey's, but since Grey didn't have a single element, it meant he could cover for it.

He displayed four elements when fighting against the young man.

The crowd thought they had seen something special when the young lady appeared since a Multi Elementalist with four elements was rare to see, but in a single day, they saw two.

It was mind-blowing!

Grey and the young man's battle went on for over fifteen minutes with Grey slightly getting the advantage over his opponent.

The crowd were kept on the edge as they saw the battle getting more intense.

Grey wasn't holding back as he attacked furiously. Although he wasn't using all his elements, he made sure to use his elements to the best of their abilities.

Boom! Bang!

The battle's intensity was getting higher and the young man was slowly starting to show frustration. Being overpowered by someone in a lower stage was infuriating. Especially given how Grey hadn't even gotten to the Late stages of the Overlord Plane yet.

Chapter 674 - He's Different

Swoosh! Boom!

An explosive attack spread out from Grey's fire element.

The young man blocked it with a wind that was circulating around him.

Grey's attack didn't stop there, after his first attack, he sent out a bolt of lightning that crashed from above, hitting the rotating wind around the young man.

The lightning was added to the wind, just like the fire before it was dissipated.

The young man sent out wind blades that shot at Grey. While raising a tornado from below him to throw him off balance.

The tornado took Grey by surprise, so he was lifted into the air, directly in the path of the wind blades.

He didn't panic, with a wave of his hand, he created a large fire bird that flew towards the wind blades, blocking them and moving in the direction of the young man as well.

While he was still mid-air, he used the skill 'meteor descent'. Since he had used the earth element, he was able to use the skill to its fullest, combining the earth and fire element to their fullest.

The young man who was busy defending against the fire bird was taken aback when he saw the meteors falling in his direction. The range of the attack was too wide, so there was no way to dodge it, either he took it head-on, or he stood there and awaited his fate.

There was no way he was going with the latter, the former was his only option.

He looked at the shy defiantly before charging into the sky with the aid of the wind element. A large wind blade was sent out and it cleanly cut one of the meteors into two. With that, he started blasting all the meteors, moving from one place to another.

Grey looked at him with squinted eyes and his lips curved into a smile. He spread out both hands and inscriptions lit up in the sky, five inscriptions to be precise.

The young man was already in a difficult spot blocking the attack from Grey's previous attacks, when he saw the inscriptions in the sky as well, he almost gave up instantly.

Fighting against a Multi Elementalist was already difficult to begin with, being an Inscriber made Grey all the more dangerous. In fact, if Grey were to be in the same stage as the young man, he would've admitted defeat already, but because of his pride as a genius, he couldn't give up this easily, especially to someone at a lower stage.

With a loud roar, a powerful wind storm started across the entire platform with powerful gales spreading out in all directions. The meteors were soon blasted apart while the attacks from Grey's inscriptions were not only stopped, but three out of the five inscriptions broke apart.

'It's not going to be that easy, huh?' Grey thought to himself as he stared at the wind storm.

His body merged into the wind, he had a certain level of understanding of the wind element since it was also one of his elements, so he wasn't really too bothered by it. He just didn't want to show his wind element hence he kept it hidden.

Moving nimbly with the aid of the space and lightning element, he closed the gap between himself and his opponent. The closer he got to him, the stronger the gale. If not for Grey's powerful physique, he would've been sent flying by now.

Boom! Bang!

Grey managed to get close and attacked with the fire element. He couldn't get too close to the young man since he might harm himself in the process, so he stayed at the place where he felt he couldn't go any further.

His attack rattled the young man, shaking him to his core. A large lightning bolt fell from the sky as well, striking the point where the gale was at its strongest.

Buzz! Crash!

The powerful gale was spread apart and the young man's figure came into view once again.

Grey and his opponent stood opposite each other, both breathing heavily from the intense battle.

After only a few seconds of silence, the young man brought out an elemental weapon, a long spear, and attacked. With the aid of the spear, his elemental attack power improved significantly.

Grey couldn't be left behind, he also took out dual blades. The blades were shorter than a sword but longer than a knife. Holding both, he reminisced about the time he started fighting after breaking through to the Arcane Plane. His choice of weapon then was a dual blade, but since he got to the Origin Plane, he barely used weapons. Even when he was in the Arcane Plane, he rarely used them as well.

Each blade was crafted to wield one element. Since his lightning and fire element were his major attack elements, he picked these specific blades out from the rest.

Boom! Bang! Buzz!

The crowd was watching excitedly. All discussing animatedly who would win. Some people wanted the young man to win, while a few new fangirls Grey had unknowingly gained wanted him to win. However, one thing was certain for all to see, and that was if Grey were to be in the same stage as the young man, then they wouldn't even be opponents, Grey would beat him up within two minutes max.

"What do you think of him?" The middle-aged man who was sitting next to the young lady who was currently ranked first asked her.

"Him? He's different." The young lady replied.

"If I were to fight against him, who do you think would win?" She asked after making the first remark.

"Currently, you would. But if you were in the same stage as he is, then the outcome is unpredictable. I wonder which Faction or family was able to create such a genius." The middle-aged man sighed in amazement.

A genius of Grey's caliber was something they rarely saw. The young lady was by no means any weaker than Grey in the same stage, in his opinion. However, when he added the fact that Grey was an Inscriber, he knew in the same stage, Grey would have the upper hand over her.

Chapter 675 - Teacher and Student

Boom!

Another explosion sounded off on the platform, and this time, even the other battles had ended.

The battle between the young lady and the young man previously ranked first surprisingly wasn't as intense as this one. If people weren't aware, they would mistake this for the battle for the number one rank.

Grey's attacks were precise and deadly, the young man's defense was solid while his counterattack was dangerous. The battle almost didn't look like a competition, rather, it felt like a life and death battle to some.

The old powerhouses in the place were all watching the battles with great interest, some even had the thoughts of recruiting Grey. But when they thought of the possibility of him coming from one of those high leveled Regions, they could only shake their heads in defeat. Having someone like Grey in a Faction like theirs could take them to the top of the Continent once he fully matures.

Grey's talent was already laid bare for all to see. With his multiple elements and inscriptions, he wouldn't have too many difficulties with fighting against multiple opponents. This meant that he could almost be regarded as a one man army.

While the crowd were talking about Grey's potential and talent, the battle got to the peak.

This was one of the longest fights Grey had fought with a single opponent, it was already over fifteen minutes already, closing in on twenty minutes. His opponent was no pushover, and Grey was using him to train himself to the max.

He wasn't using his full strength, so it could be said that he was holding back. But with the few elements he was using, he was fighting excitedly. He rarely got to fight to his heart's content, this was a good opportunity for him.

They continued their battle and as soon as they went past twenty minutes, a great opportunity presented itself for Grey, one he would never shy away from.

Without delay, he closed in on his opponent who had left a space for him to get close. Just as he was about to attack, the young man turned to him with a smile. He attacked without giving Grey the chance to dodge.

His original plan was to give Grey an opportunity to close in on him, then release a powerful attack that would defeat Grey once and for all.

His attack came from below, with powerful wind blades slicing into the body of Grey. The wind blades passed through the body of Grey without much resistance.

The crowd were shocked when they saw this, thinking that Grey was dead. Most of the experienced people in the stands realized that the young man tricked Grey into coming close before unleashing his ambush.

The twist in the situation stunned them. At first, they felt Grey had won the battle, but all of a sudden, he not only lost, but seemed to be in danger.

"A shame, he fell for his trick." The young lady said to the middle-aged man by her side.

The old man smiled but didn't reply.

Just when everyone was thinking that Grey was dead, something stunning happened. Grey's figure started to fade, and the eyes of the young man he was fighting against bulged out, almost popping out of his head.

He wasn't the only one with this reaction, everyone in the stands, with the exception of Grey's friends and the old powerhouses in the crowd.

"An afterimage!" Someone exclaimed from the crowd.

Afterimages form due to extreme speed, so there was no way it could be replicated with the space element since the space element didn't really rely on speed. This was to say Grey dodged an almost certain death attack with his speed alone.

It was mind-boggling!

Grey's figure materialized at the back of the young man, with one of his blades placed on his neck.

"I win." He said with a smile on his face.

The young man wanted to make a move, but Grey pressed the blade on his neck, blood slightly coming out from it. When he felt the pain, he knew any movement from him and he would be dead.

"I ad...mit defeat." He said begrudgingly.

This was a battle he felt he would win from the start. When he saw Grey's strength, he later devised a plan, only to fail at the very end.

He didn't know of Grey's speed once he put his legs into it. Grey had explosive speed because of his superior physique, so when he added the lightning element to it, it was unimaginable. If not for the fact that he didn't want to use his wind element as well, then his speed would've been even more frightening.

The man in charge of the platform announced the winner, and Grey walked back to his seat with a nonchalant expression. The previous excited expression he wore when fighting was gone and it was like he was another person.

"Nice fight, next time, you should punch him in the head." Klaus commented as soon as Grey sat down, giving him a few pointers.

Alice and Reynolds felt like beating him up as they overheard what he was saying to Grey.

"Alright Teacher, your student will follow your instructions next time." Grey said playfully before looking at the stone in the sky.

"Good boy, now, help me fight my battle, I'm still tired from the previous one." Klaus said shamelessly.

"Unfortunately, that isn't allowed." Grey replied

The others laughed as they congratulated Grey.

"Wouldn't you go for a higher rank?" Reynolds asked.

"Nope, this is enough. I still have some moves hidden. I don't think I want to show them all here. This Region isn't our goal." Grey said calmly.

The others nodded before looking away. The other battles in the remaining platforms continued after Grey's battle ended. They couldn't be blamed since Grey's battle took all the attention, even theirs as well. Missing such a battle was something they couldn't stand.

Ten more minutes went by before all the battles rounded up. Now, it was time for one more round of challenges before the end of the competition.

Chapter 676 - Cheated?

"Klaus, you're up next." Reynolds tapped Klaus on the shoulder as the next round of battles was about to start.

"Don't worry, I'll be in the top twenty." Klaus said confidently as he stood up.

Grey and the others nodded.

Reynolds called out while he was on the way there, "Oh, and ask if we can challenge those in the lower stages here."

"Got it." Klaus before walking to the stage.

This was the last battle, so he planned to challenge the person currently ranked twentieth. If he could win, then he would be part of the top twenty, for now. Of course he knew he would lose the rank soon if

someone came to challenge anyone higher than him, but he didn't really care. All that mattered now was that he was in it and got the reward.

Grey had brought too much attention to their group, so when the crowd saw Klaus standing up, they all spoke animatedly, waiting for who he would challenge. From their previous battles, they knew he was not as powerful as Grey, and unlike Grey, he relied heavily on his head to win his battles.

From his last battle, they could tell that even if his opponent was stronger than he was, it didn't necessarily mean they would win because Klaus was a calculative individual.

He soon stepped onto the platform, and different from when he first fought, people weren't rushing to the platforms anymore.

The man in charge walked up to him to ask who he would like to challenge. His reply was well within the expectations of most of the people here.

"He only wants to step into the top twenty."

This was the only thing going through the heads of everyone around.

The current person ranked twentieth had a higher rank before the challenges started. He was ranked fifteenth at that time, but due to people challenging those higher than him and defeating them, he was slowly pushed down.

He was already at the Peak of the Overlord Plane and looked to be around twenty-two years old with brown hair and eyes. He was taller than Klaus, standing at six feet three inches tall.

Looking at the opponent in front of him, he didn't feel pressured. He saw Klaus' last battle and knew that he wasn't that powerful.

"This will be over soon enough." He said coldly.

Klaus smiled without replying. He had been waiting patiently for his last battle. Here, he would use his ultimate move to defeat his opponent swiftly.

The man asked if both participants were prepared, after getting confirmation from them, he called for the start of the battle.

The young man was an Earth Elementalist, with a quick movement, he sent multiple large boulders toward Klaus.

Klaus created an ice wall to block the attack before countering with an attack of his own. Sending out a jet stream of water toward his opponent. The water moved rapidly.

The young man didn't panic, raising an earth wall in front of him, he prepared to counterattack once he had stopped the attack.

However, his expression changed drastically when the water made contact with the earth wall. There was not even a bit of resistance as the water crashed through it, slamming into the young man. Before he could react, he had been sent flying, out of the platform.

The entire crowd stood up, stunned by how fast the battle ended.

Overall, the battle only took around one minute or so, yet the victor had been decided, so quickly. It was shocking.

Klaus stood on the platform with a grin on his face.

Most people still didn't understand what happened a few seconds ago. How the hell did Klaus' water pass through the water so easily?

Some people even felt it was all staged, but when they saw the condition of the young man, they had second thoughts. Someone in his current condition will not agree to stage something like this, especially since he too was a genius in his own right.

His clothes were destroyed, and his hair was messy with blood coming from the side of his mouth. He still had a look of disbelief as he stared at the platform that was almost twenty meters away from him.

The only question in his head right now was, 'What happened?'

"You... impossible!" He exclaimed from the side, unable to believe that he lost so easily.

"What are you pointing at? You've already lost, now step aside." Klaus replied with a mocking smile.

If the young man accepted his defeat, he wouldn't want to rub it in on him, but seeing his present reaction, he felt annoyed by him.

'You've lost already, what's all the fuss?' He thought inside.

"You cheated. Sir, I can assure you that he cheated, let's have the battle again." The young man turned to the man in charge of the platform.

"You've lost this battle. He didn't cheat, he only used a skill you're unaware of. Even most of the seniors here don't know of it, but he was the one who used it." The man explained, before turning to Klaus, "However, to confirm if you didn't cheat, I'd like you to do exactly this same attack while he set up the same defensive wall."

The man couldn't really say he was doubting Klaus since he could feel the intricacy in Klaus' previous attack. This was something he had not seen before, but he had heard of something like this, hence he wanted to confirm if it was what he read about.

Klaus stared at the man before nodding.

"I'll show everyone that you're a cheater." The young man snorted coldly.

"Stop barking, you're even more annoying than a hungry dog." Klaus mocked before unleashing the same attack once again.

The young man was incensed by Klaus' words before setting up his defensive wall. This time, he put his all into it, making sure it was sturdier than the previous one. To be honest, he didn't put much into the last defensive wall thinking it would be able to block the attack easily. It was only after it was breached did he know that he made a mistake.

Now that he knew the strength of Klaus' attack, he increased the defensive power of the wall.

Chapter 677 - Monstrous Group Of Friends

Klaus smirked when he saw this. The man in charge of the platform also noticed this but didn't do anything to stop the young man. He was a little curious about the strength of Klaus' attack.

This was a strange attack that was hard to understand. Klaus had kept it hidden till the very last battle, this showed how cunning he was. Now, he was starting to doubt if the strength Klaus showed all this while was his true strength.

Rumble!

When the jet stream came in contact with the earth wall, compared to the first time, there was a bit of resistance.

When the young man saw this, he smiled in glee, feeling happy that he had been able to show everyone the scam Klaus was.

His smile froze when he realized after the first bit of resistance, the water passed through once again, sending him flying for the second time.

Crash! Bang!

His figure was shot off the platform once again, and this time, the force he used in crashing into the ground was even more powerful than the first time.

Just like the young man, Klaus evilly increased the strength of the attack at the last minute. This way, the impact on that young man would be even more terrifying.

Grey and the others shook their heads in pity when they saw the condition of the young man. The young man looked like he had lost a tooth or two, although it wasn't really much since it would grow back in at most a month, it was still kind of embarrassing.

"Haha, I knocked the teeth outta him." Klaus laughed when he saw that young man.

His words made those in the crowd burst out laughing, making the young man more embarrassed.

The old figures sitting in the special area all stared at Klaus in amazement. The skill he just displayed was something that they had only heard of. For someone to be able to do this meant their mastery of the water element was on another level entirely. Klaus might just be the best Water Elementalist in his generation.

They couldn't say this claim though since they haven't seen all the geniuses of this generation, but what they know is that even if he wasn't the best, he wouldn't be far from it.

For them to even think of this showed how highly they regarded Klaus.

They couldn't help but turn to look at his friends. Only Grey had fought, and he was clearly someone even more special. Having four elements, and two of said elements were special types. He also had the space element, with terrifying speed as well.

Grey was even more monstrous than Klaus, and they didn't even dare to think the other two were on their level, if they were, then it meant this group of youngsters would cause chaos in this continent in the future.

The man finally announced the winner of the battle.

Klaus wore a smile on his face, just as he was about to leave, he recalled something and turned to the man.

"Sir, can those in the Mid and Early stages be challenged here?" He asked.

They couldn't leave without Reynolds and Alice battling.

The man looked at him for a while before telling him to give him a minute. He flew to where the old figures were seated, after getting confirmation from them, he nodded at Klaus, telling him that once this round of battles was over, they could step forward.

The reason the old figures agreed to his request was simple; they've seen Grey and Klaus show their abilities, and now they wanted to see just how talented the other two were.

If they were truly on the same level as Klaus and Grey, then they wouldn't even mind trying to convince them to join their Factions. That's all on the premise that they've not joined one though. However, they all knew that was nothing but an impossible thought. If they hadn't joined a Faction only meant that they were from powerful families.

Those in the Early and Mid stages were still around, since watching these battles was beneficial to them, they couldn't afford to miss it.

Klaus returned to his seat to give the others the news. Alice and Reynolds were pumped when they heard this. They thought only Grey and Klaus would grab all the fun, but it seems they still had a small chance to show what they were made of.

The man announced the next round of things which came as a shock to those in the arena. Some of them were even about to leave since the competition was over, but something that had never happened before happened which surprised them.

The young lady who was ranked first wanted to leave, but the middle-aged man who was with her stopped her. His attention had been on Grey's group since Grey's last battle. He thought Grey was the only one, but after seeing Klaus' last battle, he had to reevaluate the group.

He overheard when Reynolds told Klaus to ask if they could still battle, so when he heard this, he knew this was done only because the old fogies also wanted to see the talent of the other two.

"It wouldn't be bad to become friends with such figures." He whispered to the young lady.

"Them?" The young lady turned to look at Grey's group.

"Yes. I can already see that they will be influential later on. It wouldn't be bad to be acquaintances, don't you think?" The middle-aged man said.

"Hmm, whatever you say, uncle." The young lady replied.

After the man announced that those in the Mid and Early stages could be challenged, the first person to stand up was Reynolds. He couldn't keep it in any longer, he wanted to see how he would fare against those in the same stage as he is.

For this battle, he wasn't going to summon his Elemental Warrior. He would be fighting on his own. Besides, his Elemental Warrior was already on the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane.

His opponent was the person ranked first in the Early stages rankings.

Chapter 678 - Reynolds Battling For First Rank In The Early Stages Rankings

Reynolds waited patiently on the platform as the person ranked first stepped onto the platform. The person was a young lady who, according to rumors, just took the first position a few days ago.

She had been ranked second for a while now, and after a brutal battle, she managed to secure first place for the first time. Now, she hasn't even gotten to relish her new rank for long and it's already been threatened.

Everyone here could feel the tense atmosphere, for some reason, they all felt Reynolds would be victorious. They've seen the battle of his friends, Grey and Klaus to be precise, and given how they could

easily fight across stages, they felt he was also the same. So fighting against someone who is in the same stage as he is could already be counted as a victory for him.

Some people also stepped forward to challenge those of lower rankings on the other platforms, but all the attention was placed on this platform. Grey and Klaus had already brought all the popularity the group needed.

"Hello." Reynolds waved to the young lady.

The young lady waved back with a calm expression. She was clearly focused on the upcoming battle. Reynolds on the other hand seemed very relaxed.

The man in charge stepped forward to ask if they were prepared, after getting confirmation from the duo, he called for the battle to start.

The young lady didn't hold back and attacked instantly.

Boom!

A large flaming sword rose into the sky and slashed at Reynolds. She was a Fire Elementalist.

Buzz!

Lightning danced around Reynolds' body as a lightning shield appeared in front of him to block the attack of the young lady.

After blocking the attack, he unleashed a series of lightning arrows that shot at the young lady with breakneck speed.

The young lady didn't panic as she swung her large flaming sword at the arrows. Destroying them as they came in contact with the sword.

Reynolds saw this and also created a large lightning sword like his opponent. Since she wanted to use the size advantage, then two could play that game.

Buzz! Bam! Bang! Boom!

Their battle quickly picked up pace as attacks flew everywhere. The young lady attacked ferociously, Reynolds wasn't reserved in his attacks as well.

The duo were each fighting for something. The young lady didn't want to lose her newly acquired rank, while Reynolds didn't want to be the one looked down on among their group. However, he wasn't too pressured in winning, but he wanted to make sure that even if he lost, he gave the crowd a great show.

Besides, he still had the Mid stages rankings to also fight for.

Boom! Bang! Crash!

Lightning and fire flew all over the platform. A beautiful yet dangerous sight to behold. Those who had a lower cultivation stage than the duo could feel their spines tingle at the sight of this.

The crowd watched in exasperation. They never thought the battle between these two would be to this extent. Of course it was not on the level of Grey and the person ranked Seventh, but it was something special.

Those who watched the battle between the young lady and the person previously ranked first knew this battle was miles ahead of that one. They could feel the nervousness in the air.

A small mistake and either participant could lose.

"Rey's amazing. If only he agreed to spar with me more, he would've won already." Alice commented.

"Heh, other than Grey and Void, who else spars with you?" Klaus scoffed when he heard Alice's words.

Whenever Alice brought the idea of sparring, he had always rejected it. Of course there are times he spars with her, but he avoids it whenever he can. She was a relentless attacker, so defending against her was tiring.

Grey and Void could keep up with her because of their speed and space element, they on the other hand were not that fast. Luckily for him, he had the advantage in cultivation stage, so he could overpower her. Reynolds was the one who got the brunt of it most of the time.

Grey and Void chuckled when they heard this, looking at Alice. Grey couldn't help but recall when he was weaker than Alice and had to spar with her frequently back at the Lunar Academy. Although he wasn't really that bad, he was still beaten up by her most of the time.

Alice's way of fighting was direct and fierce, one slip up and she'll attack continuously. She isn't the type to give an inch when battling, else you would regret your decision. This however doesn't mean she isn't calculative, she just preferred doing things this way.

Reynolds' battle with the young lady soon got to its peak. Reynolds had the advantage in speed, so dodging the attacks of the young lady was something he could do quite easily.

The young lady was forced to block almost all his attacks since they were fast.

Buzz! Crash!

A large bolt of lightning drew a beautiful arc in the sky before striking the young lady.

She was forced to block the attack with a firewall. But the wall exploded and the impact pushed her back.

The chance Reynolds had been waiting for all this while finally presented itself to him. Without even thinking, he unleashed a series of lightning arrows that shot at his target.

He also created a lightning ball that he sent out. While doing all this, he leaped into the air, spreading both hands apart, he called out slowly, 'Lightning Rain'.

This was a move Grey frequently used when he was still in the Arcane Plane.

When the crowd saw his attacks, their hearts sank for the young lady. Even if she somehow manages to block them miraculously, the advantage was already in Reynolds' hands and he could choose to attack whenever he wanted.

The young lady seeing all these covered herself with a ball of fire that exploded in all directions. Unfortunately, Reynolds' delayed the attack of the lightning rain a little bit, so her attack which was supposed to block all the attacks faded just before the lightning rain fell down.

Bang!

The sound of a figure slamming into the ground resounded out, accompanied by a scream of pain from the young lady.

When Reynolds heard it, he immediately stopped his attack.

The dust died down on the spot where the young lady landed and her shaking figure came in full view to all. This was a result of the electrocution from the lightning element.

"I'm sorry." Reynolds rushed over to help her.

However, a sly grin appeared on the face of the young lady, and just as Reynolds came within ten meters of her, a large fireball was sent in his direction, meeting him at a point-blank range.

The attack came unexpectedly, even the crowd didn't expect the young lady would use such a method. Most people found it evil, but in truth, it was all part of a strategy. She realized she wasn't on the same level as Reynolds, so she used the natural sympathy men had towards women to make him drop his guard, and then she attacked.

It was a smart plan that was worth praising, after all, it might save her in times of danger, and might just help her retain her first position.

Chapter 679 - Glimpse Of The Light Element

Klaus stood on his feet when he saw this, he could tell that the young lady was only tricking Reynolds when he saw her reaction.

There was no way she would've been that hurt from the attack. Yes, she would be injured, but not to the level she was playing it out to be. Even if the attack came unexpectedly, she was still an Overlord Plane Elementalist who was on the same stage as Reynolds, so she would at least be able to set up a few defensive measures to help limit the danger.

"B*tch." He cursed when he saw her attacking Reynolds at such a close distance, however, what happened next made him laugh in delight.

Reynolds had sparred with him too often, and he had done countless tricks like this. All of them naturally made Reynolds lose his guard, but they've naturally molded him for battles with others.

Reynolds, who everyone thought had lost due to the sneak attack, had a wide grin on his face, his legs were coated with lightning as he dodged to the left.

At the same time he was dodging, a large lightning bolt fell from the sky, crashing into the body of the young lady. This time, she didn't even have a chance to create any defensive measures as she took the full effect of the attack.

She shrieked in pain, convulsing a few seconds after the lightning fell on her. What was worth noting was that the lightning attack didn't stop immediately, rather, it stayed for almost five seconds, penetrating her body fully.

"Ruthless! Cunning!"

This was the view most of the people here had of Reynolds. That attack of his was something that he had been preparing for a while since it needed time to garner that much power.

The lightning rain was a cover, this attack was his main final assault. He knew that the lightning rain wouldn't be able to defeat his opponent, so he made this attack as well.

All those above the Overlord Plane saw this perfectly, even some of the people at the Peak of the Overlord Plane noticed it. Void told Grey about it when he sensed it.

The sneak attack happened too fast hence they were unable to alert Klaus of Reynolds' hidden attack.

Alice calmed down when she saw Reynolds dodging the attack and nodded her head when his lightning bolt rained on the young lady, she felt the young lady deserved it.

Not just her, but almost every single person here felt she deserved it as well. If Reynolds didn't have a countermeasure prepared, then he would've ultimately lost because he tried to show care for his opponent.

The man in charge of the platform rushed to where the young lady was and covered her with a white light. He was unexpectedly a Light Elementalist.

Grey watched the scene intently, anything related to the light element was all he focused on. When his Teacher was using the light element to heal Klaus' father the last time, he was unable to witness it, but now, he was seeing it for the first time.

As he watched it, he felt something in him resonate with what was happening and his eyes glowed with a white light. His body was about to do the same before he noticed and he quickly suppressed the feeling.

In his mind, however, he felt like running out of this place. He was on the verge of comprehending the light element, but because of the possible commotion he would cause in the process, he had to forcibly suppress the feeling.

It felt like he was pushing himself into a well. If he missed this chance, it would take him some time to comprehend the light element. But if he went with the flow, then he would be able to instantly comprehend the light element and create a light space in the Chaos Space.

This was the only thing he was missing in the light element, seeing how it was used to heal. Once he creates the light space in the Chaos Space, then he could be said to have comprehended the light element.

Reynolds' win was a win for him also, so he was extremely happy when Reynolds walked back to where they were seated, he even gave him a high-five.

This was the last element he was missing, according to his knowledge, so he naturally felt excited after getting a glimpse of it.

If he focused on it for now, in at most a week he would be able to create a light space. Then everything would be set.

"Good job, you see, sparring with me has its advantages." Klaus commented when Reynolds took his seat.

"Haha, of course. I knew from the start that she was pretending, but I had to make her lower her guard." Reynolds laughed as he looked at the stone plaque in the sky that currently had his name written as the number one genius in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane.

"You did good. But if you sparred with me more, you wouldn't have needed trickery to win." Alice said.

Reynolds' smiling face froze when he thought about the hellish sparring session with Alice and he couldn't help but shiver.

Grey laughed before looking at the other platforms. All he wanted right now was for this round of battles to end so Alice could step forward and challenge whoever she wanted to.

Since she was in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane, they all knew she wouldn't challenge the person ranked first, but she would definitely aim for the top ten.

Reynolds was the one who had the first rank in sight thanks to his Elemental Warrior. He was about to become the first person to be ranked first in both the Early and Mid stages of the geniuses rankings. The thought of it was exhilarating.

Ten minutes later the battles ended and Alice stood up. It was finally time for the last person in this group of freakish friends to show her strength.

If Alice was on the same level as the others, then it meant this set of friends were insanely talented.

She walked to the platform calmly. If one looked at it properly, one would realize that all four of them had fought on the same platform. All the times Klaus and Reynolds fought, they did it on this particular platform.

Those in the stands watched on in excitement as they watched Alice step onto the platform. The man in charge of the platform was already waiting for her, when she stepped forward, he asked her who she would like to battle when hearing her say the person ranked Fifth, he felt a little disappointed for some reason.

The truth was, he wanted her to challenge the person ranked first, defeat him and solidify her group's status as freakish.

Alice smiled when she saw this, looking at Reynolds, she shook her head before challenging the person ranked fourth.

The reason for this was simple. Once Reynolds stepped forward, then the first position was his. She didn't want to overdo it, after all, these people were also geniuses as well. Getting into a tough battle with the person ranked first would be difficult for her, and her chances of winning weren't over fifty percent.

Chapter 680 - Alice's Battle

The person ranked fourth was a young lady like Alice, only slightly taller than her, and chubbier. She walked onto the platform, staring at Alice vigilantly.

She has already seen the others in the group fight, so she knew she was up for a tough fight. Winning was her aim, and she wouldn't let herself be distracted.

'They might be talented, but so am I.' She reassured herself.

Saying this however did not change her mindset. Stepping into a battle with this mindset has already shown a weakness in her character, so even if she were stronger than Alice, her chances of winning have reduced drastically.

Alice nodded to her opponent, who did the same. After getting confirmation from both fighters, the man in charge of the platform declared the start of the battle.

Alice attacked immediately, using the lightning element to boost her speed as she sent out multiple lightning orbs that exploded around her opponent.

Her opponent used the water element to fight against the lightning arcs that were rushing toward her. She created an ice wall that sufficiently blocked them. Alice didn't feel bothered by this as she continued her assault.

She was known for her relentless attacks, and she displayed it in full here. After her first lightning attack didn't work out, she used the fire element to send a flaming bird at the young lady.

The bird spat out bits of flaming balls that exploded as they came in contact with the ice wall.

Seeing Alice use a second element, everyone in the arena couldn't help but sigh. Of the four friends, two had more than one element, while the other two had a single element. From the current looks of things, Reynolds was the only one who didn't seem special.

Klaus defeated someone of a higher stage, which meant he could fight across stages. Alice's current opponent was in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane, and she was currently having a great battle with her. Grey was even more freakish.

Reynolds' opponent however was in the same stage as he was. Even though he won convincingly, it still didn't show his dominance like that of his friends.

While they were thinking of the group of friends, Alice's battle was slowly heating up. Just like her, her opponent was also a Dual Elementalist, having the water and darkness element.

She attacked with the darkness element, creating a large shadow beneath Alice that seemed to slow her down. Not only that, but the darkness element started to eat away the essence around her, disrupting her ability to control the elements.

The darkness element has multiple uses, but its best ability is none other than corrosiveness. It could corrode anything, even as far as the air they breathe.

If a Darkness Elementalist is fighting someone stronger, the darkness element can come as a trump card. Using it at the best time will give them an advantage.

Alice shook her body before lightning started to dance around her. A ten meters radius around her was covered with lightning. She used it to fight against the corrosive ability of the darkness element.

After gaining her proper control of the elements, she started attacking once again. Her opponent was no pushover, so she knew she had to dig deep.

Boom! Bang!

Attacks flew left and right, with the young lady using the water element to both defend and attack. She used the darkness element for sneak attacks, but the lightning surrounding Alice made her sense them and dodge them before they touched her.

Alice was using the lightning as a type of sensory ability, making it almost impossible to sneak attack her.

A large streak of water was sent towards her, but she used the fire element to counter it, before using the lightning element to send out a large bolt which cut through the streak of water and headed towards her opponent.

The young lady she was fighting against blocked the attack with an ice wall, but the wall cracked after successfully blocking it.

Crash! Bang!

Before the young lady could reinforce the wall, another lightning bolt struck it, blasting it apart and rushing towards her.

With no time to think, she threw a dark orb the size of a human head at the lightning bolt. When the lightning came in contact with the orb, it caused a large explosion.

The young lady was able to escape before the explosion, surviving a potentially dangerous situation.

Alice didn't let her have any time to rest as she flew into the air, and just like Reynolds, a lightning rain was summoned by her.

The young lady had already seen Reynolds use this skill before, so when she saw that Alice was also a Lightning Elementalist, she prepared for it.

With a wave of her hand, she formed a water sphere around her. Due to the wide range of the attack, each lightning wasn't powerful enough to breach her defense.

Alice didn't feel down when she saw this, instead, she smiled before reducing the range of the lightning rain, taking it to only a small area. From covering over half of the platform, it covered only about half a meter or so.

This increased the strength of the attack dramatically.

While doing this, she created walls made of fire around the young lady and they slowly started to close in. They were sending out attacks at the same time.

Her barrage of attacks was on another level and even Grey and the others couldn't help but shake their heads. Once Alice was given the initiative in a battle, then it was decided. Unless her opponent could overpower her, they would be nothing but sitting ducks.

Alice's assault continued, and the young lady knew she messed up when she gave her the chance to attack freely.

With a yell, she forced the water sphere wide, trying to use it to push the approaching fire walls. Doing this, however, gave the lightning rain the chance to penetrate it.

When she saw this, she covered her skin with ice, forming something like an ice armor to defend against it.

Alice had an intrigued look, before attacking with a lightning spear.

The spear shot past the fire wall before slamming into the body of the young lady. It made a ringing sound as it managed to defend against the attack. The young lady was pushed back by the impact of the attack.

Seeing this, Alice smiled and her attacks continued. The lightning rain had stopped, instead, large lightning bolts started crashing down from the sky.

The young lady who was on the defensive found it hard to regain any sort of advantage since Alice didn't give her that opportunity.

Everyone watching the battle knew that the victor had already been decided, it was only a matter of time before the young lady gave up on her own, or she was hurt from the constant attacks.

"She's ferocious!"

This was the appraisal they had of Alice. Unlike the boys, she had a more aggressive battle style, and once she took the initiative in a battle, her victory was within sight.

Even with all the plans the young lady made, Alice was able to counter them.

Five minutes later, the young lady finally gave up.

She managed to hold out against the previous attack and even managed to counterattack at one time, unfortunately, Alice didn't give her too many chances after that.