

## **Affinity 681**

### Chapter 681 - Shameless Reynolds

Alice walked back to her seat after being announced as the winner of the battle. She looked up at the stone plaque and her name was written in the fourth place.

After her battle, the other battles on the platforms lasted for another five minutes before they ended. As soon as they ended, the man was about to call for the end of the event when they saw Reynolds getting up once again, walking in the direction of the platform.

"What's he trying to do?"

Discussions broke out in the arena. This was the round for those in the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane. Reynolds had already defeated the person ranked first in the Early stages rankings, so they felt he was done with the competition. Who would've thought he would step up once again? And it was even for the Mid stages rankings.

On getting to the platform, Reynolds didn't hide his intentions as he challenged the person ranked first. The man in charge of the platform was a little taken aback, he felt obligated to remind Reynolds that this was the Mid stages and not the Early stages.

He felt maybe Reynolds had forgotten he fought against the person ranked first and won already.

"I know, I'd like to see if I can at least put up a fight against the first person." Reynolds replied with a humble smile.

When the crowd overheard him, they felt his pride had gotten to his head. Even the old men who held the group in high esteem felt annoyed by this.

The man looked back and after getting a nod from the old men in charge of the event, he finally called the person ranked first in the Mid stages rankings forward.

This person was a young man with a calm demeanor. When he stepped onto the stage, he didn't show the usual proud air geniuses ranked first usually have, instead, he looked at his opponent with a confident, yet friendly smile.

"Hello." Reynolds waved at him.

"Hello, I'm Kyle." The young man introduced himself with a smile.

"It's nice meeting you, Kyle. I'm Reynolds." Reynolds approached Kyle and stretched out his hand.

After shaking hands, both fighters distanced themselves.

The man in charge of the platform looked at the duo, after getting confirmation from them, he gave the go-ahead for the battle to start.

As soon as the battle started, the young man standing opposite Reynolds was covered with blazing green flames.

Seeing this, Grey and his friends couldn't help but exchange glances. They rarely saw people with special types of their elements, so seeing this young man, they were somewhat surprised.

Reynolds laughed out in delight before a figure made of lightning formed above him. The figure held onto a sword and shield, with a bow on its back. It was none other than his Elemental Warrior.

The crowd who were still marveling at the sight of green flames were once again astounded by the surprise of seeing an Elemental Warrior. Even in the Aurora Continent, high-level summoners were rare.

Reynolds, who most of the people felt was the weakest amongst the group and thought he was too proud when he stepped forward to challenge someone three stages ahead of him, seemed to be as special as his friends. As it stands, Grey and Klaus seem to be the only ones stronger than him in their group.

What was also worth mentioning was that if not for Klaus' special water attack, they would rate him lower than Reynolds.

"Just where did these freaks come from?"

This was the only question running through the minds of everyone. Grey and Klaus were already special in their own rights, Alice was stronger than your regular genius, and other than her aggressive fighting style, there was nothing special about her. The rest, however, were freaks.

Being in such a group of friends, one would feel intimidated.

If they were to find out that Grey and Void the seemingly useless cat had awakened their domains, it was unknown what their reactions would be like.

Even the old powerhouses here could only tell that Void was special other than that, they didn't know anything about him. The only reason they even spared him a look was because he was on Grey's shoulder most of the time.

Kyle, who was covered in green fire, was just as surprised as the crowd, but after his initial shock, he laughed out loud.

"Haha, you didn't disappoint." He charged at the Elemental Warrior and attacked wildly.

The previous calm demeanor was gone, now, he looked and acted like a warlord.

Reynolds fought alongside the Elemental Warrior, making the pressure on Kyle high.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

The battle didn't start off slow like the other battles, it went straight to the peak. Kyle was known around for being a battle maniac and seeing how he was doing against Reynolds and the Elemental Warrior, showed his strength.

Most Seventh stage Overlord Plane Elementalists would not be able to cope under the combined assault of Reynolds and the Elemental Warrior. Even though Reynolds was weaker, it didn't mean that he could neglect his attacks.

Kyle's plan from the get-go was simple: take out Reynolds and he wins. This is what everyone thought of as well. Unfortunately, with the Elemental Warrior there, and Reynolds being a cunning individual, it was impossible to take him out.

He hid under the attack range of the Elemental Warrior. If Kyle tried to attack, he would be sneak attacked by the Elemental Warrior. At this pace, he risked losing the fight, or even ending it as a tie. There's also the chance that he might not even get Reynolds and might just lose altogether.

Klaus and Void were laughing at Reynolds' cunning nature. He was using the Elemental Warrior to full effect.

Kyle was unable to get close to him, and the Elemental Warrior even had the advantage in their battles.

Whenever he focused fully on the Elemental Warrior, Reynolds would attack from behind.

It got to the extent that even the calm Kyle was starting to get frustrated by what was happening.

Reynolds was out of his reach, while he was very much within Reynolds' grasp. This meant that he couldn't attack Reynolds, but Reynolds could attack him whenever he wanted. A cruel situation to be in, even a good person will go nuts whenever they are in such a position.

The crowd watched the battle a little taken aback. Reynolds was being shameless to the core, but they couldn't complain since the Elemental Warrior was his and this was a viable battle strategy.

Many people here would do the same if they were in his place.

"Haha, yes, be shameless." Klaus laughed loudly, attracting the gaze of those around.

Grey shook his head, while Alice glared at him. Their great reputation had been thrown in the mud by these two crazy guys.

One was acting shamelessly on the platform, while the other had a proud look. It was like he was a proud Teacher.

Reynolds continued irritating his opponent, making him make mistakes which gives the Elemental Warrior a chance to overwhelm him.

The man in charge had a weird smile on his face. It was evident that Reynolds had won this as well.

Chapter 682 - The Light Element

Swoosh! Bang!

The Elemental Warrior sent Kyle flying.

"I admit defeat." Kyle didn't fight any longer before giving up. Fighting against Reynolds and his Elemental Warrior was a pain to fight against.

Reynolds made things worse, almost making it impossible for him to concentrate.

"Haha, thank you for letting me win." Reynolds laughed as he approached Kyle.

Kyle didn't feel too downcast after his loss, shaking hands with Reynolds. He even went back with him to where Grey and the others were seated. His easy-going nature made it easy for him and the group to become friends.

Making friends with a group like theirs was a bonus to anybody, so he naturally took advantage of it. He was surprisingly not from Dixon Region. Just like the group, he was traveling, trying to gain experience.

While the group was speaking, the man on the platform called for the end of the competition.

The young lady who was ranked first in the Late stages Overlord Plane rankings and the middle-aged man approached them. Introducing herself, her name was Avril Cassidy.

The group introduced themselves to her and Kyle, when Grey introduced himself, a look of realization dawned on the middle-aged man accompanying Avril.

'So, he's from that Dawson family. To think they've produced another genius of this caliber.' He thought to himself.

If Grey knew of his thoughts, he would've refuted them since he didn't know any Dawson Family from the Aurora Continent. Honestly, other than his parents, he knew no other person from the Dawson Family. He didn't even know if he had any Uncles or Aunties.

They spoke for a while before Grey and his group decided to leave. Grey in particular was in a hurry since he wanted to try to create the light space as soon as possible.

The group left alongside Kyle and Avril. Before they left, a few youngsters approached them, trying to create some ties with them. The group welcomed them, making more friends was better than making enemies.

These friends might be useful later in the future. There was nothing left for the group to do in Dixon Region, so they left the city immediately.

Grey went straight to the woods, finding a cave, he immediately sat down cross-legged before trying to comprehend what he got from the light element today.

The others didn't know what was up with him, but they knew it must be important, so they let him be.

They stayed outside the cave, talking about the competition and how the battles were. Each reflected on their battles and where they could improve.

In the blink of an eye, two days went by in a flash.

Grey was still cooked up in the cave, not showing any signs of coming out. The group were bored, even as far as going to the city to get some things, leaving Void to protect Grey. He was the strongest, and anyone he couldn't fight against, they couldn't either.

They met a few people who approached them to join their Factions, however, rejected it. Grey told them not to let others know they were not in any Faction since it might put them in danger. Geniuses were coveted everywhere, so it was best to be cautious.

People might be scared of their background and not attack them. This is their best protection right now, so they had to use it properly.

Five more days went by before Grey finally made some movements.

Opening his eyes, it was covered entirely with a bright white light.

"Haha, things were better than expected." He laughed lightly to himself.

He not only used this opportunity to create the light space, but he also entered the Chaos Space and started comprehending the light element immediately. Due to his past efforts, things were a little easier for him.

He couldn't help but breathe out a sigh of relief. It was like he had finally achieved the first step in becoming the strongest. He presently had every element he knew.

Eight elements, that was something that would send the world into chaos if they found out.

'It's a shame I still wasn't able to break through to the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane.' He shook his head.

He originally thought comprehending a new element would've made him advance to the next stage, but unfortunately, it seems that things were starting to become difficult for him. Now he understood why it was difficult to advance as Elementalists grew stronger. His own was even worse due to his multiple elements. This made his requirements even higher.

He had been advancing quite quickly before, but now, it seems as if things will be a little slow for now. He threw everything to the back of his mind and stood up.

When Grey stepped out, he saw the tired looks from his friends.

"What's with the faces?" He asked with a smile.

"You better have a good reason for keeping us waiting." Klaus said.

"Of course." Grey smiled before opening his hand as a white ball of light appeared.

"You've comprehended the light element?!" Reynolds exclaimed.

"Yes. Why did you think I came here straight away? I gained some insights at the competition when I saw people using it, this helped me a lot." Grey grinned as he explained.

"Haha, nice. Now you can heal us." Klaus laughed.

"Hehe, no. My mastery is still too low. And like usual, the elemental grade is extremely low. Pink to be precise. It will take a while before I can increase it." Grey shook his head, killing Klaus' wishful thinking.

"A shame. That means for now it's useless?" Reynolds asked with a sad smile.

"Not exactly. It can heal minor injuries, and it will boost my speed. I'm happy with my gains." Grey replied.



"Congratulations." Alice congratulated him, unlike the two boys.

"Thank you." Grey smiled in response.

"Can we get going now?" Void finally spoke up.

Staying in one place was not in accordance with his style. He had to be on the move constantly so that he could see new things.

Grey looked at the others, and seeing their expressions, he knew they were tired of this place as well. He had no objections with leaving since there was nothing he had to do here.

With that, the group finally continued their journey. Other than when Grey and Klaus were trying to understand that heavy water, this was the longest they have stayed in a place.

While they were walking, they spoke about their experiences so far when Grey was still in closed doors training. About eight Factions approached them, but they refused all of them.

They were even invited to meet an old lady who was quite powerful. She spoke with them in a kind manner, in the end, she also wanted them to join her Faction, which they also refused.

Some days later, they were getting close to leaving Dixon Region. On the way, Grey trained with his light element. He was also very close to breaking through. Even though he didn't break through immediately, it helped him get very close to his target. So he didn't feel too down about it.

They opted to travel by foot instead of using the teleportation arrays. This made their journey longer, but they gained considerable experience from it. Encountering new things on the way, while also facing some life-threatening moments.

The strength of the group continued improving as they traveled. Klaus was getting better at his new water, Grey had too many focuses, so his progress with it was a little slower than Klaus'.

Alice was fighting more, honing her skills with every battle.

Reynolds was also pushing to advance to the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane. He was very close to it. Doing this would undoubtedly push the stage of his Elemental Warrior to the Seventh stage, making it stronger.

Void was the only one who was carefree. He didn't think too much, he didn't train the way the others did.

Some days went by and they finally left the Dixon Region, entering the next region. Just like the Dixon Region, this was also a mid-level region. So the geniuses here were around the same level as those in Dixon Region.

They fell into contemplation. Fighting against the geniuses here would be beneficial, but would also take time if they were on the same level as those in Dixon Region.

"Should we skip this place, or..." Grey looked at the others.

"I want to see how far I've improved." Alice said.

She enjoyed fighting, so it was natural that she would agree to them staying and challenging the geniuses here.

Klaus and Reynolds had no issues with them staying for a few days, and neither did Grey.

They started searching for those in the geniuses rankings. They weren't as lucky as the last time when they encountered the geniuses rankings competition, so they had to search for each individual personally. It took them a while, but they managed to locate the person ranked fourth in this Region's Mid stages Overlord Plane rankings.

Chapter 683 - Collective Growth

Buzz! Bang! Boom!

The sound of lightning crashing into something strong resonated out.

"Wow! She's definitely gotten more powerful." Reynolds commented from the side.

Beside him were Grey and Klaus. They were watching Alice's battle with the person ranked fourth in this Region's Mid stages Overlord Plane geniuses rankings.

The person was a young man who was a Wind Elementalist. They've been fighting for almost ten minutes now, and even though Alice was two stages lower than him, she was able to go toe to toe with him.

Swoosh! Boom! Bang!

A large tornado sprang up from the ground, lifting Alice into the sky.

While in the sky, red and silver lights flashed in the tornado. Before long, the tornado was forcefully destroyed. Alice was seen standing mid-air, covered in lightning and flames.

She used the attack lightning rain while mid-air, before throwing multiple fireballs at her opponent. She almost tried to replicate Grey's 'Meteor Descent', however, she was unable to get it accurately.

The young man created a storm to fight against the attacks coming his way.

The battle continued as they exchanged blows in a tight and heated battle.

In terms of power, this person was stronger than the one she fought against in the Dixon Region, so it was difficult for her to overwhelm him.

If she were still on the same power level as when she fought in Dixon Region, then she would've lost long ago. But thanks to her slight improvement, she managed to last long.

As the battle raged on, the young man slowly started to gain the upper hand. He had a higher cultivation stage than Alice, so it was understandable that he was stronger.

They fought for five more minutes.

Bang!

Alice's figure was sent flying, crashing into a rock by the side.

At the moment Alice crashed into the rock, another loud explosion was heard from the other side. Just like Alice, the young man was sent flying, his condition was slightly better than Alice's, which showed he had the edge in their brawl.

Alice stood up before cleaning the dust off her body, "You win."

She didn't feel sad with this loss. From the start, she knew this person was much stronger than the person ranked fourth in Dixon Region. Not just that, but he was also a very experienced fighter. Unlike most youngsters, he didn't make moves carelessly.

Alice and the others usually used their experiences to their advantage in battles. Compared to them, most of the geniuses here haven't gone through deadly training. Their battle knowledge was low. They might be powerful, but they didn't know when and how to attack properly.

"It was a close battle. If you were a stage higher, then I would've lost." The young man replied sincerely.

He wasn't trying to make her feel better or anything, it was the truth. Alice was only in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane, while he was in the Sixth stage, two stages higher, yet he fought her for this long.

With a small upgrade in her stage, she would be able to beat him.

"Thank you for agreeing to spar with me. I'll be leaving now." Alice showed her gratitude before turning to her friends.

The young man stared at the group, looking at them strangely. He guessed they were from one of those high leveled Regions, but he couldn't ascertain it. A thought came to his head, but just as he was about to, he stopped himself.

'If she's already this powerful, how powerful would he be?' He looked at Grey.

Grey didn't hide his cultivation stage, so he was able to find out that he was in the same stage as himself. Alice was already this powerful, and she was two stages below him, challenging Grey might come as a humiliation for him, so he stopped himself.

Grey and the others left while discussing the battle. They all saw how much Alice had improved. She was the only one who wanted to test out her strength, so they didn't stay any longer.

Grey even suggested they used the teleportation array, so they could get to the other Regions quicker. According to the map they had, he still had to travel through at least five Regions before they would leave these mid level Regions. Their plan was to get to a high level Region and join a powerful Faction.

They all didn't want to join the same Faction, only the ones beneficial to them. Of course all Factions could help with every element, but most Factions focused on improving a single element. This would make training faster and more efficient.

Two months went by in the blink of an eye.

The group had been in the Aurora Continent for a while now, and they were starting to get used to things here.

In these two months, Grey and Reynolds had made breakthroughs, getting to the Seventh and the Fourth stage respectively.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior was currently in the Seventh stage as well, which meant he couldn't compete in the Mid stages geniuses rankings any longer.

They've gone through five Regions in this time and battled through all of them. Although they used the teleportation arrays on some occasions, they mostly traveled by foot.

They encountered more things this way, increasing their knowledge and experience.

On one occasion, Klaus found a strange treasure, while he was trying to claim it, they found out that it belonged to a tribe of Barbarians who were staying in the forest. The Barbarians chased them for days, and after a brutal battle, they finally let them go.

They were lucky the tribe leader was not around. According to what the Barbarians said, the tribe leader was in the Sage Plane. He would've beaten the hell out of the group if he caught them.

This was Grey's first time battling with Barbarians, and he took advantage of it. They were the only people who trained their bodies, so he tried to see which was stronger, unfortunately for him, he lost in that regard.

#### Chapter 684 - Latchram Region

Their encounter with the Barbarians taught them a lesson. Of course it didn't stop Void and Klaus from causing trouble.

Void could sense treasures, so whenever they were close to anyone, he would naturally sense them.

Going through the forest meant they would encounter treasures, and with treasures came danger. The battles helped the group grow, but they also showed them that the dangers here were not on the same level as the Azure Continent.

Had Grey not comprehended the light element, they would've completely used up the remaining vials of healing tonic. The items they've managed to acquire were only raw items, not usable to them. They could only sell them whenever they got to a city or town.

Grey's light element however could only do so much. He doesn't have a high mastery of it, neither is the elemental grade high. They had to get healing tonics from the cities since the one they got from the Blooming Viper was too valuable.

Klaus and Alice were still in the same stage as before, but their strength had seen a significant increase. Klaus in particular had been focusing on his ice ability and his heavy water, making them more powerful.

The heaviness of the water has almost doubled, now, without even a sneak attack, he could use it to break through Grey's earth wall.

Alice had been practicing as well. Unlike the others, she didn't really have anything special other than being a Dual Elementalist. So she trained more than they did.

They had challenged the geniuses from the Regions they've gone through, and she had lost one, drawn one, and won the other three. Klaus also fought as well, he only managed to defeat the person ranked fifteenth. When he tried to challenge someone higher, he lost, quite woefully at that.

Grey had been conservative, not challenging those in the Late stages. He only watched the others.

Reynolds had started challenging those in the Mid stages, and without the help of the Elemental Warrior, he was unable to get into the top fifteen. In the same stage, Alice was stronger than him.

They were currently in Latchram Region, the last region before moving to the high leveled Regions in the Western Continent. They've been traveling for a while now, and the group felt it would be best if they joined one of these Factions sooner.

Grey and the others had heard of people going into secret realms, and without joining a Faction or being from a powerful family, then there was no way for him to join them.

Grey had a score to settle, so unlike the others, he was short on time. The quicker he improved, the better for him. His opponent wasn't an ordinary person. The humiliation and life-threatening attack he experienced that day, he wanted to return back to the young man.

He hasn't told his friends of this, so they had no idea of it.

Alive suggested they search for those in the geniuses rankings like usual and challenge them. Since Klaus and Reynolds agreed, Grey didn't really have much of a choice.

It took them almost a week to find who they were searching for. They had to travel through multiple cities. From their numerous travels, Grey's essence stones were already halved, and at this rate, it would finish in no time.

The plan of making a long range teleportation array came to his mind, but when he tried it, he realized he couldn't pinpoint the location of the one he made back at the strange forest. The space here was too strong for him, so he gave up on that idea. Although he gave up on the idea, it didn't stop him from making the arrays though.

He would get powerful enough to use it one day.

The target of their search was a young lady who went on an expedition, and according to what the group found out, a treasure was forming there. It would form completely, and most of the geniuses in the Overlord Plane had gone there.

The treasure was only beneficial to those in the Overlord Plane, so people in the Sage Plane didn't come over.

When the group got to the location, they were stunned by the barren land in front of them. Not a single vegetation was in sight, only dried rocks which looked like they would crumble from a single touch.

"What the hell is this?" Klaus commented when he saw the state of the place.

"This was caused by the darkness element." Void remarked after getting a feel of the place.

"The darkness element?" Alice and the others asked, stunned.



Grey closed his eyes and tried to feel the darkness element in the area. It took a while, but he was able to sense it later on.

"He's right. It must've been done a long time ago, but it's still affecting this place." He looked at the place, a little shaken by how powerful the person who did this was.

Even after so long, it still had such an effect. It showed the Elementalist was by no means weak.

"Actually, this was caused well over three hundred years ago, I'm surprised you sensed it." A voice came from the side.

The voice sounded a bit familiar. When the group turned around, they were surprised to see Kyle, the young man Reynolds fought against back at Dixon Region.

"Kyle, you came as well." Reynolds was the first to speak up.

"I heard of a treasure while passing by a small tribe, so I decided to come check it out. Who would've thought I would see you four here. Now my chances of getting it are as good as gone." Kyle replied with a shake of his head.

"You know what happened to this place?" Grey asked.

"Rumors had it that around three hundred years ago, a powerful Darkness Elementalist fought against the current ruler of the Western Continent. Their battle lasted over three days, and this place was reduced to this state." Kyle gave them a rough description of what he knew.

"Oh, and this is just the outer perimeters. The closer you go, the more powerful the effect. There's a miasma in the center." He added.

Chapter 685 - A Crazy Group Of Friends

"A miasma?" Grey's expression changed slightly.

He recalled the last time he heard about this was with Ellis' father. Apparently, he was corroded by one, almost losing his life in the process. If he hadn't gone by, then it might have been a different story.

"Yeah. Very dangerous." Kyle nodded, before adding, "However, there are times where the miasma retracts, or should I say, lessen. This gives people the chance to go deeper into this place. This is one of those times, and the birth of this treasure couldn't come at a better time."

Hearing Kyle's words, the others nodded in understanding. This place was probably a deadly place, but since people had explored it for many years, they had found out some secrets about it. Such places are usually filled with treasures since before people tend to go in it is long, giving it enough time to groom these treasures.

This wasn't the first time Klaus and the other two were hearing of miasma, so they knew the dangers of it. There are places that are filled with excessive fire or even wind element, causing them to have a miasma, but as usual, the darkness element tends to be more dangerous thanks to its corroding ability.

"Are we just going to stand here? Come on, let's go in." Kyle was the first to take a step into the place.

Compared to before, the group could tell that he had improved. First of all, his aura was slightly different, and he had broken through to the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane. But they could tell it hadn't been long since he did it.

With Kyle taking the lead, Grey and his friends followed behind him. Void looked at Kyle curiously. He naturally sensed him when he was approaching the group, but since he found his aura familiar, he didn't really feel too bothered.

As they went deeper into the place, the darkness element's aura started to grow stronger. It was even to a stage that those in the Origin Plane would feel extremely uncomfortable when placed in this place. Every individual in the group was in the Overlord Plane, so it was nothing for them to worry about, for now.

They soon started to sense the presence of others in this place which was expected, after all, they heard of this place from the mouth of the public, so the birth of this treasure was pretty much made known to all.

"What do you think it would be?" Klaus asked curiously as they walked further in.

"A natural treasure, I guess." Reynolds replied.

Klaus almost wanted to facepalm when he heard his reply, "I know it's a natural treasure, I'm asking what type of treasure it would be? A rock, fruit, weapon, stuff like that. Moron."

Grey and Alice initially thought Klaus wasn't going to curse at Reynolds when they heard the starting part of his statement. Given his usual self, he would've started his statement with a curse. He, however, didn't disappoint them in the end.

"You're the one who asked a stupid question. Creep." Reynolds naturally retorted.

And before long, the duo started a cursing session.

Grey and Alice were already used to it, this has been the highlight of their journey so far, so they were completely cool with it. Kyle on the other hand was experiencing this for the first and felt quite strange. From how seriously the duo were cursing at each other, he almost wanted to step in and play peacemaker, but seeing that Grey and Alice didn't even try to step in, he sensibly stopped himself.

"Hey, is it alright for them to be like this?" Kyle approached Grey and asked with a whisper.

"Yeah, it's totally fine. I'll be more worried about them if they haven't quarreled in a day." Grey replied nonchalantly.

His expression showed this was a normal occurrence.

"Oh, and a word of advice, don't look at them too much, you'll only draw their attention." Grey wasn't even finished before he noticed both Klaus and Reynolds were staring at them, "And... it's too late."

Kyle was about to ask why Grey said that, but he found out a few seconds later when the duo who seemed as if they could kill each other a few seconds ago started cursing at Grey, he was almost exempted, well, almost.

Grey was forced to join the two man cursing squad, which came as a huge shock to Kyle who had always taken him for a serious minded person who wouldn't indulge in such things.

Grey didn't speak much with people, so they rarely got to see this side of him.

Kyle was unfortunately the target of the trio, and after a few minutes, he was lost for words. Klaus and Reynolds were frightening opponents when it came to this. It was like they were experienced, well-seasoned fighters, but just at cursing. Grey was that bad as well. He, on the other hand, was woeful when compared to the trio.

"Don't let it get to you, they've had years of training." Alice comforted him when she saw his downcast expression.

Kyle nodded his head but still felt frightened by the trio. They weren't the least bit reserved with their words. If not for the fact that he knew they didn't mean it in that way, he would've fought them with his life on the line even though he knew he would lose.

The group continued in this manner, and before long, they got to where the rest of the people were waiting. As soon as they got close, Void started acting strange.

"I want it." He said to the group.

Kyle looked around, trying to find the source of the voice. It was childlike, so he knew it wasn't from any of them.

"You want whatever's forming?" Grey asked curiously while staring at the people around.

Presently, there were at least two hundred people here, all in the Overlord Plane. They were in different stages of the Overlord Plane, however, none was in the Early stages. What was shocking was that none of them seemed to be over twenty-five years of age. This showed that most of the people here were geniuses.

If such a group went to the Azure Continent, then they might be able to sweep through the entire continent in a matter of days, as long as those in the Sage Plane didn't show their faces. One other thing was worth mentioning, there are youngsters in the Sage Plane as well.

Ellis was an example. He was barely twenty-five years old, but he had already gotten to the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane. In the same stage, he would be more powerful than those old fogies from the Azure Continent.

In the entire continent, other than Grey's Teacher, there was only one person known to be in the Mid stages, and he was only in the Fourth stage of the Sage Plane after hundreds of years.

The appearance of the group naturally attracted the attention of some of the people around, but after sensing the person with the highest cultivation stage was only in the Seventh stage, they retracted their gazes. They naturally couldn't be too worried about such a group.

Chapter 686 - Advancing Deeper

"Yes. This thing will be very good for me." Void nodded his head vigorously, "And you as well."

Kyle finally managed to confirm that Void was the one speaking, and was a little lost for words. He originally thought this was a normal cat and had almost asked why Grey kept such a cat on his shoulder, now he understood that it was his wishful thinking. How could such a group of freaks be accompanied by something ordinary?

"Then we'll get it." Grey said with confidence. He didn't care who was here, so long as there was no one in the Sage Plane, then he was certain that with him using the Fusion State and Void's help, they could overwhelm anyone here.

They still had a trump card hidden under their sleeves, their domains. From the time they had spent here, they've found out that it was quite abnormal for someone to awaken their domains this early. The earliest was usually in the Sage Plane, but these two freaks awakened theirs in the Overlord Plane.

Klaus, Reynolds, and Alice looked at the duo as if they weren't normal when they realized this. Originally, they also had the thought of awakening theirs this early as well, but it seems as if that might not be possible anytime soon. Maybe after breaking through to the Sage Plane will they be able to do so.

Kyle was once again shocked by Grey. The confidence with which he said he would obtain the treasure was not something someone on his stage should have. After all, there were people at the Peak of the Overlord Plane here. Grey might be powerful, and since he had advanced by a stage, he would be even stronger than the last time he saw him, but he didn't think he would be able to overpower all the Peak Overlord Plane geniuses here alone.

Even though he knew Void was special, he didn't really know how powerful he was, so he couldn't add him to the equation, for now.

'I'll see how things go first. Maybe traveling with them might be fun, and dangerous.' Kyle thought as he looked at the group.

The miasma was slowly receding deeper, but everyone here knew not to rush in now. They had to give the atmosphere time to get rid of most of the corrosiveness in the air.

Grey and his group decided to stay put while watching the other groups. Some of the people here were acquainted with each other, so they were speaking as they waited.

Fights broke out here and there, but it was nothing serious.

They still haven't found the person they came here searching for. This has become their priority while they wait.

They also spoke with Kyle and found out that he was from one of the high leveled Regions, which was expected given his strength. If not for Reynolds' Elemental Warrior, it would've been impossible for even Alice who was two stages lower than him to fight him.

Even at that time, if Reynolds hadn't been shameless with his tactic, Kyle might have gotten a chance against the Elemental Warrior.

He was from one of the big families and came out only to grow stronger. Unlike the young lady who was accompanied by someone, he didn't like such things, opting to move alone.

This would make him grow stronger faster. With someone to always protect him, he wouldn't feel any sense of pressure.

The others also agreed with this reasoning, pressure was the only thing that could make them grow stronger at a faster rate. If one was always under protection, one wouldn't feel the need to grow stronger. They might advance in cultivation stage, but they wouldn't really grow strong. In time to come, they would become one of those people who only had high cultivation stages but insufficient strength.

Time went on in the blink of an eye and a day went by quickly. The miasma had disappeared from their view, and the shape of a building was starting to appear. Void confirmed to them that the treasure was inside this building, and it was not the only treasure inside.

He was also able to get a vague feeling of danger inside the place. This sense of danger threatened him, and he warned the others about it.

When the group saw how serious his expression was, they knew it was not a matter to joke about, and they might encounter life-threatening dangers inside. Their expressions became solemn.

Two more days went by before the building came into view for everyone to see. It was a large mansion, well, it was in a large compound to be precise. Only around half of the compound was accessible to them now, but they all knew that this building in front of them held treasures, and this was what they came here for.

Without even delaying, most of the groups rushed into the compound. They knew treasures came with danger, but no one wanted to be the last to step into a potential treasure hoard like this building. Grey and his friends were among the few people who weren't making any moves.

Void's warning was still sounding in their heads. Rushing in would only mean putting themselves in the face of danger.

They waited to see if there were any traps outside the building. Seeing that a considerable number of people had gone in, Grey told the group to advance.

In a place like this, it wasn't wise to go in first, and neither was it wise to go in last. It was best to be among the group, in the middle to be precise.

They followed the crowd, giving those in front and behind them a considerable distance to ensure safety. In a place like this, except for the people you came with, no one else should and could be trusted.

This was a dog eat dog world, where the strongest reigned supreme.

They soon passed through the gates of the compound, and just like most of this place, it looked like it would be broken with nothing but a touch. But they knew it was very sturdy, and touching it might be dangerous for them. It has accumulated so much miasma that it has become deadly.

Chapter 687 - Monsters Made From Miasma

The group cautiously stepped into the compound, staring at the large building. It had three parts, the main building which was located in the middle section, then the east and west wings.

Most of the people here picked the main building since naturally it was expected to have more treasures.

"Void." Grey turned to Void, waiting for his decision on which part they would pick.



Void could almost accurately pinpoint where a treasure was located, so they mostly relied on him in instances like this.

"Wait, let me check." Void closed his eyes and spread out his spiritual senses, a few seconds later, he looked around in confusion.

"It's vague, I can't pick it up. We'll have to rely on luck." He said.

"Well, my luck is pretty much shit when it comes to things like this." Grey shook his head, before turning his attention to Klaus.

Of every single person he had met in his life, he had never seen anyone as lucky as Klaus. His massive growth wasn't a fluke, it was mainly attributed to his insane luck.

Klaus could walk into an ordinary town and his chances of finding a treasure were very high. If there were tiers for luck, then Klaus definitely had at least god-tier luck. This was how highly Grey regarded his luck.

Grey wasn't the only one, even Alice and Reynolds knew Klaus was the luckiest among them. Making a decision in such a place, he was the obvious person to ask.

"Why are you all staring at me?" Klaus asked when he saw his friends' gaze.

"Come on, use your gut feeling." Grey said straightforwardly.

"It doesn't work that way. I can't just pick a time to use it as if it's something I can use whenever I want..." Klaus froze before turning to the left-wing, "Oh, I have a nice feeling about that part."

When the group heard this, they turned to the east wing, and it was the one that had fewer people. The reason for this was understandable, they could still sense a bit of miasma in it. For some strange reason, it accumulated more miasma than the other parts. This meant it wasn't ordinary.

Other people have noticed this as well, but many of them refrained from going there since it would be dangerous.

"Alright, then let's get going." Grey and the others started walking the moment Klaus picked a part.

Kyle was stunned, he literally froze in the same spot. Almost unsure of what he just witnessed.

Grey first asked Void to find the treasure, and Void said he was unable to locate it, then he turned to Klaus, asking him to use his 'gut feeling'. Klaus first tried to refute them, then in the process, he said he felt something strange from the east wing.

Kyle almost wanted to yell, 'Of course there's something strange about it, there's still miasma there! You think miasma would remain there if it wasn't strange?!'. He, however, refrained from doing so. This was a group of strange people, and all he could do was to deal with it.

With no option, he followed them.

When they got close to the door leading to the east wing, they sensed the dangerous miasma around it. Without being told anything, they each used their respective elements to form a translucent coat around them to block out the miasma.

The miasma here was something they could still deal with, but if they didn't protect themselves, it would accumulate and cause them harm later in the future.

Opening the door to the place, they heard the sounds of fighting. They were taken aback since they never thought people would fight so quickly, the only thing that could make them fight was a treasure.

Only after they entered did they see what was happening, people were fighting, yes, but not themselves. This place was bigger than what it seemed. From the outside, it looked only to be around one hundred meters or so, but after going in, they realized it was around four hundred meters, or even higher.

"What are those?" Alice asked, alarmed.

What these people were fighting were like phantoms, made entirely from darkness. They had never seen anything like this before.

"It's made from the darkness element. If I'm not mistaken, they are beasts, corrupted by the miasma here. Now, they look like spirits." Kyle was the one who explained.

He had more knowledge of this world, so it was only natural that he had an idea of what these things were.

The group didn't stay idle, well, they wanted to but were attacked. These things could move like smoke, forming in front of them.

Each of them was around the Fifth to the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

They were five, adding Void, they were six in number, while the phantoms that appeared before them were eight. Grey and Void. Took on two each, leaving the rest for the others.

Reynolds didn't immediately summon his Elemental Warrior, after all, their potential rivals were here. It would be bad if they knew all their trump cards.

Grey and Void used two elements each, the fire and lightning elements respectively. Kyle's green flames and Grey's blue flames were the stars of the show. They attracted too much attention from those here.

Grey stood out even more when he used his red lightning. The lightning element seemed to be effective against these miasmatic monsters. Alice used the fire and lightning element as well, while Klaus decided to outright freeze his opponent.

As soon as they took out one, another would form before them.

At first, they were fighting in the same place, but they finally realized that as long as they remained there, their opponents would not end.

They started to advance as they fought. They weren't the only ones who had realized this, the other geniuses here had also figured it out as well. Some had done so even sooner.

Boom! Buzz! Bang!

Attacks rang out in the hall as they continued moving forward.

Chapter 688 - Strange Methods

Grey's group advanced quickly. The synergy between the group was breathtaking, making them defeat the monsters before them quicker than most.

According to what they've noticed, it takes around ten seconds or so before another monster would form. Grey had tried sensing if this was the work of an array, and to his surprise, he got nothing. This meant that either it was natural, or whoever made it was on a level he didn't dare to imagine.

They soon got to a flight of stairs, ascending it as they got there. When they got to the top, there were three paths, and on each path, there were multiple rooms. It was up to them to choose a path.

"Klaus."

The group turned to Klaus, and he had a lost look on his face.

"I've told you guys that it doesn't work that way." He complained when he saw their gazes, it was almost pressurizing on him.

"Well, it has worked so far." Grey encouraged.

"I was only lucky." Klaus shook his head wryly.

"That luck is what we want, to be precise." Alice joined in.

Reynolds also joined in after a few seconds, and Klaus could only close his eyes and make an ice sword. The sword floated in front of him with the tip pointing straight.

He made it move quickly, and the tip was facing from one path to another. While he was doing this, another set of monsters appeared and the group was forced to fight against them.

Grey brought out his inscriptions, using only the lightning and fire element like before. They soon took out their opponents once again.

By the time they were done, the sword had already stopped moving, and it was facing the path on the right.

"Well, this was the only thing I could think of. If I'm really that 'lucky', then we shouldn't have any problems with finding treasures here, well, good treasures." Klaus said with a shrug of his shoulder.

Grey and the others didn't even discuss it with him, they immediately took the path the sword pointed to, and Kyle seemed to be on the verge of breaking down.

'Anyone could do this!' He yelled in his heart, but he could only follow them.

He had already asked to travel with them here, so he had no choice.

As they moved, they soon got to the first door in the hallway, but they were forced to fight against the monsters before going in.

After defeating the monsters, they opened the door and entered.

Entering the door, they were covered by a bright light, and when they opened their eyes, they were transported to another place.

"Strange, the darkness element here is very thin. In fact, it's almost nonexistent." Void commented when they appeared on the place.

Looking around, they seemed to have been transported to an underground cave. They could hear rushing water from the side of the wall.

"Could we be underwater?" Klaus couldn't help but ask.

"We are underwater. But it's best if we don't spread out our spiritual senses." Grey advised.

"Why?" Reynolds asked.

Roar!

A loud roar came from behind them, followed by heavy footsteps.

"That's why." Grey replied before running in the other direction.

The aura he could sense from whatever the creature is was at the very peak of Rank Five. Its aura was stronger than that of Void's, which meant that it was very close to breaking through to Rank Six. There might even be a chance that its current battle power was around Early Rank Six.

This wasn't something they could take on, yet. It was best they left it behind and ran away.

Luckily for the group, the phantoms they had been fighting against didn't appear here, so they could travel quickly.

The sound of the beast chasing after them was slowly getting louder, and they knew at this rate, it would catch up to them.

They ran for almost a minute before encountering an intersection.

"I can sense it, it's on the left one." Void said excitedly before rushing towards the left path.

Kyle was once again dumbstruck. First of all, Void was unable to sense anything, but after following Klaus' lucky guess, they managed to not only pick the right path, but the first room they opened led them straight to where they wanted.

'They can't be regarded as normal any longer.' He concluded in his mind before rushing after the group.

Whenever they made a decision like this, he was always the last one to move because he found their method strange and unbelievable. In fact, it was also insane.

The group rushed into the left path, and as they continued deeper, the atmosphere started to emit extreme cold. Even for Elementalists of their level, they felt chills.

Klaus and Grey were the only ones who didn't seem to have any reactions to this. Klaus in particular had a delighted expression.

Alice and Kyle used the fire element to warm themselves while Reynolds was shaking from the cold, which prompted laughter from Klaus.

Reynolds almost wanted to fight with him, but he was unable to. He however had no problems with summoning his Elemental Warrior which sent Klaus flying.

Klaus didn't see it coming, so he was taken by surprise.

Grey and the others burst out laughing when they saw this.

Kyle for one was having a good time. Being with the group was fun and odd. They all behaved like psychopaths, well, Klaus seems to be one. Grey and Void were mysterious, Alice seemed ordinary, but he knew not to look down on her, after all, being with such people meant she had something special about her as well. He had also seen her ferocity when fighting, which was something even most men didn't have.

Klaus picked himself up and glared at Reynolds, he almost wanted to attack, but seeing the Elemental Warrior floating beside him, he stopped himself.

Reynolds snorted when he saw this, annoying Klaus in the process.

The group was forced to hurry up when they heard the fast-approaching footsteps of the beast chasing after them.

Chapter 689 - You Gotta Be Kidding Me!

They walked for around one more minute or so before reaching what seemed like the entrance to a cave. The front of this cave was sealed with ice.

Grey was a little confused, Void didn't have the water element, so there was nothing he had to do with ice or anything related to water. But he decided to believe in him, after all, every time he had said there was something beneficial to him, he was always correct.

"Void, you and the others should keep whatever's following us busy, Kyle and I will try to burn a hole in this ice for us to go through." Grey said.

They've both tried to use the space element, but there seems to be a restriction inside, or maybe it was a special feature of the ice that stopped people from getting past it with the space element.

Kyle had a special flame just like him, and he had sensed the intensity of the flame, it was just below his own.

The group agreed with his plan and went forward to confront the beast. Void was the main attacker, the others were there to distract the beast.

Seeing the group leave, Grey turned to Kyle, "We should get to work as well. I don't think they'll have a good time with that thing."



Grey snickered when said this which made Kyle chuckle.

They increased the heat of their flames to the highest, before unleashing it on the ice wall.

A few seconds after they started, they overheard the sound of battle. The others had intercepted the beast and had started a battle with it.

The duo used the fire element to its peak, however, they were unable to create a hole in the ice wall, even after over two minutes of constant burning.

Whenever the flame got close to the ice wall, it would seem as if it was about to be frozen by the ice wall. At first, the reaction was minimal, but as time went on, the ice wall actively started to attack the moment it sensed the flames.

"Our flames are too weak for it." Grey said with a grim expression.

"I've heard of this ice before. It's a rare treasure, it can counterattack on its own. If I'm not wrong, there's a al beast inside of the Ice attribute." Kyle's expression was the same as Grey's.

At this rate, it would almost be impossible for them to break through this ice seal.

Grey looked at Kyle.

'He seems to know a lot.' He thought to himself.

He knew about al beasts having only the ice attribute. It was just like the Ice Dragon they encountered in the trial land. Unlike humans, they couldn't gain the ability of ice from the water element alone. If a Dragon or any other al beast can use both ice and water, then it would be regarded as a Dual Elementalist.

"Is there a way to counter it?" Grey asked.

They were running low on time, he could hear from the battle that the beast the others were fighting was by no means an easy foe.

"The darkness element should do the trick." Kyle replied.

"Oh, easy then. We'll go over to the battle and switch places with Void." Grey said.

He didn't want Kyle to know he had more than the four elements he had shown. Even in the Aurora Continent, having four elements was already something rare, if he displayed five, then it would send waves throughout the continent.

"Alright." Kyle nodded before heading in the direction the others were.

Grey took a look at the ice with an intrigued expression, but he didn't stay for long.

When they got there, Klaus' figure was sent flying by the beast.

Bang!

He crashed into the wall close to the duo.

"Ouch! That's going to hurt." Grey said with a mocking smile.

Klaus stood up, looking rattled from the attack. He soon caught sight of Grey, "Have you opened up a hole? Even if it's small enough just to crawl through, I won't mind."

Grey laughed when he saw Klaus' condition. The fact that Klaus didn't even reply him when he mocked him showed how difficult the battle was.

"Nope, you'll have to continue fighting that beast for now." Grey said with a laugh.

"What are you doing here then?" Klaus almost wanted to punch Grey in the head.

They were fighting their butts off against a seemingly impossible opponent, and Grey came to laugh at them? He was incensed!

"Oh, I came to see how you guys were coping. From the look of things, you don't seem to be doing fine." Grey continued poking fun at Klaus.

Kyle stifled a laugh, he wanted to tell Klaus that they were unable to break it, but he didn't want to spoil Grey's fun.

"You... you'll get it from us when we leave this place." Klaus threatened.

"Why are you here bickering with me? You're using this as an excuse not to go back, right?" Grey said with a cunning laugh, he made sure his voice was loud enough so the others who were fighting would hear him.

Klaus almost felt like crying, the truth was, he truly was using this as an excuse. The beast was too powerful, and for some reason, it seemed to hate ice. It started targeting him the second he used ice.

When he saw Grey, he thought he would use the chance to at least catch his breath. For the first time in his life, his ice ability he was so proud of almost wanted to kill him.

Kyle was unable to hold in his life when he saw Klaus' wronged expression.

"Klaus, what are you doing?" Reynolds' voice came from the other side.

Klaus glared at Grey before rushing back.

Grey laughed before following behind him. He was still laughing after getting the better of Klaus for the first time in a while, but on seeing the beast they were fighting against, he froze with his eyes twitching.

"You gotta be kidding me!"

Chapter 690 - Can We Crawl Through It?

"You gotta be kidding me!" Grey's eyelids twitched as he looked at the al beast.

It was a gigantic bunny, with blue fluffy fur, cute big round eyes, and long ears. However, all Grey saw was a sadistic bunny, and it creeped him out.

He hated to admit it, but he had a fear of bunnies. The bunny he saw in the trial land made him have an inbuilt fear for them, he felt like behind all those cuteness and fluffiness, there was a sadistic maniac waiting to haunt someone.

If people were to find out he thought this way about bunnies, it would be strange how they would react.

"What are you doing here?" Alice asked when she saw Grey.

"We were unable to break through the ice seal." Grey told them what Kyle told him.

After hearing his explanation, they initially wanted to question him why he didn't break it, but they quickly figured out that he probably didn't want Kyle to know he had other elements.

"Void, I'll take it from here. We'll leave the opening to you." Grey switched places with Void the second he finished speaking.

Kyle was shocked when he saw this. He had seen other Space Elementalists before, but none has been able to do what Grey just did.

'It must be a secret technique from his Faction or Family.' Kyle thought to himself.

After switching places with Void, Grey didn't dally, he might be scared of bunnies, but it didn't mean he couldn't attack.

With a wave of his hand, two inscriptions lit up in the air, unleashing powerful attacks at the bunny.

The bunny shook its body and its fur stood straight. To the surprise of Grey, his attacks were easily absorbed by the bunny.

The bunny attacked while doing this. Grey was caught by surprise since he thought the bunny would at least take some time to defend against his attack.

"F\*ck!" He exclaimed.

Before he could escape with the space element, the paw of the bunny slammed into his body, sending him flying like a kite.

He was previously standing mid-air with the help of the wind element. This made the attack of the bunny even more effective.

Bang! Boom!

Grey slammed into the wall, causing a large and deep crater to form. The force almost created a hole in the wall. Had that happened, they would've been in trouble since they were underwater.

They didn't know how deep it was, so they couldn't take any chances. It was common knowledge that the pressure at the depth of the ocean was terrifying.

Klaus laughed at Grey when he saw his situation. But he soon ran for his life when the bunny tried to attack him again.

Kyle attacked as well.

With Void gone, none of them could possibly keep the Bunny in check. Unless Grey used the Fusion State, he was no match from Void, much less this bunny.

Grey managed to crawl out of the crater, cursing his bad luck for encountering a bunny before he rushed over.

Boom! Bang!

They attacked ferociously, but cautiously as well. They couldn't afford to break the walls. Luckily, they were all in the Overlord Plane, so they had control over the attacks even though they've already unleashed them.

Most of the attacks that missed the bunny were dissolved by the person who used it.

Grey and Klaus were the main people who suffered at the hands of the Bunny, Klaus especially. Now Grey understood why Klaus said the Bunny hated ice. It couldn't use its fur to absorb it like the other elemental attacks, so they deal a good amount of damage to it.

Grey was stuck between using his water element or not. In the end, he decided against it. Since he didn't use his darkness element to unseal the ice wall, there was no use showing Kyle any other element.

They fought with the Bunny, trying to defend Klaus as he used his ice to harm the Bunny.

Grey was the main person distracting the Bunny. With his space element, it was difficult for the Bunny to catch him, although there have been quite a few times he was unlucky, he mostly escapes from its attacks.

Kyle and Reynolds' Elemental Warrior were behind Grey, then lastly was Alice. She was sensible with her positioning, so she rarely got in the attack range of the Bunny.

Reynolds was also trying to attack, but he mostly ran whenever targeted by the Bunny.

After almost five minutes.

"Haven't Void opened it yet?" Klaus asked. His face was slightly swollen from the attacks, same as Grey.

The others were in the same state as when they started the battle.

For some reason, the Bunny placed its focus on Grey and Klaus. It targeted Klaus because of his ice, and Grey because it felt his space element was a pain to deal with.

'Void.' Grey communicated with Void telepathically.

After a few seconds, Void replied.

'Almost done. The hole isn't big enough for you guys. I'll still need a little more time.' replied Void.

"He said the hole isn't big enough for us, and he'll need more time." Grey reported the news to the others.

Bam!

Klaus was once again sent flying. This time, he didn't even get the chance to step into the battle before the Bunny sent him flying.

"Can we crawl through it?" Klaus asked, almost on the verge of tears.

"Just wait till it's big enough." Alice said.

Boom! Bang!

Grey was sent flying, crashing next to Klaus.

'Can we crawl through it?' He asked Void the moment he regained himself.

He hated the Bunny, it was almost as if it was impenetrable. No matter how he attacked, it would shake its body and its fur would stand straight, absorbing the attacks.

'Well, yeah. But I can get it to the size you guys can walk through in a few minutes.' Void replied strangely. He never expected Grey to ask such a question.

The only reason Grey didn't use this option was that if they wanted to crawl through it, it would take some time before each person entered, making the Bunny take advantage of that to beat up the others, the last person would suffer the most, and he was certain that he would be the last person if they went with this choice.