

Affinity 701

Chapter 701 - Why Wait Till Next Time?

"Damn it! Damn it! Damn it!" The young man cursed as he chased after Grey.

Even though he couldn't see Grey's figure, he didn't want to give up.

"You ass*hole! I'll kill your entire family! F*ck!" The young man yelled in frustration when he was unable to locate Grey any more, punching the wall by the side.

He couldn't accept the fact that someone in a lower stage took advantage of him. This was unacceptable!

Grey was currently laughing in one of the rooms. He wasn't even close to the hallway the young man was in. He had not only left that part of the mansion, but he was on another wing entirely.

'This thing is not bad. I'll try to see if I can get something out of it.'

Thinking up to this point, he tried to destroy it. But it didn't budge, even after attacking it multiple times.

'Damn, I can't hold onto it like this throughout.' He felt a little disappointed about it.

Just as he was about to give up, he felt a reaction in his body. It was coming from the orb inside him.

"Huh? What's this?" He was a little scared. The orb in his body is usually dormant, so seeing it have a reaction towards this orb alarmed him.

The orb inside his body started vibrating, and the one in his hand followed suit, shaking to the same rhythm as the orb inside him.

As the orb started to vibrate, a strange aura spread out from it, the second Grey sensed the aura, it was as if his consciousness went out of his body, entering a place filled with nothing but miasma.

'What's this?' He asked himself, shocked by the sudden development.

He tried recalling his consciousness back to his body, but to his shock, he was unable to. After trying multiple times, he gave up on it and decided to explore the place.

The place was dimly lit, and other than miasma, he couldn't see anything else. He couldn't even see from his knee down since it was covered by the miasma.

"This thing isn't trying to kill me, right?" He asked himself, a little afraid.

One of the main reasons he hated the orb inside him was that he had zero control over it. This meant that it could react however it wanted without him being able to do anything. It rarely reacted to anything, and since he got it, this was the first time it was doing something like this.

'I'll need to find a way around this thing. I can't take any chances.' He concluded.

While exploring the place, he was oblivious to time.

Outside the mansion. Two more days had gone by and the miasma had returned.

Every person inside had left the place, and the miasma had already covered the mansion.

"What's Grey doing?" Alice felt something was wrong.

"I don't know. But he's still inside, apparently." Klaus' expression was gloomy.

This was not something any of them expected, Grey still being in the mansion even after the miasma returned.

Kyle wore a glum expression. The consequences of staying in this miasma was terrifying. Even if Grey came out in a few hours' time, he would've already been infected by the miasma, and it would only be a matter of time before he died.

Of all of them, only Void had a nonchalant expression. He had seen Grey healing Ellis' father who was plagued by these miasmas, so he knew Grey would be alright.

His only concern was that it took Grey a while to do this, and he was drained after every session. He didn't know if Grey was immune to the miasma, but if he relied on a special power to heal Ellis' father, then he would be in trouble once he stays in here for too long.

"Void, how come you're so nonchalant?" Reynolds' noticed Void's behavior and asked.

"I still don't get the reason why you people take him for a 'normal' person, when he's obviously not." Void's reply stunned the group.

Klaus thought about it for sometime before smacking his head lightly, "Haha, I totally forgot about his weird abilities. But it's still difficult not to worry about him. I don't think he's encountered something like this before."

Alice and Reynolds nodded their heads, they knew Grey was special, but this was a miasma they've not seen in the Azure Continent, so they didn't think Grey would have a way around it.

"He has, well, not personally." Void recapped the event in Ellis' house to the group.

The group's expression lightened up a little, with the exception of Kyle who felt his head was about to explode.

'How is that even possible? If he healed him a few hours or days after the miasma infected him, then it would've been believable, but months after the infection, is that even possible?' Kyle thought to himself.

This was something even those powerful figures at the top wouldn't be able to do, yet Grey, who was still in the Origin Plane at that time was able to do it. Other than feeling tired, he was fine.

This was something that could transfer to someone else if they come in contact with anyone infected, yet he healed him. Kyle was finally blown away by Grey.

He had known he was different from the time they first met, but now, he didn't even know what to think anymore. If people were unique, then Grey was unique even when placed amongst other unique people.

"He's still alive, so don't worry." Void said to the group.

He could sense Grey's life-force, so he knew he was perfectly fine.

The group calmed down and started looking at their gains in this place. Void and Alice were the biggest beneficiaries, while Klaus and Reynolds were also part of those who earned a lot of items from robbing people, along with tons of enemies.

They were still discussing when they saw the young man speaking with Camille.

"That animal used me, I'll kill him the next time I see him." The young man said in annoyance.

"Heh! Why didn't you kill him when you saw him the last time?" Camille mocked.

Chapter 702 - Miasma

Klaus and the others overheard the conversations between Camille and the young man and couldn't help but chuckle. Although Grey rarely did things like this, it didn't mean he didn't do them.

In the group, only Klaus had a talisman that belonged to a Sage Plane expert, so he could be said to have the highest security among them.

Grey couldn't defeat the beast chasing him, so he placed the load on the young man's head. After the young man dealt with the beast, he came back and collected the item he left with him.

Kyle shook his head when he heard this story. He never thought that Grey would do something like this. From how annoyed the young man looked, he was sure that if the young man saw him now, he would try everything in his power to kill him.

Unfortunately for everyone, Grey hadn't even made any movement in the mansion. He was still seated in a cross-legged position with the orb in his hand. Unknown to him, he was slowly absorbing the orb.

He was still stuck in the strange space, and even after walking for who knows how long, he managed to locate a hill. With nothing left to do, he tried comprehending the elements, but he was unable to sense them.

Even with his high cultivation stage, he still wasn't able to sense any element, except for the space element.

Grey managed to sense the space element after a few hours of trying, but he was still unable to leave the space his consciousness was stranded in.

With nothing left to do, he tried comprehending the space element since it was the only thing he could do.

While he was stuck in the mansion, his body was being ravaged by the miasma as soon as it returned to the mansion. Normally, it wouldn't really affect him, but since the orb was working on the strange orb he got, it couldn't help him.

After the mansion was covered by the miasma, those around it started retreating. Grey's friends weren't an exception. They couldn't take the risk of being touched by the miasma since it was extremely dangerous. Grey, who was the only one who could help them, was currently stuck in a mansion filled with miasma.

The group could only retreat along with the others. Most of the people around started to leave. Since the group was hidden, most of Klaus and Reynolds' enemies left without finding them.

A few tried to locate them when they left the mansion, but after multiple days, they gave up, thinking the duo had left the surrounding area.

One week later.

"We should stay in the city not too far from here. Once he returns, then he'll search for us." Klaus suggested.

Staying here would be boring and tiring. It was best if they went to the city where they could experience things. Even if they didn't experience something new, it wouldn't change much.

Grey continued sitting cross-legged in the strange space, trying to see if there was a way he could connect to the space element.

In the blink of an eye, two more weeks went by with Grey still stuck in the mansion. If not for Void reassuring the group that he was still alive, they would've thought maybe something bad had happened to him.

They stayed in the city close to the mansion. Kyle felt leaving would make the group take him in a bad light, so he didn't leave. Since the group trusted Void's words, then he would wait as well.

Two more weeks went by before Grey's motionless figure opened his eyes.

After staying in the mansion for a month without any protection against the miasma, his body dried, almost to the same level as a dead person.

When he saw his appearance, he was shocked. Only after he realized that he was slowly healing did he calm down.

'I can't leave this place like this.' He thought as he entered the miasma.

He waited for a few days to recover from being infected by the miasma. After almost a week, he returned back to his original state. If it were before, it would've taken him at least a month or so before he recovered, but for some reason, he was able to heal quickly.

'Miasma. Who would've thought that someone would be able to wield it without these places.' Grey thought as he looked around him.

The strange place his consciousness was stuck in was actually where he could understand miasma. With this, he didn't need to fear any miasma in the Azure or Aurora Continent.

Miasmas were extremely dangerous, and would only form in places filled with the darkness element. This was all on the premise that the Darkness Elementalist uses his power in the same place. This would increase the chances of a miasma forming, and also increase the strength of said miasma.

In the instances of such cases, even people without the space or darkness element could escape from this place. Although it was a little difficult, it was not impossible.

A few days later.

Grey left the mansion and walked deeper into the miasma. He had managed to recover his strength and didn't look to be in danger of exposure to the miasma any longer, so he tried to explore this place. Maybe he could obtain some rare treasures deep in this place.

After walking for almost four hours, he left the compound without finding anything. He continued his search, and after three more hours, he was unable to get anything.

This place wasn't like other places. Because of the excess darkness element in the air, it was impossible to sense time, and those affected by it couldn't sense that they had ventured this deep into the place.

Grey was busy searching for the center of the place, while his friends were enjoying their time in the city close to this place. There were a few people who wanted to try and see if they could acquire the technique about miasmas, but they were unable to meet the requirements.

Chapter 703 - A Strange Person

"Don't tell me there's nothing here." Grey said as he walked through the somewhat empty place.

He had been searching for almost a week now, but even after leaving the compound where the mansion was located, he was still unable to locate any item.

When he woke up, he realized that the orb in his hand was nowhere to be seen. He guessed that he had absorbed the entire orb, but since he wasn't sure of what happened, he didn't think too much about it. Besides, he already benefited from it.

Even though he was still in the miasma, he knew that presently, he could make a sort of miasma. It wasn't as strong as this one, but it was enough to incapacitate an Origin Plane Elementalist. This was a start for him, he knew that as time went on, the strength of his miasma would improve.

At that time, with a simple puff of smoke, he would be able to corrode the essence of those around him, making it difficult for them to use their elements.

Two days later, he got to the center of the place. The miasma here was so strong that even he had a problem with dealing with it. The longer he stayed in the place, the more his body became corroded. Staying an hour here was the same as spending an entire week in the mansion.

'The darkness essence here is well above that of other places. I should be able to improve my darkness elemental grade if I stay for a few days.' He thought as he looked around.

The appeal of increasing his elemental grade was high, but thinking of the risk, he decided against it.

His body had already dried up, and if stayed here for a day longer, then his bones would be corroded as well, and his body would start to fall apart.

Grey turned around, since he had come to a decision, there was no use in staying here any longer. Leaving was the best choice.

It took him almost two days before he managed to leave the area infected by the darkness element.

When he left the place, his body was already all dried up, and only his bones were visible. If his friends saw him, they wouldn't believe it was him since he was completely different.

When he saw his appearance, he knew that he had to at least try to recover some of his body before going in search of his friends. He could already sense that Void was not far away, so he found a safe cave before trying to heal up.

The moment he came out of the miasma, Void who was with Klaus sensed it.

"He's out of that place." Void said.

"Is he coming?" Klaus asked excitedly.

"No, he seems to be staying close to the miasma." Void replied after trying to sense Grey's location.

"Alright, that's enough for us." Klaus replied.

He went back to inform the group of what Void said, and they were visibly excited when they heard this. They went straight towards the place the moment they heard Grey was no longer there.

With Void directing them, they managed to locate Grey in a matter of a few hours. When they saw Grey, Klaus' eyes nearly bulged out.

This was the same reaction for the others. Although Grey wasn't fat or chubby, he couldn't be said to be thin as well. Presently, even after recovering, his bones were still visible. This showed just how much his body dried up when he was stuck in the miasma.

"Damn! This place really isn't a nice place." Klaus commented when he saw his condition.

"Well, I'm alive, that's good enough, right?" Grey replied as he looked at his condition.

He knew they were coming toward him, but even after using the light element, this was the best he could heal himself to. It would still take him at least a week or so before he completely recovers.

"You look like crap." Reynolds said.

"The skeleton of a dead person." Klaus added.

"You know how those corpses look like, they are better than your current appearance." Reynolds added.

"Oh, and when you're..." Klaus was in the middle of saying something when Grey interrupted him.

"Enough, I already know I look shitty, no need to rub it in. I'll be fine in a few days at most." Grey said.

"Well, since I'm better looking now, why don't we go out and ask people who's better looking?" Klaus asked with a grin.

Bang!

Klaus' figure was sent flying. It was unknown when Grey attacked, but everyone knew he was the one who did it.

Klaus' figure shot out of the cave, crashing a few inches away from the miasma. When he saw the miasma so close to him, Klaus freaked out and hastily retreated even though he was crawling. He already saw how Grey looked, if he allowed this thing to touch him, then he was done, his handsome face he was so proud of would be gone for a while.

'Such a petty person. If I didn't land a few inches away from this thing, my pretty face would've been destroyed.' Klaus thought as he looked at the cave Grey was located in.

Of course he didn't dare to say this in Grey's present. He naturally knew that Grey purposely made him land a few inches away from the miasma when he could easily send him into the miasma. If he were to annoy Grey, then he would land in the miasma the next time.

Kyle looked at Grey, a little taken aback that he was still alive after being stuck in the miasma for so long. Even Elementalists above the Elemental Sovereign Plane can't stay alive after being infected for so long, yet, all that happened to Grey was that his body dried up.

This was insane!

"You're a strange person." Kyle commented.

"I'm just a normal person." Grey replied.

He didn't really feel strange.

"That's unacceptable, I don't think even you believe that." Kyle replied.

Chapter 704 - A New Ability

Grey didn't continue his conversation with Kyle since there was no use in doing so. He asked how long he had been stuck there, his facial expression changed slightly when he realized how long it was.

'Hmm, I never thought it took so long. Well, my gains aren't that bad.' He thought to himself as he stared inside his body.

His body was slowly creating miasma. Unlike other things, he couldn't just create it, rather, it would slowly form. This means that it was expendable. Once he uses up his reserves, then he would have to wait for some time before his body made more miasma. It was quite a strange situation.

"What happened?" Alice asked. She was a little curious as to why Grey stayed in the miasma, even risking his life because of it.

She wasn't the only one who was curious, the others were as well, especially Kyle. He wanted to know what made Grey stay.

"A long story, and it was completely accidental." Grey dodged the question, but he also told them he had no plans of staying there for so long, and that it was an accident.

"Okay." The group nodded. They all knew that the only reason Grey wasn't going into details was because of Kyle. He still didn't trust him enough to speak out his secrets. It took him years before he told his friends about it, much less Kyle who they've known for less than a few months.

Kyle knew Grey didn't speak because of him, but he didn't try to pry any longer. All he knew was that whatever kept Grey in that place must've been special.

"Oh, that guy is searching for you." Klaus recalled something and said.

"What guy?" A look of confusion appeared on Grey's face.

"The one you tricked into fighting a beast." Klaus told him of the young man's intentions after he came out.

"Haha, he was stupid. Did he think I'll give him something I got that easily?" Grey laughed when he heard how incensed the young man was when he left the mansion. The fact that he brought the issue out meant that he was infuriated.

Grey didn't really care how the young man felt, as long as he didn't try to cause any trouble for him, then he wouldn't be bothered with him.

"Can we get going now?" Klaus asked.

"You really want to see how bad the miasma will affect you, don't you?" Grey looked at him, his words were clearly a threat.

Klaus gulped in fear before retreating out of the cave, "Why don't you recover first, I'll keep guard outside."

Alice and Reynolds burst into laughter when they saw this. Klaus loved his face too much to let something like this happen to him. He couldn't even fathom the possibility of it happening.

Kyle watched the friends, and for a split second, he actually felt envious of their relationship. They bicker with each other, help each other, understand each other, and of course, fight against each other.

They each had personalities that helped the others. For instance, Grey was kind of antisocial, Klaus, Alice, and Reynolds on the other hand were very friendly. The only issue with Klaus and Reynolds was that they were troublemakers. Alice has helped resolve most of the issues they caused while they were staying in the city waiting for Grey to come out.

The group stayed with Grey as he recovered.

'Have you been able to use it?' Grey asked Void telepathically.

Void got the item they came here for, so he wanted to know if Void had used it yet.

'No, I'm waiting for you. We'll have to use it simultaneously, or else if it's separated, it would lose more than half of its essence which would make the effects decrease substantially.' Void explained.

'Hmm, okay. We'll use it when I'm done healing. It should be able to improve your Rank, right?' Grey asked.

Void had been at the Peak of Rank Five for a while now, and it was around time he improved his Rank. It wasn't as easy as it sounded, but Void shouldn't really have any problems with the help of this treasure.

'I'll break through once I absorb this thing. The only thing is that I'll not be able to help you for some time.' Void replied.

'Oh, why's that?' Grey asked.

'I'll be sleeping.' Void's reply almost made Grey choke on his saliva.

He finally remembered that most of the times that Void has advanced a Rank, he was asleep.

'What sort of training method is that?' Grey complained internally as his eyes twitched.

He stopped speaking with Void about it since it would only make him depressed. People trained hard just to advance a stage, while there are the likes of Void that slept and advanced their Ranks. Things like this make people question the fairness of life.

Yes, we know life's not fair, but can you stop favoring people so much? You're making it seem as if living is so easy when it's not!

'What did you get in that place?' Void asked when Grey stopped speaking about the treasure.

Just like the others, he also wanted to know what Grey got from the place.

'Hehe, miasma.' Grey replied with an evil chuckle.

'Miasma? I don't understand.' Void wore a confused look.

'My body can create and store miasma for some reason now. It's strange, but it's not a bad ability to have. I can easily corrode the surrounding elemental particles, making it difficult for others to use their elemental powers.' Grey explained in glee.

Gaining new abilities like these naturally made him excited. He hated how it happened, but it didn't mean that he'll not cherish his new strength.

This could be used as a trump card, even against those more powerful than he is. As long as he's able to store a large amount, then he should be able to use it to at least scare off these people.

The effect wouldn't be as powerful as these natural miasmas, but it should still be enough to cause them some worry.

'That's insane! Is it even possible?' Void asked.

'Apparently, it is. I think it has something to do with the orb I obtained in the mansion.' Grey said, he didn't add the fact that he also had another orb in his body which reacted to it to make this strange ability possible.

'You're one mysterious person. I don't think people will believe this was possible.' Void commented.

He was genuinely surprised by Grey's new ability. It wasn't something that was supposed to be possible.

Grey started his healing once he was done speaking with Void. The others were waiting for him to recover before they left. Their current target was the high leveled Regions. They've already spent so much time and still haven't been able to get into any Faction since they didn't feel like they would be enough for them.

Even if they weren't on the same level as those in those high leveled Regions, they wouldn't have a problem with getting into a Faction with their strength and talent.

Two days went by in the blink of an eye.

Grey had almost completely recovered from his previous state. Although he wasn't back to his normal state, he wasn't far from it. Walking around wouldn't be embarrassing any longer since there were tons of people thinner than he was.

"I liked how you previously looked." Klaus remarked as they stepped into the city.

Grey threw a glance his way, and Klaus laughed mischievously. They were already out of where the miasma was located, so he didn't have any reasons to be afraid that Grey would send him into it.

"What are your plans?" Grey turned his attention to Kyle.

They only accidentally met when they went after the treasure. Since they've already left the place, and were already planning to leave this Region entirely, he felt it was right to ask Kyle what he wanted.

If he still wanted to accompany them, he had no issues with it. But if he wanted to go his separate way, then it was best.

"I think I'll hang around with you guys for a while, if it's okay with you all." Kyle looked at the group.

"You're more than welcome. We rarely get to meet new people, and you seem to know a lot." Reynolds replied.

Alice and Klaus nodded and Kyle turned his attention back to Grey. He was the one left to agree to his request.

"I have no issues with you traveling with us." Grey nodded as well.

Since they've already come to an agreement, it was time to leave. Alice didn't even challenge who she wanted any more since they had already spent so much time waiting for Grey.

They headed straight for the teleportation array and prepared to leave this Region. With an added figure to their group, the spirit stone expenses increased exponentially.

On the way to the teleportation array, Grey felt something heating up in his storage ring.

Chapter 705 - Link To Another World

'Teacher's been requesting a meal for a while now.' Grey chuckled when he sensed how hot the plaque was. It was evident that his Teacher had been signaling him for a long time now, and since he couldn't really feel it, he was unaware.

'I'll make something once we get to the woods.'

They used the teleportation array and were transported to a small town close to the borders. Teleportation from one Region to another was prohibited, so they'll naturally have to cross on foot.

Grey asked Kyle what he knew about those secret realms. He remembered Sylvia speaking about it, but he still didn't have a clue about it. She told him some details, but not much thinking he already knew.

"Secret realms? Well, as the name implies, they're a secret for a reason. But since I've been to one before, I know a thing or two about it. They are a link to another world." Kyle's reply stunned Grey and the group.

"Another world?" Grey and his friends' looked at Kyle curiously.

Hearing the word 'Another world' piqued their interest.

"Yes, actually, only those who've been to it know about this. Most people think it's just a place that will transport you to a secret pocket dimension created by a powerful expert from old times, but the truth is, it actually takes you to another world completely where you encounter another race." Kyle explained.

"The only good thing is that these worlds seem to have restrictions, so it's impossible for the race there to grow past the Sage Plane. If they want to grow past that stage, then they will have to leave their world and come to ours. Unfortunately, that's unacceptable. The last time another race was allowed into our world, it caused a huge war after some years..." Kyle added.

Grey and the others exchanged glances. Void had a strange look when he recalled those small guys they fought back at the Azure Continent.

'Those guys must have been the 'other race'.' He said to Grey.

'Most likely.' Grey replied.

Kyle told them what he knew. Of course he didn't speak of everything since he wasn't allowed to say everything he saw there. Most of what he was saying was general knowledge to powerful Families or Factions.

He could already guess that Grey and his friends seem to be either from a powerful family that was hidden away, or they were geniuses traveling to join a powerful Faction. He still couldn't grasp how they weren't from a powerful Family or Faction. They were talented, almost on the same stage as those from high-levelled Factions.

Grey in particular didn't seem to lose out against those in the same stage from high-levelled Faction. If Reynolds were to fight against someone on the same stage as himself and brought out the Elemental Warrior, then he would almost certainly obtain the victory.

They were still traveling in the woods when Grey finally caught a wild boar that he used to prepare a meal for his Teacher who had been requesting it for some time now.

"How are things with your little companion?" He asked Alice as they started eating their part of the food.

"She's good." Alice responded as the little Seelie came out from her body and glanced at the meal, with drool almost coming out from its little mouth.

Alice cut a small piece for it and it started eating happily. Even though Alice had to rely on Grey's cooking to get it, it couldn't really be said to be the only reason it agreed to follow them, so it wasn't really too bothered after not getting a piece of meat from Grey's personal cooked meal. Apparently, it enjoyed every meal. While they were waiting for Grey, she bought food from multiple Inns, and the Seelie ate them with the same glee as when eating Grey's meals.

"That's nice to know." Grey nodded his head before sharply turning his head in another direction. He could sense a strange aura coming from that direction.

"We should get going." He said to the group and stood up immediately.

"What's the problem?" The others asked.

They knew that since Grey moved this quickly meant that whatever he sensed wasn't good for them.

"Necromancers." Grey's eyes were focused on where he was sensing the necromancer from.

He didn't know the strength of the person, but he knew it was a necromancer. What he found appalling was that this necromancer seemed to have been able to sense him from over a one kilometer meter radius.

When he tried to check himself, his expression changed drastically. It was only now that he realized that compared to before, the mark on his body had grown stronger. This meant that instead of the small range that it previously had, its distance had increased.

'Could it be that what she did has worn out, or is this the work of someone else?' He racked his brain as he tried to come up with an answer.

While thinking up to this point, he recalled those small black creatures. They were the only powerful necromancers he had encountered since being marked. This meant that they were the most likely culprit.

'Damn it! Why must they choose to worry me?' He complained internally as he increased his speed.

"Are you sure? Those people are very secretive and rarely come out to chase anyone." Kyle tried to get confirmation from Grey.

He knew all about necromancers, and from how they were hunted down, they would prefer hiding in a cave to actively searching for someone.

"One hundred percent." Grey replied. He didn't tell him why he was able to sense them, or why he started to run the second he did, and honestly, he didn't need to tell him.

"Alright. The best thing to do now is to head for the nearest city. They wouldn't dare to go within the territories of these powerful cities." Kyle advised.

With the group's strength, their speed shot up when they focused fully on running. The journey which was originally supposed to take them at least two hours took them lesser than thirty minutes.

Chapter 706 - Are You A Real Necromancer?

The visage of a large building soon came into view. When the group saw this place, they calmed down since it meant that they wouldn't need to worry about the necromancers any longer.

"We're saved." Reynolds laughed in joy.

"For now." Kyle looked at Grey suspiciously.

The only reason Grey would know about necromancers and be cautious of them is probably because he had encountered them before. The only way necromancers would be able to track him is if he were marked. This was common knowledge to most of the large Families and Factions in the Aurora Continent.

Grey's gaze clashed with Kyle, and gave him an understanding nod. He knew Kyle understood what was happening. The only reason he didn't want to tell his friends about it is because no good news has come out from anyone marked by necromancers from the past. If they research, they would be able to know what he would experience.

Kyle looked at Grey with a complicated look, he knew all that usually happens to geniuses marked by necromancers. Once the news of Grey being marked spreads across the necromancers organization, then he would be in danger.

But he felt things might be a little different with Grey. After all, he couldn't classify Grey with other geniuses.

There's a chance that Grey might be able to survive this ordeal. If he does, then he would be the first person who has been able to survive this. Even the genius who was protected by the strongest Faction in the Middle Continent was killed after a few years of being marked.

Necromancers were powerful figures in the Aurora Continent, even though they're hiding, it doesn't mean that they were weak.

The group entered the city, and walked straight for the teleportation array. The first thing they needed to do was to find if there were any competitions that they could participate in. This was their only way of easily joining a Faction. Either this, or maybe if any of them were recruiting.

On the way to the teleportation array, they asked if there were any competitions going on in the Region, but they didn't get any good information.

After a few turns, they got to the teleportation array. Using it, they moved to the city closest to this city.

Three days went by and they had moved the entire Region, and were already at the end of this Region, preparing to move to the next Region. They heard that there was a competition taking place in the next Region, so they wanted to meet up before the competition started.

It would take them a few days or so before they got there. And the competition would start in a week's time.

On the way, they encountered an obstacle. It was none other than a necromancer, who was in the Early stages of the Sage Plane.

"Hehe, to think that you would escape this far. You made me chase after you for so long." The necromancer laughed as he stared at Grey and his group.

"Why are you following us?" Alice asked.

"Hehe, you don't need to know. You'll be a good specimen for my new experiment." The necromancer laughed evilly.

Unlike most of the necromancers the group had met, this was actually chubby.

"Are you sure you're a real necromancer?" Klaus asked when he saw his figure.

Although he hadn't really seen other necromancers, he heard from Grey and Kyle that most of them were very thin.

"What are you saying?" The man asked angrily.

"Not to be rude, but I heard necromancers are usually, you know, life deprived." Klaus explained with a shrug.

"You... I'll kill you." The necromancer said angrily.

"Hehe, you can't." Klaus laughed.

The reason he was still this courageous was none other than the talismans Chris gave to him. This was why he wasn't scared of speaking to the necromancer. If things got too hard, he would use them.

"Why are you so confident? Do you think you can survive?" The necromancer asked.

"Yes, yes I do." Klaus replied before taking out a talisman.

When the necromancer sensed the power in the talisman, he froze and thought about his choices. If he were to engage with them, he wasn't certain of being able to instantly kill them, which meant that they would have the opportunity to use these talismans which would place his life in danger.

"All I want is him, you all don't need to endanger yourselves." The necromancer decided to bargain with them.

"He's with us, there's no way we can leave him for you." Klaus stood in front of Grey.

"One talisman will not be able to kill me, what would you do after using it?" The necromancer asked.

"Use more." Klaus brought out another talisman.

He gave one to Grey, Reynolds, Alice, and even Kyle.

The necromancer almost tripped when he saw this. These things were very difficult to make, why did Klaus have so many?

'They must be from one of those large Families. This is why I hate these geniuses.' The necromancer thought while looking at the group hatefully.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" The necromancer asked Klaus.

"Of course, do I look like I'm joking? I can give you one if you want." Klaus played with one of them, pretending as if he wanted to throw it in the necromancer's direction.

The necromancer was scared, and retreated a few steps.

"Haha, to think you're afraid." Klaus laughed and held onto the talisman.

"Let's go." Klaus said to the others and started walking forward.

To the dismay of the necromancer, Grey and his friends walked past him without being able to do anything. He was even embarrassed by Klaus in the process.

"No matter how you run, we'll find you." The necromancer said to Grey as he walked past him.

"I'm not afraid of your kind." Grey said coldly.

It was only a matter of time before he would be able to move freely in the Aurora Continent.

Chapter 707 - Asking For A Talisman

"What's going on?" Klaus asked after they left the woods.

There was no way this person would chase them for no reason, especially given the distance they moved. Also, his statement to Grey when they were leaving meant that there was something between them.

Grey sighed wryly, he knew he wouldn't be able to hide it any longer, "I'm marked."

"Marked?" Alice asked with a curious expression.

"Yes, a necromancer used his life force to place a mark on me. Now I'm being hunted down by all necromancers." Grey shook his head wryly.

"All necromancers?" Klaus asked.

"Yes. They can sense the mark in my body if they're close to me. Initially, when I was marked there was an expert with me, and she managed to reduce the effect to only a one kilometer radius, but after encountering those creatures back home, they seemed to have increased the distance." Grey explained, a wry smile on his face.

He hated his current situation. When it was a one kilometer radius, he could still cope with it, but now, things have become incredibly difficult. If he were to go on an adventure on his own and he encountered these people, he might lose his life if they were stronger than he is.

"That's messed up. Isn't there a way to remove the mark?" Klaus asked.

"No, not even the most powerful expert in the Continent can help him remove it." Kyle told them the story of the genius from the number one Faction in the Middle Continent.

The group's expression changed when they heard about this. They didn't think it was this bad.

"No need to worry, necromancers are very rare. Since they're only Darkness Elementalists, they're population is low." Grey said, "And besides, they don't enter cities like this one. Even if they do, they wouldn't be able to show that they're necromancers since it will make everyone hunt them down."

The others knew that Grey was only trying to reassure them, but they still found it difficult to accept things as they are. If even the most powerful Faction couldn't protect their genius, then who could protect Grey?

"Come on, the competition will be starting soon. They'll be suitable Factions for us." Grey said to the others, trying to rouse their spirits.

"Sure, let's get going." Alice nodded.

She believed Grey would be able to survive this. Just like Kyle thought, she knew Grey was different when compared to other people. Maybe he would be able to create a miracle once again.

The others nodded and followed Grey as he led the way.

"Wait, you guys are trying to join a Faction?" Kyle asked as they walked forward.

"Yes." Reynolds replied.

"Wait, you're saying you guys weren't in a Faction or any of the large Families?" Kyle was dumbfounded.

How could geniuses like these not be part of any powerful Faction or Family? It was unbelievable.

"Nope." Klaus shook his head.

Kyle was lost for words. He wanted to speak, but he paused. This was a shocking discovery. He never thought this was even possible. When he was traveling with the group, he originally thought they were from large Families and their Families had ties with each other, hence the close friendship between the four.

"Where are you from?" He couldn't help but ask.

"Somewhere far away, even if we tell you, you still wouldn't know it." Grey was the one who answered him this time.

"Hmm." Kyle still didn't know how to take this news.

"Do any of you wish to join my Faction?" He suddenly asked.

He was a Fire Elementalist, so his Faction focused more on the fire element. But they wouldn't mind taking in geniuses of this caliber even if they were of other elements. And besides, Grey and Alice had the fire element.

"We plan to join different Factions." Reynolds replied.

"Why?" Kyle asked.

To him, it didn't make sense. Why would they actively separate? With their chemistry, if they stayed in the same Faction, they would be the most feared group.

"This would give us more of a challenge since we'd like to see how far we've grown after separating for months or even years. We all know Grey's stronger, and being with him isn't good for us." Klaus replied.

"It still doesn't make sense." Kyle said.

"Haha, don't worry about it. You can join in our little competition as well. The person with the highest cultivation stage and the most powerful person will be the leader of the group!" Klaus said.

"Do you think you can actually lead us?" Reynolds asked with a mocking smile.

Amongst the group, Klaus was the one who advanced the quickest thanks to his insane luck, so they knew he would definitely be the one with the highest cultivation stage. Grey was the strongest, even if they were two or three stages ahead of him, it would still be almost impossible to defeat him.

"What are you saying? I've been doing a great job all this while, haven't I?" Klaus turned to Void.

"I support you." Void said.

The group continued bickering as they entered the city. In the end, they decided that no matter what happened, Klaus wouldn't lead the group.

What Kyle found strange was that since he was following the group, they didn't seem to have a leader. Whatever decisions they wanted to make, they needed the permission of the others before deciding on it.

'They're just...' He sighed with a shake of his head.

"Looks like we managed to make it." Grey said as they entered the city.

The city was bustling with activity due to the competition that would be taking place. They got here two days before the competition, so they still had time to explore the city before the competition began.

They would take their time to access all the Factions that will be present in the competition before picking the one to join.

Kyle told them all the information he knew about the Factions. Alice and Reynolds picked two different Factions that focused on the Lightning element, while Klaus picked a Faction that was based on the water element.

"Which Faction are you joining?" Klaus asked Grey.

The competition would be starting that day, and the others had already picked a Faction they wanted to join.

"None." Grey replied.

"Huh?!" Everyone exclaimed in shock.

"There's no one I'm interested in. Well, to be precise, I would like to move to another Region." Grey replied.

Although joining a Faction was good, he didn't feel this was the Region for him, so he planned to check out other Regions first.

"Hmm, okay. But wouldn't traveling alone put you in danger?" Klaus asked.

After hearing about the necromancers hunting him down, the group felt he would be in danger if he moved alone. If not for the talisman Klaus had, then things would've been dangerous for him during his last encounter.

"I've begged Teacher for some talismans, besides, Void would be breaking through soon." Grey said.

After the last incident, he asked his Teacher for a talisman. The plaque his Teacher made was extremely useful, instead of sending a meal over, he wrote a letter and sent it over.

He knew his Teacher would throw a tantrum after seeing it, but since the talisman was important to him, he had to.

Chris didn't agree to make a talisman for him since he still hadn't recovered from the last ones he made for Klaus, but after being blackmailed and begged by Grey, he decided to take the risk.

The reason he agreed was that he couldn't afford to stop eating his delicious meals, nor could he let his cook die.

"Uncle? He agreed?" Klaus asked, surprised.

"Of course. I'm his student after all." Grey shrugged. Not telling them of how he had to blackmail him.

When Kyle heard their conversation, he finally knew the relationship between Klaus and Grey. This explained why the duo were so close and understood each other so well. But he still didn't know the relationship of Alice and Reynolds to the group.

"We should get going, the competition will start soon and you four need to register." He said to them.

"What about you?" Reynolds asked.

"I have no interest in joining the competition. I'm part of a Faction, and the rewards aren't important to me." Kyle said.

"I'm also not joining, but I only want to test out my strength." Grey said, trying to convince Kyle to join.

"Actually, I have a few enemies here. Going on stage will only show them that I'm around." Kyle said.

"Oh, why didn't you say that earlier?" Reynolds patted him on the shoulder.

The others didn't pressure him any longer and headed to the arena. Almost everyone in the city was heading towards the arena, so it was pretty busy.

When they got there, they were amongst the first few who made it there. Without delay, they headed towards where they would register for the competition.

Chapter 708 - Start Of The Competition

On the way to the arena, Kyle used a piece of cloth to cover from his nose down, leaving only his eyes visible. This would keep the people he had a feud with from recognizing him. He knew Grey and his friends were bound to attract the attention of most of the people here, and since he was sitting with them, they would notice him as well.

As long as he didn't fight, he would be safe. Very few people had green flames, and his enemies would definitely try to see if he was the one even if he covered his face.

'Void, how long will you be asleep once you use that item?' Grey asked Void telepathically as they registered for the competition.

'At least two weeks, then at most, a month.' Void replied.

Grey thought about the issue for a while, before deciding that once his friends joined a Faction, he would stay in a city and absorb the treasure with Void. He had gained some things during their travels, so there's a chance that he might advance to the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane after using this treasure.

His advancement has been quite fast since coming to the Aurora Continent. This was all thanks to the things he had acquired. Of the group, the next person who would see a breakthrough soon was Reynolds. He was already in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane for a while now.

Once Void breaks through to the Sage Plane, things will be safer. Of course he still had to worry about being chased by Elemental Venerables. But the good news was that Elemental Venerables and above rarely travel. They mostly stay in closed door cultivation, trying to advance their stage.

When an Elementalist grows to this stage, most of them don't like moving frequently. Necromancers for one are people who did tons of research, so they would mostly be hiding somewhere. His only prayer was not to accidentally pass through this sort of area, because no matter what a necromancer was doing, unless they would die if they left it, they would definitely try to seek out who was marked.

The group completed their registration and went over to get their seats. Since they came early, they picked a seat in the front row.

They spoke as they waited for the start of the competition. As time went on, people started flooding the arena.

A few minutes before the start of the competition, a commotion broke out which drew the groups attention. A large shadow covered the sky, looking up, it was that of a gigantic bird that was flying in the sky. It flew to the platform and landed there.

As soon as this bird came into sight, five more came. They were filled with people, both old and young.

In one of them in particular, it was filled with only girls, and they were all in blue clothing, with the insignia of ice on their back.

"That's the Faction I'm joining." Klaus pointed at the group with girls.

"You do know that's an all girls Faction, right?" Kyle asked, with a weird expression.

"All the more reason I want to join. I'm a handsome guy, who would perfectly fit in there." Klaus said with a proud expression.

"Do they take Lightning Elementalist as well?" Reynolds asked.

"No, and besides, you're too ugly." Klaus said.

"What do you mean too ugly?" Reynolds snapped at Klaus.

"Look at me, then take a look at you. I don't even want to talk about Grey since that will send you straight to depression." Klaus said mockingly.

"Don't drag me into this." Grey said from the side.

"But you have to admit, you have a beautiful face." Klaus said, pointing at Grey's face.

"You're crazy." Grey said.

Kyle watched the group with a smile on his face. He still found the group amusing even after staying with them for so long. He never thought that they would bicker this much.

"I don't think they will allow you to join them though." Kyle stated.

"You don't need to bother about that, I'll figure out a way myself. Getting their attention is easy." Klaus said confidently.

Kyle didn't pursue the matter any longer. He knew they weren't from this side, so if Klaus refused to accept what he told him, it was up to him. Maybe after he was rejected, he would learn to listen.

"Besides, I have a plan b." Klaus added.

While the group were discussing, the members of the Factions that came all went to their seats.

After a few more minutes, an Elder from one of the Factions stepped forward. He stood on the platform in the middle and started addressing the crowd.

The Elder spoke about the rules and the potential of joining one of them if they could get a good position in the competition.

Just like the geniuses rankings, the battles are shared in the Early, Mid and Late stages of each Plane. But the battles start from the Origin Plane. Most of the people in the Origin Plane are around fourteen to seventeen years old. Back in the Azure Continent, around that age, Elementalists were still in the Arcane Plane. This showed the difference between both places.

The number of people who registered for the competition were enormous, so it would take some time before it even got to the Overlord Plane.

"Should we watch or leave?" Grey asked.

"Of course we're staying. How will I build a connection in getting into that Faction if I leave?" Klaus asked.

"You..." Kyle shook his head and gave up. He never thought Klaus' plan was to befriend the girls from the Faction.

"I'm a friendly person, you don't need to worry about me not being able to befriend them." Klaus said.

Alice looked at him with disgust, if not for the fact that they were in a public place, she would've beat him up.

"Make sure you take me along. I'm also very friendly." Reynolds said.

"You're too ugly. Even after walking with us for so long, you've not been able to improve." Klaus smirked, irritating Reynolds.

"You should stop talking, the competition is about to start." Grey said to Klaus, giving him a threatening look.

Klaus glared at Grey and moved closer to Reynolds as they continued their conversation.

Alice looked at the duo acting like kids. Well, to be fair, they were all still very young, but Klaus and Reynolds seem to take it to another level. There are times when they do things without even thinking about the repercussions. Just take the time they robbed those people at the mansion for instance, although it was fun and all, they created a whole legion of enemies for themselves. These people wouldn't even mind coming together just to take them down.

Klaus and Reynolds could not be bothered with this, all they thought about was having fun. Not just that, but they acquired a lot of essence stones from their robbery.

The stones have been useful since they used the teleportation device a lot during their travels. The stones Grey had were almost used up due to the travels.

Before long, the competition started. Seeing people who were around fifteen years being in the Origin Plane amazed Klaus, Reynolds, and Alice. They never thought that they would see people this young being in the Origin Plane.

Given the numbers of the people who registered, around fifty people were placed in one platform. They would brawl, and the ten people who were left would advance to the next round.

Once they advance to the next round, they would then draw lots for the other rounds. The top two hundred people had a chance of joining one of the Factions.

They also have the chance of challenging a member of any of the Faction in the same stage as them, if they could defeat the person, then they could join said Faction.

But if they can not defeat said genius, then they couldn't join that Faction, unless the Faction willingly picks them.

Alice and Reynolds were excited by the news since they would be able to pick the particular Faction they wanted because of this rule. All they had to do was defeat the person in the same stage as them.

They decided to keep all their trump cards until that battle.

Once they got to the top two hundred, then they would challenge them immediately. Klaus looked at the Faction that had only ladies, his eyes brimming with confidence. He was certain that he would join this Faction. With his talent, it would be difficult for them to refuse him.

Maybe he would become the first male to join this all female Faction. Even if he didn't join them, he wanted to create a good relationship with them.

Grey didn't have any Faction in mind, all he wanted to do was to test out his strength. And this was the best opportunity for him to do so.

Chapter 709 - Start Of The Competition II

The competition progressed in an organized manner. With these powerful Factions hosting the competition, these people taking part wouldn't dare to act unrestrained.

It took almost three days before the top two hundred for the Origin Plane was picked. The numbers that registered were just too many, so they had to divide the number of battles taking place.

According to what was said, those in the Overlord Plane that registered were actually higher than those who registered on the Origin Plane.

When the top two hundred were picked, it was time to either continue the competition and see if they could get a good ranking in their respective stages.

Other than challenging members of a Faction, there is another way in getting into a Faction of your choice, getting to the top ten. Any Elementalist who manages to enter the top ten can pick whichever Faction they desire.

Only ten people challenged a member of a Faction immediately, and all ten were defeated within two minutes at most. Some were taken out with a single blow. Seeing this sent chills down the spines of the others he had the thought of challenging them.

They all decided it was best to wait and try to see if they could sneak into the top ten.

"Aren't they a little too powerful?" Klaus couldn't help but comment.

He didn't feel too confident in defeating anyone from the Faction any longer. The strength showed by those in the Origin Plane was already beyond his expectations, and he rated them very highly to begin with, if even that isn't enough, then getting his wish was going to be more difficult than he thought.

"These aren't even the cream of the crops. They're just those close to them." Kyle said.

Klaus, Alice, and Reynolds were shocked by his words. If these people weren't the strongest, then how powerful would those at the top be?

"Well, I can't wait to find out how powerful they are when I join their Faction." Klaus said, looking at the same Faction fervently.

The main reason Klaus picked this particular Faction wasn't mainly because it was an all-girls Faction, but because they had the best ice techniques according to what he found out and what Kyle told him. They were also said to be the best water Faction in this Region. If he wanted to join a Faction, then it had to be the best, at least then he would know that he could grow quickly.

Being a all-girls Faction was just a bonus for him. He naturally didn't have any lewd intentions towards them, getting entangled with any of them will only sully his name. But he still enjoyed seeing beauties. Who wouldn't want to see beauties?

"By any chance, do you know what the secret realm they go to is like?" Klaus pointed at the all-girls Faction.

"Other people rarely know what the secret realm of another Faction looks like. Although, there are times that some Factions or Families will actively invite people over to explore one of their secret realms. Most big Factions and Families have more than one secret realm. These are like the backbone of a Faction since it's what makes their geniuses grow stronger faster." Kyle explained.

"Hmm, so that's a no?" Klaus asked.

Kyle shook his head with a soft smile. He knew Klaus understood the meaning of his words, but he still wanted to confirm if he knew what it looked like.

"You'll find out once you join one, no need to be too bothered." Grey stated.

This was obvious, but Klaus had his full attention on this particular Faction. They even had a catchy name, Moonlight . It was as if they weren't a Faction but a nation. Who wouldn't want to join a Faction with a catchy name?

While the group were discussing, the top two hundred had started their battles. Those who challenged the members from a Faction and lost still had the chance to redeem themselves if they could get to the top ten. Of course, they could still catch the eyes of those powerful figures in the Factions as well. So they had to put up their best.

A few representatives from smaller Factions were still around, they could snap up all those who were rejected by the top Factions. It was shocking that an Origin Plane Elementalist who was still around fifteen years or so would be rejected. In the Azure Continent, such figures would be lauded by all. But here, some would become rejects, joining a lesser Faction.

Grey didn't watch the battles with much interest. He was more interested in absorbing that treasure. Thinking about it, they would spend some time here. If those in the Origin Plane took three days just to get to the battle of the top two hundred, then it would take longer for those in the Overlord Plane since they had a higher number.

'Void, why don't you absorb it when we get back to the Inn?' He asked Void telepathically.

'Oh, in this city?' Void asked.

'Yes, or is there a problem with that?' Grey asked.

'It's quite special, so there's a huge chance that its aura would leak out. If that happens, then we would only be inviting trouble.' Void explained.

'What about if I used a concealing array?' Grey asked.

'I'm talking about after you use it. If you don't use it, then the second we take it out, the entire city will know, even those in the Origin Plane will sense it. But with the array, only people above the Overlord Plane will stand a chance of sensing it.' Void elucidated.

'You mean?' Grey was shocked.

'This is something that people sensed even when hidden in a special place under that mansion covered in miasma, do you think your small concealing array could help?' Void asked with a raise of his brow.

Although this sounded somewhat hurtful to Grey's pride as an array specialist, he couldn't deny the fact that what Void said was the truth. Before the aura of the treasure managed to sip out even in such a place, how could he conceal it?

Chapter 710 Start Of The Competition III

'How come it's safe in your spatial storage?' Grey asked when he thought of the fact that the item was kept in Void's spatial storage all this while and it hasn't been sensed by others.

'Simple, I cut off every access it has to elemental essence. Without it, it's basically ordinary. Once it comes out the amount of essence it would absorb would alarm the entire city, and they would be able to easily track it here.' Void explained.

'Oh, that's why. So what do we do about it now?' Grey asked.

'We'll have to leave the city, at least a five kilometers distance away. That wouldn't even guarantee our safety. Then, there's also the possibility of an expert above the Sage Plane going past that place, putting us in even greater danger.' Void said.

Grey felt a headache coming when he thought of this. If what Void said is true, which it most likely is, then he couldn't afford to absorb the treasure now, which meant Void would have to seek other methods to break through.

'I guess we'll have to wait till we join a Faction, and even that wouldn't guarantee our safety. All I need to do is try to get into one of those secret realms, no one below the Sage Plane can defeat me, so I wouldn't have anything to fear there.' Grey came to a decision in a short time.

He was already under the danger of being found by the necromancers after his head, if he were to take out such a treasure, then it would make others search for him as well.

'This is like a ticking time bomb.' Grey thought to himself.

It took two more days before the competition for those in the Origin Plane ended, now, it was time for those in the Overlord Plane to begin.

The next day.

Grey and his friends looked at each other confidently. They all registered at the same time, so according to their calculations, they would be able to enter the same platform. If they were grouped among fifty people, they wouldn't have any problems with qualifying for the next round.

Only when the competition was about to start did they realize a piece of vital information, two of them were in the Mid stages, Alice and Reynolds, while the other two were in the Late stages.

Since it was done stage by stage, those in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane were the ones who started the brawl.

"Damn, and it thought we would've been able to run rampant here." Klaus said with a disappointed look.

"I honestly forgot about this as well." Grey said.

It took almost two days before those in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane completed their brawl. They also continued to the next round which was drawing lots.

Two more days went by and those in the Early stages finally completed their part of the competition. Surprisingly, two people managed to defeat members of the Factions they wished to join and didn't participate any longer in that competition. Those who managed to enter the top ten picked the Factions they wished to join.

It was time for those in the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane. Alice and Reynolds stepped forward. Since they registered at the same time, they were placed in the same platform.

This didn't come as a surprise to the group.

"You two shouldn't embarrass me, remember I have people to impress. When they consider if I'm qualified, they would also look at the people I came with. It would be a shame if none of you manages to get into any Faction." Klaus encouraged the duo.

Well, it couldn't really be called encouragement, it was more like him pleading with them to perform exceptionally well so the Faction he wanted to join would know he was friends with geniuses as well.

"Heh!" Reynolds smirked as they walked towards the platform.

Alice couldn't even be bothered with Klaus and his words. All her attention was placed on a particular Faction, Asterope. This was one of the best lightning Factions in this Region. Reynolds wouldn't be joining the same Faction as her, opting to join another one.

They made sure to look at the relationship between both, and only after confirming that both Factions weren't enemies did they decide.

On the platform they were placed, there were multiple youths in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane. Reynolds was still in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane while Alice was in the Fifth stage, but Reynolds could be said to be the most powerful person if he brought out his Elemental Warrior.

He didn't plan on bringing it out now though, his aim was to get into the top two hundred and challenge someone from the Faction he wanted to join. Once he defeats his opponent, he wouldn't take any part in the competition any longer. This wasn't Alice's plan however, unlike Reynolds, she loved fighting, so after challenging a member of the Asterope Faction, she would still take part in the competition.

When everyone was on the platform, the competition began. With fifty people placed on one platform, they were a lot.

The battles were disorganized since the people were too much and only a few of them grouped up.

Alice and Reynolds stayed together, fighting off any person who came close to them. They eliminated any of the people who tried to attack them while also making sure they were on their guard.

As time went on, the number of people on the platform started to dwindle, and before long, there were only ten people left on their platform. With ten people left, the place was spacious and they could take their time fighting.

The remaining participants looked at each other, all wary of their strength. Reynolds was the only one in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane that was left on this platform. This naturally brought a lot of attention to him.

A few of the people here with a higher stage couldn't afford to see someone in a lower stage advance when they couldn't.