

## **Affinity 711**

### Chapter 711 Advancing To The Next Round

"I think you're their target." Alice whispered to Reynolds.

"It's understandable, I'm the only one below the Fifth stage." Reynolds shrugged, not feeling pressured by the gazes he was getting.

At most if things go out of hand, he'll summon his Elemental Warrior and send these guys packing.

"Leave the platform peacefully." A youth walked up to Reynolds and said.

He didn't say it in a haughty manner, it was more like an advice.

"If I didn't want to take part in the competition, I would've registered for the competition in the first place, don't you think so?" Reynolds asked.

The youth sighed before attacking. It was a competition, he didn't know Reynolds, so there was no use in trying to force him to accept his advice, the best thing was the eliminate him from the platform.

The youth was in the Fifth stage of the Overlord Plane, just like Alice, and he was a Water Elementalist.

Boom!

Alice stepped in front of Reynolds and blocked the attack with a fire attack.

Steam rose into the air after the attacks collided.

"You don't need to worry about him, your opponent is me." A young lady in the Sixth stage walked forward and said to Alice.

With four people already engaged, the remaining sixteen people picked an opponent and started battling. They couldn't sit and watch as the others fought.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

Attacks moved from left to right with twenty people focused on trying to eliminate each other.

This was the first time Alice was fighting against someone above her stage since they came to these high leveled Regions, and after the first few attacks, she was left gasping for air.

Her opponent was powerful, definitely well above her. If she were to bring out her Seelie, then she would be able to get an advantage since she would be attacking from two places.

Reynolds was also having a tough time with his opponent. The young man who attacked him didn't give him any chances to recover as he attacked continuously.

Reynolds' body was coated with lightning as he dodged the attacks coming his way. The few he was unable to dodge, he blocked with his elemental attacks.

'These people are on a different level!' Reynolds exclaimed internally. Even after the warning from Grey and Kyle, he never thought the difference would be this big.

His current opponent wouldn't have a problem with fighting against someone in the Eighth or Ninth stage back in the Azure Continent.

"Wow..." Klaus was stunned.

Seeing both Alice and Reynolds being suppressed by people who were only a stage above them was a sight he never thought he would see. Of course, if the duo went all out, then they wouldn't really have any issues with fighting against their opponent.

"Shocked?" Kyle asked.

"Not really, I just didn't expect I'll see them suppressed this much." Klaus smiled wryly.

Now he was starting to worry for himself and his chances of getting into the Faction he wanted.

'Why am I bothered, at most I'll trick my opponents.' He thought to himself.

If he couldn't beat them, then he would annoy them till they give up. All is fair in war.

"This really isn't surprising, they haven't gone all-out." Kyle said. He had seen the duo in full power, so he knew they were stronger than this. Furthermore, there are also the trump cards they might have hidden from him.

"How are you sure their opponents have gone all-out?" Klaus asked.

"Simple." Kyle pointed at the young lady fighting against Alice, "From her expression, you can easily tell that she wants to make sure she eliminates Alice.

She would want to do it in a domineering fashion."

"Alice wouldn't lose to her even with her hiding most of her strength." Grey commented.

"Naturally, but I want them to win in style. Well, they would do it when they challenge members of the Faction." Klaus said.

While the group were talking about the battle, the battle raged on.

Alice was slowly started to get used to fighting against the young lady. Just like Alice, the young lady was a Dual Elementalist, wielding both the fire and earth element.

Powerful attack, complemented with powerful defense. She was a tough opponent.

When the young lady saw that she couldn't take care of Alice as easily as she thought, she slowed her pace of attacking. Since Alice focused on defending, it was impossible for her to force her way through. The best option was to think of a plan.

Reynolds was exchanging attacks with his opponent, but he was still suppressed by his opponent. Luckily, he was faster than his opponent, so he could dodge most of the attacks.

The young man fighting against Reynolds created multiple ice shards that shot at Reynolds with incredible speed.

Seeing the ice shards, Reynolds, who was covered with lightning, moved around quickly. To those in a lower stage, all they could see was a flash of lightning moving around in the platform.

The young man gritted his teeth in frustration, Reynolds barely traded blows with him. Once he counters once, he would turn tails and run. Then whenever the opportunity presents itself, he would counter once again.

The young man has been able to block all of the attacks so far, but he knew there is a possibility of him being unable to block one. The second he was hit by an attack, then he was defeated.

Reynolds would take advantage of it and send him out of the platform, eliminating him.

Bam!

A lightning bolt struck the ice wall that the young man made in front of him.

Cracks started to appear on the wall, and with another attack, the ice wall shattered to pieces. The young man's pupils dilated when he realized that immediately the ice wall was destroyed when another attack came at him. This meant that Reynolds had already predicted that the previous attack would be able to destroy the ice wall, so he hid an attack behind it.

The young man didn't panic, a water dome appeared before him as he tried to use the water to slow down the lightning bolt, giving him the time he needed to evade the attack.

After sending out the stream of water, the speed of the lightning slowed down significantly.

Seeing this, he moved to the left, away from the lightning and also the water stream.

When Reynolds saw this, he smiled before moving two steps back.

Crash! Bang!

A lightning bolt fell from the sky at breakneck speed, before the young man could even sense the attack, it had struck him in the head.

Reynolds had been preparing this attack for some time now. He had already guessed that the young man would move to the left.

He had been watching the young man since they were fighting and realized for some reason, the young man preferred dodging to the left most of the time.

'All according to plan.' He thought to himself with a chuckle.

Before the young man could recover from that attack, Reynolds charged towards him and sent him flying, sending him off the stage. The young man had been eliminated.

This was someone who was a stage above him and powerful, yet Reynolds managed to eliminate him with careful planning.

"Smart." Kyle commented when he saw the final outcome of the battle.

"Of course, do you think that he's dumb? He may act dumb sometimes, but he's pretty smart." Klaus said.

"He studied his opponent and planned accordingly." Grey said.

They all saw the fight, and every single person in the arena knew that Reynolds took a gamble with that attack. The speed at which the attack came meant that he had already prepared it.

If the young man had moved to the right instead of the left, then his plan would have been thwarted. This would've made him feel disorientated, giving his opponent the chance to get at him.

Alice was still fighting against her opponent. Unlike Reynolds' opponent, the young lady didn't give her the chance for her to counter. Even though she was still on the back foot, she was still able to hold on.

The duo were still fighting when they heard the voice of the man in charge of their platform.

"You can stop fighting now." The voice said.

They paused and turned to look at the man, before looking around, only to realize that they were the only two fighting. Counting with their eyes, they noticed that including them, they were ten people left in the platform. This meant that the others had been eliminated.

"Good battle." The young lady said.

"I enjoyed myself." Alice replied.

She walked over to Reynolds and they walked back to their seats. Reynolds was the only one who drew some attention due to his careful planning. There are also a few people who watched Alice's fight with the young lady and found her impressive.

"We made it to the next round."

## Chapter 712 Next Round

"Nice fight, but you should've beaten him sooner." Klaus commented when Reynolds walked closer to them.

"I'd like to see how you would fair." Reynolds replied, his tone implying the obvious.

'Let's see what you will be able to do against these monsters while holding back.'

"To be honest, I'd do just fine. Unlike you two, I need to make a grand scene." Klaus chuckled.

Kyle shook his head, still baffled by the fact that Klaus still hasn't given up the idea of joining this all-girls Faction. No matter how one looked at it, it seemed pretty much like Klaus wanting to join was mainly because he found out that it was an all-girls Faction.

Grey didn't have any issues with hiding his strength, it wasn't like he was going all-out in the first place whenever he fought in competitions like this. Having eight elements and using only four meant that he couldn't fight to his full potential.

"My opponent isn't bad." Alice said.

"Yeah, but you would take her out if you went all-out." Kyle said.

Alice smiled without replying. She knew Kyle was right. With the Seelie on her side, she wouldn't have any problems. It was just like Grey's inscriptions, she gained another means of attacking.

She could either merge with the Seelie and be in control of all the elements, or she could let it out and it would attack independently. The best way to utilize this is to battle with it frequently, to improve their synergy together.

Luckily, since getting the Seelie, she had been sparring with the group while they were traveling, so they had a good understanding of each other.

The group continued speaking as they watched the others battles. The number of people was too much so one more round took place.

After this round was completed, the remaining participants had to draw lots before fighting. Overall, in the Mid stages competition, there were around four hundred people left. Whoever manages to get into the top two hundred would get a chance of challenging anyone from the Factions they wanted to join. While getting to the top one hundred would guarantee joining a Faction, only the top ten had the best chances of joining whichever Faction they wished.

There have been cases where some Factions fight over a genius. It rarely happens, but said genius must be extremely talented before they could get these people to make a move.

By the end of the day, they were done with the brawl and it was time for the draw lots. Reynolds and Alice had opponents in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane. Alice didn't have an issue with dealing with someone in the Sixth stage, but without Reynolds' Elemental Warrior, then he was as good as eliminated.

"What are you going to do now?" Klaus asked.

"Show off, of course." Reynolds said with a smile.

"Going all out now would mean that the Faction will know of your strength and send someone who can deal with you." Kyle warned.

"Don't worry, I have a plan to deal with them." Reynolds reassured.

Grey didn't have any fears for his friends. He had complete confidence in them.

"We should rest tonight, tomorrow is a big day for you two. Advancing means you can join whichever Faction you want to." Grey said to the group.

They all agreed with Grey and left the arena, heading home.



Time went by and the next day came.

The group went to the arena. Reynolds and Alice prepared themselves for the competition of the day.

When they got there, they had to wait an hour before it got to their turn.

Reynolds was the first person called up. His opponent was an Earth Elementalist in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane.

When Reynolds stepped on stage, he drew a few attention.

After confirming from both participants that they were ready, the man in charge of their platform called for the start of the battle.

"You should just leave, I saw your battle with that guy, you're not my opponent." The Earth Elementalist said.

"You don't need to bother about that, we'll see when the battle starts." Reynolds replied.

"Hmph! Better not waste my time." The Earth Elementalist said.

From their short conversation, Reynolds knew he was a proud person. Defeating people like this gave him some sort of satisfaction.

"Hehe, I won't." Reynolds laughed in response.

The Earth Elementalist didn't waste any time and attacked immediately. Being an Earth Elementalist meant lesser speed but higher attack power.

Reynolds dodged the attack coming his way before rushing to counter. The Earth Elementalist already knew Reynolds would take advantage of any mistakes, so he didn't even try to make any.

With his earth element, he made sure his attack was effective and his defense was even better.

Boom!

Reynolds blocked his attack before countering his attack. The speed of his attack was above that of this opponent, but unfortunately, his opponent was already prepared for it which made it ineffective.

Boom! Bang!

The battle was intense, and no matter how Reynolds tried, he was unable to break the defense of the Earth Elementalist.

The Earth Elementalist however didn't have any problems with his attacks. The strength of his attacks was on a level above Reynolds, while he only attacked when he knew it was necessary.

Grey and the others watching the match knew that if things continued in this fashion, then it meant that Reynolds would be eliminated. But they knew he had a trump card which could keep him safe in this competition.

If he summoned his Elemental Warrior, then he wouldn't have any issues with defeating those in the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane without any issues.

"When do you think he would call out his Elemental Warrior?" Klaus asked, patiently waiting for Reynolds to show off.

"When he knows there's no way for him to defeat his opponent without it." Grey replied, before adding, "If I were him, I'd do the same."

Alice and Kyle agreed with Grey's reasoning. They too would want to keep their trump card for when it was needed. Using it willfully wasn't really a good thing for them.

"You think so? Why don't he just blow his opponent away, that would be showing off!" Klaus said. Reynolds spoke of showing off, so he naturally wanted that.

"Give him some time, and he will." Kyle said.

"Okay." Klaus nodded while focusing on the battle once again.

The Earth Elementalist Reynolds was fighting against didn't give him any chance to take advantage, slowly increasing the advantage he had.

Reynolds had the advantage in speed, but his opponent still had the upper hand. The Earth Elementalist had been able to send him flying a few times, luckily, he had been able to keep himself on the platform without being eliminated.

The Earth Elementalist didn't seem to be worried about this, making sure he hid all the chances Reynolds would get to attack him.

"Just give up, you're only wasting our time." The Earth Elementalist said when he saw that Reynolds refused to give up after being sent flying for the fifth time. At this rate, it was only a matter of time before Reynolds was sent out of the platform.

"You think so?" Reynolds asked.

The Earth Elementalist nodded his head when he heard this. He didn't really mean this in an undermining manner, but the truth was that the present Reynolds wasn't his opponent.

"I have one surprise for you, if you can block this surprise, then I have no problems with giving up." Reynolds said with a smile.

"Alright, be fast with it." The Earth Elementalist said.

"Here I come." Reynolds said and rushed towards the Earth Elementalist.

Seeing Reynolds coming at him, he raised an earth wall.

While waiting for Reynolds' attack.

Boom!

The earth wall shook vigorously. His expression changed. He knew Reynolds' attack wasn't as powerful as this.

The Earth Elementalist was stunned. Just when he was thinking about what was making the wall shake so much, he saw it vibrate again.

Boom! Boom!

Something powerful continued hitting it, and in the matter of a few seconds, it shattered into pieces.

With the destruction of the wall, he saw something that shook him visibly.

'A Summoner!' He exclaimed internally.

This wasn't his first time seeing a Summoner, but he didn't think Reynolds was one since he didn't use it the last time.

The thing in front of the Earth Elementalist was made entirely of lightning, but it was different from Reynolds' usual Elemental Warrior. This summon was like a normal summon.

It was Reynolds' secret weapon.

Keeping his trump card would be useless if he doesn't even qualify. Being a high grade summoner gave him an advantage. There's something few people knew about high grade summoners, and that is they could lower the grade of their Elemental Warrior at will. This means that Reynolds could actually call out a normal low grade summon.

High grade summoners rarely do this because what's the need of doing so. This is the reason most people don't know that there's such a skill.

Even Reynolds' friends are unaware of this because Reynolds forgot to tell them.

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"You're a summoner?" The Earth Elementalist was a little surprised.

Summoners were also rare, even in the Aurora Continent.

Reynolds stared at him without replying, without any delays, he ordered the summon to attack the Earth Elementalist. Unlike his Elemental Warrior, this summon looked crude. It was like a monster made entirely of clumps of lightning.

Bang!

The summon continued its assault on the Earth Elementalist. The Earth Elementalist scurried to defend against the summon.

Buzz! Crash!

A lightning bolt shot from the sky, aiming at the head of the Earth Elementalist.

The Earth Elementalist retreated back to dodge the strike, while creating a large earth hammer that he used to slam the summon.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

They exchanged blows in a heated fight.

"Wait, since when did it look like that?" Klaus asked, shocked.

"I don't think it has ever looked like that since he acquired it." Grey replied, confused.

They didn't understand why the Elemental Warrior didn't have its previous appearance.

They turned to Kyle, hoping to get an explanation. However, Kyle still had a perplexed expression which showed that he had no idea what was going on.

"Looks like high grade summoners have a secret ability we have no idea of." Alice commented.

"So it seems." The others agreed with her.

"But you have to admit, this is a terrific plan." Klaus said after a moment of silence.

"Yes, even when showing his trump card, he still kept most of it. The strength of this summon is only at the Fifth stage of the Overlord Plane, while the Elemental Warrior is at the Seventh stage." Kyle stated.

Thinking about it, the difference in strength between both summons was shocking.

Bringing out this summon will deceive his future opponent, giving them the feeling that he couldn't fight against them. Then when he calls out the Elemental Warrior, his opponent would be too shocked to even fight back properly.

While the group were discussing this, the crowd were excited when they saw Reynolds' summon. Most of the people here rarely see summons, so they found it worthwhile just being able to see it in this competition.

Discussions broke out in different places, and even a few of the lower ranked Factions had their eyes on Reynolds. A summoner was a good asset if well groomed. The higher ranked Factions couldn't really see Reynolds as someone special since the summon was this type. Only a high grade summoner could interest them.

The Earth Elementalist Reynolds was fighting against was being pushed back as the battle continued. He had lost the advantage he had, and fighting against two fighters was not something he could do, especially given how Reynolds was shamelessly taking advantage of this fact and putting more pressure on the Earth Elementalist.

"Stop attacking me from behind!" The Earth Elementalist complained when he was unable to take it any longer.

"What do you mean? Whenever I attack, you're the one who foolishly turns your back to me, how's that my fault?" Reynolds said, irritating the Earth Elementalist even more.

At this rate, it was only a matter of time before Reynolds would defeat him.

"He's getting better at this." Kyle said with a wry smile. Seeing Reynolds' current fighting tactic, he recalled the first time they fought against each other.

Reynolds shamelessly used this particular strategy on him. Even someone as coolheaded as him lost his cool. He gave up since he couldn't continue taking the assault.

The Earth Elementalist seemed to be going down the same road as well. Reynolds was continuously assaulting him, almost driving him crazy. He couldn't attack Reynolds because of the summon, but once he faced the summon, Reynolds would attack from his blind side.

"Of course, I taught him all he knows." Klaus declared proudly.

"I don't think you're on his level." Kyle said.

"You have no idea what he's capable of." Grey said.

"Hehehe." Klaus laughed mischievously, sending chills down the spine of Kyle.

Kyle knew Klaus was shameless and loved to cause trouble from the small time they've been together, but when he battled Reynolds, he was frustrated to the extreme by him, so he concluded that there was no one who would be as shameless as Reynolds.

"You're just pure evil." Alice said when she heard his laughter.

"It's a gift. The world is a boring place without me, I can assure you that." Klaus laughed before placing his focus back to the fight.

The others also turned their attention to the fight.

Boom! Bam!

The Earth Elementalist was pushed back by the summon, and just as he was about to retaliate, Reynolds attacked as well, sending a lightning orb that exploded when it got close to him.

Bang!

Reynolds' attack connected with the Earth Elementalist, sending him flying.

Seeing this chance, Reynolds sent the summon after him while also preparing for another attack.



The Earth Elementalist managed to set up a good defense before crashing to the ground. So Reynolds was unable to eliminate him with the advantage. But the pressure on the Earth Elementalist increased greatly since the slip up.

After a few more minutes, the Earth Elementalist finally gave up.

"I admit defeat." He said after blocking an attack coming his way.

Reynolds stopped attacking the second he heard this, and the man in charge of the platform stepped forward to declare the winner.

From the second Reynolds brought out his summon and seeing his ingenious way of fighting, everyone knew without any other changes, it was certain that Reynolds would win. The only reason the Earth Elementalist tried to hang on for this long was because losing now meant he wouldn't be able to qualify for the next round.

He was in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane, so he had a chance at advancing to the top one hundred. Unfortunately for him he met an opponent who he thought he would defeat from the start, only to get shocked, literally. Reynolds' lightning electrocuted him a few times.

"Thank you for letting me win." Reynolds smiled to the Earth Elementalist as he was leaving the stage.

The Earth Elementalist on the other hand frowned but nodded at him. He had no grudges against him, after all, Reynolds won fair and square.

On getting back to his seat, the group congratulated him on advancing to the next round.

"A piece of cake." Reynolds replied with a smile.

"How did you do that?" Alice asked.

"Do what?" Reynolds asked a little confused.

"Stop playing dumb. The summon. Since when could you do that?" Klaus smacked him on the shoulder.

"Oh that, I forgot to tell you guys. I can lower the grade of my summon at will." Reynolds said, after seeing the looks he was getting from his friends, he added, "I originally didn't think I'll use it, so it was basically worthless information."

"This is my first time hearing this." Kyle said.

"Like I said, it wasn't really any useful information. Which summoner would send out a low grade summon when they have an Elemental Warrior?" Reynolds asked.

Hearing his question, it finally dawned on them. Bringing out your summon means you're in a battle. No one would want to reduce their strength in battle. Even if your opponent was weaker, they would still fight at full strength.

"What else can you do?" Klaus moved closer to him and asked, before adding, "In case I fight against high grade summoners I wouldn't be too surprised."

"Nothing special." Reynolds replied.

"Come on Rey, you can tell me." Klaus started to pester him.

In the end, Reynolds still had nothing to tell him. Other than this recent discovery, the group knew everything else. If there was something else they were unaware of, then he also wasn't aware of it as well.

The group continued watching the next battles, and after almost two hours, it got to Alice's turn.

"Wish me luck." Alice said as she walked towards the platform.

"Good luck." All the boys raised their fists to show support to her.

She laughed lightly and stepped on the arena.

Her opponent was also in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane, just like Reynolds' opponent. But she was in the Fifth stage, which meant she wouldn't be suppressed by her opponent.

When her opponent stepped into the platform, it was a young lady.

"Hello." They waved at each other.

The man in charge of the platform confirmed from both participants if they were prepared, after getting confirmation, he called for the start of the battle.

Alice attacked the second the battle started.

Buzz! Bam!

A lightning bolt shot towards her opponent.

The young lady didn't panic, with a wave of her hand, a tornado sprang up, blocking the lightning attack.

After blocking the attack, she sent wind blades towards Alice.

A wall of fire rose in front of Alice, trying to block the wind blades. The strength of the wind blades was stronger than Alice's fire wall, so they shot past it, heading straight for Alice.

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Swoosh! Boom! Bang!

The wind blades shot past the fire wall and landed on the spot Alice was previously standing.

A few meters away from where the attacks landed, Alice could be seen with lightning enveloping her legs.

The young lady knew this attack wouldn't be able to deal with Alice, so she prepared a second wave of attack. Wind bows appeared in the air, with arrows notched on them. Each arrow accumulated energy before shooting straight at Alice.

There were at least twenty arrows, and all shot at her almost simultaneously.

Alice, who had lightning covering her legs, moved swiftly, dodging the attacks she could while using a large flaming sword to block some of the attacks she was unable to evade.

Boom! Bang!

The battle slowly started to pick up pace. With both Alice and the young lady attacking ferociously. Being a stage lower didn't put Alice at a disadvantage. Her attack method made it impossible for her to allow her opponent to fully suppress her. Whenever she got an opportunity, she attacked fiercely.

The crowd watched the battle animatedly. With other battles ongoing on other platforms, a lot of neutral people were torn between which one they wanted to watch. Only those who had some sort of relationship with one of the participants would focus fully on a particular platform.

"Her opponent is quite fearsome." Klaus commented on seeing the battle taking place.

"Yeah, but she's below Alice. Alice's ferocity makes it difficult for people to deal with her. Even when her opponent is a stage ahead of her, she wouldn't be too pressured." Kyle said.

"Don't forget she's also smart. Adding that to her list makes her a dangerous opponent." Reynolds said.

Grey didn't make any comments on the battle, watching intently. Although it didn't look like it, if things continued in this fashion, Alice might lose.

Her opponent was slowly getting the upper hand on a larger scale, once it got to a particular point, then Alice wouldn't even have the chance to counterattack any longer.

Grey wasn't the only one who had noticed this. Most of the advanced people here had also taken note of this.

'Hmm, if she uses one of the Seelie's elements, then she should be able to salvage the situation to a certain extent.' Void commented.

'She would, I feel she's waiting for the perfect time before using it. It would be wasteful to use it so early. What I'm more concerned about is her opponent's hidden card.' Grey replied.

Alice definitely isn't the only one who had a trump card, her opponent would naturally have a hidden card that she would fall to once she was in a difficult position.

In the case of Reynolds' situation, his opponent was unable to use his hidden card because Reynolds was just too shameless, harassing him without giving him the time to even use it.

Bam!

A powerful bird made entirely of wind collided with the fireball Alice sent at her opponent. The impact of the explosion pushed her two steps back.

Her opponent didn't let this chance go, attacking her once again with multiple birds made of the wind element shooting toward her.

Seeing that her situation was getting dire, Alice started brainstorming. She had two choices, bring out the Seelie and win, or use one or two more elements. The former would give her the ability to attack from two different locations, while the latter will give her an upgraded arsenal, but everything relied on her.

Bringing out the Seelie was the best choice, but she decided against it.

Just as the wind birds were about three meters away from her, a thick ice wall appeared in front of her.

Bang! Bang!

The wind birds slammed into the ice wall. What happened next shocked most of the audience.

The ice, just like the one the group encountered in the mansion, retaliated. This was the special ability of this particular ice. Even after being with the Seelie for some time now, Grey and Klaus had been unable to understand how it worked.

Klaus was the most frustrated when he was unable to get it.

Ice shards shot toward the young lady.

"Did the ice just retaliate?" A shocked voice from the crowd asked.

"It seems so. But there's a possibility that she's the one doing this." Someone said, doubt evident in his voice.

This was a strange situation, and most of the people here were either on the Origin Plane or above. They were able to sense it when the ice attacked.

The young lady dodged the ice shards. And when everyone thought the attacks would continue, they stopped.

The young lady didn't think too much about what just happened and sent out a powerful wind blade, hoping to slice through this thick ice wall.

Boom!

The wind blade crashed into the ice wall, it managed to cut deep into it. However, it was unable to break through it.

The ice wall attacked more aggressively since the attack power it received was stronger than the previous time.

Ice shards sprang out from the floor, rushing towards the young lady. She flew into the air with the aid of the wind element, dodging the attack.

This time, people were able to confirm that Alice wasn't the one doing it.

Buzz! Crash!

A large lightning bolt struck from the sky, heading straight for the head of the young lady who was still afloat with the help of the wind element.

When she saw the lightning coming her way, she quickly moved to the side to evade the attack.

While she was dodging that attack, large fireballs appeared before her. The fireballs shot toward her.

The young lady dodged the attacks while also using the wind element to create a tornado that swept Alice into the air.

The second Alice realized she was airborne, she quickly covered herself with an ice sphere. After doing this, she started to attack with the lightning element.

The young lady tried to use the tornado to send Alice off the stage. Other than defeating your opponent, they could also send them off the stage.

Alice noticed this and made sure the young lady didn't get the chance to. A piece of large ice came out from the ice sphere and shot towards the platform, it planted itself on the platform, making it impossible for the tornado to move the ice sphere.

The young lady tried to break the ice pillar, but there was no way Alice was going to let her do so.

Under her absolute ice defense, she could attack her opponent freely without fear of being attacked. Although the ice couldn't block every attack, it would give her sufficient time to attack and at least gain an advantage over her opponent.

They continued fighting in a stalemate. As time went on, people started to notice something strange. Alice was using the ice ability of Water Elementalists, yet surprisingly, she still hasn't used the water element, not even once. No matter how powerful her ice ability was, she should still be able to use the water element a few times.

"I hate that ice." Klaus said, his eyes green with envy.

Everyone knew the only reason he said this was because he still hadn't been able to gain it. Once he manages to comprehend it, then he wouldn't hate it any longer.

"It's amazing, given its thickness and overall strength, it should be able to help fight against someone even two stages ahead of Alice." Kyle said.

Since he wasn't the one fighting against Alice, he had no issues with her special ice. They sparred a few times and Alice was very calculative on when to bring out this ice. From the small time he had spent with her, he was certain that this battle was already in the bag.

Five more minutes went by, and Alice's attacks had not decreased, instead, it increased exponentially. The young lady was unable to break through her defense, and because of the self-healing and retaliation abilities of the ice, it was almost like a second opponent. Whenever the young lady attacked it, it would retaliate, adding Alice's attack to this made defending hell.

She had almost been able to break through the ice sphere two times, but unfortunately, Alice has been able to foil her attempts both times. She almost lost in the last attempt.



As things stand, she couldn't attack freely because of the special ability of the ice, however, Alice had all the freedom in the world to attack.

The young lady had been running around on the platform, trying to dodge Alice's attacks.

"It's now or never." The young lady muttered as she clapped both hands together.

Her aura suddenly started to skyrocket. In the space of ten seconds, she went from the Sixth stage to the Seventh stage.

"I originally wanted to keep this hidden until my next battle, but it would be useless if I don't manage to go to the next round." She said to Alice.

The aura of the young lady wasn't the only thing that increased, even her size increased as well.

#### Chapter 715 - Shocking The Arena

"A secret technique to boost her strength." Grey muttered as he looked at the young lady whose cultivation went up by a stage.

"Not just her strength, but I feel like there's a difference in the elemental particles revolving around her, it seems like her cultivation stage isn't the only thing that saw an increase." Kyle said.

"Isn't it obvious, just take a look at her size, she's massive!" Klaus said animatedly.

The battle that they previously thought Alice had won seems to be uncertain all of a sudden. The young lady showing her hidden card meant that she was ready to risk it all.

Alice looked at the current appearance of her opponent. Her gaze unwavering, it was as if she couldn't feel the difference in size and aura. Just the size of the young lady would intimidate most people, but not her.

"You finally showed your true strength, I thought you were going to hide forever." Alice said, fierce fighting intent showing in her eyes.

"You forced my hand, I hope you're not disappointed after I defeat you." The young lady said.

"I wanted to say the same thing." Alice attacked the second she finished speaking.

Her ice was still active, and the best time to extinguish the young lady's momentum is now. Since she just used her trump card, she would be extremely confident.

Boom! Buzz!

Lightning bolts and fireballs were sent toward the young lady.

Seeing the attacks coming her way, the young lady created a windscreen that blocked the attacks. After being hit by all the attacks simultaneously, it only received a slight crack.

After blocking Alice's attacks, she attacked as well. She formed two tornadoes that merged before covering the ice sphere Alice was hiding in.

Of the two tornadoes, one was spinning clockwise, while the other was spinning anti-clockwise. Merging the two tornadoes together created something like a grater. With both spinning in different directions, the force would shred anything in its path apart.

From the moment the merged tornado covered the ice sphere, cracks started to form across it.

Alice was stunned, she couldn't believe this was the same ice sphere that had blocked every single attack that the young lady had sent her way. If the ice sphere fell apart, then she would undoubtedly die from the shredding force of the tornado.

Her friends were worried when they saw this. The sudden change was unexpected.

'This technique is powerful. Using the spinning force of the wind element to create something this terrifying, looks like I have another technique to learn.' Grey thought internally.

The strength of this technique was something none of the people here could deny. This was Grey's first time seeing something like this done with the wind element, and he couldn't deny the fact that he was impressed by it. This showed that the number of techniques owned by these people was massive. The young lady wasn't even in a Faction, yet she had access to such techniques.

Grey was sure that not all Wind Elementalists would be able to achieve this control over the tornado given both are going in different directions. It would take immaculate control as well as full focus before they would be able to pull off something like this. Then there's also the aspect of elemental grades.

Over time, he had come to know that there are some powerful techniques they can't use without getting to an appropriate level.

The young lady used her most powerful skill right off the bat, planning to crush Alice immediately.

The question on everybody's heads now for Alice was, 'What would you do now?'

Alice had a slightly panicked expression, the ice sphere was breaking faster than it was recovering, this meant that in due time, it would surely fall apart.

'I guess I have no choice.' She thought to herself. It was time to use the full extent of her abilities.

"Come on out." Alice muttered.

A bright light shone on her forehead and a small figure covered in light rushed out. It passed through the tornado and charged at the young lady.

When everyone saw this, they thought it was Alice's last attempt in putting the young lady off. Only a few people above the Sage Plane looked at the light with an unreal expression.

The young lady waved her hand and a powerful wind blade slashed at the light rushing towards her. To her surprise, the light seemed to phase through the wind blade as it continued rushing toward her.

She was stunned, and without delay, retreated back. On no account could she afford to let this thing close to her.

Bang!

Her back slammed into an ice wall that was behind her. To her greatest surprise.

She didn't even know when this ice wall appeared there. The moment this happened, an intense cold spread out from the ice wall, trying to engulf her.

One had to remember that at the time the group saw the Seelie, it was already on the Sage Plane. It only didn't show its full strength when fighting against the group because it was still very young. Even at this moment, it wasn't able to use its full strength due to some restrictions.

After merging with Alice, its strength was restricted to a certain level so that the merging process would go on without a hitch. If it didn't do so, then Alice would've been in danger.

But even with its restricted strength, it didn't mean that it would have any problems when dealing with someone in the Seventh stage or the Overlord Plane.

With the appearance of the ice wall, the Seelie stopped moving and everyone in the arena was able to get a good view of it.

The second they saw it, gasps of shock spread out. Even the young lady fighting against Alice had a dumbfounded look as she struggled to move away from the ice.

"A Seelie!" A dumbstruck voice came from the audience.

This was a shocking revelation by Alice. Never did any of the people who came for the competition think that they would see a Seelie in this event. Even the host Factions looked at Alice with shock.

Chapter 716 -Let Him Dream!

"I see why she only used ice and not the water element. She wasn't a Water Elementalist to begin with, it was from that little fellow." A middle-aged lady from one of the top Factions said as she looked at Alice with a smile.

This was a surprise for her, nothing more.

"I never thought someone would actually be able to merge with a Seelie, especially one that is unknown." Another figure spoke from the special area.

"It's not the first time I'm seeing this or even hearing of it, so I'm not too shocked. Being able to convince a Seelie to merge with her is amazing, to say the least. And this Seelie seems to be on the Sage Plane." A lady from the Faction Klaus was eyeing said.

If Klaus heard this, he would be kicking himself for being unable to get the Seelie. If he had managed to get it, then he would've gotten an increased chance of being able to convince them that he wanted to join them. After all, he had a cute Seelie with him.

"Isn't she friends with that young summoner?" One of the men in another Faction pointed at Reynolds.

They didn't see Reynolds as anything special since even though summoners were rare, only those high-grade summoners had a high appeal to them.

"I think so. I wonder if the other three plan on participating as well." Someone else said.

Grey's group was slowly garnering attention from the top Factions. This was exactly what Klaus hoped to happen. With this much attention placed on them, the Faction he wanted to join would surely take notice of him. Then once he puts in a mouth-watering performance, he would garner even more hopes of joining them.

While all the conversations were going on, the young lady fighting against Alice managed to free herself from the ice that was sealing her.

The Seelie attacked, sending out a blizzard. As the blizzard went closer to the young lady, she could feel a frightening sense of danger from it. If she was stuck in this blizzard, then she would undoubtedly fall into peril.

She hastily retreated, but to her dismay, she realized retreating any further would mean leaving the platform which counted as a sign of admitting defeat. Presently, in the few seconds the Seelie was out, only half of the ice sphere had been destroyed. At this pace, if she could manage to hold on for only thirty seconds or so, then she would be the winner.

Looking at the blizzard, she steeled her mind and covered herself with a tornado. However, the second the blizzard came in contact with the tornado, it destroyed it, before sending a bone-chilling cold into her body.

In a matter of five seconds, she had started to suffer from hypothermia. Then within the next five seconds, ice had started to form around her body. It was only a matter of a few seconds before she would be turned into a complete ice sculpture. At that time, even a god might not be able to rescue her.

"Stop the fight, the winner is already known." An aged voice said to the man in charge of the platform.

The voice was calm and breezy as if it was moving with the wind. One moment it was there, the next it was gone.

The man in charge of the platform nodded before stepping into the platform. With his strength being above the Sage Plane, it was a piece of cake for him to stop these attacks.

The first person he helped was the young lady, this was obviously the best choice since she was in the most danger. The Seelie wanted to attack, but Alice communicated with it not to.

After the man helped stop the blizzard, he turned to Alice. The tornado that was causing so much damage had already started to dwindle in strength. Clearly, the young lady wasn't able to properly fuel it

with her elemental essence any longer. The cold from the blizzard must've frozen her elemental essence.

Alice stepped out of her protective sphere as she looked at the almost unconscious lady. The Seelie flew back to her side, gazing around curiously. It could see its surroundings while inside Alice, but it wasn't the same as when it was outside.

Alice caressed its cheeks while waiting for the man to announce the winner of the battle.

The man declared Alice the winner which came as no surprise to the audience. Alice smiled, she had finally made it to the top two hundred, and with another card hidden up her sleeves. Although she showed the Seelie, she warned it against using the wind element.

This meant that when her opponent would think that they were ready for all her attacks, she would be able to bring out another surprise. Just like Reynolds did, she showed only half of her trump card.

After getting back to her seat, the Seelie went back into her body.

"Congratulations." The group celebrated her victory.

They were genuinely worried, even knowing that Alice wasn't really in danger since if anything happened the man would step in at the last moment. What they were more concerned about was her chances of winning.

The second they saw the Seelie, their worries disappeared since they knew she was already victorious.

"You did a good job. Even though I can't see them, I'm one thousand percent certain that you've drawn their attention." Klaus laughed happily.

It was almost as if he could see the Faction taking him without even contemplating it.

"You really don't need to have such high hopes for that specific Faction." Kyle couldn't help but warn.

"Let him dream, it's not always you get to see him like this." Grey said.

"All that's needed now is for me to show them my amazing strength." Klaus started plotting his battle in advance.

Kyle started to pity whoever would be matched against Klaus. This fellow seemed hellbent on getting into that Faction.

'It would be funny if they actually gave him an opponent in the Ninth stage.' Kyle thought with a laugh.

#### Chapter 717 - Reappearance Of Klaus' Book

Both Alice and Reynolds had qualified for the top two hundred. This meant they could challenge someone from the Faction they wanted to join, or they could attempt to go for the top ten, thereby joining the Faction they wished.

They both agreed on challenging those in the Factions they wanted to join. First off, this would make things easier for them. Fighting too many battles wasn't something they wanted. Alice planned on continuing even after successfully joining a Faction.

Reynolds was against that idea. Even if he had a good chance of becoming number one with his Elemental Warrior, he didn't want to waste his time.

"Come on Rey, it would be fun." Klaus advised.

If Alice and Reynolds managed to get into the top ten even after joining a Faction, it would make things even more interesting. This would make them more eye-catching.

"Don't you think it would be a waste? I mean, once we manage to get into a Faction, we'll be opening two spots for others." Reynolds voiced his thoughts.



"Look, if they're powerful, then they would definitely draw the attention of those top Factions. Besides, it's stated that becoming part of the top one hundred would guarantee a participant a chance of joining a Faction." Klaus advised.

"He's right. The more battles you fight, the stronger you get. You'll naturally learn a thing or two from it." Grey commented.

He planned to fight to the very end. If he could get the number one spot, then he didn't mind.

After the others urged him, he finally agreed. Klaus was very persistent, and he even went as far as threatening him.

In Kyle's entire life, this was the first time he was seeing something like this, and to be honest, he found it very funny. Alice and Grey laughed when they saw how Klaus was persuading Reynolds to fight.

All Klaus wanted was for their group to shine in this competition, this way, he wouldn't have any issues with joining the Faction he wanted.

The day soon came to an end, and the top two hundred had been verified, now, it was time for the next round. Fighting for a spot in the top one hundred, or challenging someone from a Faction. Only battle maniacs like Alice would want to do all.

The next day. [ Updated from . c o m ]

"Remember, don't disappoint me." Klaus encouraged the duo, before promising to give them a treat once they returned victorious.

Alice didn't take it to heart, Reynolds on the other hand took interest in it. The reason for this was because Klaus promised to give him a copy of his book, 'How to get and keep a woman'.

When Kyle heard of the book, he looked at Klaus, a little surprised that he actually wrote a book. Given Klaus' nature, he didn't think he would be able to do something like this.

"How come you're single since you know how to get a woman?" Kyle asked cheekily.

"Hanging with him is bad luck. Believe me, once you stay with him for too long, his bad luck will start to rub off on you." Klaus shook his head and started reminiscing about his glorious days.

Since he became friends with Grey, it was as if he wasn't able to get a woman, much less keep one. Well, it's not as if he didn't want to, but either he was busy training, or traveling. There was no chance to stay in one place, so he had no option but to be alone. But once he gets into the Faction he wanted, he would search for a pretty damsel to make his wife!

Kyle looked at Grey. The truth was, given Grey's facial appearance, he thought women would be flocking around him. The few days they've been here, he had seen how many ladies had been trying to get Grey's attention. Some even went as far as going straight to the point with him.

Klaus had also gotten a few interests, but compared to Grey, he was miles behind.

Kyle was relatively handsome, but looking at the faces of Grey and Klaus, he felt a tinge of envy.

"He hates women?" Kyle asked as he moved closer to Klaus.

"People in general." Klaus replied.

His response prompted a chuckle from Kyle. Saying Grey hated people in general seemed a bit too extreme, but from the time he had been with them, he could tell that Grey didn't like socializing with people. Klaus and Reynolds were very social, making tons of friends in the few days they were here.

"Is there any reason for this?" Kyle asked with a whisper.

"Yes, well, you see, unlike normal people, he wasn't able to awaken his elements when he was twelve..." Klaus recounted how Grey couldn't awaken any element at twelve, then managed to become a Multi Elementalist when he finally did.

He couldn't tell Kyle that Grey awakened only two, so he lied that he awakened multiple elements.

Hearing the story, Kyle was a little shocked. Although he had heard of a few stories, these type of people were very rare. They tend to be very determined and focused on training. He could already tell from Grey's demeanor that he was that type of person.

Being mocked by everyone because he was unable to awaken an element at a young age will naturally make one withdraw from associating with others.

'No wonder.' Kyle said as he looked at Grey.

Alice and Reynolds were presently standing on the platform, along with the other participants in the top two hundred. Grey had his full focus on them.

An old man flew down from the special seating area. His hair and beards were completely white, and his face was filled with wrinkles, but from his eyes, one could sense a certain power hiding in wait, seemingly waiting to explode out.

"Congratulations on making it to the top two hundred. You all already know the rules, but just in case, if anyone uses any forbidden technique, then they would be eliminated. Is that clear?" The old man asked as he looked at the group.

They all nodded.

After saying a few more words of encouragement, he flew back to his seat so the competition can continue.

Chapter 718 The Raiden Faction

After the old man left the arena, the men in charge of the platforms came forward.

"Whoever wishes to challenge anyone from the Faction they desire to join should stay on the platform, the rest can go back to their seats." One of the men said.

Most of the people on the platform decided against it. They saw the outcome of those who tried it in the Origin Plane. Those who were defeated lost their will, and only a few managed to even get into the top one hundred.

In the end, only eight people were left on the platforms, Alice and Reynolds included.

When they saw Alice and Reynolds standing on the platform, a few of the people who they've managed to gain their attention looked on with interest, wondering which Faction they would want to join.

Since there were ten platforms present, then all eight battles could take place simultaneously without any need of waiting.

Grey and his friends found it unfortunate since they wouldn't be able to watch the fight of both their friends. They would have to split their attention, watching one for some time before moving their gaze to the other one.

"I would like to challenge a member of the Asterope Faction." Alice was the first person amongst the eight people to state her wish.

When the crowd heard this, they chatted animatedly. The Asterope Faction was a powerful lightning Faction. It was regarded as the joint strongest lightning Faction alongside four others in this Region. The Faction Reynolds wanted to join was also one of them.

The audience thought Reynolds would challenge someone from the Asterope Faction as well since he was a Lightning Elementalist. Being friends with Alice also meant they would want to join the same Faction.

The other people on the platform stepped forward to declare the Faction they would like to challenge.

Reynolds was the last person, "I would like to challenge a member of the Raiden Faction."

The group already knew their choices so this didn't come as a surprise to them. The audience was however stunned when they realized the duo didn't plan on joining the same Faction. They couldn't wrap their heads around why they picked two different Factions.

The Factions that had been challenged each sent out a genius to battle the participants. Being a top Faction, each member was a powerful genius. The fighters that came out were all in the same stage as the challengers. The Factions couldn't afford to send someone a stage above.

Reynolds' opponent was a young man in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane just like him. The same for Alice, her opponent was in the Fifth stage of the Overlord Plane, just like her.

These people were people who wouldn't have any problems with challenging those a stage above them or even two stages above them.

All the platforms were occupied, and after getting confirmation from both fighters of each platform, the battle began.

Buzz! Bang!

Reynolds' opponent attacked with a powerful lightning attack. Small butterflies made of lightning flew toward Reynolds.

Their numbers were massive. Reynolds created a large lightning sword that he used to counter the attack, causing an explosion.

After that attack, his opponent didn't stop there, rather, he took a step forward, and when his foot touched the ground, a large symbol appeared on the ground. It was in the shape of a four-leaf clover.

Lightning started to dance around the platform and lightning arrows accumulated. With a wave of his hands, the lightning arrows shot toward Reynolds.

The strength of the attack was something that shocked Reynolds. He originally thought he might have a fighting chance against this person since they were in the same stage, but the reality was different.

As the fight went on, he was pushed back even more. The young man's attacks were consistent.

Reynolds has been able to counter attack a few times, but the skill level of the young man was on another level. It was easy to see that the young man had an advantage when it came to techniques. Most of Reynolds' attacks were normal attacks almost every Lightning Elementalist could use.

The young man used one of the special attacks of the Raiden Faction. A circle made entirely of four-leaf clovers appeared behind him, and powerful lightning attacks shot out from it.

Unlike normal lightning, there was a certain difference in this one, it was as if a certain hint of darkness was within. This was a skill that could draw a bit of the darkness particles in the air to aid the destructiveness of the lightning attack.

This skill was best suited for Dual Elementalists who had both the lightning and the darkness element since they could use it to its fullest.

When Grey saw the attack, he was astounded. This was like merging two elements together. It might be different from his own, but it was almost the same thing.

The only difference was that even an Elementalist who doesn't have the darkness element could use it since the technique could will the darkness element on its own.

'The creator of this technique is a freak.' Grey concluded.

This was something he didn't think was possible for others, however, he could see it right in front of him.

Reynolds, seeing the lightning attack coming toward him knew that if he tried to block this attack as he had done with the previous ones, then he would lose.

He clapped both hands together to create a tense atmosphere, and from his expression, everyone knew he was about to call out his summon.

The expression of everyone however changed when they saw a humanoid figure made out of lightning appearing.

When Reynolds' Elemental Warrior appeared, it raised its sword, faced the lightning coming its way fearlessly, and charged forward.

Its speed was well above that of a normal Seventh stage Overlord Plane Elementalist.

All everyone saw was a lightning figure rushing through the platform, and the special attack of the Raiden Faction was successfully blocked.

"An Elemental Warrior, so you're a high-grade summoner after all." The young man commented when he saw this.

#### Chapter 719 Defeating A Member Of The Raiden Faction

The appearance of Reynolds' Elemental Warrior came as a shock to the young man he was fighting, as well as most of the people watching his battle. They never thought he was actually a high-grade summoner but pretended to be a low-grade summoner.

It was all for this moment, trick everyone into believing you're weak before showing them your true strength. Although it might be regarded as an underhanded tactic by some people, it was actually a very well thought out plan for those at the top. It was common knowledge to never let your enemies know your full strength before a fight.

Discussions broke out in the camp of the Raiden Faction. There were a few students who thought Reynolds was a shameless individual because of this move, however, all the older students, as well as the Elders of the Faction knew that individuals like Reynolds would be able to live long in a world like this.

Presently, they even felt maybe this wasn't his entire strength. It was easy to assume since he waited this long.

"Congratulations on acquiring a good candidate." An Elder from the Asterope Faction said to one of the Elders of the Raiden Faction.

"The battle isn't over yet, it's undecided if he'll be able to win or not." The Elder replied.

"If he loses, can we have him?" An Elder from one of the other top lightning Factions said with a blank expression.

"It will be up to him." The Elder from the Raiden Faction replied.

His voice didn't have any changes. But the other Factions knew there was no way the Raiden Faction would let go of such a good budding talent. Reynolds also seemed to be very sensible and talented, so it was not a mistake to say he would grow by leaps and bounds once he joins a powerful Faction.

"Your camp also seems to have acquired a good talent as well." The Elder from the Raiden Faction said as he looked at Alice's platform.

"She's not that bad." The Elder from the Asterope Faction replied.

While their conversations were ongoing, the battles didn't stop. The intensity increased.

With Reynolds bringing out his Elemental Warrior, it meant that he was finally going all out, to the joy of Klaus.

"Yes, Rey, show him what you got!" Klaus yelled from the side.

Kyle smiled when he saw this, Grey had zero change in his expression.



'These Factions have a lot of powerful techniques, it wouldn't be bad if I were able to learn a thing or two from them.' He thought to himself.

"Pretending to be a sheep when you're actually a wolf. Nice move." The young man fighting against Reynolds complimented him with a thumbs up.

"Thank you, but this is just the beginning." Reynolds said before rushing ahead with the Elemental Warrior.

There was no time to waste, he had to take out his opponent as soon as possible.

The young man's expression turned serious as he attacked Reynolds. Multiple lightning lotuses came out from the ground. It was an attack he had been accumulating since he created the symbol of the lotus on the ground. It was made especially for the sake of Reynolds' summon.

Buzz! Boom! Bang!

The lotuses exploded upon contact. Nevertheless, none of them were able to make contact with the Elemental Warrior due to its superior speed.

A streak of lightning moved quickly through the platform and attacks flew in all directions.

Reynolds also turned into a streak of lightning, charging at the young man. Seeing this, the young man didn't shy away and also turned into a streak of lightning.

Lightning Elementalists were all known for their speed and destructive power. This was a showdown of who was faster and who had better destructive power.

The battle excited a lot of people, especially Lightning Elementalists since a few of them were able to get a thing or two from the fight.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

They continued exchanging blows and lightning bolts would occasionally drop from the sky.

Reynolds had used the special technique lightning rain, while the young man used another special technique that created what seemed like an eye made entirely of lightning. This eye attacks at an extreme speed, even the Elemental Warrior found it difficult dodging them.

The young man showed brilliant skills that would dazzle any person fighting against him. But in the end, he came up short against Reynolds and his Elemental Warrior.

The difference in strength between the duo wasn't much, what gave the young man the advantage from the start was his higher skill set. In a battle of equals, the quality of your techniques matters a lot.

Take for instance, Grey's space technique, the Great Void technique. It was a skill that even those in the Aurora Continent found hard to counter due to its spontaneousness. It was almost impossible to defend against, and once you start to show a slight crack in your thoughts because of it, you're as good as defeated.

This was one of the skills that have helped Grey in cases of fighting against multiple opponents. He would use this to make the others wary of him, before attacking freely.

Buzz! Crash!

Once Reynolds took the upper hand, he didn't let it slip up. The young man was hard-pressed in dealing with the duo. And Reynolds was as before, shameless with his tactics. With the Elemental Warrior in his front, he made life a living hell for his opponent.

It took him over seven minutes before he was able to send the young man flying. Although the young man was beaten, he put up a great fight which showed the immense strength of the Raiden Faction. Losing didn't make him weak, it only showed that his opponent was a notch ahead of him.

Boom! Bang!

He was finally sent out of the platform, and Reynolds and his Elemental Warrior stood victoriously on the platform, their opponent, defeated.

With this victory, Reynolds had officially become a member of the Raiden Faction, one of the top Lightning Factions in this Region. This was something to be proud of, and he truly did raise his head up high.

Chapter 720 - Wishing For A Pair Of Extra Eyes

"I never thought I would battle someone who has merged with a Seelie." The young man standing opposite Alice said.

"If I may?" Alice didn't have the time for a conversation, she came here for a battle.

The man in charge of their platform had already announced the start of the battle and she was ready to fight.

The young man didn't take Alice's lack to engage in a conversation with him to be anything disrespectful. He nodded to her question and prepared himself for the battle.

Alice attacked with the lightning element, sending out a bolt of lightning.

The young man stood straight, and just when the attack was about to hit him, his figure vanished, appearing some distance away from Alice before attacking with a powerful lightning strike.

Boom!

The attack hit the ice wall that sprang out of the ground in front of Alice.

'A Dual Elementalist, and he has the space element as well.' She frowned when she saw this.

The young man the Faction sent out was a Dual Elementalist, well, so the thought from the first attack he made. This would make things difficult for her.

Space Elementalists are known to be terrible opponents to fight against, and it was most likely the plan of the Faction to send someone like him here so he could counter the Seelie's advantage.

The young man smiled when he saw that his attack didn't pass through, instead, the ice wall countered him as expected.

He dodged the attack quite easily, before attacking Alice once again.

Alice looked at her opponent and knew that she had to go all-out from the get-go. Luckily for her, she had been sparring with Grey and Void for a while now, so she had a fair share of experience when it came to tackling Space Elementalists. The first thing was to ensure she didn't give him the chance to build his momentum.

Swoosh! Bang! Boom!

The Seelie rushed out and attacked. This time, its speed was higher than before.

It was using the wind element to boost itself as it attacked with the ice element.

Alice was aiding it from behind as well, with both the wind and lightning elements combined, the speed of the Seelie increased exponentially.

The young man was slightly taken aback when he saw how Alice attacked. It was almost as if she wasn't wary of him being able to appear wherever he wanted on the platform.

He dodged the attack coming his way and countered. His counter was blocked by the ice wall, and he had to move in another direction to escape from the retaliation of the ice wall.

While he appeared in a new location, he was met with an attack from the Seelie which seemed to have been able to pinpoint where he would come out from the void.

He didn't feel pressured by this, with a calm expression, he blocked the attack. Since he was weaker than the Seelie, he naturally was forced a few steps back.

Alice attacked at this moment as well.

The young man blinked and appeared on the side. He moved his hand in a slashing motion, and to the shock of Alice, a powerful attack appeared from nowhere and her ice wall which was almost impenetrable was slashed in two.

Grey, who was watching, almost stood on his feet when he saw this attack. It was a space element attack. The young man just slashed the space where the ice wall was located. If not for the ice wall, Alice might've not been able to dodge such a fatal attack.

Of course, this attack had a flaw. The opponent could predict where it was going from the direction of the young man's hand and act accordingly.

Alice sensed the shocking power behind the previous attack of the young man, and even though she was confident in being able to dodge it, she honestly didn't want something like that to get close to her.

The Seelie tried to fix the ice wall while attacking the young man once again. Alice also joined in on the attack as well.

The synergy between Alice and the Seelie was top-notch, so it made things hard for the young man. Alice didn't want to give him the chance to use that attack any longer. But she also placed it in the back of her head that she had to prepare for any unforeseen events.

Space Elementalists weren't people to be taken lightly, especially those that have an array of powerful techniques on their hands.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

The fight continued intensely.

The audience was watching the battle with all seriousness.

"You really sent him out, how evil." An old man from one of the top lightning Factions said to the Elder of the Asterope Faction.

"Of course, he's the only one who can deal with the Seelie easily. And as you can see, even he isn't having an easy time." The Elder from the Asterope Faction replied.

"What do you think of the girl?" Another Elder from the Asterope Faction asked.

"Honestly, not bad. She lacks powerful techniques, that's all. It's the same with her friend there, he might be powerful, but it's obvious he lacks a technique on our Faction's level." The Elder said as he glanced at Reynolds' battle with the young man.

"They will grow to be powerful figures in the years to come." An old voice muttered.

Grey and Klaus were torn between which battle to focus on. They had been moving their heads left and right since both battles began.

When they first realized that Alice's opponent was a Space Elementalist, they were surprised. But before they could even watch the battle for a minute, something would happen on the other platform that would draw their attention away.

"Damn! I wish I had two extra eyes." Klaus said while rubbing his neck which he felt had started to ache from moving from side to side too often in such a short time.

"Me too." Grey said.

Kyle was the only one who focused more on Alice's battle. He would occasionally take a glance at Reynolds' battle as well.