

Affinity 741

Chapter 741 - Well Coordinated Attack

Alice, who was fighting against two people, was stunned when she saw Reynolds' situation.

She tried to rush over to help.

"We're your opponent." The young man naturally wouldn't let her have her way. This is what they had been waiting for all this while.

Thankfully, he saw the young lady's trump card now, so he could prepare accordingly when they were the only two people left on the platform.

"Get out of my way!" Alice yelled and used the lightning element to its fullest, attacking the young man.

The ferocity of her attack made the young man pause for a while. However, the Light Elementalist took the chance to attack her, halting her movement.

"I'm sorry, but you're going nowhere." The Light Elementalist said.

Alice was starting to get agitated. The young lady was already very close to Reynolds. Reynolds still hadn't been able to get himself together.

Even though he woke up early from the attack. He was struck by an attack without even using any sort of defensive measures.

He groaned in pain as he held his stomach. When he realized the young lady was already very close to him, he slapped his hand on the ground, and light streaks shot out from the ground in a straight line before getting to where the young lady was.

The young lady dodged to the left. This was a desperate attack from Reynolds, which made it impossible for him to be accurate.

Boom!

Reynolds was attacked by a fire bird which exploded when it came close to him. This time he managed to use the lightning element to block the attack.

He was sent flying by the impact of the attack anyway.

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He bounced off the ground repeatedly, but since the size of the platform was increased, he managed to stay on.

The young lady didn't give him any chance to get himself together before she attacked again

Seeing the attack coming at him, Reynolds knew if he was hit, he would be eliminated. Forcing the lightning element, he concentrated it on his legs and shot straight at another location.

He couldn't afford to fight head-on against the young lady at this moment.

The young lady knew he wanted to escape and rushed after him, but Reynolds was faster since he had the lightning element.

Reynolds' current target was surprisingly the Light Elementalist. Even in a state like this, he didn't forget their plan. If he could take out the Light Elementalist, then it would make things easier for them.

The Light Elementalist was in the middle of attacking Alice. She suddenly froze, turning around, she saw a streak of lightning rushing straight for her.

Without delay, she turned into a light streak and ran away.

The lightning streak didn't follow her, instead, it changed its direction to the young man.

This was Reynolds' plan from when he rushed here. He knew everyone would think his target was the young lady. Once he manages to get the young man to drop his guard, then he would attack him.

Alice made sure the young man was unable to move away, keeping him in the same spot with her attacks.

The young man was a sensible fighter. Realizing how things were going, he didn't panic, rather, he focused on his defense.

The young lady was rushing over, and the Light Elementalist also wasn't far away. Given his personal strength, if Alice and Reynolds teamed up, it would still take them at the very least over one minute before they defeated him. This was something he was confident in.

Buzz! Bang!

A bolt of lightning struck the earth wall he made in front of him. The wall cracked but held on.

Reynolds didn't give him any chance, attacking the next second as well.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

The earth wall shattered after receiving three attacks from both Alice and Reynolds.

With the wall broken, Alice's Seelie attacked with a large heavy ice sword.

The Light Elementalist was already back, seeing the attack going toward the young man, she sent out an attack, trying to slow down the attack.

The young lady also caught up to them at this moment.

Reynolds didn't stay any longer and fought with the young lady, dragging her away from this location.

The Elemental Warrior could move once again, so he wasn't scared.

The young lady was annoyed with the fact that Reynolds not only escaped from her grasp, but almost eliminated the young man with the opportunity.

This was the first time she was fighting against someone who did follow the norms when fighting. Most people would try to escape just to ensure their safety, Reynolds on the other hand used the opportunity to attack one of his opponents.

This was something she didn't even think he would try.

The Light Elementalist rushed over to their side of the battle since Reynolds didn't attack softly any longer. It was as if almost being eliminated triggered him.

When the Light Elementalist arrived, she joined hands with the young lady to suppress Reynolds.

While she was here, Alice was taking advantage of the opportunity, fiercely attacking the young man.

The attack by Reynolds destabilized the young man, and he hadn't been able to recover.

The Light Elementalist was soon forced to head back after they had been able to suppress Reynolds.

Buzz! Crash! Bang!

Alice had been preparing an attack for the Light Elementalist while fighting with the young man. As soon as she got close, a lightning bolt fell from the sky, aiming at her head.

The accuracy of the attack was impeccable. The young lady was forced to stop and retreat. Moving forward or sideways wouldn't be able to save her from the attack.

With no other choice, she retreated. It was at this time she realized she messed up. The reason for this was because, while she was retreating, Reynolds' figure was shooting in her direction.

There was no way to dodge the attack because that was the only side she could face. Alice made sure the young man was occupied, while before attacking, Reynolds made sure to push the young lady back after merging with the Elemental Warrior.

A well-coordinated attack!

Chapter 742 - The Top Faction True Geniuses

Boom! Bang!

Reynolds hit her accurately on the back, sending her flying.

Before she even hit the ground, Reynolds continued attacking her and before long, she passed out.

The man in charge of the platform rushed over to take her out of the platform.

One person had been eliminated, currently, it was two against two.

"Damn it." The young man said in annoyance.

The battle had stopped, and they were looking at each other.

Reynolds had separated from his Elemental Warrior, standing close to Alice as they stared daggers at their opponents.

"What do you plan to do now?" Reynolds asked with a smile.

"Do you think we can't take on you two one on one?" The young man asked, annoyed.

"No, no I do not." Reynolds said, still wearing a smile.

They faced off, but none of them were attacking.

While the two groups were facing off, the crowd were chatting excitedly. With the elimination of the Light Elementalist, Reynolds and Alice had even the field. The only issue was that Reynolds had taken a good beating during the time the young lady used the mental attack. So, there might be a chance that he was not at a hundred percent.

"That was impressive." Kyle commented after witnessing the attack of Alice and Reynolds.

He had always found the synergy among the group to be very good, but given how Alice and Reynolds successfully used such an attack without even needing to speak or look at each other was just out of this world.

This showed they've been watching each other for a while now and had planned this for a long time.

Grey nodded his head to Kyle's words, the attack truly was impressive. Most of the people in the arena definitely felt the same thing.

"Good work Rey." Klaus applauded in delight.

His genuine happiness surprised the geniuses sitting close to them. Although they would be happy if their friend performed well in a competition like this, they wouldn't show this much passion. FREE WEB NOVEL

They looked at Grey, and to their surprise, his usual listless face had a soft smile on it.

"Your friends are something else." Joyner, the son of the City Mayor, praised.

"Haha, of course, they're my friends." Klaus laughed in delight.

His expression almost made people feel like he was bootlicking the duo. But when they recalled Grey's strength, they knew all five of them weren't people to be messed up. Since Kyle was with them, he was naturally counted among them.

They concluded that Klaus was just a happy person, and they decided to leave it at that.

The Elders from the top Factions present all had a look of appreciation. They all felt the duo had unimaginable potential. They might even be on the level of those freaks in the Faction.

The geniuses brought out by these top Factions were the best. They were only the minimum requirements the Faction wanted in their Faction. One has to remember that at the time Alice, Reynolds, and Klaus left the Azure Continent, their elemental grades were violet.

Elemental grades contributed to the strength of an Elementalist. The least elemental grade these top Factions took in was the violet grade. After the violet grade, there were still the red, cyan, yellow, and emerald grade. The black and white grades were not included because they were too rare.

Of the group, Grey was the only one with a high enough elemental grade to at least fight against a few of the top geniuses. And even with his cyan elemental grade for his fire element, he would still get bodied by someone with the emerald elemental grade.

The only advantage Grey had was his versatility of having multiple elements. Elemental grades only made the attack power of an Elementalist higher, it didn't attribute to the overall strength of an Elementalist.

The only consolation the group had was that since they were in the Aurora Continent, there would be tons of opportunities to get treasures that would be able to increase their elemental grades.

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The group were still facing off.

A spark soon went off and they started fighting. Without the Light Elementalist to hold them back, Alice and Reynolds were berserk on them. Reynolds in particular was infuriated.

The Light Elementalist made the battle a hell for him, and the times he was sent flying by the young lady annoyed him. His innards were still rocked and he was at least sixty percent sure he had internal injuries.

The young lady immediately fell on the defensive under Reynolds' attacks.

She could tell that Reynolds wanted to end the battle as soon as possible, so all she planned to do was to hold out for as long as she could.

If Reynolds started to lose strength, she would start her counterattack. This was not a good strategy since it would give her opponent the chance of attacking her at will, however, if she tried to fight against Reynolds head-on, then she would lose in a very short time.

With a good enough defense, she stood a chance against him.

Alice and her opponent's battle was not as one-sided as Reynolds'. They exchanged blows, with each having a good defensive ability, they were on equal footing, for now.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

The fight continued intensely, both groups didn't want to lose an individual because doing so meant losing the battle.

The young man occasionally sent attacks Reynolds' way, all in hopes of stopping him from his constant attacks.

Alice blocked most of the attacks, but a few had managed to creep through. The young lady used the chances to counter, but Reynolds and his Elemental Warrior were able to block and start attacking once again.

The young lady couldn't help but feel frustrated by how things were going. What she found even worse was that Reynolds had used his full strength yet.

If she could defend herself against this round of attacks, and when he merges with his Elemental Warrior, then she would be victorious.

Chapter 743 - The Last Two

Boom! Bang! Bam!

The young lady was pushed back by Reynolds' attack.

Being on the defensive constantly made it extremely difficult to fight against Reynolds.

If not for the young man's help on some occasions, she might've lost already. The young man knew the second she was eliminated, he would be the next person to follow, so he couldn't allow her to be eliminated.

The young man was the stronger of the duo, and Alice hadn't been able to break down his defenses. They both had strong defenses, but the young man had a slight edge when it came to attacking power. However, Alice's Seelie was able to balance the scale with its strength.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

Reynolds, seeing that his advantage over the young lady was increasing, started to attack fiercely. He didn't give the young lady any time to even think before he attacked.

He pushed her back repeatedly.

The young lady finally realized it was better to at least try fighting against Reynolds than to fully stay on the defensive. If she stayed on the defensive, it was only a matter of time before Reynolds defeated her.

What made it harder for her was that, unlike the young man and Alice, she didn't have the greatest defensive elements. Her elements were purely for destructive purposes.

Boom!

A red pattern appeared on the ground, and fire attacks came out from it.

Reynolds was standing beneath the pattern, on seeing the powerful fire elemental attacks, he jumped into the sky and merged with his Elemental Warrior. Since the young lady had started fighting back meant it was time to go all-out.

After merging with his elemental warrior, Reynolds' strength increased by a lot. He wasn't planning to hold back at all.

Boom! Bang!

A lightning orb appeared in the sky and continuously released attacks.

The young lady scrambled to dodge the attacks while attacking as well.

She had given up on defending, it wasn't her style of fighting.

While Reynolds was entangled with the young lady, Alice was still in a heated battle with the young man.

They had each broken through their defenses, but none had been able to deal a telling blow.

The final battle of the Mid stages was just as expected, thrilling.

The audience hadn't seen a dull moment so far. From the trio first pressuring Alice and Reynolds, to Reynolds almost being eliminated by a hidden attack, to the point where Reynolds almost eliminated the young man, and then the coordinated attack of the duo.

Grey and Klaus finally felt relieved knowing that their friends would definitely win the battle at this rate.

Reynolds was the most likely one to defeat his opponent first, then he would join hands with Alice to defeat the young man.

Once he was done doing that, they would fight against each other for the number one and two.

Klaus was speaking more animatedly, Grey also joined in on the conversation sometimes, but he mainly spoke with Kyle.

Joyner was also very friendly, so they spoke for some time as well.

Boom! Bam! Crash!

The young lady was sent flying by one of Reynolds' attacks, and unfortunately, she was electrocuted to the point where she was temporarily paralyzed.

Being in this state made the lightning effect increase by almost double. This made the burn and shock increase.

Reynolds didn't let the chance go as he dashed toward the young lady. The young man noticed this and tried to intercept him, but he was stopped by Alice who was already prepared for this.

Frustration showed on the young man's face as he tried everything he could to help the young lady, unfortunately, Reynolds had already appeared in front of her, placing a lightning sword on her neck.

The man in charge of the platform appeared beside the young lady and took her out of the platform. He knew Reynolds wouldn't attack her, but he had to take her out so the others could continue their battle.

Two people had been eliminated, and there were only three people left. The top three individuals in the Mid stages rankings.

With that young lady eliminated, everyone already knew who would be third.

Reynolds was still in his merged state and he rushed after the young man. With Alice also attacking, it was impossible for him to fight against the duo and succeed. He was already having difficulties fighting against Alice on her own, now that Reynolds joined in on the battle, he was eliminated in the space of three minutes.

Reynolds focused on breaking down his defenses while Alice kept him busy. In the end, Reynolds was the one who eliminated him.

Of the three people eliminated, although Alice had helped out in two, Reynolds could be said to be the one who did all the eliminations.

Some of the people in the crowds felt he deserved to win the fight. But Alice was no walkover.

The two friends stood opposite each other, both preparing to fight. Alice was in a better condition compared to Reynolds who had been hit by a few attacks over the course of the battle.

"Who do you think would win?" Kyle asked.

"On a good day, Reynolds would win every time. But presently, he's not at his peak, so Alice has the edge." Grey said, after a moment of silence, he added, "Reynolds would win anyway."

"You." Kyle turned to Klaus.

"I'm going with whoever wins. I personally feel Alice has a better chance, but since that moron doesn't know when to give up, he will most likely win by a small margin." Klaus replied.

Reynolds was the most persistent individual among all of them. Although Grey had been in a few dangerous situations, Reynolds had more willpower compared to him.

As long as Reynolds decides not to give up, the person who had the highest chance of defeating him in the group was Grey, other than him, no one else would be able to do so.

Klaus might be able to do so when he breaks through, but Reynolds would also breakthrough as well. Without the Seelie, Alice had the lowest chance of defeating him.

Chapter 744 - Unexpected Change

Reynolds attacked, he couldn't stay in his merged state for too long, so the sooner he started the battle, the better for him.

Alice was aware of this, so she would naturally take advantage of it.

Her Seelie's ice ability could protect her from some of Reynolds' attacks which would mean that the few it couldn't, she would have to deal with it herself.

Boom!

A lightning blade slashed through the ice wall with the first attempt. This was the first time Alice's defense was broken through on the first try.

Alice was taken aback by this and quickly retreated. The Seelie blocked Reynolds' path, ensuring he couldn't continue his attack.

Reynolds exchanged some blows with the Seelie before Alice joined the battle once again. Being a Lightning Elementalist like Reynolds, she was very fast, and with the aid of the Seelie's wind element, she became faster.

However, Reynolds in this form was faster than her. Only a few people below the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane could move faster than him presently.

Boom! Bang!

The Seelie was pushed back by Reynolds as he charged at Alice.

"I've been a master of this art, there's no way you can use it better than me." Reynolds said as he attacked Alice.

He got his Elemental Warrior sooner than Alice, so when it came to hiding behind his fighting companion, he knew almost all the methods.

Alice was forced back since she couldn't afford to fight against Reynolds head-on. Reynolds naturally wouldn't give her the chance she wanted.

Bam!

Reynolds' attack was stopped by an ice dome that protected Alice. This time, he was unable to break through it on the first try.

Just like before, the ice retaliated. Reynolds was forced to retreat and the ice dome used the process to heal. Protected by the ice dome, Alice started coordinating with her Seelie, attacking Reynolds from two angles.

Reynolds blocked and evaded the attacks. Given the advantage in numbers Alice had, a few managed to hit him, but his lightning armor blocked most of them. He barely felt the blows.

Reynolds and Alice were fighting at breakneck speed. In the matter of a few seconds, they exchanged over a hundred blows.

They were stuck in a stalemate, with no one having the advantage. Reynolds would've been able to end the battle, but the Seelie was in his way most of the time.

Alice also made sure not to leave the protective cover of the ice dome. Reynolds had been able to break through the ice dome a few times, but the Seelie had stopped him.

He had been able to send Alice flying a few times, but he had been unable to defeat her because she was helped by the Seelie. Alice on the other hand had been able to hit him repeatedly, but Reynolds seemed to have forsaken his defenses and focused mainly on attacking.

He evaded most of the attacks while blocking the others. Although he left some attacks to hit him, he made sure it wasn't the powerful ones.

The final battle had been enthralling. The audience were all watching the battle excitedly.

They didn't think the two friends would fight this fiercely. If not for the fact that they knew the duo were friends, they would've thought that the duo were long-time enemies given how they were fighting.

Most of the ladies supported Alice while most of the young men supported Reynolds. They each wanted their gender to win the first place.

Grey and Klaus felt Reynolds had the greatest chance of winning the fight, but Alice was sensibly delaying the battle. Reynolds was already close to his limit, a few more minutes and he would exit this form.

Once Reynolds exits this form, Alice would be able to gain the upper hand easily. Reynolds was also aware of this as well.

The duo fought for three more minutes, and to the shock of Alice, Reynolds separated from the Elemental Warrior. He might not be the strongest in this state, but he would be able to last longer. Not just that, he also had a chance of entering the merged state once again.

"Hehe, you thought I'd stay in this state and let you win once I'm exhausted, think again!" Reynolds said and started attacking.

The Elemental Warrior and the Seelie exchanged moves, but the Seelie managed to gain the slight edge over it. Alice was also able to suppress Reynolds when they fought against each other without their companions.

Alice was a stage above Reynolds, so it was natural that she had the advantage. Reynolds on the other hand was already aware of this, so he didn't rush when fighting. He took his time, waiting for an opportunity.

They had sparred a lot of time, so they each knew what they would do.

Alice was unable to defeat him, while Reynolds was unable to gain the upper hand. If the battle continued like this, it was unknown who would win.

One more minute went by and something unexpected happened, in the middle of the fight, Reynolds broke through.

He was already getting close to the Fifth stage of the Overlord Plane. The lightning that bathed him when he merged with the Elemental Warrior made this possible. He would've needed a few months or so before he could've broken through, but after bathing in lightning and involving in so many battles, he edged closer to breaking through by the second.

Alice's expression changed when she saw this, and for a second, she almost gave up.

"He's crazy, don't you think so?" Klaus laughed.

"I never expected him to win this way." Grey shook his head.

Reynolds was a talented individual, and this displayed it even more. The Raiden Faction Elders couldn't help but smile in delight. Bringing a talent like this to the Faction was a win for them.

In the years to come, Reynolds' name will shake the entire continent, increasing the fame and status of the Faction. Presently, they even wanted to compare him with those monsters with cyan elemental grade and above.

Chapter 745 - Reynolds Grabbing First Spot

Alice was helpless as Reynolds' strength saw an increase. What she was worried about wasn't Reynolds advancing, instead, it was the Elemental Warrior. She knew every time Reynolds broke through, the Elemental Warrior did the same.

It was previously in the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane, with Reynolds' breakthrough, it had moved to the Eighth stage. What was worse was that its strength was above a regular Eighth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist.

Reynolds grinned and looked at Alice, "I've won."

"Don't get cocky." Alice said before attacking.

Reynolds blocked the attack and retaliated. He was on the same stage as Alice, so she wouldn't be able to suppress him any longer. Even if there was a difference in their strength, he wouldn't be too far behind her.

On the side of the Elemental Warrior and the Seelie, the Elemental Warrior's increase in strength allowed it to instantly suppress the Seelie.

Alice didn't let this get to her, she knew a chance might present itself for her to take advantage of.

Reynolds however didn't plan on giving her that chance. With a leap, he merged with the Elemental Warrior, and his strength shot straight to the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Alice instantly felt pressured just from his aura.

Reynolds was flying in the sky as he looked down at Alice, "It is time to end this."

With that statement, he launched an unbelievable attack.

The surrounding area was filled with lightning and arcs of crisscrossing lightning flashed through the platform. His figure merged into the lightning as he attacked.

When he used this attack, all the Elders of the top Factions stood on their feet, even Grey stood up as well.

"Grey, isn't this the same thing as that thing you did with your fire element?" Klaus asked in shock.

"It should be." Grey said with a dumbstruck expression.

"This is not a complete domain. At least not yet. It's more like a semi-domain. He would still need some time before he can make one like ours. If he's lucky, he might get it before breaking through to the Sage Plane. But I doubt that would be possible." Void said to the duo.

Kyle overheard their conversation and turned to look at Grey, then at Void. He knew of domains and also felt this was a lightning domain. Only after hearing Void's words did he sense the slight difference in it.

This wasn't the main issue, what made him have a flabbergasted look was Klaus' words. If he recalled correctly, what Klaus said meant that Grey had already awakened his fire domain.

'He's only in the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane, how the hell is that possible?!'

Kyle was screaming in his head. He looked at Grey, then at Void, then at Reynolds. Although Reynolds hadn't completely awakened his domain, he had already set the foundation for it.

If he is unable to awaken it while in the Overlord Plane, he wouldn't have any issues with awakening it while in the Sage Plane. One has to know that most geniuses from top Families and Factions only awaken it at the Sage Plane, or even when they become Elemental Venerables. The fact that Reynolds would be able to awaken his own in the Sage Plane was already shocking.

If the news of Grey being able to awaken his own in the Overlord Plane spreads out, it would cause an uproar in the entire continent.

There were some Elemental Venerables who still haven't been able to awaken their domains, yet Grey had already awakened his, and he was still two Planes below this stage. Kyle couldn't help but imagine just how many domains he would awaken before he becomes an Elemental Venerable.

Now Kyle understood the meaning behind Grey's words the previous night. When he asked Grey how powerful he was, Grey said he had no idea. At that time, he felt Grey was arrogant, now he knew he was just stupid. Grey was practically unmatched in the Overlord Plane. In fact, fighting against Overlord Plane Elementalists was bullying from Kyle's point of view.

The Elders from the Factions also noticed the abnormalities in Reynolds' semi-domain, but it couldn't hide their shock. The Elders from the Raiden Faction felt like crying tears of joy. Even those geniuses with cyan elemental grade and above don't have guarantees of being able to awaken theirs while they were still in the Sage Plane, but Reynolds already did.

"We've found a gem." One of the Elders said, laughing in delight.

The Elder was chubby, so his cheeks vibrated from excitement as he laughed.

"The Faction Leader will be impressed." Another Elder said, looking at the platform with a warm expression.

As things stand, if anyone tried to harm Reynolds, he was prepared to kill the person, even at the cost of his life!

Alice was left standing on the platform with a dumbfounded expression, she couldn't make heads or tails of where Reynolds was located.

Bam! Bang! Bam!

Attacks hit her from different angles, and before long, she was on her knees, barely able to keep herself standing.

Reynolds' figure which was covered in lightning appeared above her with a lightning sword pointing at her.

"You've lost." He said softly.

"I know." Alice said with a wry smile before standing up.

Reynolds separated from his Elemental Warrior and it disappeared. The Seelie also went back into Alice's body. She needed to recover from the battle.

It had been an exhausting battle, but she still lost. Although she was disappointed, she didn't feel down. Seeing Reynolds increase in strength had motivated her to work even harder to attain the strength she needed.

The man in charge of the platform walked forward to announce the winner. Reynolds was the number one figure below the Late stages of the Overlord Plane, while he was closely followed by Alice who was second.

The Multi Elementalist Reynolds defeated when he first merged with the Elemental Warrior looked at Reynolds in trepidation. She was thankful it wasn't during their fight he managed to do what he just did.

Chapter 746 - Run Riot

"You two were amazing." Kyle said when Reynolds and Alice came back to their seats.

"I'm exhausted." Reynolds said with a tired expression.

"Me too. Thanks, we did our best not to let Klaus down." Alice replied before taking a seat.

"Nice job, you will be rewarded well." Klaus said.

Reynolds and Alice rolled their eyes at him when they heard his words. Kyle on the other hand thought Klaus promised to reward the duo if they performed well. Although he knew they wouldn't do it, it still felt kind of odd.

Grey on the other hand knew Klaus was just bullshiting like he usually does. Only those who don't know him will believe whatever he says.

With the end of the Mid stages Overlord Plane rankings, it was time for the Late stages Overlord Plane rankings. Grey and Klaus would be taking part in it.

"It's finally time for you to show your strength, you better not let us down." Reynolds said with a mysterious smile.

"Of course not. You should be saying that to Grey, not me." Klaus snorted coldly.

The duo looked at Grey, and for the first time in a while, Grey flexed his strength with his words.

"How could you doubt me? I've always delivered." Grey's flex was low-key cool.

Klaus and the others were surprised when they heard Grey say this. Grey wasn't the type who usually does things like this. He only occasionally finds trouble with Klaus while also playing with the group, flexing around when there were people was not something he usually does.

Some of those who were seated at the same table as Grey the previous night when he battled against the young ladies felt he was bragging once again. He was powerful, they weren't denying that, but the

fact that he was this proud made them dislike him. Adding the fact that he rarely spoke with people made it worse.

"Show off." Klaus snickered.

Grey shrugged as if saying, 'It's not my fault I'm this awesome'.

Reynolds and Alice burst out laughing. Kyle had seen Grey in a playful state once in a while, so he didn't find this strange. Other than Grey showing off for the first time, he was used to seeing him occasionally joking around.

The day came to an end, and with it, the excitement for the start of the Late stage rankings shot up. This round would be more thrilling than the previous round.

Not just that, but since Reynolds and Alice managed to snatch the first and second place, the audience was curious about what position their friends in the Late stages would take.

Not just the crowd, but the Elders, as well as the geniuses from the top Factions, were also curious as well.

Everyone couldn't wait for the next day to arrive. The night went by very slowly for those waiting for the day to break.

But in the end, the sun rose and everyone left whatever they wanted to do and rushed to the arena. The rumors of Reynolds and Alice's spectacular battle had spread across the entire city that even without introduction, the duo were known all around.

For some reason, Klaus was even more famous than them. What was surprising was that he hadn't fought any battles, yet, he was famous. This is attributed to his great socializing skill.

When the group arrived at the arena, they attracted a lot of attention.

An hour after getting to the arena, all the participants were asked to step forward. Seeing both Grey and Klaus stand up, the crowd was hyped. Reynolds and Alice had already set the bar, now the crowd wanted to see if Grey and Klaus would be able to meet it or even better, exceed it.

"What did you do?" Grey couldn't help but ask Klaus.

"Nothing, I only paid some people to spread the news of their victory." Klaus said with a smile.

"Well, now we've become their target." Grey said as he looked around.

"Are you worried?" Klaus asked with a surprised expression.

"Why would I be?" Grey replied with a question.

In a group fight like these brawls, Grey feared nothing. He had been in so many brawls to count. If these people went to the Continent he first came to when he came to the Aurora Continent, then they would know that he was not a person who was scared of crowds.

"Hehe, better. We're entering the next round with a high profile." Klaus chuckled.

"We came here very high profile, I don't know what would be more high profile than being looked at by everyone, even your opponents as well." Grey said.

The duo were still speaking when a middle-aged woman flew down from the special area to announce the rules of the battles. The lady was from the Moonlight Faction, the Faction Klaus wanted to join at all costs.

The lady gave the rules and it wasn't different from the rules of the Mid stages. The first round would be a brawl with fifty participants on a single platform.

The Mid stages rankings had the highest number of people. Participants in the Late stages were a few numbers below them.

The participants would be arranged with their registration numbers. Klaus and Grey had numbers that were separated by just one figure. Reynolds was the person with the number in the middle. When they were registering, Alice was the first, followed by Klaus, Reynolds, and lastly Grey.

With the closeness of their numbers, they would be placed on the same platform just like the case of Reynolds and Alice.

And when the numbers were called out, they were placed on the same platform as the duo expected.

The lady from the Moonlight Faction glanced at Grey and Klaus before heading back to the special seating area.

"It's time to show them what I'm capable of." Klaus clenched his fists, ready to fight.

"What is the plan?" Grey asked.

"Run riot." Klaus said slowly.

"Gladly." Grey replied with a cool and collected expression.

When the duo stepped on the platform they would be participating on, they garnered all the attention there, with everyone staring at them.

Chapter 747 - Run Riot II

Boom! Bang!

As soon as the battle started, Grey and Klaus exploded out with powerful attacks.

Over ten people rushed toward the duo when the battle started, and there were two Ninth stage Overlord Plane Elementalists in the group that came after them.

Of the forty-eight more people on the platform, ten attacked Grey and Klaus. This showed just how highly they all thought of the duo. To these people, being able to eliminate them would be an amazing achievement.

The reason for this was that the duo were already lauded to get into the top ten after the incredible performance of their friends. Grey had also shown some of his strength during the party Joyner and Klaus hosted at the Mayor's manor, so they knew he was powerful.

Grey blinked repeatedly as he attacked everyone close to him. He didn't even bother using his elemental attacks, these people were stupid enough to get too close, with a single punch, he sent them flying.

A few of the people passed out the second his fist connected with their chests.

While Grey was fighting in a brutish manner, Klaus was using his water element to cause havoc. He swept three people off their feet with a single attack before using his superior ice abilities to attack.

He had to show how powerful his water and ice abilities were if he wanted to truly impress the Moonlight Faction, so he was going all-out right from the get-go. He kept some cards hidden, but he wanted to advance in an overbearing manner.

Grey was already doing this, and he followed suit.

"They are literally eliminating everyone." Reynolds' eyes twitched.

During their time, he teamed up with Alice to fight against those who came after them, but Klaus and Grey didn't team up, instead, they separated.

Klaus wasn't as powerful as Grey, but he was very smart. He ensured that other than those in the Seventh stage, he avoided those in the Eighth and Ninth stage.

If any of them came after him, he would sensibly send the person Grey's way. In this manner, he had been able to appear powerful while only fighting those he knew he could easily deal with.

Klaus was a cunning figure, and only a few people noticed this in this round of battle.

Only ten people would qualify from this platform, and of the fifty people, Grey had eliminated ten on his own within five minutes, Klaus was just behind him with eight eliminations.

This was a shocking number given the fact that there were fifty people on the platform. With two people eliminating almost half of the number on their own, it showed how powerful they were.

Grey and Klaus shook the entire arena. This was by far the most chaotic battle ever since the competition started, and it was caused by only two figures. Grey could be mistaken for a Barbarian because of his fighting method, while Klaus was a sophisticated young master who seemed to be using his bare minimum but getting the best results.

The entire arena was abuzz, all excited that the two friends didn't disappoint them.

Three more minutes went by and there were only twenty people left on the platform.

Grey and Klaus had eliminated two more people each, increasing their count to twelve and ten respectively. This meant that of the thirty people eliminated, they eliminated over sixty percent of them.

The twenty people left all exchanged glances. It would be better if they all picked an opponent and fought. Klaus and Grey were the only ones left that were in the Seventh stage. The others were either in the Eighth or Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Klaus picked an Eighth stage Overlord Plane Fire Elementalist, while Grey picked a Ninth stage Dual Elementalist who had the lightning and water element.

The rest of the participants all picked an opponent and started battling with them. Grey's opponent was by no means weak, if placed with others of the same stage, he would win, but facing Grey, he was left frustrated.

Klaus and his opponent were stuck in a stalemate after the first exchange, but Klaus quickly created an opportunity for himself and capitalized on it. He wanted to advance in an overbearing manner, so there was no way he would allow someone to get the better of him or even make him seem weak. Unless the said person was in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

The battles on the platform intensified, Klaus and Grey were the ones who had completely suppressed the opponents they picked.

In no time, Grey defeated his opponent, and Klaus did the same as well. When the duo were done, they did something that amused the entire arena.

They walked to the side, and Klaus, well, being Klaus took out the throne Void stole from the Emperor back at the Qilin Empire and sat down, Grey wasn't as eye-catching as him, he saw on the ground with both legs crossed.

Reynolds' felt like crying, "Why didn't I think of that?"

"You're jealous they're showing off?" Kyle asked.

"Aren't you? I should've registered for the Late stages rankings. Even if I don't get into a Faction, I would be able to show off in this round." Reynolds said with deep regret.

Kyle didn't know what to say as he looked at Reynolds. Klaus had already attracted too many people, so doing this was just increasing the numbers.

Grey and Klaus sat down on the platform for almost ten minutes, doing nothing other than chatting with each other and watching the other battles. It was almost like they were part of the audience, the only difference was that they were on the platform.

Since they had defeated their opponents, they naturally didn't need to help the others in the battle. But seeing the duo sitting so comfortably irritated the others fighting. A few of them had the thought of launching a sneak attack on the duo, but they refrained from it in the end.

Grey's space element would mean that he could dodge the attack. Klaus had used his ice ability, and they had seen just how powerful it was. Leaving the duo alone was the best choice.

Chapter 748 - Top Two Hundred Battle

Ten minutes later the remaining eight people won their battles. The platform with Grey and Klaus was the fastest to eliminate forty people.

Most of the other platforms still had around twenty-five plus participants still battling, while the ten people on the platform had been decided.

The man in charge of the platform stepped into the platform, he looked at Klaus for a long time before telling them the rules of the next round. Just like the Mid stages, this round was done in a way that would leave only four hundred people.

Once the four hundred people were decided, then they would fight to get into the top two hundred where they would be able to challenge a member of any Faction. Defeating that member will make them part of the Faction.

Grey and Klaus went back to their seats to watch the rest of the battles. There would still be others fighting after this round.

"You really took out a throne there." Alice couldn't believe Klaus was so shameless.

"I missed the crown, if not, I would've worn it as well." Klaus chuckled.

"It's with me, Hehehe." Reynolds laughed as he brought out the crown.

"I'll be taking it back next week." Klaus said.

They had been sharing the crown and throne since getting it. What was amusing was that the throne had zero value, they could make something like it if they wanted to, but the two said this one brought back memories.

Grey and Alice let them be since it was none of their business.

The group continued speaking as they watched the other battles. Grey studied most of the geniuses in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane. They were his potential opponents, so he had to learn a thing or two about them. He wouldn't be able to learn about all of them, but at least knowing some would not be bad. There were also things to learn from watching the battles.

Klaus continued speaking with people, not too bothered with the participants fighting. He would occasionally look at the platforms and if anyone caught his eye, he would focus on the person.

Time went by and before they knew it, it was already sunset. The first round had ended with the four hundred people confirmed.

When they return the next day, they would have to fight a singles battle. This would show just how powerful the participants were. In the brawl, other than Grey, Klaus, and a few other individuals, no other person had a performance worth remembering.

Everyone knew these people might be hiding their strength, waiting for when they challenge someone from the Faction they want to join. This was common among all the participants. Even in the previous competitions, things like this also happened.

Klaus stayed at the Inn today. He didn't go out for his usual evening stroll, nor did he leave his room. Grey was also in his room all through.

Alice, Reynolds, and Kyle were left alone. With nothing to do, they decided to take a stroll around the city.

The next day.

Grey and Klaus came out of their rooms early, waiting for the others.

"How did things go?" Grey asked Klaus.

"Okay, I shouldn't have a problem now." Klaus replied.

"Why didn't you do it before leaving?" Grey asked.

"Hehe, I have a plan." Klaus chuckled.

Grey didn't bother with him any longer, he focused on the hallway as the others stepped out of their rooms. Thanks to the stones they received from the young lady, they had no issues with staying at an expensive Inn.

Kyle offered to pay for the rooms, but Klaus refused, saying they already had sponsors. The group knew the sponsors he was talking about were the young ladies. Now they understood why he always gets expensive things in the Inn.

"Come on, we should get going. I have a lot to do today." Klaus said before walking out of the Inn. The others followed.

Currently, unlike before, they now had a carriage that took them wherever they wanted.

One hour later.

The group were already seated on their seats, waiting for the competition to continue.

After the Elders of the top Factions arrived, the competition continued.

The top four hundred participants stepped forward to draw lots. After getting their opposition, they stepped out so the first group could start their battle.

Grey and Klaus would be fighting in the next round. Their opponents were in the Seventh and Eighth stage respectively. Grey's opponent was the one in the Seventh stage, while Klaus' opponent was the one in the Eighth stage.

The duo's opponents glanced at them with a pale expression. Their performance in the first round was just too spectacular, so everyone knew they were very powerful.

The person who felt the most pain was Grey's opponent. According to what he heard, Grey beat up someone in the Ninth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist. If he were to fight against that Ninth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist, he was almost certain he would lose.

Klaus' opponent had also heard of how he suppressed his opponent who was in the Eighth stage like him. However, he felt he wasn't as weak as Klaus' previous opponent, so he had a chance of making it to the top two hundred.

He was a genius after all.

Other than Grey and Klaus, there were three people who were also greatly feared. Two young ladies and a young man. They were all in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Grey and Klaus also looked in the eyes of their opponents, they nodded at them before heading back to their seats.

"I feel sorry for your opponent." Kyle said to Grey.

"He should be fine. Klaus' opponent will be in more trouble." Grey replied.

The group watched the first rounds of battles as they waited for Grey and Klaus' turn.

One of the young ladies among the three other people fought in this round. Her opponent was a young lady in the Ninth stage as well.

From the start of the battle to the end, she completely dominated her opponent.

Chapter 749 - Monstrous Talent

"She's not bad." Grey commented lightly.

"My thoughts as well." Klaus said with a serious expression.

"Stop acting as if you can defeat everyone Grey can." Reynolds mocked.

"Mind your business, bloated chicken." Klaus replied with a bland expression.

Reynolds naturally didn't take this lying, so, while seated in the midst of other geniuses, Klaus and Reynolds started one of their famous cursing sessions.

"What I find strange about them is that they don't care about how other people see them, it's truly impressive." Kyle said with a sigh.

Given how much Klaus was trying to get into the Moonlight Faction, he expected him to conduct himself properly. But from how he had been acting, he didn't put much hope in that being possible.

Being too high profile might be good, but some Factions didn't like it. Klaus having a throne with him was something even he found shocking, much less those who were not close to him.

He knew Klaus and Reynolds shared the throne, as well as a crown. The duo would occasionally bring it out and flaunt it around.

Kyle had curiously asked about the story of the throne and crown, when he found out it was from an empire that tried to hunt down the group but was later defeated by the group as well as a few external helpers, he couldn't help but suck in a cold breath.

Of course he knew that the empire was small given how Grey and his friends were still in the Overlord Plane when he knew them. What was mind-blowing was the fact that the group not only escaped from the hands of the empire, but they defeated it in the end.

The first round ended and it was time for Grey's round. He was among the first people to step on stage.

When he walked over, he naturally drew a lot of attention. Standing in front of his opponent, his handsome face had zero expressions.

"How unlucky." The young man Grey was fighting against muttered, a little annoyed.

Grey overheard him, but pretended as if he didn't. It wasn't nice to make others feel down just because they were weak. Everyone had the opportunity to grow stronger in the future.

The man in charge of their platform asked the duo if they were ready, and after getting confirmation from them, he called for the start of the battle.

As soon as the battle started, the young man charged at him. He didn't give Grey the chance to defeat him without even being able to release an attack.

Grey naturally knew the intentions of the young man, so he played along. Giving him the chance to show his skills.

The young man was a Water Elementalist who was surprisingly very adept in manipulating the water element. If he were to be in the Ninth stage, he wouldn't be any weaker than those three feared in this round. Unfortunately, he was only in the Seventh stage.

After giving him the chance to show his skills, Grey finally took the battle seriously. With a blink, he appeared behind his opponent, sending out a powerful attack.

When the fire exploded behind the young man, he tried to use his water element to shield himself, but the attack pushed him back.

He looked at Grey in horror. Only when fighting against Grey did he finally understand that he actually underestimated Grey. Although he rated Grey very high, he realized it wasn't high enough.

Grey continued his attacks and the young man focused fully on defense. He didn't even have the chance to counterattack, much less try to change the course of the battle.

'He's a monster!'

This was the only thought in the young man's head. Grey was a terrifying opponent to fight against, and he wouldn't want to fight against him again in his life.

After hanging on for two minutes, he actively gave up on the battle. Holding on was a stupid choice. One should only hold on when they knew they had a chance of winning. Against an opponent like Grey, it was just meaningless.

"Thanks." The young man said before leaving the platform.

He knew Grey gave him the opportunity to show the Factions his ability which might get him into one if they felt he was good enough. Most people on Grey's level wouldn't even consider the feelings of their opponents, so he felt grateful to him.

Grey nodded before heading back to his seat. He had made it into the top two hundred, and everyone in the arena was curious about which Faction he would choose to join. At this point, it was already evident that he would win whoever the Factions brought his way.

Even amongst the top Factions, everyone present in the Seventh stage knew they stood almost zero chances against him. The Elders of all the Factions were exchanging glances, the reason for this was very evident, Grey was at least on the same level as those monsters with cyan elemental grade and higher.

Not just that, but Grey had used three different elements so far, earth, space, and fire element. He also had a special powerful flame.

All the Faction's Elders could currently see the competitive spirit in each other's eyes. They all wanted to recruit such a figure. Having someone like this was beyond exceptional.

One Grey was far more valuable than a hundred regular geniuses. Reynolds and the others were well above regular geniuses but were just below exceptional. Once they get good training from a top Faction, they might get into the exceptional league.

Grey was already above the exceptional league. And this was without being in a Faction. It was only a matter of time before he shook the world.

When Grey returned, he noticed the glances he was getting. Not just that, but some Elders were outrightly using their spiritual senses to check him out.

He knew the reason for this but pretended as if he couldn't sense them. Someone in the Overlord Plane shouldn't be able to sense their spiritual senses in the first place. They already held him very high, if he were to let them know he could sense them as well, it might make them go hysterical wanting to get him at all costs.

Chapter 750 - Snowing

"Show off." Klaus said the second Grey returned.

"You're just envious you can't perform that well." Reynolds snickered.

Klaus had the advantage when they were in the cursing session a few moments ago, so now that an opportunity presented itself, Reynolds didn't plan to let it go.

Klaus glared at him, not bothering to quarrel with him any further, "Just watch my performance. I promise to stun you speechless."

Klaus stood up and was about to walk to the platform.

"Where are you going?" Grey asked with an odd expression.

"I'm going for my... oh." Klaus paused, realizing it wasn't his time to head to the platform yet. The other battles that started along with Grey's were still ongoing.

Due to his argument with Reynolds, he actually forgot about this.

"What a nice performance, I'm speechless." Reynolds took advantage of the opportunity and mocked Klaus once again.

Grey chuckled, Alice tried to hide her laugh, but Klaus' expression made it impossible to do so. With her laughing, Kyle and Reynolds joined in as well.

Klaus walked back to his seat, looking at the group with a grumpy expression. He promised to get his revenge on Reynolds, which made him shudder.

They waited for almost thirty minutes before this round ended. Just as Klaus was about to stand up once again, Grey tapped him on the shoulder and shook his head.

The others saw this and burst out laughing once again. It still wasn't Klaus' turn yet, but because he was anxious to show his skills, he forgot once again.

Klaus gave an embarrassed laugh before watching the battles taking place on the platform. The second young lady who was lauded to be among the top ten took part in this round. Her opponent was a Lightning Elementalist in the Ninth stage like her.

Unlike the first young lady's opponent, hers was stronger. It took her almost ten minutes before she defeated him comfortably.

Grey was taking note of all the people he felt might be able to give him a good fight. He still hadn't used all his strength yet, but he was already ranked among the few who would definitely get into the top ten.

The fire based Factions were the ones who had their hopes high, the reason for this was because of his special flames. And seeing how frequently he uses it, they were certain it was the element he liked using.

What they also found enticing was his unnaturally strong physique. Elementalists weren't supposed to have such powerful bodies, but Grey defied their norm.

Some space based Factions also had hopes, while the earth based Factions were the ones with the lowest confidence. The only bargaining chip they had was that there were a few earth elemental techniques that might be able to improve Grey's physique. They noticed he was someone who for some reason trained his body, and the earth element was the best in body improvement.

While the Factions were plotting on how to get Grey, it finally got to Klaus' turn to fight. He sat down a few seconds longer just to be sure. Only after the man in charge looked at him did he stand up in a flamboyant manner.

Others thought he was trying to get everyone's attention when the truth was that he wasn't sure if it was his turn yet.

Reynolds laughed at him as he swaggered to the platform. Klaus had a handsome face, if not for Grey, he would've been the most handsome person here. His hair was well combed back, with a small strand hanging in front of his face, making him look even dashing.

Klaus stepped on the platform and looked at his opponent.

"Don't think this will be an easy battle. I'll defeat you." The young man said with a serious expression.

"I'm looking forward to it." Klaus replied in a cool and collected manner.

The man in charge of the platform nodded when he heard the exchange between the two, and after confirming that they were ready, he announced the start of the battle.

Swoosh! Bang!

The young man was a Wind Elementalist. And the second the battle started, he created a pattern on the ground and a powerful gale surged from the ground. His plan was to send Klaus airborne.

Klaus was taken by surprise, but he managed to react quickly. Ice formed on his legs, pinning him to the ground. With this, it was impossible for him to be lifted into the air by the young man's attack.

Seeing that his attempt was a failure, the young man didn't dismiss the technique, instead, he left it active and attacked with multiple wind blades.

Klaus was stuck in the same spot, so all he could do was block the attack with an ice wall.

The young man continued attacking, moving around, hoping to catch Klaus off guard. If Klaus tried to move, he would have to remove the ice which would give the wind the chance it needed to send him into the sky.

Grey shook his head when he saw this. The young man was taking a risk, but Klaus wasn't someone who had zero fighting experience. This would work on people who didn't have sufficient experience, but on someone like Klaus who had engaged in multiple battles, even going as far as fighting against an empire, this was child's play to him.

"He's making a mistake." Alice said.

Kyle nodded. Anyone who was experienced wouldn't be worried about this attack.

"He couldn't even beat him up a little. Damn it." Reynolds shook his head.

He knew Klaus would win, but he hoped the young man would at least give him a tough challenge, this way, he would be able to get another chance at mocking him.

While the group were discussing, a change occurred on the platform. Klaus, who had been stationary since the start of the battle moved. Ice grew all the way to his knee, and to the surprise of the young man, Klaus exploded forth with a terrifying speed.

His expression changed as he hastily tried to block Klaus' incoming attack. However, he was taken aback when he saw the snow around the platform. The attack he wanted to use was frozen.