

Affinity 751

Chapter 751 - My Luck Shall Prevail!

Boom! Bang!

Klaus' attack connected with the young man and sent him flying out of the platform.

'Watching the Seelie has been very beneficial.' Klaus thought to himself.

This was an attack he created after watching the Seelie's battles the previous round. It was still in its early phase, but he could already see how powerful it was. Being able to even stop the attack of the young man showed its power.

The man in charge of the platform came over to declare Klaus the winner of the battle.

Klaus walked back to his seat in a collected manner. He didn't put in any airs as he would usually do.

"You see that?" He asked Reynolds when he got back to his seat.

"It's nothing I can't do." Reynolds retorted.

"Heh! In the same fashion? Not a chance." Klaus sat down, not looking at Reynolds.

Klaus' performance wasn't on Grey's level, but he was at least among the top people there. Everyone could see he was very adept at using the ice ability of the water element. Only water based Factions were thinking of taking him in since he was a Water Elementalist.

The other Factions had water elemental skills, but they mainly focused on a specific element.

Grey, Alice, and Kyle congratulated Klaus on his victory, while Reynolds complained about how weak his opponent was.

Klaus and Reynolds soon started bickering once again and the others hastily gave them some space. The reason for this was that they wanted to avoid being dragged into this at all costs. Klaus and Reynolds might not have any shame in doing this in front of so many people, but the others did.

They watched the battle for that day, and not all the battles were fought. Around one hundred battles were fought that day. There would be two hundred battles in total, so the next one hundred would be fought the next day.

Grey and Klaus had already made it to the top two hundred, so they could decide not to watch the battles of the next day. Of course they chose to watch it since it would be beneficial to know their opponents.

Grey and Klaus hadn't fought the really powerful participants yet, so it was better to see every battle.

That day came to an end and the next day soon came. Since the group weren't participating in any of the battles, they only watched and left.

Some people caught their eye, while Grey's interest was piqued by a young man. He was certain that this person was hiding his true strength. The reason for this was that when the battle started, the young man was fighting within a certain power range, but when he noticed he was on the verge of losing, he exploded out with some powerful attacks. From the way he used it, Grey knew this wasn't his full strength.

The young man was in the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Klaus mainly socialized throughout that day, making new friends as the day went on.

The next day came in the blink of an eye, and the top two hundred had been concluded.

The participants were all called to step on stage, and the lady from the Moonlight Faction flew down once again to give a speech and tell them some things that were unacceptable. When she was done speaking, she returned to her seat.

"Those who wish to challenge anyone from the Faction they desire to join should stay on the platform, while the rest can go back to their seats." One of the men in charge of the platforms said.

To his surprise, over thirty stayed behind to challenge someone from the Faction they wanted to get into. Klaus was naturally part of this group. Grey wished him good luck before leaving the platform. He had no interest in joining any of these Factions, so there was no need in staying behind.

"How come so many stayed behind." Reynolds asked.

This is the highest number of people wishing to challenge someone from a Faction that they've seen. Even the Origin Plane rounds didn't have this much.

"It's because of you two, obviously. Take that Multi Elementalist you defeated, she's powerful enough to get into a Faction of her choice, but since she didn't challenge anyone, and didn't make it to the top ten, she had to settle for less." Kyle explained.

"Oh, I see now. They don't want to take any chances." Reynolds nodded thoughtfully.

A few people approached Grey while he was sitting, trying to start up a conversation with him. He didn't want to be rude or arrogant, so he entertained them for now. He naturally didn't speak much.

Most of the people who came were sent over by the Elders of their Faction, all in a bid to get information about which Faction he wanted to join. From the strength he displayed, everyone found it extremely difficult to accept that he didn't even challenge anyone from the Factions. He had at least an eighty percent chance of winning, easily.

They all wanted to know why he didn't even attempt it. Klaus was still on the platform which meant he would be challenging someone.

Grey didn't spill any information to them. He didn't want them to know that he didn't want to join any Faction here. He might only consider it when he doesn't find what he's searching for in the other Regions.

The challenges soon began. Klaus was part of the second group that would battle, so he went back to his seat.

Seeing so many people around Grey, even as far as one of the ladies from the Moonlight Faction, he couldn't help but be taken aback. He soon realized what was happening, all these Factions were trying to rope Grey in.

'This might work in my favor. According to what I've heard from my sources, there have been cases in the history of the Moonlight Faction where male members have been accepted. As long as they have exceptional ice abilities.' He thought to himself.

His thoughts were simple, use his friendship with Grey to get into the Faction. The Faction would normally not want to accept his challenge since he's male, but since they would want to please Grey, they wouldn't mind taking him in.

'Hehehe, my luck shall prevail once again!'

Chapter 752 - We Accept Your Challenge

"Oh, there he is." Grey used his head to point at Klaus as he returned.

"Hey bud, they're looking for you." Grey said to Klaus as he walked over.

"Huh? Me?" Klaus asked, a little taken aback.

Grey and the others nodded. Amongst the people who were with Grey, seven of them moved closer to Klaus to speak with him. To his surprise, the young lady who was from the Moonlight Faction was part of them.

Klaus, who had been planning to use Grey's fame to get into the Moonlight Faction, was shocked, but he hid it well.

Since he was acquainted with the young lady from the Moonlight Faction, he was free with her. When the others saw this, they almost wanted to beat themselves up. Klaus had been talking with the ladies from the Moonlight Faction for some time now. Well, he had been speaking with everyone, so he was quite acquainted with them. However, this group of people from the water based Factions weren't part of the people he frequently spoke with.

The group stayed with him for a few minutes, and after trying to fish out which Faction he wanted to join. He told them they would find out when it was his turn to challenge someone.

After they left, Klaus smiled proudly. To be honest, he wasn't really feeling bad or sad that Grey gained most of the attention, he was his friend so he was quite happy for him. But being approached by the Factions, especially the Moonlight Faction made him realize he was also a genius.

Being with someone like Grey made him forget about this on some occasions. This gave him a wake-up call.

However, he still didn't think much about it. Being himself, he still joked with the group about how he was going to use Grey's fame to get into the Moonlight Faction.

"How come they didn't treat us like this?" Reynolds couldn't help but ask.

"Because they know what a true genius is." Klaus mocked. This was a chance for him to get at Reynolds, of course he was not going to let it go.

Reynolds almost wanted to fight with him, but when Klaus saw Alice's eyes, he shuddered before saying, "It's because they've seen that you two are so talented, and seeing how we performed as well, they thought it was best to recruit us sooner rather than later."

Klaus' explanation was very plausible. The Factions knew that they wouldn't really have a problem with getting into a Faction, so they tried to see which Faction they had in mind before trying to recruit them.

Since both Grey and Klaus kept silent about it, they didn't try to recruit them. Their motive had already been seen.

'Guess my luck did prevail.' Klaus chuckled to himself.

Seeing Klaus chuckling to himself, Reynolds looked at him as if he had gone mad.

Klaus naturally didn't bother with this.

Kyle on the other hand was flabbergasted. He had been the one who had been telling Klaus it was impossible for him to get into the Moonlight Faction since they only took in girls. But Klaus hadn't even tried to challenge someone from the Moonlight Faction, yet they actively extended a hand of invitation.

'Are they even humans?' Kyle felt his brain twitch, and he couldn't help but shake his head.

Grey and his friends had opened him to a world he never thought was possible. First, there was Grey, the monstrous genius, then there was Void, his talking cat, there's Klaus who could be crowned the king of luck, there's Reynolds who was also a terrifying genius, and lastly, there was Alice who managed to make a pact with a Seelie which was almost extinct.

He felt a little downhearted when he thought about himself. Other than his special flame, he had nothing else.

Traveling with Grey and his friends made him feel depressed. However, it also gave him the motivation to grow stronger. This was the main reason he traveled with them.

The small time he spent with the group when they entered the mansion piqued his interest. Only after traveling with them did he understand why they were the way they are.

Time went by and it was finally Klaus' turn to challenge his opponent. All the water based Factions hoped he would pick them.

The audience also waited for his response. They all knew the Moonlight Faction was regarded as the number one Faction when it came to ice ability, and seeing how Klaus had been fighting all this while, they knew he would prefer a Faction that had a great history when it came to their ice abilities. They however ruled out the possibility of him getting into the Moonlight Faction since they don't accept males.

Klaus stood on the platform with a confident smile, before saying slowly, "I'd like to challenge a member of the Moonlight Faction."

The audience were stunned when they heard his words.

"Is he dumb or something, hasn't he heard the Moonlight Faction only accepts female members?" Someone from the crowd asked.

"He must be a pervert since he even has plans of joining an all-girls Faction in the first place." A young lady said.

"Aren't you the same person who said you'll marry him even if he has ten wives? Just say you're jealous rather than making him look bad. As you know, he prefers a Faction that has a great ice ability, and the Moonlight Faction is the best." Another young lady defended Klaus.

Conversations broke out in different parts of the crowd as some people felt Klaus was only making a fool of himself, while a few felt if the Moonlight Faction didn't take him it would be their loss.

While the crowd were speaking, a gentle voice came from the special seating area.

"We accept your challenge."

This was the only time a Faction had spoken since being challenged. The rest time, a member would walk out and fight against the challenger, but due to how delicate the situation was, the lady from the Moonlight Faction felt it was better to voice out their acceptance to the challenge.

"Wait what?!"

Chapter 753 - Suppressing An Ice User

The entire arena was sent into an uproar when they heard the voice coming from the special seating area.

They never thought the Moonlight Faction would actually accept Klaus' challenge. Even those who were in support of Klaus didn't have much hope in him being accepted into the Faction even though they felt that it was the best Faction for him.

Klaus, who had been waiting for them to accept his challenge sighed in relief. He knew they would accept it since they sent someone over to him, but he was still a little nervous at the thought that they might not actually accept his challenge.

The other water based Factions all felt a little disappointed since they lost a talent like Klaus. They could only hope of getting someone that was at least close to his level.

A young lady from the Moonlight Faction stepped forward. She was someone Klaus was also acquainted with. To be frank, he had built a good relationship with most of the people from almost all the top Factions, so he knew a few of them.

"Diana, you were the one picked." He said with a smile.

"Don't think I'll go easy on you." The young lady Klaus referred to as Diana replied.

"Haha, I didn't expect you to." Klaus rubbed his nose stylishly.

The man in charge of the platform was still a little taken aback by the fact that the Moonlight Faction actually agreed to Klaus' challenge, when he saw the relationship between Klaus and Diana, he shook his head. This was the most shocked he had been in a while.

After confirming with both participants if they were ready, he called for the start of the battle.

Diana was the first to attack, sending out multiple ice arrows.

Klaus created a water ball that he used to stop the ice arrows. The arrows started to melt the second they entered the water ball. He added his special heavy water into it, hence it was able to quickly counter the ice.

Diana was a little taken aback when she saw that her ice attack was stopped so easily. Unknown to her, Klaus' special water had a great effect on the ice. It could easily melt ice compared to normal water. It also had the effect of improving the thickness of the ice. It mainly involves how Klaus chooses to use it.

Presently, against a Faction that had great ice users, he could be said to be their greatest enemy.

Diana attacked once again, and Klaus blocked, using almost the same method.

Klaus didn't let her take the initiative, after blocking a few attacks, he started attacking with his ice ability. Although Diana was part of a top Faction, Klaus surprisingly had a higher and stronger ice ability. The only disadvantage was that Diana had more techniques than him.

They exchanged moves with Klaus getting the edge in the exchange. With his heavy water, he could easily deal with Diana's ice attacks.

Diana was stumped as to how Klaus was able to deal with her ice attacks. Not just her, but everyone from the Moonlight Faction were shocked. Only those above the Overlord Plane could sense the difference in Klaus' water. The reason those in the Overlord Plane couldn't sense it was because he was only using a small amount of it, disguising it with the usual water.

The Elders of the Moonlight Faction all exchanged glances. They couldn't believe there was something like this. It was a strange thing.

"Good thing we extended an invitation to him. There's something odd about his water." The lady who spoke to them after they made it to the top two hundred said with furrowed brows.

"Yes, he's trying to hide it. Very smart." Another lady said.

They weren't the only ones discussing this, most of the Elders from other Factions also spoke about it. Since it was something that most of them had no clue about, they were naturally curious about it.

Grey and his friends knew Klaus was using his special water, so they weren't really too bothered. Grey also had it, although it wasn't on the same level as Klaus', it still wasn't something that could be overlooked.

The audience all felt stunned when they saw that in a battle between two Water Elementalists who preferred using their ice abilities, Klaus who wasn't part of a top Faction was actually the one with the upper hand.

What does this mean? It meant that Klaus was already on a very high level when it came to using his ice ability. If he joins the Moonlight Faction, he would grow to become one of the greatest ice users in the world.

The people who supported him from the start all felt excited about how he would grow after joining the Moonlight Faction. With the way the battle was going, it was already evident that Klaus would win the battle.

Just as expected, Klaus started to increase the aggressiveness of his attacks. He didn't give Diana any chance to block his attacks, gradually forcing her back.

He finally got the chance to send her off the platform with a water stream. Diana created an ice wall in front of her to block it, but Klaus' water stream breezed through it easily, before sending her out of the platform.

Klaus stood on the platform with a calm expression. He had finally joined the Moonlight Faction. This was his goal from the start, and he achieved it thanks to a series of events. If Alice and Reynolds didn't fight before them, it would've been a little difficult to get the attention of the Moonlight Faction. But after Alice and Reynolds managed to create a huge popularity for the group, all he had to do was to show his talent.

Although in the end, it was his talent that got him into the Moonlight Faction, he wouldn't have been able to without his friend's help.

He walked back to his seat since another battle would be taking place immediately after this one.

When he got back, to the surprise of his friends, he actually told them thank you.

"Klaus, are you alright?" Reynolds couldn't help but ask.

Chapter 754 - All Vying For The Top Spot

Klaus looked at Reynolds and refused to respond. Grey and Alice looked at Klaus oddly. He doesn't usually do things like this, they knew it was most likely after getting into the Moonlight Faction.

"Are you going to continue to get a higher rank in the competition?" Alice asked.

"Of course! You two already took the first and second position, do you think I wouldn't want that as well?" Klaus replied immediately.

This wasn't even a question, he naturally knew Grey would defeat him, but he didn't mind getting the second position.

The group continued speaking about the battles before Diana and a few other girls came over to where Klaus was seated. Since he was already part of their Faction, there was nothing wrong with them speaking with him.

"How did you do it?" Diana asked.

"What?" Klaus feigned ignorance.

"Stop playing dumb, you know what I'm talking about." Diana said. She didn't mean this in an angry way, she was just genuinely curious as to how Klaus was able to break through her ice so easily.

"Oh that, you see, it's quite easy." Klaus opened his palm and his special water appeared on his palm.

This time, he didn't do anything to hide it, so it was very clear for them to notice.

"How's that possible?!" The girls all exclaimed in shock.

This was the first time they were seeing something like this. They all knew the water at the bottom of the ocean was extremely heavy, and they could sense such heaviness in Klaus' water. What they found shocking was how Klaus managed to do it. They had never heard of a Water Elementalist having something like this before.

"Nothing is impossible." Klaus said with a vague smile.

Grey and the others rolled their eyes when they saw his acting. Klaus was a genius no doubt, but he was also a crazy guy, so there's that.

The ladies asked Klaus if he could teach them. He naturally disagreed with it. This was his specialty, although Grey also had it, Grey wasn't as proficient in it as he was. Not just that, but he knew it would be almost impossible for the young ladies to learn it.

They disturb him about learning it, and he gave them a small orb of water that he placed in an ice crystal. It was up to them if they could understand the intricacy of it. He also gave them some tips. But after almost two hours, the young ladies got nothing.

They could only give up and keep the crystal for now. The challengers had finished battling with the members of the Factions that they challenged. Other than Klaus, five others were successful in their challenge.

Of a total of over thirty people, only six managed to achieve their goal.

The participants were all called into the platform once again, and to the surprise of everyone, none of the people who were successful in their challenge decided to leave. Their current goal was simple: get the first position.

Alice and Reynolds had already taken first and second in the round for those in the Mid stages, if Grey and Klaus were to take this one as well, then it would be an embarrassment to the other geniuses.

Those who were unsuccessful in their attempt all looked at each other in frustration. These people had already entered a Faction, yet, they didn't want to give up on the top ten spots.

Since all two hundred participants were correct, everything went according to the original plan.

They drew lots for the battles. There would be a total of hundred battles, and the top one hundred would be confirmed.

When they drew lots, Grey's opponent was surprisingly one of the few people who had successfully gotten into a Faction. His opponent was a Dual Elementalist in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane. She had both the fire and the earth element.

Klaus' opponent was also in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane. However, he wasn't part of those who challenged members of the Factions.

Klaus didn't really know much about him, other than the fact that he was a Space Elementalist.

'Luckily I've been fighting against Grey and Void for some time, although I've run away most of the time, this guy shouldn't be on the same level as they are.' Klaus accessed the situation in his head as he looked at his opponent.

Just like the first time, Grey would be fighting before him once again.

It was barely noon, so there was time to complete one hundred battles before the end of the day.

Grey and Klaus would be having their battles today since they registered very early. The only reason Klaus' battle would take longer than Grey's was because of how the lots were drawn.

The first sets of battles started and it took almost thirty minutes before the first set of battles finished.

It was finally Grey's turn to step into the platform. Since he didn't fight while people were challenging members of Factions, he attracted a lot of attention.

Most of the audience felt Grey would finally show his true strength against this young lady. She was not as weak as the young man he fought against the last time that was in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

By the time Grey stepped on the platform, the young lady was already standing there.

"You're one of the few people I look forward to fighting against." The young lady said when Grey stood before her.

"Oh." Grey's reply was short. Although the young lady was strong, she wasn't the person Grey was waiting to fight against.

She wasn't part of the trio he noticed during the brawl. He watched her battle and knew that she was below them.

Grey's reply irritated the young lady since she expected he would say something else. Having 'oh' as a reply was annoying.

"I'll make you regret looking down on me." The young lady said.

"I didn't mean it like that." Grey was taken aback when he saw her angry expression and explained.

"Begin!"

The man in charge of the platform didn't even bother to ask if both participants were ready. He could already see that the young lady wanted to attack, and Grey had a cool and collected expression.

Chapter 755 - Is He Favored By The Gods?

Boom!

The young lady attacked with a large fireball that exploded in the sky to cause a fire rain. The rains exploded when they came in contact with anything.

The attack was difficult to evade. The only way to defend against it was to block or face it head-on.

Grey had been using the earth element, so he had no issues with using it. Also, he still had the lightning element that he had been keeping for some time.

With a wave of his hand, a thick earth wall appeared in front of him, blocking him from the raining flames.

When the young lady saw this, she didn't panic. Her plan was to make Grey focus on this attack then she would start using other attacks.

While Grey was behind the earth wall, he felt the ground rumble and an earth pillar rose from the ground and sent him straight into the air.

Grey went airborne for a short second, but the flames made contact with him the second he left the coverage of the earth wall.

However, before the attack could explode, Grey's figure blinked, and to the surprise of most of the people there, Grey changed places with the young lady.

The rain was already on the verge of exploding, so when the young lady appeared before it, she couldn't do anything to stop it. Luckily, it was her attack, so she managed to regulate its attack power to the bare minimum. Even though she couldn't cancel the explosion, she could still reduce the impact of it.

The attack sent her crashing to the ground, but she was already prepared for this and made an earth dome around her to block any of Grey's potential attacks.

Just as she was covered by the earth dome, she felt it vibrate.

Outside the earth dome, Grey was punching it with his fists covered with blue flames. With each punch, a crack would appear on the earth dome.

The young lady was stunned. Her earth defense was very powerful, yet Grey was on the verge of breaking through it in a matter of seconds.

Being inside the dome, she didn't know Grey was using his fists. Instead, she felt he was using his fire attacks.

The earth wall cracked and fell apart piece by piece.

Just as Grey created a hole in the dome, the young lady exploded out with an attack. Her fire rain had already stopped.

Grey already expected this, so he blinked to safety after breaking the earth dome.

The stream of fire that shot out of the hole in the earth dome missed its target.

Grey saw a large earth hammer coming from his left hand side. Without even blinking, he covered his right hand with flames and punched at the hammer.

As soon as his fist connected with the hammer, it started to shatter.

The hammer was completely destroyed by Grey's fist.

The young lady, as well as the crowd all had a dumbstruck expression. Not neglecting the fact that Grey covered his fist with blue flames, this was still something anyone in the Overlord Plane could achieve. Even Barbarians that had the strongest bodies, would not be able to do this if they were in the same stage as Grey, fighting against someone who was two stages above them.

Kyle was a little surprised by Grey's insane physique. In the entire arena, the only ones who had normal expressions were his friends. This was something normal. They even expected these people not to be surprised since Grey showed some signs of his terrifying physique during the first round.

The young lady was only shocked for a few seconds, as she continued her attacks. Grey blinked, dodging most of her attacks while blocking the rest. Whenever he attacked, the young lady was forced back by the force of the impact.

What made everyone dumbfounded by Grey was the fact that he was only in the Seventh stage of the Overlord Plane. If he was already this powerful at this stage, how powerful would he be if he were to get into the Eighth or Ninth stage?

Presently, the crowd felt he barely had an opponent in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane. If anyone wanted to trouble him, then said person must be one of the top geniuses from the top Factions, or the person should at least be at the Peak of the Overlord Plane.

Grey's battle with the young lady continued and he gradually forced her to the edge of the platform.

The young lady didn't want to give up in such a short time, so she took a gamble. With a scream, she yelled and her strength increased. This was a secret technique that would improve her strength for a short time.

It was a little from those that would increase the strength of the user for a short time at the cost of something else. This one would only give her a short burst of strength. If used properly, she would be able to turn the tides of the battle.

The speed of the young lady increased and she shot at Grey.

Grey didn't expect this and was a little late to move. If he used the space element now, he might be unable to escape from the hands of the young lady.

Lightning danced around his body and his figure retreated quickly. Even though he had a strong defense, he knew this wasn't the time to block the young lady's attack head-on. He had zero clue about what was happening.

With the appearance of Grey's lightning element, the crowd went into an uproar. They already felt Grey was powerful with three elements, now he added the lightning element as well.

The most frightening thing was the fact that the lightning was red. Grey already had blue flames, which was a special type of flame. Now, he had red lightning as well, which was also a special type of lightning.

Of his four elements, two of them were special types. The crowd almost couldn't believe this was possible. If they were not witnessing it, they would've never believed someone was this blessed.

This was what everyone thought at this moment.

Chapter 756 - Give Me A Minute

"He has a fourth element." One of the Elders from a top Faction said in surprise.

"So it seems. He had been hiding it all this while, guess he didn't really see a need to use it then." Another Elder said.

"This young man is full of surprises. It would be a shame if we couldn't get him to join us." An Elder from a water based Faction said.

"Get him in your dreams. He doesn't even have the water element, and you're speaking." An Elder from a lightning based Faction retorted.

For a talent like Grey, he didn't mind offending the other Factions. When the others were plotting on how to get Grey the last time, he was dejected because Grey didn't have the lightning element, so he kept shut. But now that he knew Grey had the lightning element, and it was even a special type, he would vie for him as well.

While all the Elders were arguing about who would get Grey, the young lady felt a tinge of depression when she saw that Grey was able to dodge the attack. This was her biggest chance to defeat him, yet, he brought out another element to evade the attack.

'He's using me as a stepping stone.' She complained inside as she gritted her teeth.

Unfortunately for her, Grey didn't even have such thoughts. All he wanted to do was battle. Besides, he was already at the top, what would he need a stepping stone for?

The young lady refused to believe she couldn't get him. She attacked once again while the short burst of strength was still active.

Grey didn't panic, after dodging the attack the first time, he knew it was something he could deal with.

He opened his palm, and as the young lady got closer, a powerful burst of explosive lightning and fire attack shot out of his hand.

The young lady tried to block it, but the earth that she created in front of her didn't even complete forming before it was destroyed. The attack sent her flying, and she crashed on the edge of the platform, unable to move.

The force of the attack was just too powerful. It was above what she could handle.

Grey calmly walked over to where the young lady was lying. She turned to look at him, anger burning in her eyes.

Grey stood in front of her and looked at the man in charge of the platform, seeing that the man wasn't making any moves, he created an orb on the tip of his finger.

When the man in charge of the platform sensed the power gathering in Grey's finger, he knew it was finally time to take the young lady off the platform.

The orb hadn't completely formed, but he already sensed that it was more powerful than Grey's last attack.

After getting the young lady out of the platform, he declared Grey the winner of the battle.

Grey had successfully gotten into the top hundred and had secured a spot in getting into a Faction.

This was something everyone knew was not a challenge. With Grey's talent, even if he chooses not to participate anymore, he would still be able to join a top Faction. They all saw his talent, and would naturally want him to be one of them.

Grey had his usual indifferent expression and walked back to his seat. Klaus and the others wanted to congratulate him, but thinking about his strength, they felt it was useless. They decided to save their congratulations until he took the first spot.

"Hey bud, I think you've got some people who want you." Klaus said.

"I know. I'm wondering how they would react when I refuse to join them." Grey said thoughtfully.

"They would be upset, but they wouldn't do anything to you. This is not the first time something like this is happening." Kyle reassured him not to be worried about the top Factions.

He was from a big Family, so he knew about all these. Although the Factions wanted him, they wouldn't force him to join them.

At most, they would try to persuade him and even invite him over.

"Oh, I feel better knowing this." Grey heaved a sigh of relief.

Getting in trouble with these Factions wasn't something he wanted to do. He couldn't even beat the top geniuses of the Factions who were already in the Sage Plane, much less these Elders who were here.

The group watched the other battles before it got to Klaus' turn.

"Wish me luck." Klaus said before walking to the platform.

His opponent was someone in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane. This was a battle he had to win if he wanted to get into the top one hundred. However, he knew it wouldn't be an easy battle.

Klaus stepped into the platform before his opponent did. A Space Elementalist was one of the most difficult people to deal with, and this young man was by no means weak as well.

When the young man stepped on the platform, the man in charge of the platform confirmed if both participants were ready.

"Give me a minute." Klaus said and sat down cross-legged.

His movements alerted the crowd and they looked at him curiously, watching to see what he wanted to do.

After sitting down for a minute, he stood up and opened his eyes.

"Alright, I'm ready." He said with a serious expression.

The Space Elementalist, the man in charge of the platform, as well as the crowd were a little surprised. All Klaus did was sit down and close his eyes for a minute, but there was no change in his body.

Could he be planning something in secret, or did he just want attention, again?

Klaus naturally wasn't bothered with how people took his action. He only did things he wanted to do.

"Why did he sit down?" Alice asked curiously.

"He wanted to break through, but he decided against it. He's refining his essence to the maximum. This would make him stronger when he breaks through." Grey said.

He was the one who told Klaus about it. The reason he did this was because of Klaus' heavy water. It would've been impossible without it. He only noticed it after he acquired it as well.

Chapter 757 - Manipulating Space

The Space Elementalist didn't think too much about Klaus' antics and attacked as soon as the man in charge of the platform gave the go-ahead for the battle.

Klaus felt a strong repulsive force from the place he was standing, and before he knew it, the space exploded out with a powerful force that forced him back.

Luckily, he was already prepared for these types of attacks and retreated before the attack was able to send him flying.

Although the space element was powerful in its own right, it was more effective when used with another element. As long as an Elementalist is frequent with the space element, the only way he could be defeated by a Space Elementalist is when said Space Elementalist has unbelievable control over the space element, or is well above their opponent in terms of cultivation stage.

Klaus was already prepared for the space elemental attacks, so he made precautions.

He spread out both hands and snow started falling around him. With this, he has increased his sensitivity to the area around him. Just like the strong repulsive force the space element has, it could also pull in anything from a certain space.

Klaus felt that a few seconds after he created the snow around him. But he used his ice ability to glue himself to the ground while sending out attacks.

The Space Elementalist blocked the attack while retaliating. With a slice of his hand, the space in front of Klaus was ripped apart.

Sensing the threatening force, Klaus quickly made an ice wall in front of him, while also causing a blizzard. His plan was to see if he could use the blizzard to freeze the space around the platform. If he was successful, then the Space Elementalist was as good as defeated.

He added the heavy water into it to make the space around even heavier and harder to manipulate.

The Space Elementalist felt the strong resistance from the space around when he tried to dodge Klaus' attack. However, he managed to do so in the end.

Klaus continued attacking, but to his surprise, he realized the attacks seemed to take almost forever to get to the Space Elementalist.

The Space Elementalist would change the direction of the attacks once they get close.

No matter how Klaus tried to attack, either it would take too long to get to his opponent, or it would deflect to another direction. It was as if the Space Elementalist changed the space of the platform.

Klaus was stuck in a quagmire. His attacks couldn't come close to the Space Elementalist, while on some occasions, the Space Elementalist has actually returned them back at a speed faster than it previously was.

Klaus had only been able to block them due to his high reflexes.

"What's happening?" Alice asked.

"He's manipulating the space around the platform. Unless Klaus increases the power of his attacks, to the extent that they would be enough to shatter this young man's control over space, it would be hard for him to win." Grey explained.

He was also a Space Elementalist, but because he had other elements, he didn't get the chance to do things like this. Since the young man had only the space element, he was very adept at using it. To be honest, this was one of the best space users Grey had seen.

Grey didn't let this opportunity go to waste as his brain went into overdrive as he simulated the moves the young man was making in his head. This was a good ability to have. Although the young man couldn't switch places with his opponent like Grey, he had abilities Grey knew nothing about.

Of course, all this can be attributed to the fact that the young man was in a place where the space element is well known, and there are hundreds of techniques for it. The only space element technique Grey had was the Great Void technique, and it was purely by accident that he got it. Without it, he would've mainly been using the space element as a means of teleportation alone.

"A Space Elementalist is a pain in the a**." Reynolds said.

"Not entirely, you can work your way around them if you're powerful. I believe Klaus would get a way through this soon." Grey said with a smile.

He could guess how frustrated Klaus was at the moment. Whenever he sparred with Void before he got his space element, he would almost drag out his hair in frustration. Void was on another level when it came to the space element.

Grey hadn't seen him manipulate the space this much, and he knew it was because he had other elements as well. So he didn't need to rely solely on the space element.

Klaus saw the situation of things and knew that without a good move, he would be unable to defeat this young man.

'I guess I'll have to go almost all-out.' He said to himself.

He still didn't want to break through yet since it would mean losing a hidden card. But with this troublesome opponent, he planned to use the heavy water to its fullest.

He had been hiding most of it for some time now, but it was time to let the entire arena see his special water.

Klaus snapped his finger and the heaviness of the blizzard increased by almost four times the weight of the previous time.

The sudden change caught the Space Elementalist off guard, and Klaus naturally attacked as well.

The attack was so precise that the young man had difficulties blocking it. He tried to use his space manipulation abilities to increase the distance of the attack. But to his surprise, the attack tore through the space with each.

This was an ice needle made entirely of Klaus' heavy water. It was not something that could be stopped so easily.

What made things worse was that, after the ice needle tore through space, its speed doubled for some reason and it struck the young man before he could move away.

Chapter 758 - We Got A Good One

The ice needle struck the young man cleanly on his chest, and compared to the reaction everyone expected, things were a little different.

The young man didn't move from the impact of the attack, rather, he stood on the same spot, unable to move. He was currently suffering from hypothermia the second the attack hit him.

The sudden change on the platform alarmed everyone. A few seconds ago, Klaus was the one who was being oppressed, but with a snap of his finger, the entire course of the battle changed. What was more amusing was the fact that the battle truly did change with a snap of Klaus' finger.

This had got to be one of Klaus' biggest flexes in his entire life. Changing the tide of the battle with a snap of his finger. Just thinking about it was already thrilling.

The Elders from the other Factions all looked at Klaus with an apprehensive look. They all noticed what happened after Klaus snapped his finger, the blizzard he released on the platform got almost four times heavier and it was difficult for the young man to adapt to the sudden change in such a short amount of time.

The ice needle attack he also used was different from his previous attacks. This one was more powerful, and it even tore apart space just to ensure it got to its target.

"What freakish abilities. I really wouldn't want to fight against someone like him." A Space Elementalist said.

Even though he was already well above the Overlord Plane, he felt a slight sense of fear just looking at Klaus. If he were to battle someone who had Klaus' abilities on the same stage as he is, then he would be in for a difficult time.

"We got a good one this time." A lady from the Moonlight Faction chuckled.

They still hadn't completely accepted Klaus because he was male. The reason they accepted only females was because females are more sensitive to cold compared to males.

Klaus was a unique protege since he had a greater sensitivity to ice when compared to most of the females in the Moonlight Faction. The Elders took all these into account before agreeing to let him join them. If not for all these factors, then no matter how powerful Klaus was, they would not have given him the chance to join them.

While the crowd were discussing the change on the platform, something else started to occur. The young man who hadn't had any reaction for a while suddenly started to freeze.

This was the effect of Klaus' attack. The freezing power of his ice ability had well over doubled in terms of power because of him using the special water, so this was not unexpected. He even reduced the amount of ice he usually concentrates on the attack in fear of not killing his opponent.

Klaus walked over to him and looked at the young man who was unable to move. He placed his hand on his shoulder to stop the ice from completely engulfing him.

With a smile on his face, "I win."

The young man wanted to speak, but he was unable to. All he could do was watch Klaus.

If the change in the blizzard was only around two times or so, he might've been able to resist it and even fight properly. But with a change of almost four times, he didn't even have time to adapt before Klaus ended the battle.

This was a battle he felt he had total control over. But everything changed in the blink of an eye. From being the one with the advantage, he almost lost his life.

From what happened, he could tell Klaus regulated the strength of the attack. This meant he could easily deal a blow deadlier than what he just used. Klaus was a horrifying opponent.

The man in charge of the platform entered and when he noticed the temperature of the young man, he couldn't help but look at Klaus before calling in a Fire Elementalist.

"I reduced the effect, if not, it would've been worse." Klaus explained when he saw the way the man looked at him.

"I know." The man said. The reason he looked at him was that even after reducing the effect, the young man was still left in such a condition.

Klaus was announced as the winner of the battle and he walked back to his seat under the gaze of everyone in the arena. Even though there were other battles taking place, Klaus and Grey were the two most popular figures because of their friend's performance in the previous battle.

"Good job." Grey gave him a high-five when he came back.

The others on the seat gave him a high-five as well. Klaus shrugged as if it was an easy battle.

Just like Grey, Klaus had made it to the top hundred geniuses. From Klaus' last battle, everyone knew he was a tough battle to fight against. Even those who were favorites started to take him seriously. Initially, they only felt Grey was the difficult one to deal with, but now they knew not to exclude Klaus.

Everyone from this group were all powerful geniuses, and the crowd couldn't help but wonder how powerful the young man who had a mask on was. Kyle didn't participate in the competition, and nor had he tried to fight. But since he was with Grey and his friends, they had already tagged him as a genius on their level as well.

The other battles went on as expected, and by the end of the day, they managed to complete the hundred battles. With the top one hundred confirmed, the next round would feature fifty battles.

It was already late so they couldn't draw lots again. Most of the audience felt it was a shame that all the battles couldn't take place immediately. They didn't have any problems with watching battles all through the night. But in the end, they weren't the ones making the rules, so they went home.

Klaus didn't go out like expected, he stayed indoors throughout, training.

Grey had a lot of items from the first time he came to the Aurora Continent, so he finally decided to give him some to improve his strength before the competition ends. With them entering the top hundred, the battles would get fiercer now.

Chapter 759 - Klaus' Improvement

The next day came quickly.

Grey and Klaus were the last to leave their rooms. Void had been exploring the city alone for some time now, he found some interesting things, but after Grey's repeated warnings, he managed to abstain from taking any of them.

This was a big city in a high leveled Region, so it was natural that he would find a lot of strange things.

When Klaus and Grey stepped out, the others were already waiting for them, so they headed for the arena. Void was sitting leisurely on Alice's shoulder, bored to the extreme. He preferred the times they were traveling. To him, they had stayed here for too long.

He was also very close to breaking through, and he needed a good place for that. According to him, he would need to consume something that had a good amount of elemental essence. The treasure they got from the mansion was excluded since it would put them in danger if used here.

Getting to the arena, it was already packed to the brim. People were already discussing who they felt would get into the top ten from the upcoming battles. There would be fifty battles to decide who makes it to the top fifty. After that, they would have to partake in another twenty-five battles to get to the top twenty-five.

An hour later, all the participants were called on stage to draw lots for the next battles. Grey and Klaus were fortunate, having to fight against two Eighth stage Overlord Plane Elementalists.

Klaus was able to defeat someone in the Ninth stage, although he suppressed most of the time during that battle, all he needed to do was to change the heaviness of his water and he got the advantage and even defeated his opponent instantly.

The only downside to this was that the others now knew of this. They had sensed there was something odd about his water, but they hadn't seen it properly since he had been using the normal water to hide it, only using some of the special water.

Grey and Klaus were surprisingly among the first group of people to fight this time. The others who weren't fighting felt a little sad since they wouldn't be able to focus on a battle. The good thing was that Grey would definitely defeat his opponent in a short time, giving them the chance to watch Klaus' battle.

Grey and Klaus walked up to their platforms, staring at their opponents.

Grey's opponent could already feel her hopes shattered, but she didn't want to lose quickly.

Klaus' opponent felt as long as he could be alert against Klaus' special water, then he had a chance of winning.

The man in charge of the platform where Klaus was located confirmed from both participants if they were ready before calling for the start of the battle.

Klaus' opponent was a Lightning Elementalist, so the second the battle started, he used a series of lightning moves against Klaus.

Klaus didn't panic as he used an ice wall to block the attacks before countering. When the young man tried to block the attack, Klaus sent out multiple ice arrows, while ice shards started sprouting from the ground, heading in the Lightning Elementalist's direction.

The Lightning Elementalist sent a lightning strike at the shards coming his way, destroying them, while he covered himself with the lightning element to dodge the ice arrows.

He countered after getting to a safe spot, well, a place where he felt was safe. Klaus stepped on the ground and the entire platform turned into ice. Instead of standing on the earthen platform, it was currently made of ice.

The Lightning Elementalist was alarmed by this and a bolt of lightning fell from the sky, aiming at Klaus' head.

Klaus waved his hand above him and a shield made of ice appeared above him and blocked the attack.

The lightning struck the ice shield and spread in different directions.

The Lightning Elementalist was taken aback when he saw this. He could tell that Klaus hadn't used his special water yet, but his ice ability was already this powerful.

He had been preparing this lightning attack since the start of the battle, so it had gathered a good amount of strength, yet Klaus was able to block it with only an ice shield that wasn't even made from his special water.

This could mean only one thing, Klaus had gotten stronger.

He wasn't the only one who noticed this, the rest of the audience who had been watching Klaus' battle all this while noticed it as well.

"Looks like his all night training brought some improvements." Kyle commented.

"Grey gave him some things, I never knew they would be this effective." Alice said.

"And I really wanted him to be beaten a little before he gets into the top ten." Reynolds sighed.

He was beaten on some occasions, so he naturally wanted Klaus to go through that as well. It wasn't from ill will, he just didn't want Klaus to use this to mock him in the future.

"I still don't know how you guys became friends, and are still friends." Kyle shook his head.

Given the rate Klaus and Reynolds bicker, he was certain if it were some others, they would've become enemies by now. What was worse is that the duo laughed at each other's misfortune. However, he also knew that they wouldn't hesitate to fight to the death against anyone who harms one of them.

Maybe this was what true friendship was, fighting, arguing, laughing at each other before helping out, but in the end, they each cared deeply for each other.

While they were speaking, there was a change on Klaus' platform. The ice on the platform turned into water, and the Lightning Elementalist standing on it felt something hold onto his leg from the side.

He looked down only to see tentacles made of water grabbing his legs. Lightning sparked around him and cut off the tentacles. But they returned soon after.

When the Lightning Elementalist was focused on this, a large ice sword appeared above him and struck down immediately.

Boom!

Chapter 760 - Unfavorable Draw

The ice sword struck the location the Lightning Elementalist was standing, and although he managed to dodge to the right, the impact still forced him back.

Klaus didn't give him the chance to recover and started bombarding him with multiple attacks.

A minute later, he was able to capitalize on the pressure and sent the Lightning Elementalist out of the platform. Putting water on the platform gave him an advantage over his opponent.

The Lightning Elementalist complained about it, however, the man in charge of the platform said it wasn't against the rules.

Klaus defeated his opponent in the space of three minutes, a proud smile appeared on his face as he turned to look at Grey's platform, hoping he was the first.

'I should've known.' He thought with a sigh before looking at where they usually seat, Grey was seated there as if he wasn't even involved in a battle.

'Did he even fight or did his opponent give up immediately?' Klaus asked himself as he walked to their seat.

Other than the duo, no one else had gotten the victory. This was an astonishing accomplishment since the duo had the lowest stage currently in the competition. Other than them, the others were either in the Eighth stage or the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

Grey and Klaus had successfully made it to the top twenty-five, just like their friends did.

Seeing them advance so easily made the others look at them with apprehension. If the two friends took the first and second spot once again, they would feel embarrassed.

In the presence of thousands of geniuses, only four friends managed to dominate the entire competition. The others couldn't help but wonder if this would also happen if they had any friends in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane or even the Origin Plane. Would they also be able to dominate the battles?

Some minutes went by, and the others started to win one by one. After almost twenty minutes, all the battles finished. The first round was completed, now it was time for the remaining forty battles.

Three hours later, the battle for the top twenty-five ended. In the current top twenty-five, two people were in the Seventh stage, five were in the Eighth stage, while the rest were in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

The fact that Grey and Klaus who were the ones with the lowest stage were among the favorites to take the first and second spot was beyond comprehension to most of the people here. They could see that they were powerful, but why would people in the Seventh stage be this powerful in the first place?

The participants were called out to draw lots once again. Since there were twenty-five people left, it would be arranged in the same fashion as the Mid stages rankings. There would be twelve battles with one of the battles being a three-way battle.

When they drew lots, the person who would be taking place in a three-way battle was, Grey.

Klaus wasn't that lucky either, he would be fighting against one of the young ladies who was lauded to be one of the people who could rival them for the top spot.

This young lady was already in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane, and her strength was nothing to joke about. Klaus was certain that if he wanted to win this battle, then he would have to go all-out.

The lots were not in the favor of Grey and Klaus who were tagged as one of the favorites. Grey's opponents would naturally not give him the chance to fight against them one on one, so they would

immediately team up to take him out. Klaus fighting against a powerful Ninth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist would be his toughest battle so far.

The participants were given a two hours break.

Grey had his usual indifferent look, even after realizing both his opponents were powerful Ninth stage Overlord Plane Elementalists who had managed to get into one of the Factions.

If not for the fact that people knew there was no way to rig the lots, they would've said these people wanted the downfall of Grey and Klaus. Most of the people in the crowd were hoping Grey and Klaus would replicate what Alice and Reynolds did.

But with their current opponents, they didn't have much hope.

"How do you think they will perform in this round?"

"I don't know, but it will be very difficult for them to advance now. If they manage to do so, then they would become the favorites to get the two top spots."

The crowd were all engaged in conversations as they spoke about what Grey and Klaus' chances of advancing were. Some felt this might be the end of the road for the duo, while there were a few who felt Grey and Klaus would pull off a miracle and advance against all odds. Since the battles weren't many, there would be one battle each. So everyone could watch all the battles without worrying about which battle to watch.

Grey was once again going to fight first before Klaus.

Two battles took place before it got to Grey's turn. In the two battles, one lady in the Eighth stage managed to advance, defeating an opponent in the Ninth stage. She was one of the surprises so far.

Grey stepped on the platform, looking at the two people before him.

Kyle looked at the battle and asked, "How confident are you guys that he would win?"

"One thousand percent." The trio replied without hesitation.

In a battle against multiple opponents, Grey was even more dangerous than when fighting against one person. He would be able to use his space element to its fullest, and also use his inscriptions as well.

To be honest, putting Grey in such a position was no different from giving him the victory. He would win in a position like this nine times out of ten.

The man in charge of the platform looked at Grey and the two others, and after confirming with them, he called for the start of the battle.