

Affinity 981

Chapter 981 Something's Wrong

Grey was secretly preparing another array with each attack he unleashes. As long as the young man continued dodging in this manner, Grey would complete a terrifying attack array that might have the power to one-shot this young man.

With every attack he sends out, he would take out a portion of it and infuse it with the array he was creating. Once the array was finished, the attack power might even exceed the Sage Plane realm. This was all on the premise that the young man continues dodging and blocking which he is currently doing.

The young man didn't want Grey to hit him with any attack since it would be dangerous for him.

Grey didn't give him any chance as he continued his onslaught of attacks. Since the young man wanted to keep up with this, he didn't mind entertaining him.

The young man continued defending as Grey continued attacking.

As time went on, the young man soon noticed that something was wrong. Grey didn't seem to be going for the killer blow, rather, he was only just attacking willfully.

Whenever the young man tried to relieve the pressure, Grey didn't even mind using his domain.

"What's he doing?"

This was the question running through the head of everyone in the place as they saw Grey. It was only after another minute did they understand what was happening

"Another array."

The old man was the first to notice it.

"You're..."

"Correct, and you fell for it." Grey smirked as a large inscription, different from what he had been doing ever since appeared.

This time, the young man felt the threat of death. If a single attack from this inscription connected with him, he was done for.

The young man's aura suddenly exploded, his strength going almost past the Sage Plane. This wasn't the time to keep any of his strength hidden.

Grey, seeing this, knew that things had started to get serious. He didn't hold back and unleashed an attack from the inscription he just made.

The speed and power of the attack were shocking.

Just as the attack was about to hit the young man, he used the darkness element to counter, trying to use the corroding properties to block the attack.

The two attacks collided and caused an explosion.

The young man attacked, while Grey also continued his attacks. He didn't use the inscription in every attack since it would be a waste.

Every attack now was deadly and if any of them were to slip up even for a second, then they would lose this battle.

The young man used the lightning element to attack, but Grey dodged before using his earth element to send the young man up into the air.

The young man took flight, stabilizing himself before attacking Grey who was below him.

Grey vanished and appeared in the sky as well, facing off against the young man as they fought fiercely.

Not being on the ground gave away one of Grey's flaws, the array he made on the platform which was boosting his speed and attack power didn't have a hundred percent effect in the air. Previously, he had an increase of about fifteen percent, but now, he had only around seven to eight percent increase.

In such a battle, a drop of strength of this level was very dangerous since it would give his opponent the opportunity he needed.

The young man noticed this and started a fierce counter.

Grey didn't back down either, he continued attacking.

Boulders covered in scorching flames appeared in the sky and each of them shot at the young man.

The young man confidently maneuvered through them while also destroying the few he couldn't dodge.

Grey unleashed an attack from the inscription, while also using his domain to try to hold the young man in one place.

The young man dodged and rushed out of the area. He used his darkness domain to help himself against Grey's domain.

Grey called on his lightning domain as well, making sure the power could suppress the darkness domain of the young man.

The young man didn't want to be defeated, so for the first time since the battle started, he took the initiative to move closer to Grey.

Seeing this, Grey's eyes lit up. Of course he was not going to let this chance slip by. However, contrary to what the young man expected, the gravitational force field didn't come, and neither did Grey go close to him, rather, he felt a repulsive force that sent him flying back.

Behind him, the inscription had already been loaded up, ready to attack.

'Damn it!' He complained internally.

He covered himself with his darkness domain while also using an attack, trying to see if he could break apart the inscription.

Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful and the attack from the inscription shot out, cleanly striking the body of the young man which was not only covered by the darkness domain, it was also covered in double armor of the darkness and lightning element. These were the last resort of the young man, if even these were unable to block this attack from Grey, then he was done for.

The attack hit him cleanly, knocking him back in the direction he was coming from.

Grey was waiting for him, just as the figure shot out of the explosion, heading in Grey's direction, Grey's expression changed drastically, without even thinking, he turned around and tried to bolt away.

The young man's domain had been destroyed, his darkness and lightning armor were shattered and he was bleeding from all seven orifices. His clothes were a mess, but he was headed toward Grey with a deadly aura revolving around him.

Grey felt a threat, hence he didn't think twice before trying to escape. Teleportation might not be able to help him at the moment, so he wanted to use his speed to escape from the young man's grasp.

The young man's eyes were red as he rushed after Grey.

Chapter 982 A Cut Above The Rest

Grey rushed across the platform with the young man behind him, frantically trying to get a hold of him.

Everyone could see the crazed look in the eyes of the young man. No one could say anything since the battle wasn't over yet, and if anything, he was the one in a bad state, so those from the Burchard Family were a little helpless.

They could feel their hearts throbbing from anxiety. The young man's plan was as clear as day,

Grey moved as fast as lightning, but the young man was right behind him. Given their small space, it was a little harder to maneuver from such a race.

Thinking hard, Grey flew down, landing on the platform. This was the place he had the highest advantage. With the help of his arrays, he could move faster and probably might be able to even knock the young man away.

The young man attacked with the lightning element, his attack power seemingly seeing an almost thirty percent increase.

Grey dodged the attack, but was met with another fierce attack from his opponent. He couldn't dodge this one, so he blocked it, but it pushed him back.

Before he could retain his footing, the young man was already getting close to him. Without even thinking, he used the gravitational force field, while also using the repulsive force from the space element to push the young man away from where he was standing.

The young man took on everything, discarding his safety as he tried to shorten the gap between them.

'Does he want to sacrifice his life?' Grey almost freaked out when he saw this.

The young man's flesh was starting to peel off from the pressure of both the gravitational force field and the space element attack he used, but the young man refused to budge, edging closer to Grey.

An orb appeared in Grey's hand as he sent it at the young man. Since he wanted to take on attacks this much, then he would entertain him.

Just as the attack was about to hit the young man, he moved.

'Got you.' Grey smiled and the inscription lit up, firing an attack to the right side of the young man even before he moved.

When he released the first attack, he studied the young man's body language, he predicted the side he would move to when he wanted to dodge the attack, so he used the inscription which had a higher attack power to attack that area. As long as the young man landed there, he would find it almost impossible to dodge this attack.

The young man saw Grey's attack coming, but he couldn't stop his body since he had already taken the step. Stopping now would be even more dangerous.

Gritting his teeth, he shot a beam of darkness at the attack coming his way. The two attacks collided and an explosion followed suit.

Grey and the young man were relatively close to where the explosion took place, so both of them were affected by the attack.

The young man was closer to it, so he felt the full brunt of it.

Grey was forced back, but with the help of the earth armor he created, he was safe.

The young man on the other hand was caught up in the explosion. His figure soon vanished from everyone's line of view.

Grey squinted his eyes to look at the explosion, and his eyes changed when he saw something coming at him.

'Damn it! What the hell is wrong with this guy?' He was visibly getting upset by the young man.

The young man's figure shot out of the place where the explosion took place, bloodied, but he was still rushing after Grey. This time, his speed was faster than before.

Grey tried to dodge, but the young man moved too fast, and he never expected he would attack him even after being hit by such an attack.

The young man soon got to where Grey was standing, and just as he was about to grab a hold of Grey, something else happened.

Grey suddenly exploded out with an explosive punch. The force and speed behind the punch was out of the world.

No one expected Grey to use his physical strength to attack, but the result of it stunned everyone.

The punch connected cleanly with the chest of the young man, and he spat out a mouthful of blood before slamming into the ground, bouncing off a couple of times.

This time, unlike before, he didn't stand up immediately. His figure was already very close to being disfigured from the previous attacks, now, his chest was caved in, and it was evident that some of his ribs were broken.

"Give up, you're powerful, but you can not defeat me." Grey couldn't help but say.

The young man was breathing heavily, but he still forced himself to stand up.

"if you continue, you will die." Grey's eyes turned cold as he looked at the young man, after not getting any response, he added, "I have no problems with ending you though."

The young man raised his head as he looked at Grey.

"Do... you think you can kill me?" The young man paused mid-sentence to spit out the blood in his mouth.

Even after being battered, he still didn't want to give up.

Grey's breath wasn't that relaxed, it was clear that the battle had been very taxing for him. If the battle continued at the same intensity, he might not be able to hold on.

Gritting his teeth, the young man moved out once again.

'Fuck!' Grey cursed internally.

Now he knew how it felt to fight against an opponent who refuses to give up. It was irritating. Even after everything the young man had gone through, he still wanted to fight against him.

'Fine, I'll kill you. I'm done playing.'

Grey's eyes changed, and he entered a different mode.

Everyone noticed the sudden change in Grey's aura and they couldn't help but shiver at the sight of it.

"Such bloodlust, is he even a kid?"

The Elders from the Burchard Family looked at Grey in shock. For him to have this high level of bloodlust meant that he had killed countless people.

Grey was out to kill now, he wouldn't hold back anymore.

Boom!

With Grey at the center, a powerful energy spread out and Grey's aura which was on the Eighth stage moved up by a stage, entering the Ninth stage.

"What?!"

The old man stood up from his seat, he was dumbstruck.

Grey being able to increase his strength by three stages was already shocking enough, now, he could actually increase by a stage further? What does that mean? An increase of four stages!

"Impossible!"

Those from the Nether Faction all stood up as they saw Grey. Lucien in particular already felt Grey was too strong when they fought, but seeing him still have such a trump card hidden, he couldn't help but shake his head in defeat. Grey held back when fighting against him, and he still almost killed him. This meant that Grey never took him seriously from the start. And he thought their battle was a close one.

While everyone was still in a state of shock, Grey's aura didn't stop there, it edged very close to the Peak of the Sage Plane before coming to a stop. Everyone noticed that it took a toll on Grey since he looked skinnier compared to how he was before.

'As expected, it's not free. No wonder he had never used this stage before. His body can't take more than this.'

This was what everyone thought. However, they didn't know this was Grey's doing since he didn't want them to think that he was using such a technique without any repercussions.

If they knew, they might want to kill him just to get the technique. That was a risk he was not willing to take.

The young man attacked, but he was met with a strong defensive wall set up by Grey.

Grey stepped out from the wall and attacked with the fire element.

Lightning butterflies soon appeared on the platform. Each of them were made from silver lightning. Not just these butterflies, but there were mixes of pale blue butterflies as well.

Grey was using his icy flames now. His icy flame domain appeared at this moment as well.

The young man unleashed his darkness domain once again as he tried to fight off Grey's attacks.

The moment Grey increased his cultivation stage, his power saw another increase and he started to overwhelm the young man. The young man could barely block any of Grey's attacks since they were more than what it previously was. With the addition of the array, Grey's attack power was on the level of those at the Peak of the Sage Plane.

"This kid..."

No one knew how to rate Grey any longer. He had already gone above all their previous ratings.

Chapter 983 Let's Make It More Interesting

Grey walked closer to the young man with a confident smile on his face. He was not flustered by the pressure he was getting from those watching, he knew this was a battle he could've won easily if not for the fact that he was trying to hide his true strength.

The young man was being forced back with every attack. He had to also make sure that he wasn't touched by any of the butterflies. There was a time he accidentally got hit by it and the explosion sent him flying. He slammed into more of the butterflies which caused his injuries to further increase.

On the side of the Nether Faction, Bill and the leader of the Faction had sour faces. From the way things were going, there was no way the young man could use the technique they wanted him to use. If he couldn't use it, then Grey would win.

Bill looked at the Faction leader worriedly. If Grey won this, they couldn't take the risk of fighting against him, but letting him recover was the worst since he would get all the time he needed to recover most of his strength.

"This time, the increase definitely affected him. All he needs to do is to hang in there for a little longer, even if he can't win, let him force that kid to stay in this state for a little longer so the havoc that would be caused by the use of such a technique would be too much for him to bear in his next battle." The leader said with a grin.

Even if the young man would lose this round, it was already obvious that he had forced Grey beyond his limit. As long as Grey stayed in such a state for too long, it would definitely affect him. This way, the next person who would step on stage would challenge him immediately and end him.

He could even kill him, making the two sides tally on the same numbers. If the young man can't force Grey to even the level where he couldn't fight again, then he would be a disappointment.

On the side of the Burchard Family.

"Do you think he can fight again?" Scott asked.

"I don't think so, his condition doesn't look too good. The fact that he can still stand after what his body is going through is already testament of his incredible will and persistence. I'm afraid he would need months to recover from this." An Elder replied with the shake of his head.

No one argued with him since they all felt he was correct. Everyone could see how dried up Grey had become. As the battle went longer, Grey seemed to be reducing in size as well. If this were to go on for ten more minutes, Grey might die even before the young man gave up.

Back on the platform.

Grey was attacking the young man who was frantically trying to escape. He wasn't even trying to defend since he knew it was of no use. If he dared to block, the attack power would push him back.

The butterflies on the platform were still there, so was the array as well as the inscription. Grey completely dominated this young man, and he was not trying to hold back.

He wanted to unleash a dimensional slash, but thinking about the fact that the young man might dodge it, he halted and used another attack. He used a fire blade, trying to cut the young man apart.

The young man dodged the attack, retreating to the left. But he was met with an attack from the inscription which sent him flying even after he set up a defensive wall.

His injuries worsened and he spat out a mouthful of blood. At the moment, he barely looked like a person. He was badly mutilated, and his skin had been burnt by the flames of Grey.

He has not only suffered from burns in this battle, but he had also been attacked by extreme cold, and also shocked by lightning. In short, he had taken a lot of attacks, but he was not one to give up so early.

Grey looked at the young man with an irritated look.

"Give up or die."

He raised his hand and a pulling force dragged the young man in his direction.

As the young man was getting close to him, he attacked.

Since he didn't have control over his body, he wanted to force Grey to leave him, so that he could escape.

The attack was strong and deadly, if it hit Grey, even with his improvement, he would still be badly injured by it.

Seeing that Grey was not moving, a smirk appeared on the face of the young man.

'You're too confident.' He wanted to speak this out but he couldn't.

Grey didn't move and inch as his hand was still outstretched. Just when everyone thought the attack was about to hit him, it passed through him.

'An afterimage?'

Surprise appeared on the face of the young man, but he soon noticed something was wrong.

If this was an afterimage, he shouldn't be heading in the same direction. Grey's technique should've been broken by now with the change in his location.

'Crap!'

Grey's figure soon appeared again, it was like he was stuck between the physical and spiritual worlds.

The young man's vision soon went black, this time, Grey's attack came crashing down on him like a tidal wave.

Grey's fist also came slamming down on his head, he wanted to take him out.

But just as Grey's fist was about to hit the young man, he felt a protective shield guarding the young man. He turned his head to where the old man was sitting once again.

The old man shrugged before waving his hand, sending the young man back to the Nether Faction so he could receive treatment. If he was left unattended, he might risk suffering heavily from this.

Grey walked off the platform as fast as he could. He had already exited the Fusion State, and he also made sure to look as downtrodden as he could.

He dragged himself back to his seat, and this time, before he even got to his seat, he felt a strange energy entering his body. He naturally wanted to force it out, but then a voice sounded out from the crowd.

"I'm trying to help, don't worry, I won't pry."

Grey didn't say anything as he sat down, took a healing tonic and sat down in a crossed leg position. He started recovering and a speed visible to the human eyes. The reason he did this was simple, if he didn't do it and was slow in recovering, he might be challenged again, and fighting in that state was not good for him.

Bill soon stepped on the platform.

"Since everyone is challenging you, I want to try my hand as well."

Everyone understood what the Nether Faction was trying to do.

"I never took you for a coward." Scott's mocking voice came from the side of the Burchard Family.

"Me, a coward?" Bill raised a brow.

"Yes, you're a coward. Everyone from the Nether Faction is a coward. What can you do about it?" Scott said coldly.

"I'll handle you later, but for now, I have a target in sight. Besides, I only want to exchange views on cultivation with him. I like geniuses like him." Bill chuckled. He knew Scott's plan, and there was no way he would fall for it.

"Fight me then, if you have the guts." Scott stood up.

"Sit down, I'll deal with you later. I challenged him, let him come." Bill wasn't bothered.

As long as Grey doesn't step up within the next minute, it would mean he forfeited the battle and that meant that he won. All they wanted was to take out Grey, no matter the method used.

Grey opened his eyes and looked at Bill who was staring at him.

"You've done enough already, forfeit this battle." The leader of the Burchard Family said.

Grey turned to look at him, before staring at Sylvia who also nodded her head. They could all see how much his last battle cost him, if he dared to fight again, then the result for him might not be good.

As much as they wanted to win, they didn't want to ruin such a genius.

With Grey still sitting down, Bill turned to the old man.

"Elder, as you can see, he's obviously not stepping up. That means..."

Bill was still speaking when he heard the footsteps of Grey.

"Since you dared to challenge me, of course I'll date to accept it." Grey said with a smile.

"Haha, I like you." Bill laughed.

"Why don't we make this a little more interesting." Grey chuckled.

"Oh, you have a wish?" Bill asked.

"A deathmatch. How about that?" Grey asked with a smile.

"Oh."

Everyone gasped when they heard Grey's statement.

Chapter 984 Bill's Strength

"You want a deathmatch with me?" Bill was a little taken aback by Grey's demand.

He originally thought Grey wanted to bet something valuable, he never thought he would want to throw his life away. Yes, he would not deny it, Grey was as powerful as he was, but not in his current state.

After Grey's last battle, it was evident that he was not even seventy percent, much less a hundred percent. If Grey fought against the young man he fought against previously in his current state, everyone felt he would lose.

"Yes, are you afraid?" Grey nodded as he looked at Bill with a mocking smile.

"To think you would want to throw your life away." Bill laughed with a shake of his head.

"Grey, you don't have to do this." Sylvia spoke up.

"Don't worry, I'll be fine." Grey turned to Sylvia.

Sylvia saw his face and nodded before taking a seat.

"Won't you try to discourage him?" Scott asked.

"I tried, he refused." Sylvia replied.

"You only tried once." Scott looked at her with an odd look.

"Once is enough. If he doesn't listen to me once, then he wouldn't listen to me even if I say it a hundred times." Sylvia shrugged.

"You..." Scott sighed before shaking his head, "He's overestimating himself. Sometimes, overconfidence isn't a good thing. Geniuses like him fall too early."

The Elders by the side all nodded to his words. It's good to be confident, but one should also know when to give up.

On the side of the Nether Faction.

The Faction leader had a smirk on his face. Grey had been a torn on their side, if they could kill him, then it was worth it. Bill was powerful, to them, he was more powerful than Scott. As long as he took out Grey, Scott would not be a problem.

Back on the platform.

"You know, you should listen to them." Bill said slowly.

He wasn't in a hurry. Although he was also confident in his strength, he was no fool. There was no way Grey would want to throw his life away.

'He must have something that gives him confidence. If I can find it before we start the battle, then I can make things easier.' He thought as he tried to run through everything Grey had done since the start of the battle.

For each battle, Grey has been known to bring one or two surprises. This meant that before making such a request, he already had something that gave him the confidence that he could kill Bill.

Bill was not the only one thinking about all these.

While Bill was still in thought, everyone looked at the two quiet figures on the platform. No one expected Grey would bring up such a request, nor did they think Bill would take this long against an opponent who wasn't a hundred percent and was still in a lower stage than himself.

Grey chuckled, "Are you afraid?"

Bill didn't respond to him but looked around, "Tell me, what gives you so much confidence?"

"My strength, what else?" Grey replied with confidence.

"Hehe, your strength? You call that your strength?" Bill laughed out loud, "If you want to use your strength, then don't use any techniques to increase it to the Ninth stage of the Sage Plane, that is your true strength."

Grey shrugged, "It can't be helped. You're in the Peak, and I'm only in the Fifth stage. I don't even take my strength to the Peak, the Ninth stage is more than enough for the likes of you."

Bill looked at Grey, he couldn't refute. If Grey really were to somehow get his strength to the Peak of the Sage Plane, then even he had little confidence in being able to fight against such a beast.

"I..." Bill paused and looked at Grey, "decline your request. I'm not interested in killing you, defeating you is enough. We're all geniuses, killing each other wantonly is just stupidity."

When everyone heard his answer, the entire place went silent. No one expected such an answer from Bill. His refusal meant only one thing, he was afraid.

Even if Grey was not fit, it was obvious that in all the battles he had fought so far, he had almost killed his opponents. If not for the old man, they would all have been killed.

If Grey brought this up, then he truly might have a way.

When everyone thought more clearly, none of them felt disappointed by Bill. Although those from the Nether Faction were a little annoyed since this was a little embarrassing, it was not too bad. When your opponent was this powerful, then it was okay to take a step back. Being a genius means one has to have great judgement of things as well. No one wanted to die.

"To think you're afraid of me. An injured opponent." Grey mocked.

Bill didn't buy Grey's mocking, instead he turned to the old man, "Can we start now?"

The old man looked at Bill, smiled before nodding his head. He approved of Bill's choice.

Even he felt Grey might really be able to kill his opponent if they were fighting a death battle.

Grey's killing intent was already very strong, that showed how brutal he was. His previous battles had also told everyone of his personality. So long as the opportunity presented itself, he didn't mind killing his opponents.

If they agree to a deathmatch, then the old man wouldn't be able to interfere. The truth was, he was more worried about Grey than Bill.

Grey was strong, but he wasn't at his best now. He didn't want such a genius to die over such a stupid competition. He was already annoyed by the people who had been killed, if someone of Grey's caliber were to die, it would be too much of a blow to take for humans.

Bill moved the moment the old man told them they could start the battle.

Grey immediately used the Fusion State, getting to the Ninth stage from the start. He couldn't dare to be negligent against someone of Bill's level.

Bill used the lightning element to attack, but Grey dodged to the left.

Before Grey's legs could touch the ground, Bill was already close to him as he attacked again with the lightning element.

Grey blocked the attack, but was sent flying by the impact. He flipped mid-air to stabilize himself before trying to counter.

However, Bill had already attacked again.

Grey's figure shot to the ground after Bill's attack hit him on the back.

The speed of Bill was on another level. He was even faster than the young man he just fought against.

'Damn it. I still need to rest.' He thought to himself.

He stood up after landing on the ground, blood slowly dripping from the side of his lips. He cleaned it before taking flight since Bill was still in the sky.

He unleashed a stream of fire, but Bill cut it open with lightning.

Grey tried to use the earth element to use a hammer to slam him down, but Bill dodged it before attacking Grey with a lightning arrow.

The arrow shot at Grey with insane speed, Grey created a fire screen to block it, but the arrow broke through it easily. But it was finally blocked by an attack from Grey.

The impact of both attacks pushed Grey back.

When Grey retreated, he saw Bill standing close to him.

He used the gravitational force field, but to his surprise, it had little to no effect on Bill.

"Haha, I've already prepared a precaution for this thing of yours." Bill chuckled as he engaged Grey in a close combat battle.

Grey's eyes lit up. Close combat would make things easier for him.

Bang! Bam!

Their fists collided multiple times at an unimaginable speed. Blows were thrown as they tried to overpower each other.

Grey had a powerful physical body so he was not in any way weaker than his opponent. Bill was using the help of his elements to improve his strength as they fought.

As the battle progressed, Bill's strength increased.

At first, it was obvious that Grey was stronger, however, now, they were almost on the same level.

Grey soon noticed this as well as his blows weren't pushing Bill back any longer.

'What's happening?' He thought in confusion.

Boom!

Grey's fist exploded with fire. The force was stronger than his previous attacks, sending Bill flying.

"Haha, I never thought you would also be so proficient in hand to hand combat. Come, again." Bill said excitedly.

It was evident he was both stunned and excited at the same time.

Grey didn't say anything as he rushed after Bill who was standing in the same place. He had already stopped using the gravitational force field since it seemed to be ineffective against Bill.

Unlike him, Bill didn't have a strong physical body, he however had a technique that could help boost his physical strength as he battled on. This was one of the reasons why he enjoyed engaging in physical battles.

Not just that, but since most Elementalists have weak physiques, he tends to almost always overpower them as they fight.

Chapter 985 Side-Effects Of The Fusion State

Grey was not surprised at Bill's reactions, most geniuses who practice an odd method of fighting tend to be more excited when they see someone like them. In this case, even though Bill seemed to hate him, he couldn't hide the joy on his face after they exchanged blows some time ago.

"If you say so, I won't hold back any longer." Grey said before charging at Bill.

Just as he was about to arrive in front of Bill, he vanished and appeared on his left side as he threw a punch at him.

Bill didn't expect Grey to use a method like this, but he still blocked the attack, but was pushed back.

Grey attacked once again, his fist exploding with fire.

Bill threw a punch of his own, his hand covered with lightning. Both fists collided and sparks flew everywhere.

They soon started to move at lightning speed as they each tried to overpower the other. Grey's attack power was massive from the start, and with the addition of the explosive power of the fire element, he was too powerful for anyone in the Sage Plane.

Bill could barely keep up with him, but as time went on, he soon started to grow in strength. This was something Grey noticed when they started to fight, now, he was noticing it again.

Bill threw a punch, but Grey disappeared before appearing behind him. Expecting this, Bill swung his fist sideways, sweeping behind him with his fist.

Grey didn't move and the fist phased through him.

When the fist was just passing him, he attacked Bill with a punch.

A lightning screen appeared where his fist was about to hit on Bill's chest as he used it to block against Grey's attack.

Bill returned the favor to Grey as he tried to kick him off the ground.

Grey jumped up to dodge the kick before doing a spinning kick mid-air. Bill's hands were always covered in lightning as he raised them above him to block the attack.

The force of the attack almost forced him to his knees, but he managed to hold on and pushed Grey off.

While Grey was mid-air, a lightning bolt dropped from the sky as it crashed into his body.

Grey was hit by the lightning bolt as he was unable to dodge it. However, he was always covered with earth armor, so other than rocking his innards, the attack didn't do much to him.

Just as he was about to hit the ground, Bill appeared below him, throwing a fist into the sky that transformed into a large lightning fist that crashed into Grey, sending him into the air once more.

Grey stabilized himself in the sky before large boulders appeared in the sky, wrapped in flames and lightning.

The boulders came crashing down, but Bill moved through the platform before shooting into the sky, punching a hole through the boulders coming his way.

He soon came face to face with Grey as he attacked with his fists.

Grey blocked and countered. The sound of the two fists clashing was the only thing reverberating in the entire platform.

Everyone watched the duo in the sky as they fought fiercely against each other, punching almost every part of the opponent's bodies.

They both fought widely and brutally. But people soon started to notice something odd, Bill was starting to gain the advantage.

Since the start of the battle, Grey had always had the advantage when it came to physical strength, but now, it didn't seem to be the case. Bill was starting to grow stronger with time, and his physical strength seemed to be an edge stronger than Grey's.

This came as a surprise not only to the crowd from the Burchard Family, but to Grey as well.

'What is he using?' He thought to himself.

He already knew it was a technique that increased physical strength, but he didn't know how it worked.

Bill was getting more excited as they fought. He didn't even try to engage in a conversation with Grey any longer, all he wanted to do was to fight to his heart's content.

Grey gave up on the idea of asking him what he was using as he tried to ensure that he didn't lose this battle.

Bang!

A fire orb exploded as Bill tried to get close to him. This halted his movement, giving Grey time to move close to attack.

However, the moment Grey got within two meters of Bill, the area was covered with lightning. Small lightning arcs shot through the air, moving like snakes.

Bill has made use of his domain.

Grey was forced out of the domain as he suffered burns from the lightning.

Bill's domain strength exceeded Grey's expectations. He was almost certain that this domain could destroy his own, and he didn't want to try it out.

Now he understood why Bill was the number one person in the Sage Plane from a Faction as big as the Nether Faction.

If Bill couldn't achieve this much, then he would've been disappointed.

Grey's body had some injuries already, and blood was dripping from the side of his lips. After going through multiple body wrecking battles, he still engaged in such an intensifying battle, especially after not having enough time to heal.

What was worse was that cracks were forming on his body. Very tiny cracks. Even Grey didn't notice it as he fought with Bill.

Bill laughed as he charged at Grey after using his domain to force him back.

Grey stretched out his hand as a repulsive force tried to push Bill away. Bill stopped moving and tried to hold out against the repulsive force. He managed to hold out for a while, but he was still forced back, although the distance was almost negligible.

'Damn!' Grey couldn't help but complain.

His facial expression changed and he moved his hand closer to his face.

'What the hell?!' He freaked out when he noticed the crack on his hand.

While Grey was in a state of shock, Bill had already gained himself and rushed over, sending a punch Grey's way.

Grey snapped out of the shocked state as he barely dodged the fist coming at his face.

Bill's fist brushed through the side of his face, but it wasn't much.

Seeing that he missed, Bill tried to use his elbow to continue his attack.

Grey noticed this quickly and used his right hand to stop the elbow from hitting his face before kicking at Bill's stomach.

Bill blocked the attack with his hand.

Both fighters stopped in the same position. Bill was grabbing hold of Grey's right leg with his left hand, while Grey was using his left hand to block Bill's elbow.

The duo retreated simultaneously as they stood some meters apart, staring at each other in the eyes.

"You're my toughest opponent yet. You should be excited since I'm rating you this high." Bill said respectfully.

"I could say the same, but..." Grey paused mid-sentence as he recalled the old monster who tried to kill him back at the Lutra realm, before shaking his head, "I've met a stronger opponent."

Bill's expression changed when he heard this. Him acknowledging Grey was already unexpected for most people there, but the fact that Grey said he was not the strongest person he had fought against irritated him.

"Anyone stronger than me in the Sage Plane is definitely not in the Sage Plane." Bill said angrily.

He would never accept that there was anyone stronger than he was in the Sage Plane.

"Well, I'm an exception, don't you think?" Grey asked with a smirk.

Bill didn't respond, but he snorted coldly. Everyone could tell that he couldn't reply since that would mean he was not correct with his statement. However, no one could refute Grey. If Grey were to be at the Peak of the Sage Plane, he might've defeated Bill already.

Grey was studying his body as they spoke and he soon started to notice multiple things, his body was not the only thing that was cracking, even his innards, bones, organs, and even his cores seemed to be cracking.

'I need to end this.' He was losing it.

He had gotten a general idea of what was happening. Even with the increase in his strength, he couldn't use the Fusion State infinitely. Now, he wasn't strong enough to use the Fusion State for this long, so it was starting to have an effect on his body.

If he didn't stop soon, he might die before even completing the battle.

"I'll defeat you, so you can know you're not a match for me." Bill said with a cold expression.

"You don't have to take me too seriously, I'm still in the Fifth stage, why don't you wait till I get to the Peak before you say that?" Grey said with a smile.

Bill snorted coldly once again, he acknowledged Grey's strength, but he felt Grey was too proud.

Chapter 986 Continuous Use Of The Fusion State

Bill moved closer to Grey, wanting to attack once again. However, this time, Grey didn't try to engage in hand to hand combat with him, rather, he retreated and used his fire element to unleash an attack. Pm

Bill was forced to receive the attack since he never expected Grey to suddenly switch to elemental attacks. Blocking the attack, he was pushed back by the impact of the attack.

Grey used his fire and lightning domain simultaneously, while inscriptions lit up in the sky. He was done with playing, although he enjoyed the hand to hand combat, he couldn't keep up with it for too long.

When Bill noticed that Grey had switched to using elemental attacks, he felt a little downcast as he switched as well. He would've preferred fighting with their physical strength, but since Grey wanted to switch, then he would as well.

In a battle of physical strength, Grey was the strongest person he had fought against. No matter how he improved, Grey's strength seemed almost limitless. For someone like him who got stronger as time went on, he wanted to see how far he could go against someone like Grey.

Bill used a lightning blade, trying to cut Grey down with it.

Grey created an earth wall, but the lightning blade cut through it. But its power reduced, although not significantly, but it wasn't on the level it was at first. Grey used a fire blade to deflect the attack.

Bill rushed forward and used the lightning element once again to attack Grey.

Grey unleashed the inscription had he been preparing. He used the attack to block off the attack Bill sent his way.

Bill being the stronger person got the advantage as his attack burst through the inscription and its attack and shot at Grey.

Grey already used the opportunity the attack slowed down and moved away, dodging it by a hair's breadth.

He sent a stream of fire at Bill, the stream of fire had some spots that seemed to have a difference. Monitoring it closely, the Elders noticed those spots had icy flames hidden in them.

Bill tried to block the stream of flames coming his way, but the special parts managed to go through and hit him.

The icy flames soon started getting to work. Ice started to form across Bill's body, even with his strength, Grey's ice was too powerful.

He used lightning to coat himself as he tried to block the attack from getting to him.

The ice started to thaw almost immediately they touched Bill's body, but since it was not immediate, it meant Bill couldn't move for a very short time. This was all Grey needed to create the array he wanted.

He created the same inscription he used when fighting against his last opponent, the young man who was also at the Peak of the Sage Plane. From when he started his battle with Bill, he already thought of this, but he was only forced to use it early due to his situation.

Grey not only prepared this inscription, but also the array he would use to boost his strength, speed, and every other thing when fighting with Bill.

Bill wasn't fast enough, so even though the ice was thawing, he didn't have time to prepare for Grey's attack. The attack hit him head-on and sent him flying.

Grey used the opportunity to move closer to him as he tried to attack once again. However, the moment Grey was about to attack, something strange happened.

Boom!

Grey felt a powerful force coming from where Bill was lying.

Bill raised his head to look at Grey, "Looks like I'll have to use it then."

The strong pressure Grey felt sent chills down his spine as he retreated from where Bill was lying. He threw an attack Bill's way, but it was useless.

"You can't defeat me." Bill stated confidently as he stood up.

Everyone on the side of the Burchard Family looked on with great interest. One has to know that Grey was currently their greatest asset in this competition, they couldn't afford to neglect anything regarding him. They all watched the battle going on with extreme focus, Sylvia was even prepared to intervene in case Grey was not Bill's match.

A figure soon seemed to tear open a portal and step on the platform.

'A summoner?' Grey was taken aback when he saw the figure.

The figure was big, made entirely of lightning. It wasn't hard for him to discern that it was not a human.

He never expected Bill would be a summoner. Although Reynolds' summon was superior to this, it didn't change the fact that Grey was in an extremely difficult situation now.

Either he upgrades to the Peak of the Sage Plane, or he risks losing against Bill.

Bill sent the summon after him while he still seemed distracted.

Grey quickly snapped out of his thoughts since he knew switching off at a time like this was deadly.

The summon rushed after Grey and attacked with a long spear.

Grey managed to move out of the way, but barely.

However, the spot Grey appeared on was soon covered by lightning. Bill, sensing Grey would appear there, utilized his domain.

The moment Grey appeared, he was hit by the lightning. Since he was not expecting it, it hurt him. Adding to his already cracked skin, his eyes turned red from the pain.

He quickly tried to block the lightning from touching him with the space element. Forcing everything close to him to leave the space opened the chance for him.

Bill attacked when he saw this. But Grey was prepared, using the help of his Fusion State, he increased his strength once more. He forgot about those watching. The time to show his strength had come. Even

if he couldn't use all his elements he wanted to make sure he used the Fusion State to the peak, and make sure he was victorious.

The crowd watching were once again stunned. Grey had given them one more thing to be shocked about.

Even Bill, who was fighting Grey was dumbfounded.

Chapter 987 Can I?

Grey's figure dried up once again, this time, his situation seemed worse compared to the first time. Now, he looked to be all bones covered by skin.

Bill retreated as he sent the Summon after Grey. His biggest chance of winning now was with the Summon. He already tested Grey's strength, on the same level, even he was a little lacking compared to the monster known as Grey.

Seeing the Summon charging at him, Grey didn't shirk away, he did a slashing motion with his hand and the Summon was cut in two by an invisible attack.

Only after the attack passed through and was heading in Bill's direction did it come to light, it was his spatial slash.

Bill scurried away from where he was standing as he could feel a frightening power coming off the attack.

While Bill was dodging, the Summon which was cut in two merged back and became one. It continued its charge at Grey.

Grey paused and sent a fireball at the Summon.

Boom!

The fireball exploded on impact and the Summon staggered back. It couldn't keep its footing and fell on its back.

Grey set his sights on Bill since he was his target from the start.

Bill sent a lightning strike at Grey. But Grey didn't move and the attack phased through him. He continued closing in on Bill who was a little startled.

This was not the first time he was fighting against someone on the same level, but Grey was a freak. It was as if he was fighting against a skeleton which terrified him.

Grey stretched out his dried up hand and pointed at Bill. A small orb started to form at the tip of his finger.

Before long, a light beam shot out from the finger.

Bill rushed to dodge the attack. He managed to dodge it at a hair's breadth, but he couldn't help but feel a chill down his spine. The aura from the attack was something that he had only felt from those above the Sage Plane.

One has to know that the difference between a Sage Plane Elementalist and an Elemental Venerable was by no means small, yet Grey seemed to jump that gap with nothing but a single attack.

Bill started to thank his stars that he didn't agree to Grey's request of fighting a death match. In a normal battle he was already like this, how far would Grey go to kill him in a death match?

He didn't even want to find out about that.

Grey didn't stop after that attack. Four inscriptions appeared mid-air and attacked Bill from four different directions. He was trying to force Bill to take one of the attacks head-on if he wanted to escape from it.

However, just as the attack was about to get to where Bill was standing, a large figure appeared in front of him and blocked all four attacks simultaneously.

Roar!

The Summon roared loudly as lightning sparks flew mid-air.

Grey squinted his eyes as he looked at the Summon which had recovered.

As long as Bill could continuously feed it, then this thing was practically immortal.

'I'll see how long you can last.' He thought with a smirk as he attacked once again.

This time, he used a fire blade to cut apart the Summon. But before the Summon even tore in two places, it already started to merge as a lightning orb shot at Grey with insane speed.

Grey blocked the attack with an earth wall, but he was forced to take a step back.

Bill used the opportunity to move forward with the Summon in front of him. The Summon was the one taking all of Grey's attack while Bill focused on attacking Grey.

Grey blocked the attacks coming his way, but he was soon covered in lightning.

Grey felt his entire body go numb from the lightning strikes and also, his clothes were slowly ripping apart.

He moved a step forward and his figure vanished. He appeared behind the Summon, where Bill was unprotected and struck.

A large lightning bolt shot from the sky and struck where Grey was standing. The force of the lightning was far stronger than anything Bill had used since the start of the battle.

"I've been waiting for you to do that." Bill said with a proud smile.

"And you think that would stop me?"

Grey's voice came from the place where he was supposedly engulfed by lightning.

Bill was shocked and took a step back, moving closer to the Summon.

He looked at the place and noticed a pale blue light glowing within the lightning. Without even thinking twice, he rushed to the side, making sure the Summon was in between himself and Grey.

Boom!

The Summon standing behind him exploded.

Bill was shaken when he saw this as he pumped essence into the body of the Summon so it would rematerialize. Grey's attack destroyed the Summon, and the only way to bring it back was through either summoning it again or making sure before it was completely destroyed he could pump enough essence into it. He couldn't take the risk of the former since it would take some time before the Summon would be ready, the latter was the choice that was best.

Grey strolled out of the lightning covering him as he walked over to where Bill was standing.

He raised his head to look at the Summon that was slowly fading off.

He stretched out his hand and a repulsive force spread out.

Bill was pushed back by the force as he looked at Grey with serious eyes. He couldn't believe this was the same person that struggled against the young man at the Peak.

'I just need to make sure I outlast him.' He soon came up with a new plan.

He could already see that he was not a match for Grey, so he wanted to see if he could fight Grey till he couldn't use the technique he was using to increase his strength.

'Can I?'

Doubt flashed through the eyes of the always confident Bill.

Chapter 988 Help From Outside

"He can go even further?"

Everyone was shocked by Grey's sudden increase in strength. Of course they could see the price he was paying, but the fact that he could actually increase his strength above what they already assumed from his previous battles was shocking.

"Why's he risking his life for people that are not related to him?"

Those from the Nether Faction felt anger and hatred for Grey. At the rate Grey was currently going, he was going to single-handedly defeat them. If even after this battle he doesn't fight any longer, it doesn't matter, he has already taken out all the strong people from their group. Scott and the other two should be able to deal with the remaining two people.

From being the clear favorites to being the ones that are very likely to lose.

'It doesn't matter, his body can't last any longer than five minutes, as long as Bill can struggle for that time, then he would win.'

Those powerhouses in the place could already tell that the energy was too much for Grey's body and it was already wreaking havoc in his body. Some of them could even tell that Grey's core was also being damaged by this excess energy.

On the side of the Burchard Family.

"Is this kid stupid? He wants to damage his future for something like this?" An Elder couldn't help but ask.

They all felt that Grey seemed to have taken things overboard. Instead of being happy, some of them were infuriated at the fact that Grey was going to destroy himself because of this.

"He should give up while he still has the chance. Anything more than this and I'm afraid he'll become crippled." Another Elder said.

He didn't seem to be happy with Grey's performance so far. For some reason, he didn't like Grey. Seeing Grey's current situation, he felt a bit happy.

Sylvia wanted to say something, but she didn't know what to say. Grey did seem to have taken things way too far. All she felt at the moment was remorse. If she knew he was this crazy, she wouldn't have invited him over for the competition.

Well, technically, he didn't come because of her invite, rather, he came because of revenge. Even after getting his revenge, he still didn't want to lose.

She clenched her fists as she watched on.

Back on the platform.

Bill was going from one place to another, not of his own will. Grey had completely suppressed him and he couldn't even counter any longer. He could barely block any of Grey's attacks. He was bleeding from all seven orifices while his clothes were a wreck.

Bam!

His figure slammed into the platform. Even before he could regain himself, Grey was already standing close to him, with his foot raised, he tried to step on his chest.

Bill threw a punch out that was covered with lightning.

His punch collided with Grey's foot, but Grey didn't shake while he felt the bones on his hand wanting to fall apart.

'Is he still human?' Bill freaked out even more.

He knew he was fighting a race against time with Grey, but from how things had gone within a minute, he knew it was actually impossible for him to win this.

Grey kicked out, but Bill crossed his hands in front of his body to block Grey's kick. The force of the kick sent him sliding on the ground.

His body stopped at the edge of the platform.

Crack!

Lightning crackled in the sky and a large bolt fell from the sky, covering Grey.

In the lightning bolt, a large figure formed attacking Grey.

Bill had finally managed to force out his Summon once again.

He used his domain to increase the strength of his lightning attack as well as the strength of his Summon.

Bang! Bam! Boom!

Grey started to fight against the Summon with his fists while inscriptions started to attack Bill who was by the side.

The large figure of the Summon was sent to the stands by Grey's punch. A whole opened on the head of the Summon as it crashed on the ground.

With the old man as well as the leaders of both groups present, dealing with the Summon was very easy.

The leader of the Nether Faction contained it and sent it back to the platform as fast as he could.

The leader of the Burchard Family sent him a glance but he pretended like he didn't see anything.

Grey was about to attack Bill when the Summon came back to the platform. It was all healed up and it seemed to have received some boost.

Grey tried to punch it, but the Summon dodged it and threw a kick at him. The Summon's kick went through Grey's body, and Grey attacked it once again.

A lightning arrow shot at Grey with breakneck speed from an unpredictable angle.

Grey noticed the attack very late, and after just using his space element to allow the Summon's attack to phase through, he couldn't use it again on such short notice.

He turned around, and blocked the attack of Bill, but the Summon which was under Bill's complete control attacked Grey's back at this moment.

A lightning sword formed on its hand and it swung it at Grey's undefended back.

The attack was about to hit Grey's back when a brownish glow appeared. The sword attack seemed to slow down considerably, giving Grey the time he needed to block the attack in front of him and behind him.

After blocking Bill's attack, he moved forward in a bid to dodge the attack behind him. He knew he couldn't slow down the attack any more.

Bill attacked once again. He could feel the increase in the strength of the Summon, so he wanted to take the initiative to attack. After all, to people like him, the best form of defense was attack. And against someone like Grey, if he allowed him to have all the chances he wanted, then he would punish him.

Chapter 989 Attack?

"Hmph! Help from those old fellows. I'll still beat you up." Grey snorted coldly.

The slight increase in the strength of the Summon had changed how things were going. Although he was annoyed by this, he knew he didn't have the time to argue.

'Should I use another element? My time is very short now. I can feel my cores losing essence like a broken dam. The longer this takes, the more harm I do to myself.'

He was caught in a dilemma. Showing another element would mean having to publicly use five elements. Having four elements was already very rare, five was over the charts rare, but it wasn't impossible. There were still people alive who had five elements. Once in a while, the rumors of a Multi Elementalist with five elements would spread across the Continent, it wasn't impossible for this to happen.

After thinking about it for a while, he decided that if he couldn't change the tides within the next few seconds, then he would use another element. If he were fighting against Bill alone, then he would've been able to subtly use other elements without his knowledge, but with those old powerhouses present, even the slightest sign of another element would not go unnoticed.

The Summon's speed had seen an increase, so had its strength and defense. It rushed at Grey once again, trying to attack.

Grey moved through the platform like a phantom, before anyone could react he had already created an array.

He sent out a dark orb at Bill.

When Bill sensed the orb, he shivered in fear. He could tell that this would immediately kill him on impact.

The array Grey made this time was solely for his space element. All it would do was to increase his attack power, speed and everything involving the space element.

Without even thinking, Bill called back the Summon and it disappeared, immediately materializing in front of him.

The Summon appeared the moment the orb was about to hit him.

The orb hit the Summon and it exploded out before suddenly contracting.

The body of the Summon that broke apart started to come back together, but it started to shrink.

Bill shuddered when he saw this happening. Even those watching the battle couldn't help but feel a chill run down their spines. This was an attack that was terrifying to look at.

Before long, the body of the Summon disappeared from view. It was as if it was never there.

"I'll kill you with my next attack if you do not give up."

Grey's voice was already croaked from how he looked. This time, he was pretending any longer, the Fusion State was truly having shocking effects on his body. He could almost even feel his life essence slowly sipping away from his body and being absorbed by the orb in his body.

His entire body was so dried up that if he stood motionless, people would think he was dead.

"I'm not admitting defeat to a skeleton." Bill stated coldly.

"I guess you'll die before this skeleton then." Grey remarked, not offended by how Bill addressed him.

'Good thing Klaus is not here, I'd never see the end of his mockery.' Grey thought internally.

If Klaus were to see him in this state, he would surely mock him till the end of the world.

Grey rushed at Bill. Without the Summon, Bill can barely keep up with him.

A fire orb exploded, forcing Bill back. Bill tried to counter, but his attack seemed to disappear into nothingness.

Grey attacked once again. This time, completely suppressing Bill.

A long spear appeared on Bill's hand and it flew into the sky. It seemed to have a mind of its own. A large array appeared at the tip of the spear and a light beam shot at Grey.

Grey's body fluttered and he vanished from where he was standing. Before long, he was standing close to Bill. A punch was thrown out by him and Bill's figure was sent into the air.

Bill was already bleeding from different places. With this attack, he coughed out a large amount of blood.

Grey tried to get closer to him, but Bill shouted out loudly and lightning exploded out, from his body.

Grey didn't seem phased by the attack, with a wave of his hand, the attack coming his way was dispensed.

Bang!

Bill's body crashed on the ground, he tried to stand up, but he was unable to.

Grey walked over to him, "In the end, you couldn't outlast me."

Bill wanted to speak out but only blood came out from his mouth.

Grey raised his head, and a shocking amount of energy gathered there. If this connects with Bill, then he would most definitely die.

Just as the attack was about to hit him.

"I give up."

Bill's voice was almost inaudible, but everyone heard it.

Grey, who was about to kick out, stopped, "You fell for it."

Grey tried to smile, but with his current appearance, it didn't look Grey.

Bill's eyes widened when he realized the meaning behind Grey's words. He was about to say something when Grey's figure fell backward.

Boom!

His figure landed on the ground, seemingly lifeless.

The entire platform was quiet, no one spoke a word as they looked at the figure on the ground. The figure looked to be dead.

"He won?"

Someone from the Burchard Family asked with a confused expression.

"Did he really win?" An Elder asked with a wry smile.

To him, this couldn't really be counted as a victory for Grey. He had literally destroyed himself just to get this.

Sylvia was the first to move out as she tried to take Grey's body. However, at the time she was about to get there, she felt a powerful energy push her back.

An attack came from the side of the Nether Faction. It was done by the leader of the Faction. All he had towards Grey at the moment was nothing but hate.

"Oh no."

The old man moved out as he tried to block the attack. Not just the old man, but those from the Burchard Family as well.

Chapter 990 Unexpected Guest

With all top powerhouses moving at the same time, the scene was a sight to behold. However, they were all a bit too slow.

Since that leader of the Nether Faction made a move first, it was natural that he would have the advantage over the others.

Boom!

The attack hit where Grey was lying. And Grey was soon covered by a bright light.

"Huh?!"

Someone exclaimed as they looked at the explosion. The explosion which was expanding contracted in the blink of an eye.

Those who were rushing there paused as they looked at the sight in shock.

While everyone was staring at the scene, a figure stepped out of the void, standing close to Grey.

The figure looked at Grey lovingly before turning around to throw a glance at the leader of the Nether Faction.

"Quite bold of you to attack a weak child." The figure looked at the leader of the Nether Faction with a nonchalant expression.

Those from the Burchard Family paused when they saw the face of the figure. Not just those from the Burchard Family, but the old man, as well as those from the Nether Faction.

The figure standing there was someone well reputable across the entire Continent.

"Lucas?" The old man was the first to speak out.

"Elder, it's been a while." The figure referred to as Lucas bowed in the direction of the old man.

"What are you doing here?" The old man asked calmly.

Lucas' appearance here should be no coincidence.

"My son's fighting, I came to see how he was fairing." Lucas said softly before turning around to look at Grey's current condition.

Presently, Grey was the only one lying there. Before the leader of the Nether Faction attacked, he made sure to remove Bill from the picture so he wouldn't be hurt by the attack.

"He's your son?" The old man was shocked beyond words.

Not just the old man, but every single person in the place was quiet. They had no words at the moment.

"Vin, mind telling me why you attacked my defenseless son?" Lucas didn't bother with the reaction of those around as he turned to look at the leader of the Nether Faction.

The leader of the Nether Faction paused, he really didn't know what to say. If Grey were dead, then he would've been able to find a simple way to navigate through this. Although, Grey being alive was better than him dying at this moment. The figure before him was someone he knew he stood no chance against.

Not just this figure, but the person's wife was almost as fearsome as he was, only, more brutal. If she is the mother of Grey, then he could already guess that she would be fuming the moment she gets here.

"It was all accidental, I thought she wanted to attack my student, so I only attacked in retaliation." Vin, the leader of the Nether Faction explained.

"Do I look like a fool, I can see the blatant killing intent in your eyes when you attacked." Lucas said calmly.

"I'll let you go since my son's not harmed. I don't know about Martha though, you'll have to deal with her yourself." He added, not even waiting for Vin's response.

The second Vin heard the name Martha, he freaked out. Just like Lucas, Martha was a genius, she could almost be said in the same breath as Lucas. If not for Lucas' freakish talent, she might just be the strongest person from the last hundred years.

Two people generally regarded as peerless geniuses went on to get married, and even give birth to a child who seems to be even more freakish than the duo combined.

If this isn't cheating from nature, they don't know what was.

"Lucas, I admit to my errors and I'll personally apologize to your son. I don't mind taking the responsibility of healing him." Vin hastily tried to make peace.

He might be the leader of the Nether Faction, but he knew that offending the Dawson Family was not something the other Elders from the Faction would want. Fighting powerhouses like the Dawson Family was not something they could bear to do.

"I already told you, I'm letting you go. Whatever business you have is with his mother, it's none of my concern." Lucas didn't even bother with him any longer and took Grey back to where those from the Burchard Family were seated.

The sudden appearance of such a powerhouse stunned everyone present. Those from the Burchard Family were still finding it hard to believe. It was common knowledge that Lucas and Martha were married. What people didn't know was if they had a child together. Even if some people might've suspected Grey was from the Dawson Family, no one would've thought he was actually the child of these two monsters.

Sylvia found it hard to put words together as she looked at the legendary figure who just barged into the competition.

Seeing that he was getting all the attention, Lucas waved his hand.

"Please, continue."

He took Grey to the side.

With all the powerful people from the Nether Faction defeated by Grey, everyone knew the outcome of the competition had been settled.

Grey had undoubtedly won this competition for the Burchard Family. Of course, they still had to fight since there was no certainty if the Nether Faction didn't have a secret weapon kept in store for this competition.

The next person to step up was from the Nether Faction. They had two people left, while the Burchard Family had four, if Grey was excluded due to his current state, then there were only three left. But of those three, Scott, someone who could be said to be on the same level as Bill was still present. Having an extra person made the morale of those from the Nether Faction diminish.

"Take out those two. That would leave only Scott, he can't beat the two of you." The leader of the Nether Faction said to the duo left.

As long as they could remove the other two, they still had a chance of winning this.