

BEYOND THE BLAZE

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The next event was announced , the crowd erupted with cheers as the competitors ran to the empty ground without the building. They were astonished by the empty stage. They believed that Elysia was improving in technology.

They started stretching themselves as they got ready for the power competition.

The announcer announced the competition stats, with his energetic loud voice.

" Welcome back everyone for the next event. I'm sure everyone is ready for what the Elysian Kingdom got for us. We all saw the prince's technically stage , now let's see what they plotted for us. So let's use those voices and cheer up the competitors." the crowd used their voices wildly as they howled like wolves.

The announcer's voice boomed out, his enthusiasm infectious.

"Wow, I see that you guys are happy for this one. Let me briefly explain what it would be like."

The princess and the prince started chatting about the event.

"Hey brother?" the princess called out her brother.

"Huh?"

"Who do you think will win here?" her left eyebrow went up when she was waiting for Kaid's answer.

"I don't know, depends on their magical powers." his hands supported what he was saying.

"hmm okay, that's straightforward enough. So, who will you be rooting for?"

"Ahh, the strongest, and they said that it's Liberty." he pointed at Liberty.

"Ohh okay, that's good."

"How about you?" the princess was hungry for this question.

"Me, ahh, I'll root for that black haired guy."

"Which one, Liberty got black....."

"No, not that one, I mean this one.. the other black haired guy!" she pointed straight at Akirion.

"Ohh, that loser"

"Don't call him that, he's not a loser."

"Yeah maybe you are right, he can be a nerd of the class, but no, he doesn't look like that, maybe I can say, he got a sharp brain."

"Why is that?"

"He impressed me the time when he got the golden key. That key wasn't supposed to be found because that place was dangerous to cross but he did successfully."

"Ohh yeah, that's why you aren't supposed to call him a loser."

"Yeah yeah yeah, okay."

The announcer continued, " The competitors must unleash their powers to the fullest for five minutes. It may seem brief, but these five minutes will be crucial. They'll need to remain stationary, harnessing their abilities to create a spectacular display of power around them – a blaze of energy, a vortex of flames, or something equally impressive. I'm sure they won't fail, with all the cheers I'm hearing."

The noise erupted, the most thunderous landmine explosion sounds were nothing compared to the rumbling sound the crowd was making. They were whistles like birds singing in a summer morning, screaming, and more to keep the competitors cheered.

Akirion was standing next to Elina and Erlin. Elina on the right side and Erlin on the left. While Anda was next to Erlin. As for Liberty and Renn, they were mixed up with the other classes.

Akirion lowly said, " good luck guys!".

"Good luck to you too." Said Anda, her face blooming with a smile. And as for Erlin, they also wished him lucky.

Meanwhile, a male voice sounded in the crowd.

"That black haired kid standing among three girls is going to win."

"Who told you old man".

"I'm telling you."

"OHH really, okay, we will see. As for me, I'm rooting for that guy called Liberty, they say they he's strong."

"Okay, we will see."

The Old man was Thaneiros, sitting in the middle of the unknown crowd. While Akirion was thinking about him, his eyes glued at the ground.

"{Master didn't even show interest in the competition, so he didn't come. I was going to show him that I'm strong....}"

"Hey Akirion, what's up with you? You are always lost, what's happening?" Elina curiously asked as she scanned Akirion's again.

"Nothing, I'm all good!" he denied.

"You don't look good"

"Ohh really, why is that?"

"You aren't showing any enthusiasm, that's super boring."

"Ohh sorry."

The announcer announced the rules and the start of the event.

" simple rules. If you start your magic power after 2 seconds of the starting bell you will be disqualified but you can start before before the starting bell. Secondly, if you stop your magic power before the finishing bell then you will be disqualified, you will be proving that you aren't able to continue. You can surrender if you want , no one will stop you."

All contestants were ready for the event. Some were looking happy some emotionless.

The timer was set and the announcer started the count down. They started the count down from 60. The crowd started helping the announcer when they reached 30.

The crowd continued to be noisy Akirion scanned the whole field and suddenly, caught a glimpse of Thaneiros who had his right hand up, and his fist clenched. Akirion's heart skipped a bit as he processed the glimpse he caught.Bad luckily, Akirion didn't see him correctly because his eyes were scanning around too fast like a thief's, never expected to see what he saw. When he reversed his eyes, he saw no one. His mind raced and

his heart pounded, hinting some fear and happiness in Akirion. He continued thinking whether it was Thaneiros or he was dreaming, his mind playing tricks on him.

The count down reached 10 and the competitors were all ready for the start. Some unleashed their magic powers when it reached 8 while some waited for 1 just like Akirion. The air seemed to vibrate as the intensity of the atmosphere arose from the stage, shutting up the loudy audience. Different types of auras were dancing in the stage and the wind blown making the crowd to shield their eyes. Some gasped as they felt such intensity, and astonishment arose from the crowd, living them totally speechless.

After a minute, 1 of 20 competitors fell down in lack of energy. Her body started shaking as she tried to maintain the stable use of magic. The sweat couldn't wait to make it's way out. Her body started flowing nonstop with sweat until she fell.

In just 2 minutes, 3 of 20 were down, with 2 girls and 1 boy. One of the girls was Erlin, who used a lot of energy during the first event.

Akirion maintained the same speed and same rate of power and the Princess cheered for him a lot, but boringly, he didn't hear her sweet voice. After 4 minutes, the crowd was cheering, watching the time flying by. Liberty's body was dripping wet of sweat and his body was shivering, unable to maintain the same stance.

"Oh dear, do you think your guy will win?" the princess asked Kaid since she chose Akirion who was stable. Her cute smile was irritating according to her question, making Prince Kaid look aside.

"I don't know, the time looks promising".

"But his condition is not".

"Yeah, you are right."

The time flew by, and five minutes felt like thirty seconds as they heard the finishing bell. 4 of 20 kids were down in exhaustion, deeply depleted and as for the extra 16 , they remained strongly on their feet. The competitors stopped unleashing their powers and the cheers arose. As for the gusty wind, it constantly died down.

The crowd erupted in jubilation as they finished the second event. The thunderous applause was heard from the crowd as the competitors who were left standing exited the stage their heads held high. Thaneiros was once again seen by Akirion. Akirion held his breath in surprise and he stopped to see whether he was Thaneiros or not. Thaneiros didn't hide but unfortunately Akirion didn't see him because of the blinding sun that caught him off guard and Thaneiros was lost from view.

Chapter 42: Last break

The contestants left to their rooms as the break time was held. The competition directors were busy preparing for the last event which was meant to be the most amazing event. Everyone's eyes were hungry to see the **one on one** fight after a break. Some didn't want to move from their seats in order to not lose their spots. Their hunger grew larger and larger every moment as the competitors took a long break.

The princess started ridiculing her brother because he was rooting for someone who lost. Her giggles were heart piercing, absolutely provoking. The Prince's eyes burnt with rage as the princess laughed in mockery. Her shining white teeth sparkled as she laughed, revealing all her molars. Kaid's heart pounded like a drum inside, but mute on the outside, with his mouth sealed, his body seething with fury.

"I knew that your guy will lose, even though he was called the most strongest magic user in school. He lost like a weakling even though he was mighty. Hahaha!" Princess Fiana opened her mouth, badly mocking prince Kaid. She didn't even think about his feelings, he was like left in the middle of a desert without a map.

Prince Kaid kept his cool, even though his heart was burning with rage, he managed to keep calm. He absorbed all the mockery until he got more than furious. His white face turned into a red tomato colour as the mockery continued. All the cool was fading, surpassed with rage, his mouth became the exhaust of the burning face as he muted Princess Fiana's mocking mouth.

"SHUT UP". His words spewed forth like lava sending heat to Fiana's mocking mouth. Fear gripped her heart as the furious Kaid shouted. Her heart raced, shivers drowning down her spine, living her in absolute terror.

He continued saying, "I know he lost, but that doesn't mean that you have to ridicull me. I'm your brother, remember that, always, even though sometimes we joke, please, let your jokes fall behind your limit line." one of Fiana's eyes dripped wet with a solitary tear that rolled down her cheek as she forcefully drank all of Kaid's furious words.

Some people in the crowd averted their gaze, their eyes fixed on the royal family with a mix of confusion and fear. The crowd fell silent as they listened to the Prince's hurtful words. Some started murmuring, creating hissing sound. And suddenly the Prince held his anger tight and calmly said, "Fiana, respect is needed sometimes, I know you were joking maybe but put yourself in my shoes and feel how I was feeling."

(Sniff, sniff) the princess was sobbing, feeling sorry for what she did, her eyes were drowning in tears while her nose ran uncontrollably. Her voice slowly trembled as she apologized for her foolishness.

"I'm sorry brother. I didn't mean to cause you that pain, I'm really sorry." she pleaded for an apology, and her brother's heart softened after hearing those sincere words, that's when he forgave her.

The listeners felt touched as they heard the sweet forgiveness the royal family did. Some had their eyes full of tears and their nose racing. They continued what they were doing, and their attention ran away from the royal family. Fiana got bored then she thought of making her last mockery a point.

Her drowning eyes were left bright white clear as she created a golden smile on her face.

"what are you up to?" the prince got astonished by the sudden change of Fiana's face.

"Nothing, just thinking about that guy who was called the most mighty guy in school who got defeated just like that."

"Here we go again. What now? Are you going to continue your mockery?"

"Come on, it's nothing like that. Just wanted to add a point about the guy I supported."

"Ohh, you mean that loser?"

"Not again Kaid, he's not a loser."

"Okay, he's not. What's your point?"

Meanwhile

Akirion's heart drowned in fear as he thought about the event. The intense event replayed in his mind and he saw that his reality would be at stake. His mind raced, the cold caught him in a full sunny day. His eyes hanged in the middle of nowhere, his gaze lost.

Elina realized Akirion's lost gaze. She approached him as always and she spoke in low, menacing tone, piercing Akirion's lost mind.

Her voice sounded robotic. "Hey Akie?"

Akirion gasped, "ohh hey Elina, sup with your voice?"

"I should be the one asking you a question".

" Why is that?"

"Because of your ridiculous boring self!"

"What's the meaning of that?"

"You are always lost somewhere, always. What are you always thinking about?"

"Nothing!"

"You can't say 'nothing' while I've seen you several times. It's pointless..... let me make this clear, the next time I see your eyes lost in the atmosphere, I'll kicked your head off."

Akirion looked aside in astonishment. In his mind , "{ she's nuts, what does she expect me to do, I'm not into talking to everyone just like her.}"

The professor popped in and he proudly congratulated them.

"It's quiet here, unlike outside where the crowd will be howling like wolves, making noise. By the way, good job on successful completing the second event. It was hard, and power draining too, but you guys worked hard and you won. You really need to be cheered up. We all know that the next battle will be the most intense of all. (The kids nodded) So gather your powers and win the competition. I'm rooting for you guys."

They all cheered in happiness, ready for the battle. The professor continued,...

" So the next event will be set anytime soon, so after that time , your name's will be called out, and then you will know your opponent. So, again, get ready, gather around that energy."

The professor left and the kids started chatting to each other. When Akirion was getting caught by his thoughts, Elina's foot was on Akirion's face in an instant. Akirion gulped suppressing his instant dried throat, his heart skipped and his eyes widened as he saw Elina's foot in front of his face.

"What did I say?"

"..." Akirion remained silent.

"Next time I won't miss!"

"....." Akirion was mute and then he turned his head aside with his face totally red. Elina got astonished by Akirion's reaction . That's when she kicked Akirion away in anger. Akirion was sent flying.

"WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT?" Elina furiously asked Akirion, with her gaze burning with anger, and it was completely narrow. The others got surprised by the sudden fight.

"Ouch, I, I..." Akirion said in pain, after getting kicked on the face.

"Pervert, I'll kill you today." everyone laughed at Akirion after being called a pervert. Elina jumped on Akirion who was laying on his back. She grabbed his collar and he hardly spoke....

"I, I didn't mean to, you are the one who put your foot on my face while you were wearing a skirt!" Elina's eyes widened, and the anger melted sending blushing reddish on her face.

"grrrrrr". She angrily stood up and Akirion was the in the middle of her feet. She continued saying, " Next time, you won't survive." by that time, Akirion wasn't listening, his face was reddish and he fastly looked aside, rubbing his face with his index finger, saying, "ahhh, would you mind, ahh , moving aside? "

"Grrrrrrr, you did it again!(She kicked Akirion's face again) You were not even listening."

"I'm sorry!"

She moved away with an angry face leaving Akirion with a knot on his face, and as for the others, they were laughing with their molars outside.

"Ouch, my cheek". Akirion said, touching his cheek which had a lump.

After sometime, the announcer called everyone to the stage.

Chapter 43: Day dream

Akirion's face had a lump after getting kicked by Elina.

The announcer called every competitor to the stage. The crowd started the cheers as they saw the competitors appearing to the stage.

Everyone found their seats, got ready for the event which was the last.

The green grass of the stage looked beautiful, going with the bright lit sun.

Akirion hid his lump as he walked into the stage and many didn't realize his lump.

The Princess bloomed with a smile, her lips stretched from ear to ear. Her bright shiny teeth glowed as she slowly grinned like a Cheshire cat.

The Prince sat quiet with his dreadful face, looking at the contestants.

The whistles echoed in the air as the competitors made a straight line to listen to their names from the announcer.

"okay! Ahh, I'll call out your names, if you here your name, please step forward."

The Princess got happy when she heard about names. She craved Akirion's name from the first time she sat her gaze on him. She was amazed not only inside but also outside as she clenched her fist and punched the air in happiness.

The Prince got astonished by the Princess's reactions. He heard her fit thudding on the ground and her mouth muttering 'Yes'. That's when he looked at her and asked...

"What are you doing?" his left eyebrow went up in astonishment.

"Nothing, just a bit excited." Fiana replied with more enthusiasm.

"Ohh that's good to hear from your mouth."

"Oh yeah, why is that?"

"You always talk about unfairness."

"If you are doing something unfair I'll say so".

The announcer started calling the names.

" I'll start with class A. Class A is known for it's power, let's see what they do. First..." He paused and the crowd was on mute, all ears, waiting for the name.

Princess Fiana's heart raced as she waited for the name cause she predicted that Akirion was going to be called first. The silence prevailed as the announcer paused. Everyone was all ears, waiting for the name.

The announcer's voice boomed destroying the silence as he continued, "Step forward... Akirion."

Everyone was quiet. Everyone's eyes were glued at the competitors. The Princess's eyes were wide open, waiting for someone who will move first. Her heart pounded loudly inside as her face became emotionless.

One of the guys in the line moved a muscles and that's when the Princess blinked in disappointment and looked down.

In a blink of an eye, Akirion moved forward. The Princess caught a glimpse of a black haired boy in front of the line.

Her body felt light and her heart paused, as her ears blocked the world noise. Her eyes widened as astonishment filled her heart. The air blew in her ears and she only heard the wind blowing and the sound of her breathing, as for the world noise was cut off.

She paused for a second, her mind printing Akirion's name down so that she won't forget it in the future.

'Akirion huh? What a wonderful manly name', she silently mourned, while Akirion on her mind. A crazy romantic play played in her eyes as she saw Akirion holding her tight in a

pink lit background, with their cheeks red. She also saw herself romantically giggling and calling Akirion's name as she laid down on her stomach wearing some nice light pyjamas.

The Prince got taken aback when she saw Fiana drooling, her eyes pointing at the empty ground. His left eyebrow rose up in astonishment as the Princess day dreamt in a loudy noisy crowd that was busy booing.

"Booooo" the whole stage rumbled with ' boo'.

The crazy 'boo' sounds disturbed the Princess's wonderful day dream. She shook her head as she woke, getting rid of the fake reality in her head. Her cheeks were glowing red, with her eyes cutely narrowed. Her mouth got open again and drooling didn't stop.

The Prince called her with her name, making a final impact of the distraction of her day dream.

"What?" the Princess angrily asked, with her mind thinking that Kaid destroyed her million dollar dream.

The Prince looked away disgusted. She got surprised by that reaction, then he told her about the disgusting saliva she had on her mouth.

"Thank you!" she sincerely thanked Kaid for helping her from embarrassment.

"You are welcome, but, aren't you ashamed? Drooling in the middle of the day?"

"I couldn't control it."

" Okay. By the way, where were you lost in?"

" A dessert is better because you can die if you don't get any help but as for me, I was thrown in a pleasant dream that will never come true."

The Prince's eye's widened as he related the Princess's pain of being in a wonderful dream but then wake up in a horrific place.

The crowd continued booing on Akirion after he was called forward. The princess got taken aback when she heard the crowd's reactions. She got cold feet, sitting on her fancy royal chair, shivers lowered down her spine as she put herself in Akirion's shoes.

Slowly, her words flowed down her mouth as she asked Kaid about the reaction.

"why are they doing that ". The crowd was making noise and again throwing garbage and sticks on Akirion.

"Oh dear, seems like the parents know the guy, or the rumor spread to the whole community."

"Rumor?"

"Yes, it's about that guy, Akirion right? He was put in class A but he was weak as a cockroach."

"Ouch!"

"Yeah, so I'm sure the crowd thinks that he's a loser, top loser."

"That's painful".

"Yeah, that's the life of a loser!"

"Who are you calling a loser brother?"

"ohh sorry".

Akirion's looked down, hiding his eyes that were burning in rage. An intense aura lurked around him making the magic users scared of him.

The Prince gulped as he saw a scary aura around Akirion. The princess got surprised by the the prince who gulped.

"What's wrong?" the princess asked out of care.

"Nothing, nevermind me. 'This kid, what's up with that power?'" the Prince realized Akirion's aura cause he was a magic user.

The announcer continued, "Ohh , who would have thought. Our visitors are angry. I don't know what got them this furious,so I won't dig into that, I'll call out the others."

Chapter 44: Boooooos on Akirion

Thaneiros' skin throbbed with dull ache as he heard the crowd booing. He head cold feet and shivers ran down his spine as he witnessed Akirion's clenched fist. In his mind played a war of Akirion with everyone in the arena.

His two cold feet froze as he witnessed Akirion's reddened face burning with rage, with his two eyebrows closer together created waves that were barely visible because Akirion had his face down hiding his shame.

The announcer's voice rumbled through the megaphone as he called out the names of the 15 remaining contestants.

The boos scattered when Akirion was called first but when the other contestants were called, the cheers rumbled in the school grounds, leaving Akirion's heart screaming in agony as his heart felt like it was bleeding. He felt a searing pain inside and that got his face reddened, his fist clenched, rage burning in him as he hardly breathed.

He tried to cool his flames down as the crowd continued cheering for the other contestants.

'mhh okay, they are cheering to people in the stage and I'm also included then why pain?' he took some deep breaths as his lips stretched with a smile, showing his white teeth.

Thaneiros took a deep breath and sighed in relief as his running heart slowed down after seeing Akirion's face blooming with a smile.

'haa, better, that was close. This place was going to be ruins in a blink of an eye if his face continued reddening.' his heart felt at ease as it slowly beat.

The noise continued getting louder and louder as the announcer continued calling the contestants' names. The audience screamed their hearts out, leading to energy boost to the competitors.

Names that were called out, classes and magic powers

Akirion - (M) class A : uses many types of magic.

Elina - (F)Class A : water magic user

Renn - (M)class A : earth magic user

Anda - (F) class A : nature magic user (terraverde)

Taro - (M) class A : water magic user

Yuna - (F) class A : fire magic user

Hanna - (F)class A : water magic user

Sakura - (F) class B : wind magic user

Hiro - (M) Class B : fire magic user

Shin - (M) Class B : wind magic user

Aiden - (M) class C : nature magic user

Olivia - (F) class C : earth magic user

Olive - (M) class C : water magic user

Lucas- (M) class C : fire magic user

Evelyn - (F) class C : wind magic user

Aria - (F) class D : fire magic user.

That's the list of the survivors who qualified to be in the final event.

Some stood frozen with their bodies trembling in terror, shivers starting from feet going up the spine.

Akirion stood frozen but with confidence as his lips remained from ear to ear, grinning of someone who is faking to smile. In his mind ran a flashy thought of winning cause everyone was underestimating him, on the other hand, he wanted to keep his low profile. He gave his ears to the announcer who was about to announce their opponents since he finished calling up the names.

The quietness befell the stage. There was zero sounds, not even birds singing. All of them gave their ears to the announcer as they waited for the fight.

The silence was broke by the announcer who announced about list of the competitors.

"We've thought of making a list. It will be a one on one fight, so there would be 8 games in the first round. The list is written as follows..." he paused a bit before he read the list. Everyone craved for the list and then it came.

"1. Aria (F) Class D vs. Akirion (M) Class A

2. Olivia (F) Class C vs. Hiro (M) Class B

3. Anda (F) Class A vs. Evelyn (F) Class C

4. Shin (M) Class B vs. Olive (M) Class C

5. Elina (F) Class A vs. Lucas (M) Class C

6. Taro (M) Class A vs. Aiden (M) Class C

7. Yuna (F) Class A vs. Sakura (F) Class B

8. Renn (M) Class A vs. Hanna (F) Class

That's the list!"

The crowd erupted with cheers as they waited for the fight. Many of them thought that Aria was the one who was going to win and a lot of them rooted for her.

Aria was a short girl who was in class D. During the first event, she lost 4 of her friends in traps, so they were disqualified, leaving only the two of them (Aria and one other girl).

Her friend quickly ran out of her arcana during the second event, so she was disqualified leaving Aria alone. And again, she was the only class D left.

When she heard the list, shivers ran down her spine, making her feet tremble like a jelly. Her heart raced like a cheetah chasing an Impala and her palms grew sweaty as she thought of fighting with a class A student.

Her mind raced, followed by sweat flowing off her face. 'class A? And a boy too, am I going to win?' Aria silently asked herself, feeling her pounding heart.

Meanwhile

Akirion slowly went towards the concrete slabbed stage. The crowd started booing on him again and that got him furious as they started throwing things on him.

Aria sighed after hearing the scattered boos shooting at Akirion. Her mind and heart felt at ease as she went to the stage.

"Ohh great, not again." Akirion muttered to himself looking at the hateful crowd. 'what did I even do to deserve such embarrassment. His face boiled with rage, his fist tightly clenched and his eyes closed.

Aria approached the stage with a smile on her face, trusting the crowd's words when they said that Akirion was a weakling.

'I can win, he is a weakling, even though he's making a scary face, that won't change the fact of being a weakling.

She climbed the stage and waited for the start.

"Who could have thought, a girl and a boy, in a one on one fight. Can't wait to see the climax!" the announcer's voice echoed around.

The boos continued on Akirion and that got Thaneiros' heart racing. His heart pounded like the chopper blades. He took his breaths in and out slowly as he struggled to breathe.

'these people really want to die!' Thaneiros silently said to himself as the crowd continued to get Akirion's shot tamper out.

Akirion's dark intense aura erupted, and shivers befell the magic users as they watched Akirion's aura getting bigger by a second.

Some magic users collapsed to the ground as their hearts reached their beating limits.

Sophia , one of the trapped ones opened her eyes wider as she got a heartache, her hand slid to the location of her heart. And uncontrollably, she slowly sank down to the ground and her knees made a soft thudd onto the earth.

And that happened to 4 other magic users as they got overwhelmed by Akirion's dark aura that surged to life through anger.

"What's he doing??" a question was raised, echoing in many minds, and Elina's mouth was the one that spitted out the words to light.

Chapter 45: Intensifying Aura

The disqualified kids were out of the traps, watching their classmates continue to the next events. They cheered for them, giving them energy.

(Present day)

Many people in the crowd didn't see Akirion's aura because most of them were non-magic users, so they were taken aback when they saw five kids collapsing to their knees. Their mouths were gapped open, and their eyes widened ike baseballs as their hearts raced to their limits.

Confusion emerged in their minds, leading to questions about why those kids had collapsed.

The boo sounds faded as terror took hold of the crowd.

The prince wasn't paying attention. His eyes were lost in thought; he didn't see or hear anything. His left hand was holding his chin as his mind was racing.

As he was lost, he blinked twice, astonished by the absence of the boo from the crowd. He then thought he had missed something.

"Hey Fiana...?" he darted a glance at the stage and suddenly gasped, shivers running down his spine, prompting questions from Fiana, who was waiting for what Kaid was about to say next.

"Hey, brother? Are you alright?" she asked. Surprisingly, the prince was frozen; his eyes were fixed on the stage, looking at Akirion, slowly shaking in fear. He felt heaviness in his body, unable to move a finger.

Terror befell Fiana when she saw her brother frozen like a corpse. She became completely worried and called out for Kaid, but no response came from him. Shivers ran down her spine as she forced her trembling body to stand up. She rose from the royal chair, and her feet thudded toward Prince Kaid.

Meanwhile, everyone was speechless, staring at the stage where every kid was suffering trauma from Akirion's intense, dark, scary aura, which resembled smoke or clouds emanating from his body, looming around him like an evil spirit.

'What's happening?' This question was raised from the crowd as they watched the first aid doctors rushing to the collapsed kids.

The doctors were astonished when they saw that the kids didn't respond to anything; only terror was visible in their eyes. They then looked at the other kids who were standing—barely. Shivers had taken over their strength, and their legs were shaking like jelly.

Those who were still standing wondered in their minds:

"What is he doing?" The question echoed until Elina found the strength to ask loudly. She received no response from the others, but she cared little; her body was trembling badly, and she continued to shiver.

On the other side, the princess swung her hand in front of Prince Kaid, but he showed no reaction—only his eyes, filled with terror, pointed at the stage. She was terrified as her eyes trembled like leaves in the wind.

Kaid asked himself, overwhelmed by Akirion's powerful, intense aura:

'What's happening to me? I can't even move a finger. What's happening?' His heart pounded as he silently spoke, since he couldn't move his lips or tongue.

The chilly cold loomed over the school, forcing everyone to cover their arms with clothes. Suddenly, Thaneiros recognized the cold. His mind replayed the day he fought the former organization, the underground society, five years ago.

He recalled the cold he had felt then, and suddenly looked closely at Akirion. His eyes widened in astonishment as he saw the same shadow around Akirion that he had seen five years ago.

Even though he wasn't a magic user, he was blessed to see the intense aura around Akirion. He slowly raised his right hand, clenched tightly, and stood up.

He softly called out to Akirion, "Akie." Surprisingly, those words echoed in Akirion's mind. Akirion recognized them and slowly looked up at the stage.

Suddenly, his gaze landed on Thaneiros, who was on his feet. Akirion's face was filled with a genuine smile—not the fake one he had been wearing all along. A sudden wind swept across the stage, and Akirion's aura suddenly faded, causing gasps from the overwhelmed kids.

The prince reacted suddenly, and the worried princess's face changed as she saw a reaction from her brother.

He wiped his eyes, astonished and confused, but his memories still locked in.

'What happened? And that shadow—what was that? I couldn't even move anything,' the prince silently asked himself. Suddenly, he gasped, eyes widening as he was embraced by his sister.

"Thank God you're okay! You scared my heart to stop when you didn't reply to me!"

Meanwhile, the kids acted as if they woken from a terrifying nightmare, gasping in astonishment as they wondered what had happened. Their eyes darted around in confusion, especially those who were on their knees.

The first aid doctors, astonished by the sudden movement of the kids, quickly got to their feet, though confusion filled their minds.

The silence was broken by scattered gasps from the audience as they saw the kids who had collapsed now standing.

The announcer shattered the silence with his loud voice through the megaphone, filling the place with blaring sounds.

"What just happened here? A sudden fall and a cold wind on a sunny day?! Who cares, —let's get back to normal!" The crowd erupted with cheers, and boos started again.

'Oh dear, not again,' Akirion and the announcer silently thought as they heard the crowd continue booing Akirion.

Suddenly, Aria stood up straight, wiping her eyes after nearly collapsing from Akirion's overwhelming aura. She prepared herself for a fight, her mind fully focused on fighting the weaker Class A—Akirion—forgetting that she had bent her back from lack of strength due to his aura.

Aria's face bloomed with a confident smile as she faced the weakling Akirion. Her eyes were filled with determination and zero fear. Her footsteps echoed as she moved toward Akirion.

"Hey there, Akirion. Wrong class A—preferably placed in Class A. Let's see if you get the same favor against me," she said with an evil grin, her lips stretching from ear to ear. Her hands prepared for magic.

Akirion slowly looked at her as the boos from the crowd echoed in his mind. His face was emotionless—neither angry nor happy—with his lips in a straight line.

'What is she saying?' Akirion silently wondered as he looked at Aria, who had her fire magic glowing in her hands.

"Ready to fight?" Akirion's face changed into a smile as he asked Aria, ignoring the boos and focusing on his opponent.

"Ladies and gentlemen, open your optics and witness the fire about to erupt on the stage," the announcer announced, and the crowd erupted with cheers and boos—many cheering for Aria, s

een as a strong opponent, while the boos persisted against Akirion.

Chapter 46: Aria vs Akirion

'Boooooo,' irritating chorus of boos continued, but this time Akirion didn't care. He was only incensed by the junk the crowd was throwing at him as he glared at Aria, who looked cocky for some reason. Akirion's eyes appeared tired, with an emotionless face looking straight at Aria's piercing orbs.

"Wow, I can't wait to see how that girl is going to fight Akirion," the princess said, sitting on her golden royal chair. Her eyes were forcefully fixed on the stage as she tried to concentrate, while the announcer made noise through a megaphone.

The prince didn't remember Akirion's name; that's when he asked, "Wait, who's Akirion?"

The princess widely opened her eyes in surprise, asking herself whether Kaid was at home or sleeping during the process of calling names.

She raised a question: "So, what's the name of the guy on the stage?"

"Ahh, maybe I didn't catch his name... Wait, his name is... Ah, Akirion, yes, Akirion."

"Then why did you pretend as if you didn't know it?" the princess asked again, her brows furrowed.

"Sorry!"

MEANWHILE:

'What was that?' Elina silently asked herself when they saw Akirion's intense aura. 'Who is he? Who's that guy?' Elina's questions coiled, one after the other, while her left eyebrow raised in confusion. Her hand covered her chin as her eyes remained fixed on Akirion.

'He's totally different. We won the first event all because of him. The way he found the golden key was intriguing, and in this case, it left me with a question mark.'

The announcer's voice buzzed as he started the countdown from 30 to begin the event: Akirion vs. Aria. The crowd screamed Aria's name for motivation.

"Fake Class A, how am I supposed to finish you?" Aria mockingly asked, waiting for the start bell. Her eyes were completely filled with happiness and confidence as she saw Akirion as a mere unknown F Class. (There are only 4 classes: A - D.) Her mouth grinned with a scary fake smile.

"Oh, I'm so scared, pfff, did you expect that?" A simple grin appeared and faded at the same time as Akirion stood still, looking her directly in the eyes without blinking.

With a deep voice, he asked, "I should be asking you that—how should I defeat you?" Aria's orbs widened for a second, then she regained composure as she swung her hands around, exercising, ready for combat.

"Choose any style you want if you want to finish me!"

"Yes, ma'am!" Akirion responded formally as he prepared for the fight, which was starting in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. 'Gooooooo!' the crowd screamed, helping the announcer's voice, which was drowned out by the crowd even through the megaphone.

The event started, with cheers raining down and whistles maturing, getting the contestants motivated. Aria was happy about the event. She molded her magic fireball as she began the counterattack on Akirion. Akirion dodged every fire attack, raising laughs from the audience.

He acted as if he was training for a dance competition, getting Aria's orbs to flash with rage as she missed Akirion many times. Akirion jumped around like a frog, drawing all the aura attention off his back.

"Haha, I thought maybe he was strong, but no—he's a loser, even if you don't admit it," the prince said, laughing at the dancing Akirion.

The princess was left speechless as she watched Akirion's funny, ridiculous performance. "Yeah, maybe you're right; he can be a loser." The princess was forced to step away from Akirion's side as he acted like a baby on the battlefield.

Cheers increased in Aria's favor as she displayed more power during her fight. The boos gradually died down as they shifted to cheering for Aria. Her name was repeatedly called, and the crowd cheered her on.

Akirion spent a few minutes dodging until he got a chance to turn and fire his first shot at Aria. His shot barely reached her and, by simple force, was absorbed into her clothes.

Laughter flooded the stage as the crowd showed their teeth—some giggling, some grinning.

"Is that all you've got, Class A—Akirion?" mockingly asked Aria.

"Pfff, no! Why are you asking?"

"Just curious. Be careful, here I come," Aria said as she ran toward Akirion for close combat.

"Feel free," he replied, his eyes flashing with confidence as he watched her run toward him.

Aria gasped when she saw Akirion's smiling face, spitting some provoking words at her.

Angrily, she shouted, "Are you saying 'feel free'?" Then Akirion remained silent, ready to dodge.

"Wait, what is Akirion doing?" Thaneiros asked himself in surprise when he saw Akirion shooting a low-level spell.

"I've seen him do better than that. Is he enjoying those criticisms?" Thaneiros was angry about the laughs he was hearing.

Elina was filled with fury as she watched the match. Her eyes burned with rage, her brows furrowing into a grid. Her hands shook with rage, her lips pressed tightly together, and her eyes closed after she had enough of the fight.

Her voice echoed in Akirion's mind as she yelled, "Akirion! What are you doing?"

That had a deep impact on Akirion's mind, causing him to stop and stare at Elina.

"I've heard enough laughs. What are you doing? I'll come at you if you continue to dance like a loser," those words impacted Akirion's wisdom—and Fiana's—as she widely opened her eyes in astonishment.

"I was wrong," said the princess, her eyes gaining tears.

"What?" Kaid asked, brow furrowing in confusion.

"He's not a loser."

"Not again! Why are you into that loser?"

"I don't know."

An argument arose on the royal side.

Meanwhile,

While Akirion was listening to Elina's words, Aria shot fireballs at him, hitting him and knocking him onto his back. The loud noise of the crowd erupted as they cheered for Aria, while boos scattered over Akirion.

Suddenly, Akirion's face flashed with rage. His face reddened, his fist clenched, and his teeth gritted. "I see—you've entertained them enough. Now it's my turn," his deep voice caused the noise—the murmurs and cheers—to die down.

His eyes flashed with rage as he looked at Aria. She gasped in fear, nearly losing her balance as she reversed.

The princess's face bloomed with a smile as she saw Akirion's serious expression. She was turned on by his looks.

"Wow, he's so handsome."

"Really?" Kaid said, feeling disgusted.

"It's time to surrender or forfeit; choose one," Akirion's voice echoed in the silence of the crowd, everyone watching his intense, scary face.

Aria gulped, shivers running down her spine as she kept her eyes locked on Akirion.

The stunned Aria remained silent, and Akirion moved without a response. He swiftly ran away from her sight, and she thought maybe he disappeared, but surprisingly, his footsteps thudded behind her.

Gasping, many spectators were flabbergasted by Akirion's moves.

Aria considered fighting back, but Akirion didn't give her a chance.

"I gave you a choice..." he cast a spell, 'fireball,' which shot at Aria's stomach, sending her to the end of the stage. "...but you proved to be dumb," his face blazing with rage, eyebrows crashing together, forming a grid.

The loudly booming announcer's voice covered all gasps. "Oh, the strong Aria is on her knees!"

The crowd started murmuring, asking, "Who is that Akirion?"

Akirion continued, "Any last words? Because you didn't reply to me, so I guess you want to die with my hands."

Aria's voice trembled as she tried to reply. "A...A...", she sounded as if her mouth was full of blood. Her eyes darted in terror, unable to stay on one point, her body trembling, forcing her to stay on her knees. Her body was suffering burns, her insides screaming in agony, feeling hot.

"You see, he's not a loser," said Princess Fiana, her face glowing with a smile.

"You are a betrayer."

"What? Why are you saying that?" her brow quirked in confusion.

"You once agreed that your Akirion guy was a loser, but now you're praising him again."

"What do you want me to do? I realized my mistake quickly," she replied.

"Ridiculous!"

"Here I come!" Akirion shot a dangerous fire arrow at Aria, but the exhausted Aria, who had lost a lot of arcana, fainted after Akirion's frightening shot. Before she hit the ground, Akirion rushed to save her from the fueled fire arrows.

He swiftly swooped her away, and the arrow reached the ground, causing a terrifying explosion.

The crowd grew quiet as they saw a scary explosion.

"Aria is down, again, she's down!" the announcer's voice boomed through the quietness of the crowd.

Chapter 47: Up next: Hiro vs Olivia

A little bit of a hand clap came inside the crowd causing the rumble of applause. The claps turned into cheers and whistles as the thundering sound was made by the crowd cheering for Akirion.

A glimpse of joy touched Akirion's stoney heart, melting it causing a smile on his face.

Elina's face bloomed with happiness as she jumped around in joy with her hands in the air.

As for the prince, his ice cold heart felt the heat and melted making his face to flash with a smile as his hands clapped, joining the growling sound that was scattered in the school grounds.

The princess felt a bit of pain in her heart as she looked at Kaid who had his teeth shining out, grinning like a Cheshire cat his heart filled with mischief.

The princess started tearing up after she felt touched by her brother's actions.

'Wow, what a smile brother, I wish that you stay like that forever.' the princess silently said with her heart pounding like a drum. As mischief flowed in her veins.

Thaneiros stared at the ground surprised by what he saw. His eyes were wide open, glued at the stage, with his mouth roundly shaped. His mind racing trying to figure out how Akirion managed to save Aria like that.

Many people didn't even put that to mind. They only saw Akirion moulding his face, making a furious face and then in an instant, they saw Aria lying down on her stomach with no movement.

The first aid doctors ran to help Aria who was left lying with no body movements. Her eyes were completely white, as she had no energy to even blink. The doctors checked her up and realized that she was still alive.

One doctor showed a thumbs up to the flabbergasted announcer who announced Akirion's win then when he saw Aria's frozen body, he felt sick in the neck. Shivers ran down his spine as he thought that Akirion killed her.

After a thumbs up, the announcer got healed and all the fever disappeared in an instant as his voice exploded on top of the crowd's thunderous cheers.

"Akirion won, leaving Aria frozeen!" the crowd cheered more as they tried to surpass the energized announcer's voice.

The announcer continued, " thanks to Akirion's flexibility, he casted a spell on the depleted Aria and then went and saved her life!" cheers continued as Akirion walked off the stage and the doctors carried the depleted Aria to the doctor's side since the event planners added a doctor's office nearby just in case of emergency.

The cheers died down as they listened to the next announcement from the announcer.

"That fight was intense, for sure that kid is flexible." the prince muttered with her face starring at the ground. He then looked at the sobbing Fiana. "hey! What's wrong?"

"Nothing, just something in my eye." her hands supported her lies as she was busy wiping her eyes.

"Ohh okay, let me help you with it." the prince was on his feet as he offered help to his little sister.

"Huh?" her eyes widened as she glared at Prince Kaid.

"What? I'm trying to help, I'll just blow it out."

"No brother, I'm fine."

"Are you sure?"

"Yeah."

The announcer announced the next competitors as the crowd was hungry for more since they were motivated by the last one.

"Up next, Olivia class C and Hiro class B. Olivia is an earth magic user, let's see how she will do it against fire magic from Hiro." the crowd erupted with cheers as their hunger grew, waiting to see the next match.

"OHH yeah, let's see this one!" The prince seemed energetic to watch as he looked at the competitors closely as they arrived at the stage.

"Ohh Yes. Let's do this, I'm rooting for Olivia. How about you."

That's dumb enough, I'm with Hiro, he looks strong, even his name is hero even if it's Japanese as Hiro but it's still hero, if you know what I mean?"

"Yeah sure, why not. Let's see who wins."

Akirion went to the other competitors who were watching in their spot. Elina ran to him with a bottle of water as her beauty flashed towards Akirion.

"Ohh thanks Elina, I appreciate it, you are so kind!" Her beauty flashed in her silence as it said, 'you are welcome' without the mouth saying it, only her beauty and smile. Akirion's cheeks flashed red as he looked at the chumming Elina. To hide his face, he looked at the ground and said, "the game is about to start, let's take our seats."

"okay," she said, her beautiful smile lighting up her eyes as she agreed to seat down.

"congratulations Akirion!"

"On what?"

"Winning obviously, that was good, congratulations, you have paved your way to the quarter finals." her eyes flashed with happiness as she directly glared at Akirion's blushing eyes.

"Thanks." he dropped the bottle of water and listened to the announcer.

"there we go, our competitors are all ready. Ohh by the way, I forgot to tell you something."

The crowd's noise faded as they gave their ears to the announcer.

The announcer continued, "if you are fighting here, don't hold back. It's like the first two read my mind because their fight was intense. So the point is, don't hold back as long as you don't pierce someone's neck with your powers, we can't heal a disjoint head, if you cut someone's head off then consider yourself dead with same technique."

"Done, it's time to start! 10 , 9 , 8 ..." the crowd started by going low as they processed the announcer's words but in a blink of an eye, they started helping him during the count down.

Olivia and Hiro stood still, ready to fight. Olivia locked her eyes on Hiro's but Hiro's were moving around, checking out Olivia from head to toe.

The participants started moulding their powers when the count down reached 5.

"5 , 4 , 3 , 2 , 1 , GOOOOOOOOO!" The ground was a mixture of 3 different things. The cheers, whistles and an explosion from the two participants.

Chapter 48: Olivia vs Hiro

The two fighters got started as Hiro attacked Olivia, thankfully for her skills, (Earth magic) she managed to block his attacks using rock shields.

The crowd eloped with cheers as they enjoyed the intense fight. Hiro focused on close combat as they were taught that it was mostly effective. As for Olivia, she prioritized on defense as her skills worked well in defending herself.

Hiro tried his best to get closer to Olivia as she closed all the openings. She put many rock barriers around her to block every up coming attacks. Her face glowed with a grin as she blocked all the attacks from Hiro.

"oh yeah! This fight is amazing brother!" Fiana grinned as she saw Olivia winning as she was rooting for Olivia.

"Don't get too cocky because the fight is not over yet."

"yeah yeah yeah, it's not over but it's clear. And let me predict?." Fiana said, with her index finger up, making a one.

"No , no predictions, I want to see the final results with my own two eyes without a spoiler."

Fiana excepted her brothers words in pain as she loudly sighed, with her eyes closed, her face bent down.

The fight got more intense as Olivia used both offense and defense. She used some pikes from the ground, giving Hiro a hard time to rest his feet as he kept on dodging.

Olivia smiled like a Cheshire cat with her heart filled with mischief as she saw Hiro sweating like a pig, since he wasn't able to breathe with his foot on the ground.

The crowd continued cheering for the competitors as they continued their tiring fight.

"ohh dear, Hiro is jailed!" Akirion said with his eyes glued at the stage as he saw Hiro's situation.

" Why are you saying so?" Elina asked as her brow furrowed in astonishment, her eyes glued at Akirion's.

" it's simple, Hiro doesn't have a space to breath and he's really running out of energy." his hand held his chin as his mind raced, thinking of the outcome of the fight.

" maybe you are right, that skill can be a cheater."

Akirion's face grinned as he swallowed Elina's words.

"No!" his face changed as he said, his eyes narrowed, his two hands locked together holding his mouth. He continued saying, " it depends on the oponent, if he or she can pierce through the barriers. It only needs a lot of training, or a lot of practice in order to pierce that rock. And it looks like she's strong and her energy is still available. Only Hiro will be depleted anytime soon."

"Wow, you sound like you're familiar with it!" Elina said with curiosity flooding her mind, her ears craving Akirion's positive answer, unfortunately, he said, "No I'm not familiar with that, but just from my perspective, no, not only me, even a five year old can tell you that you can't pierce through a rock."

Both of her brows went up as she inhaled the honest words from Akirion.

Meanwhile in the stage; Hiro was tired as sweat geminated from his skin. His heart was racing as he was kept running like a trapped mouse. A slight idea flashed in his mind

and that made his eyes to widen as he grasped the idea to be a good one ever. His heart pounded, but he had no choice, only to execute the plan.

A conversation was opened as Hiro grinned and spitted some words.

"hey Olivia?" Hiro said while he was jumping around like a frog.

"ohh, guess who decided to talk, never thought that you would be this open." a fierce grin eloped on Olivia's face as she replied Hiro.

His mind raced, as he thought of many things. 'wait, what does she mean by open, is it because I'm open for conversation or for fighting, meaning that I'm not good at fighting. Okay.' H

his face turned a bit red as his idea grew big. " I'm always open, and as for you, I thought maybe you were a non-verbal until I thought of experimenting and see the results. Guess what, the results came negative from my first thought and then my mind wrapped that up and linked that to my senses that a beautiful class C Olivia can talk."

Those words made a huge impact on Olivia's heart as it beat with bouncing rhythm. In a second her heart stopped for milliseconds and her eyes widened as the words melted her heart, and embarrassingly, her magic shields slowly melted. Her mind raced as her body relaxed, felt a bit weak, but her mind ran like a computer in background.

'is he.....? Did he just.... just call me beautiful?' a smile bloomed on her face as her lips stretched from ear to ear leaving her golden like white shiny teeth glowing.

Hiro got an opening as Olivia was lost in her thoughts, he shot a fire ball that sent her flying to the edge of the stage. Lucky for her she wasn't outside because being outside of the stage was another way of forfeiting.

Her eyes widely opened.

Cough, Cough she coughed out smoke as she hardly breathed. Her body craved some water but unfortunately, it wasn't allowed to go out of the stage and no one was allowed to go in during the event.

Her eyes flashed with rage as they blazed, with her face all red making the reddish ears an exhaust. She gritted her teeth as a bit of blood flowed through her teeth running to the lip. She wiped the blood off with her fingers, leaving some bloody lines on her face.

She slowly opened her mouth as she furiously asked Hiro who was running for a final blow.

"So that's the best trick that you pulled off your sleeves, Class B Hiro?" those words echoed in Hiro's mind as the audience grew completely quiet, listening to her blowing words.

The words rang forever in Hiro's mind as he stopped and looked at her.

"So what are you up to, Olivia?" his face was filled with rage as he drove himself into winning.

"ohh, you remembered my name?! I'm flattered." A glimpse of a smile blinked in Olivia's face as her anger took over her emotions getting her face fiercely grinning.

"Your name rang in my head from the time I heard it, and it never got off because it got printed and laminated in my brain."

"Oh wow, I love that line." Akirion said as a chuckle appeared in his face.

"Aowwwww, so sweet." Elina's eyes flowed with a sweetened tear that fell from her one eye.

Meanwhile, Olivia replied Hiro;

"tsk, it's not going to work now, you had your chance but you threw it in a trash can, so now, it's time for your loss." Olivia's words echoed through the stage, terrifying everyone who had their ears on them and also disturbed some other's emotions as she declined the sweet words from Hiro.

"mhh, I ran out of ideas, which means, it's time to finish you." Hiro ran towards Olivia channeling his powers in one strike so that he finishes her, unfortunately, fate or bad luck didn't allow that. Olivia replaced her barriers as she shot Hiro with many stones.

Hiro had a hard time blocking Olivia's attacks as his knees softly thudded on the ground, his stomach followed, going down.

Suddenly, the crowd erupted with cheers as the announcer's voice boomed through the megaphone, helping the rumbling sound on the stage.

"we have our second winner, Olivia!" the cheers grew larger and larger as the thunderous noise was heard in the nearby houses.

"Wow, that was a very hidden trick," the prince exclaimed, flabbergasted, as he watched Olivia pull off her final trick, her last winning strike.

"I knew that she was going to win..", the princess's face bloomed with a smile as she celebrated.

"Impressive win, let's see the other two in the next round." the announcer's voice boomed as he energetically said.

Chapter 49: Wheel train

Everyone gave their ears to the announcer who was supposed to announce the next two fighters.

His voice eloped from the megaphone as he announced the next two. "Guess what! The next match is equal, if you know what I mean. We have girls only this time, there's no longer cheating, but the fight can be complex, with two different types of magic powers."

The crowd made a thunderous applause and cheers as they showed interest in the upcoming event.

"Wow, it sounds like you guys are happy for this one, but I didn't hear you well, it felt like you were far, so be NEAAAARRR!" The audience increased their screams as they tried to show their enthusiasm for the next match.

"Ohh yeah, that definitely touched the spot. But... I'm really sorry, the stage is supposed to be changed to match the fighter's choices." *Aaaahhhh* the crowd got disappointed after all the enthusiasm they showed.

Competitors side:

Elina: "Hey Anda, go crush them." Elina said powering Anda up when Anda got ready for the event.

Anda : "ohh yeah, I'll do so!" a warm simper appeared in her face.

Akirion : "you got it Anda". 'For the sake of energizing someone.' Akirion sighed in relief.

The stage got changed mechanically, without anyone knowing on how it was done.

Fiana was flabbergasted by the stage, that's when questions flooded her mind.

"Hey brother?" Kaid looked at Fiana with his tired looking eyes waiting for what she wanted to say.

" May you please tell me about this stage, it's too surprising, how did you do it." she shot her top number one question.

" Really? You didn't even pay attention again!"

"Sorry", she said, making her face cute as she grinned smoothly and her eyes cutely opened making her face glow with beauty.

"Really, so are you trying to charm me with your cute face? Mhhh, if I was the old me I wasn't going to tell you unfortunately I've tried to change a bit."

"ohh, that's my brother."

Kaid gasp as his eyes glued at Fiana's beautiful twinkling face. He froze on the same position, sending chills down Fiana's spine, getting her thunderstruck by her brother's actions.

"Hey brother?" she snapped her fingers in front of her brother and that got him surprisedly awake. His eyes darted around, searching for the unknown, only Fiana in front of him.

"where were you lost at?"

"ohh, sorry, I didn't mean to."

"it's okay, I'm all ears, waiting to hear about the stage before the match starts." she said, with her both elbows on the chair lap while her hands covering her cheeks.

"ohh okay". He then looked at the stage.

He started his fairy tale, with his eyes glaring at the stage. "It was really hard to come up with the right idea to make this stage. We researched on the kid's powers, on what they needed in order to access full potential of their powers. We planned all the events and how the stage would be like. So we saw that the stages were going to be many if we followed those principles. So we researched on the new technologies that other countries discovered. And we found out about the wheel train. It is a mechanical thing. I can't even explain it."

Fiana's eyes widened as her left eyebrow rose up, with her lips sealed, with a straight line in the middle.

"I know you don't get this, I also didn't at first, so I'll skip the part. In order to change stages and more, it uses so much strength, so, lot of men volunteered to roll the wheels and support the event."

"I hope you didn't make them your slaves." her eyebrow remained up as she said.

"No, don't worry, I don't have such a wicked mind."

"But you once did!"

"Yeah, that's true, that's why I said I've changed earlier."

Kaid was very cruel before his father died, he would have supplied slavery into the city.

" That's good to hear it from you, so please continue." a smile was restored in Fiana's face.

"okay, the story is about to be over. We designed the stages and more and set everything here, that's why it took 2 years to finish up."

"mhh, that's a big job indeed. So how is that plastic moving from one place to another." she asked after she saw a big plastic that was on top of the stage, to hide the way the stage was changed.

Kaid's face bloomed with a smile as he digested Fiana's question. "Thats totally easy, the tent was pulled by a thin rope."

"Oh, I se...." Fiana was cut off by a loud voice from the megaphone as the announcer shouted.

"Thank you for your patience. I'll be motivated to call the contestants in if I hear your enthusiastic cheers." the crowd boomed with a lot of roaring.

Akirion's side.

"Pheww, at last. I was about to sleep".

Royal side.

"Wait, how are the contestants going to compete with the plastic there?" Fiana asked as she heard the announcer talking about letting the contestants in before the plastic was moved.

"Wait and watch!" after Kaid said, the plastic started to move back, unveiling a good greenish land, full of real plants.

"Wow, are those real plants?"

" Your eyes are telling the truth, they are real plants." Kaid fortified the point of real plants.

The crowd continued clattering forcing Princess Fiana to close her ears with her fingers. The stage thundered as the loud noise constantly arose.

"You guys are really happy for this one huh? Let me introduce the two girls. Firstly, from class A, Anda!" the crowd cheered louder as she stepped on the ground.

"Secondly , welcome... someone from class C, welcome Evelyn!" the announcer said, with his hands pointing at Evelyn's side.

Whistles and cheers erupted from the crowd, making the earth to almost shake.

The announcer continued his announcement. "The two fighters are using 2 different types of magic, and we haven't seen both types of magic on how they work. So, keep your perfect two round eyeballs open and I advise you, no blinking, because it will cause a miss out." The giggles were scattered all over the stage.

"I'm sure you are all ready!! 30 , 29 , 28 , 27 ..." The announcer started the count down, and the crowd helped him out.

Chapter 50: Round 3 and 4

The noise rumbled from the stage, the count down noise scattered all over the stage.

Akirion's face expressed enthusiasm as he stare at the ground with a lot concentration, tolerating zero disturbance.

"This match makes me feel like watching it. Feels like it will be the best one ever, with nature vs wind, I wonder what will win! " Akirion said, with his two hands holding his head, while his elbows balanced on his knees.

"Yeah, you are right, and I'll get to see the nature magic power in action too." Elina fortified the idea.

Meanwhile, the two competitors, Anda and Evelyn.

Anda - Nature magic user

Evelyn - air magic user.

"Hey there, class A, are you ready to get busted?" Evelyn sneered as she glared at the grinning Anda.

"Hey, what was your name again, Evelyn, yes, Evelyn. It's nice to meet you."

Evelyn gasped as astonishment melt her heart after hearing Anda's humble words.

'What is she up to? Why is she this much formal?' Evelyn silently asked herself, as she narrowed her eyes. " it's nice to meet you, Anda, more like Fanda . Hahaha, the most fake, I'm sure your skills are also fake, hahaha!"

Evelyn tried her best to anger her oponent, but surprisingly, Anda proved to be humble by saying, "I appreciate your concern."

Evelyn's eyes blazed with rage as she tightened her lips and got ready to tackle.

"5 , 4, 3, 2, 1" the announcer finished the count down, letting the gong being struck. The stage growled with noise as the thunderous claps followed, cheering the two fighters up, making the game amazing to glare.

Evelyn activated her skill by saying, " VACUUM BLADE activate!" wind blades appeared, while Anda chanted her own magic, "Round fist!" the green vegetation around created some ropes with some fist at the end.

The two opened a scary fight as they exchanged blows, Evelyn shooting vacuum blades as attacks, at the same time as a defense, cutting Anda's roped fists.

As for Anda, she created shields for defense while the fists attacked.

The two fighters fought, sending silence to the noisy crowd as they closely watched the fight, while cooling down their voice boxes.

The silence prevailed in the audience side, only the boom sounds in the ground where Anda and Evelyn exchanged blows.

Evelyn: "so that's all you've got, class A, Fanda?" she sneered while she was fighting, without even resting a muscle.

Anda: "thank you for the nickname Miss Evelyn." Anda said, hiding here provocative words under her chest.

"These guys are really equal, according to strength, because this fight hasn't stopped on any of them." Kaid said as he was staring attentively.

" Yeah, there's no lacking side and that makes it mazing to watch and sending it to the best matches ever list." Princess Fiana said with her eyes glued at the stage, with no blinking to disturb the moment.

"Yeah , you are not lying, it can be the best ever, and it's like they think alike!" said Prince Kaid watching Anda creating a big punch behind Evelyn while Evelyn created a vacuum boulder that was going to knock Anda right in the spot.

Anda executed her attack, the punch charging towards Evelyn. Evelyn felt the heavy air behind her that's when she rapidly turned her head behind and her yes widened as her mouth dried up. She charged her boulder against Anda.

Anda intensionally fell down followed by her shields on top. Evelyn's boulder turned into multiple blades as some charged towards Anda and some going straight for the owner. Instantly, the blades sliced the punch into pieces as they changed routes and went to the punch instead of the owner.

Evelyn's eyes were filled with mischief as she silently celebrated her strong defense. Little did she know, five punches launched from the ground heading straight for her face.

She gasped as she realized the attack but she was too late since she wasn't prepared for the attack to pop up from nowhere.

She was punch left right and center, her nose and mouths sent the red fluid down her chin, as she lost strength and followed the fluid drops to the ground.

The silent crowd erupted with cheers as Anda stood up victorious raising her clenched fist to the air. The cheers grew louder and the announcer's voice boomed, congratulating Anda for her victory.

The doctors carried Evelyn away, leaving the class Cs in rage while the other classes mischievous.

The third round was wrapped just like that, making the announcer to summon the other two.

"The previous battle was amazing, everyone enjoyed it. Let's try to enjoy the upcoming round, as the two guys show off their skills. Class B and C students, let's see how they are going to do it. Before that, let's hear that key noise." the crowd cheered as the announcer asked for the event unlocker, which is the showing of enthusiasm.

The announcer continued, " I'll love to hear the thunderous palm noise as Shin, from class B walks in the stage!" indeed, the thunderous applause was was scattered all over the stage. The same went for Olive, who was in class C.

"Two different types of magic, maybe this game will be complex. We got wind again, from Shin, then water from Olive. Let's see how these guys are going to do it!"

The count down started from the announcer, and like always, the crowd helped in screaming the numbers.

"Ohh hey buddy, ready to get kicked?" said Shin as he sneered.

"Ohhh really, let's see you try!" Olive returned the sneer as he stretched himself.

"You look energetic, do you think you are going to win?"

"Is that supposed to be asked?"

"Okay let's shut up and see what happens in the match!!!"

"4 , 3 , 2 , 1 ". The bell got banged, alarming the two to act.

"Let me just cut your head off, I don't care about the sentence ". Said Shin as he rushed towards Olive, grinning like a Cheshire cat.

In response, Olive strengthened his magic power (water) by making a strong crystal-like ice as a weapon for defense.

The fight got intense as Olive made a shield in front of him, then made small blades for offense. He created a line of ice heading straight to Shin while he shot his ice blades.

As for Shin, he created a gust of wind that destroyed the attacking ice, giving Olive a hard time in grasping the truth of what happened since his face was flabbergasted, his eyes round open and his mouth open without any emotion. He faced his blades back firing straight at him.

The crowd was thunderstruck by seeing the use of powers in the ground as they lost their screaming vibe.

Shin molded his powers as he made a big vacuum blade that was taller than him. He swiftly fired the shot. Olive's eyes widened, as the blade went for him. He didn't have time to run to the side since the big blade went with side kicks, appearing on both sides of Olive's ice shield.

He ducked down, leaving the two side kick blades to clash. He then braced for impact as he aligned a lot of ice in front of him to avoid the cut.

The gasps rained as everyone was filled with astonishment after seeing the big blade heading straight for Olive.

The blade cut through the first shield, following the aligned ice. Olive instantly closed his eyes in fear. Unfortunately, the blade didn't stop, he was only saved by his ice which pushed him away and sent flying, and landed on his back, away from the stage.

He started coughing blood, allowing the blood to flow down his cheek.

'This guy is crazy! Thank God I su...surv.... surviv....ved' Olive silently said as he went out, sending shivers down the audience's spines as they saw no movement in his body.

As for Shin, he followed Olive with his face in scary lines, his whole face burning with rage.

"Ready to get kicked now!!?"

Gasps scattered all over the place, a single clap sound eloped from the crowd causing the high rise of the thunderous applause as he backed away with his face blazing with rage.

The cheers rose as the announcer announced him as a winner.