

The Strongest Assassin Reincarnates in Another World

Chapter 121 - 121 - Melinda

"A surprise?" said Thorin, not sure what she meant by that, as he knew that they were almost sure of winning this Inter Family Tournament.

They were, after all, the strongest there was. Nobody could rival them, in fact, not a single one out of the high-level families could dream of becoming a founding family.

Because it was told in the name, there were the founding families, the ones which had been the strongest a long time ago, well... that was what the history said at least.

"Yes, a surprise, who knows? Maybe this year, someone will be able to surpass our youngsters," said Melinda with a completely serious expression.

The Nightshade Patriarch who had been silent since earlier spoke up for the first time as he seemed quite dissatisfied with the words that he was currently hearing.

"Are you talking about the Prodigy as they call him, sorry but he won't amount too much. My son is obviously way better than him," said the Nightshade Patriarch, talking about Alex Nightshade, not Aiden.

Melinda only nodded upon hearing that, as she seemed quite excited seeing such a dark aura coming out of such a young body.

'Just who is this kid?' she thought, not understanding how someone their age, could be releasing such a dark aura.

'What about him? Would he be able to do such a thing?' she thought, having the image of a person in her mind.

The figure of that person was slender as he only had a dagger in his hands, with long black behind his back. His face, however, couldn't be seen as she didn't have an idea of who that might be.

She had only seen his figure from far away, once, and that was a long time ago. Melinda had gone around asking about a slim figure dressed in black, however, no one had been able to tell her about him.

'Who knows? It's not like I have any idea of his strength,' she thought, as she dismissed those thoughts from her mind as it wouldn't amount to anything either way.

"I wasn't talking about the Prodigy, I also, don't think that he will stay in this competition for long," said Melinda as she knew that this masked person that she was currently watching would soon be eliminating him.

There was a single shred of doubt in her mind that someone capable of such an aura wouldn't win against someone who was blind.

'Maybe I could recruit him? He might know something about that person,' she thought, as she seemed quite interested in all of Aiden's actions.

Meanwhile, Aiden's team was now facing the enemy team with the bulky girl that he had seen earlier in front.

The one who had accepted those responsibilities in Aiden's team had been Logan as he was supposed to be a front-liner, however, no matter how much Aiden tried to convince himself, he wasn't sure whether or not that man would fulfill his job well.

That was the reason why he decided that he wouldn't be depending on anyone for this fight, he would simply use his teammates as a distraction. He had kept thinking about the way to use his current power and he had concluded that seemed to be the best option.

Who cares if one of them got hurt?

At the end of the day, if he was going to win, he couldn't care less about anything that would happen because of the actions that he would be taking.

"Alright, I'll leave the rest to you guys," said Aiden as he jumped onto one of the trees that were surrounding them.

It seemed that the environment in which the fight would be taking place would be helping Aiden's team just like Olivia and the others had already expected.

'Let's just pray that this guy will be able to tank a little of the attacks,' thought Aiden as he looked at the situation from above trying to see if a slimmer of an opportunity would be appearing in front of him.

Emma, who was next to Olivia, was quite uncomfortable because of the earlier situation which was why she decided to do exactly like Aiden did as she also jumped into one of the trees that was close to her.

Who knew if Olivia would try to do as she did earlier during the fight?

Emma was pretty sure that it wouldn't happen, but she still wanted to make sure that it wouldn't happen which was why she jumped away.

Now, only Olivia and Logan were the only ones on the ground. He someone would have a glance at the current situation, it looked like a group of people where grouping up on two lone people who were isolated.

"Bro, I guess, they went into hiding, show them what you're made of," said Olivia, winking at her brother who had just looked back.

"I guess, I will," he muttered in an extremely low voice, as some parts of his body seemed to start to shake.

Blood could be seen coming out of his body as he was currently going through a complete transformation. [search the * website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

His non-existent muscle started to increase in size over and over again.

Aiden who was watching this from above was totally shocked, as he couldn't understand what was currently happening.

'What's happening to him? Why is he screaming?' he thought, as Logan hadn't stopped screaming ever since those changes started appearing.

It seemed that this skill of his had quite the cost and changed his entire body.

"Quickly, attack him, who knows what's happening to him?" said the swordsman as he advanced toward Logan's ever-changing body.

"A-attack me? Why would you do that? Where am I? What's happening?" he said as he kept stuttering while saying so.

Maybe his body had changed, but his personality certainly hadn't, he was still very scared of others even with that massive body of his.

But, then as the swordsman was about to attack Logan, Olivia who was right behind him, shouted.

"They're trying to attack me, please protect me."

As those words were pronounced, it seemed like a switch had turned on inside of Logan's mind.

Author's Note: Do you like those POVs changes? I try to make them as short as possible and as interesting as I can.

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Chapter 122 - 122 - Blood

As Olivia pronounced those words, the state of insecurity that Logan was currently exuding seemed to completely disappear, in fact, he seemed to have completely lost his mind. Rage seemed to be overwhelming him as he roared.

"WHO DARES HURT MY LITTLE SISTER?" he shouted at the top of his lungs as he saw a sword approaching him on his right.

Logan tried to react in time to block, but couldn't as the sword reached his abdomen slashing part of it. However, even while being slashed the furor which had currently taken over his body was still present as he didn't even seem to notice the attack which he had just suffered.

The sword was now stuck inside Logan's abdomen, as the swordsman tried to take it out with as much strength as he could possibly muster, nonetheless, he wasn't able to. His sword was stuck inside this bleeding monster. Logan instead of minding about having a sword inside his body, looked in front of him, as he saw that the swordsman was still in front of him, pulling on something.

But, he didn't care about any of that, his objective was simple, protect his sister from any potential danger.

"Is he the one trying to hurt us?" asked Logan with a sweet tone of voice, completely different from the roar he had just emitted seconds ago.

Olivia, hearing that question, didn't waste any time and shouted, "Yes, it's the four in front of you."

Logan, hearing her, grabbed the swordsman's hand with as much strength as he could muster. He wanted to hurt him, hurt him bad, bad enough for him not to be able to walk out of here alive.

But as he was about to do so, he wasn't able to do as someone held down his arm.

That person who had just done so was the bulky tank who was now in front of him, rivalling with him face to face.

This situation prompted the fight into starting for real, as an arrow appeared right in front of the swordsman's eyes.

He was only able to slightly dodge it as he moved his face a little to the right, but even as he dodged some blood could be seen running down his cheek.

But, that wasn't all, Olivia who was hiding her brother, got a big wooden stick out of her inventory as she raised it in the air.

As she did so, fireballs seemed to form on the end of that stick as if ready to rain down literal hell on her opponents.

And that was exactly what she did as she launched multiple fireballs on the enemy team which caused them to retreat slightly.

Aiden, on the other hand, didn't make any moves as he kept watching over the situation, debating when the best time to appear was.

There was one thing that kept worrying him over and over again. The person who was called the Prodigy was the only person who hadn't moved at all since the start of the fight.

Aiden had no idea why, but he knew that it couldn't be a good thing. Whatever that person was preparing couldn't be good.

That was why Aiden decided to wait and see how he would act, he wanted to react to their attacks, not the opposite.

Logan, who was furious, kept advancing forward as he ravaged everything that was in his way, as he had truly lost his mind.

'I guess, that was why she told us not to worry about him,' thought Aiden, realizing that he wasn't weak at all. He actually had quite a special skill, and while Aiden wasn't sure what the cost was, it didn't seem to be mana, which was weird.

The cost of using the skill that Logan was currently under seemed to be related to the state of one's body and mind. His intelligence decreased, but his body strength increased like crazy. Depending on your point of view, you could see it as a good skill or a bad one.

However, with Logan's personality, it was quite a good skill as he didn't seem like the type to be aggressive and defend others with overwhelming force. Well, that was what

Aiden had figured out in the short time that they had taken trying to learn about each other.

Then, as the man with a white cloth around his eyes seemed to be a statue, he made a subtle move with his head, looking in a random direction. Well, it looked that way for Olivia, who was watching, but suddenly, he twisted his head violently.

However, that wasn't the case at all; the blind person wasn't looking in a random direction, but exactly where Aiden was located, overseeing this whole fight.

'How? How is this possible? I surely didn't make any noise,' thought Aiden, as he just couldn't understand how such a thing was even possible.

He had made no noise while moving in that direction, he had given no clues as to where he might be. But the thing that confused him the most was how a blind person was able to "see" where he was.

Aiden just couldn't understand how that was even possible; he began to question if that person was really blind, as it didn't make any sense otherwise.

Then, the presumably blind man made a move; he wasn't a statue anymore as he jumped onto one of the branches of a nearby tree, the same one Aiden was currently standing on.

Then, he slowly raised his head as he looked straight in Aiden's direction, more precisely, directly into Aiden's eyes.

'There's no way, does he really know where I am?' thought Aiden, as he realized that he had been discovered by a blind person.

Finding it strange, he decided to move, still making no noise. However, the head of the prodigy kept following him no matter where he moved.

"You really think you have a chance at winning against us? We have the prodigy,ahaha," said the bulky female who was in front of the enraged Logan.

The fight had reached a critical juncture, and the outcome hung in the balance as the clash between Logan, Olivia, Aiden's team, and the enemy continued to unfold. The mystery of the Prodigy's true powers, and the enthralling blend of rage, magic, and strategy, promised an enthralling and unpredictable confrontation yet to come.

Then, Aiden who was on the branch looked in front of him as he could see that the Prodigy kept looking at him no matter where he moved.

He had no choice, he would have to face him, even if he didn't want to.

It hadn't been his plan, but what other choices did he have?

Try to escape from him?

Why would he even try to do that, it just wouldn't make any sense as he would have to face him at some point and if it was a one versus one then Aiden was almost sure that he would be winning it.

After all, assassins excelled in duels.

Sure, Aiden had lost against Emma in a one versus one, but that was because of the Everheart technique, not because of his skill or power.

In terms of raw skills, he was much better, he also had access to multiple skills.

'Guess, I have no choice,' thought Aiden as he saw the blinded man jump in his direction, seemingly determined to end things with him.

However, Aiden noticed one thing while the blind man was jumping, he had no change of emotions on his face, no rage, no excitement, nothing... he was simply emotionless.

'Wait is he an assassin too?' thought Aiden, as he saw the blind man get a dagger from his inventory.

'Well, that's even better, I'm almost sure of winning,' thought Aiden as he seemed to regain confidence in himself as he knew that if it was a duel between assassins, he would be winning.

He had experience which was something that his opponent didn't have, it would be the key to this fight, experience.

As the Prodigy and Aiden were fighting, Olivia, Logan, and Emma, were facing the rest of the enemy team not even looking into Aiden's direction as they simply couldn't.

They were in way too much trouble at the moment, and they needed to concentrate as much as they could because one mistake might result in death.

Well, a fake death as they couldn't really die in here.

Olivia kept releasing her fireballs onto the enemy team who had no choice but to try and dodge over and over again as they didn't want to be hit by one head-on.

But, her mana reserves were not infinite and she would soon have to slow down her fire rate, as she still needed some mana for some other spells.

Then, Emma who was on one of the trees around, looked down and released the arrow which she had drawn.

It was in the direction of the Enchantress, who still hadn't cast a single spell yet.

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Chapter 123 - 123 - Illusions

Emma who was on a tree hidden from everyone else, saw that the enchantress in the back of the enemy team was completely defenceless as she didn't even seem to pay attention to her surroundings.

Seeing that, she didn't lose any time and started to draw her bow in her direction as she held her breath, calming down her heartbeat, trying to have her bow as steady as possible before shooting it.

Then, she released an arrow in her direction without losing any more time, thinking that this was a good opportunity to finally get rid of someone in the enemy team.

'This should do it,' she thought, seeing that the arrow was coming closer and closer to her opponent's head.

She didn't doubt for a single moment that she would miss, as she knew that she had enough experience with the bow to not miss a single arrow.

The only way to dodge the arrow she shot would be for the enchantress to dodge, but well... as she didn't pay attention to her surroundings, Emma was sure that it would result in her death.

Swoosh

The arrow started coming at a fast speed toward the Enchantress's head. It even made a piercing sound in the air because of its speed.

The enchantress who was completely defenceless, was just standing still without any idea that an arrow was coming for her life.

And, one second later, the arrow that Emma had shot was in the Enchantress's head.

The Enchantress's body was on the ground without moving, however, something unexpected happened.

Her dead body started to fade away as if it had never existed.

'Oh shit,' thought Emma, as she knew what had just happened.

It seemed that she was currently under the influence of the Enchantress because what she had just seen with her eyes wasn't the truth but simply an illusion created from the ground up.

This meant that Emma was currently out of the fight and she needed to get out of that illusion as quickly as possible.

Then, she remembered some of the things that she had been taught over the years when she was still a child.

A period where she had gone under a huge amount of tutelage because of her mother.

Maelis had wanted Emma, to become stronger and stronger, so that she wouldn't be able to be threatened by anyone. The same type of goal which Aiden had at the moment, but it wasn't at the same level of importance as the younger Emma didn't care about being strong.

But, she still remembered something about that tutelage, she remembered something that was about illusions.

She could see her mother talking to her about some random information which she called useful.

She focused on the words that were coming out of her mother's mouth, focusing on the movement of her mouth, trying to make sure that she was remembering everything correctly.

Emma, who had a clear image of that situation, concentrated on it, trying to read what her mother was saying on her lips.

"Illusions... head... hurt."

Those were three of the words which she had managed to remember as it had been quite a long time.

There was also the reason that she didn't completely listen to all the lessons given to her as she didn't think of them as useful. In her mind, they were quite useless as they wouldn't have any sort of short-term impact.

'If only I had listened attentively,' thought Emma, as she currently trying to figure out, how to get out of this illusion.

'Head, hurt, head, hurt,' she thought, repeating those words again and again in her head, trying to figure something out.

Did she need to hit her head?

Would she have to get rid of that headache which was currently taking over her mind?

She had no idea what to do, or how to get rid of that headache that kept impeding her thought.

But, she guessed that the way to get out of here would be to get rid of that headache of hers.

However, there was a big problem, she had no idea how to do such a thing.

She tried to think back to the scene where her mother had explained how to get out of illusions as she kept thinking about the same three words.

'There has to be something about those words if I keep remembering them,' thought Emma, as she knew that there had to be something else regarding those damn words.

They just couldn't mean that she had to rid of a headache. Everyone stuck in here would have wanted to get rid of that terrible headache, there had to be something else.

She had to think fast as she knew each minute that she would take to get out of that illusion would be a minute where she wouldn't be able to help her team win this fight.

Sure, Aiden is strong and isn't the type to rely on others, especially in the past month, but she wasn't sure if he was going to be able to win against the prodigy.

But, then she remembered his aura, the training that she had given her. She knew that he was special and that she had no idea how much he had made to get here, where he was now.

She knew that he had grown up in the Slums but that was it, she had absolutely no other information about his past, it really was quite intriguing.

But then, she dismissed those useless thoughts, as they were only taking time away from her real important thinking.

Those words that kept coming to her mind.

'It has to be something that has to be related to my head,' thought Emma, she was sure that it was related to it.

'Maybe there's something that I have to do to get out of here,' she thought as she looked at her surroundings which were completely empty as all she could see was the forest that was in.

No one was in it, she was completely alone, it seemed that the enemy Enchantress had made the illusion this way.

Then, as she continued to glance around while thinking about some other option, she was able to glance at something in the distance.

It was some red little orb that was floating in the air as if the environment couldn't affect it.

'Do I need to destroy that?' thought Emma.

'Maybe that was what the word hurt meant? I need to hurt this red little orb,' she thought, still trying to make sense out of those three words that kept popping up in her mind.

Having no other idea, she started to draw her bow in the direction of that small little red orb, as she made sure to use enough strength to completely destroy it, she even used her skill that made her arrow more powerful.

Then, she released the arrow, which once again made a piercing noise across the woods as it flew straight in the direction of that orb.

The arrow which had just been released, then pierced the small red orb quite easily as it didn't even seem to resist the attack.

And as it did, the world which Emma was currently started to lift as if it had never existed, revealing a completely different scene, where she could see on her right, Aiden and the blind man fighting, on below her the rest of her team were still fighting, however, they were currently at a disadvantage as they were in a three versus two.

This meant that at the moment, the team of Aiden was on the losing side, so she needed to act quickly.

Returning to reality, she was just glad that her guess had been the right one as she started to draw her bow in the direction of the Enchantress once again.

She wanted to eliminate her so that there would be no way of getting stuck in an illusion once again.

She was sure that Aiden had no idea how to get out of such an illusion as he hadn't received any teachings since the beginning of his life, living in the Slums and all.

Swoosh

The piercing resounded even louder this time, as Emma had made sure to give her everything into that arrow, aiming at the head of the girl with big boobs.

And, this time, the arrow hit as it went through the head of the Enchantress who was now on the ground lifeless, as a little pop-up appeared in front of everyone.

[Lilia has died.]

It seemed that the girl with big boobs was named Lilia.

Everyone on Aiden's team reading that message flashed a little smile as they knew that they were now in a much better spot to win this team fight and reach the second stage of that tournament.

Olivia didn't lose any time and made fun of the bulky girl in front of her, shouting.

"Still think you're going to win, ahaha," she said while laughing as loud as she possibly could.

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Chapter 124 - 124 - Aiden vs The Prodigy

Aiden on the other hand couldn't even bother to look at the little message that had appeared in front of him as he was currently in a fight that required all of his attention, he was trying to make sure that he wouldn't lose against the Prodigy.

He knew that he was better than him, but he still needed to fully concentrate as he knew that if he made a mistake then his opponent would be capitalizing on it.

They were currently reaching the peak of the fight, as the tension was as high as possible, both Aiden and the blind man were currently fighting with such intensity that those who were looking at them from the outside would have difficulty realizing who currently had the upper hand.

It was close, but at the moment, it seemed that Aiden was much better as he was able to deal blows quite easily and whenever he would be surprised by one of the attacks

made by the Prodigy. His Sixth Sense seemed to kick in as he seemed to realize that he was being attacked.

This skill [Sixth Sense] which he had gained by doing the trial for the VIP Entries was quite useful as Aiden could feel a certain threat from each blow that came from his opponent, it really was quite interesting.

Aiden could faintly hear the voice of Olivia in his ears as she shouted really loudly.

"Still think you're going to win, look, your prodigy doesn't seem to be in the best shape," she said as she pointed to the tree which Aiden and the Prodigy were currently fighting.

What Olivia had just said was true, even if the fight felt close, Aiden kept doing more damage from the little details which he had polished in his other life, Aiden was able to spot all the mistakes which the Prodigy was currently making.

'Maybe he isn't that much of a prodigy,' thought Aiden, as he didn't think for a single moment that losing was an option at the moment.

Whatever the man in front of him was trying, Aiden was able to counter it.

However, he had to admit that it was impressive for someone who couldn't use his eyes, to be able to spot him and fight him with such intensity.

It was quite an impressive feat and Aiden had to respect it.

'Um, I guess this is the end,' thought Aiden, as he spotted an opening in the Prodigy's defence which made him vulnerable to an attack to the neck.

It was Aiden's special move, he couldn't resist to the temptation as he swung his dagger instantly in the direction of his neck.

The dagger was approaching closer and closer to it, and it seemed that the Prodigy was going to lose this fight as they were no way for him to dodge it anymore, it was too close to him.

The only way for him to survive at the moment would be for someone to block the attack of Aiden, but it was unthinkable.

It was set in stone, the man in front of him would die.

Well, not die for real but still, there would only be two more opponents to defeat and one of them, would be the swordsman who didn't seem to be that great.

Aiden would surely be able to overpower him.

There was literally no doubt in his mind.

His strike continued and just as it was about to touch the skin of the Prodigy, the skin which was around his neck started to glow.

'What's this?' thought Aiden, as he continued his moment, surprised to see light come out of his opponent's neck.

Nonetheless, Aiden didn't care about it, as it was only light, it's not like it would be able to make his weapon bounce off like nothing.

Then as the dagger reached his opponent's neck, the light that was coming off from it amplified even more, as it blinded Aiden.

Cling

That was the sound that the dagger had made when reaching the neck of his opponent. It was metallic as if his dagger had hit a metallic surface which caused it to bounce off.

Then, the prodigy smiled as he opened his mouth for the very first time since this fight started.

"Um, guess, you didn't expect that," he said in a low tone, knowing that Aiden was probably shocked by what just happened.

'What happened? Why did my dagger bounce off his neck?' thought Aiden, not sure why he heard such a noise as if something had blocked his strike.

However, there was no way to know what had happened. The reason for that was that he had been blinded by the light that had come off his opponent's neck.

Aiden simply continued attacking him as if nothing happened trying to figure out what had happened as he needed to know if he wanted to defeat his opponent.

'Did his skin become harder?' thought Aiden, as this was the only thing that came to his mind at the moment.

The sound that it had made when hitting him was what made him doubt that hypothesis.

That was a metallic sound which was heard and Aiden was supposed to have hit the skin, it just didn't make any sense.

Then, his mind kept trying to find some other option as he just couldn't figure it out.

'Wait, maybe his skin turned metallic which could explain the metallic noise,' thought Aiden as it resolve the problem with his previous thought.

If this was the case, that he was able to change the hardness of his skin, then it would be a big problem as Aiden wouldn't be able to hurt him.

However, he had been able to hurt him, he had made a few slashes onto the Prodigy's body and there hadn't been a single problem.

This was what made Aiden think even more as he wanted to have the right answer before trying another deadly attack.

'Should I just try to attack him again? Maybe he won't have enough mana for it,' Aiden thought, as he knew that the Prodigy wasn't constantly activating it taking in some hits.

Then, the fight between the two of them continued, as they kept attacking each other over and over again with their daggers colliding.

Aiden was currently in the process of trying to find a weak point in his opponent's defence so that he would be able to make another deadly attack.

But, that showed to be a bigger problem than he thought as it seemed that the Prodigy had become a lot more solid in his defence, not letting any opportunities for Aiden to attack him.

Meanwhile, Melinda was still watching over Aiden who was masked,

'Let's see how he will react to this skill,' she thought, knowing exactly what had happened as she had already seen it multiple times.

She, also, knew of multiple ways to counter such a skill, however, she couldn't really tell Aiden at the moment as she was watching him from so far away.

'If he's able to adapt to such a situation, I might really consider recruiting him, he's just too interesting,' she thought, her eyes glued to the crystal ball that was right below her.

"Melinda, are you still watching that kid?" asked the dwarf, who was basically the only one who would go around and talk loudly to others.

No one other than him would do such a thing, as they were concentrated on the Inter Family Tournament as it really was quite important.

However, it seemed that Thorin didn't even care about it as he wasn't even in front of his crystal ball as he kept going over each one of the founding families.

"I am, what about it," she said, clearly annoyed by his constant bickering.

"Oh, nothing, but why do you keep watching over him, shouldn't you watch over your family members that are participating," said Thoring as he just couldn't grasp her intentions.

"I'm just scouting, now go away, and stop disturbing me."

"Alright, alright, no need to get all angry at me," said Thorin as he started backing away from her.

Then, she continued to observe Aiden's next actions as she was quite interested in the performance that he was going to show.

She knew that being able to get rid of someone with that skill would be hard especially if you had no idea how to counter it.

But, that was what made her even more interested as she wanted to see him adapt and get stronger.

That aura from earlier had made her sure that there was something special about that boy.

She had also seen his strike to the neck of his opponent earlier. She had noticed that when he had done so, he hadn't even felt any hesitation or anything, he had just gone for it.

Sure, the prodigy wouldn't have died, but someone who had never killed anyone before had to be scared of hurting someone else, it was a normal reaction.

Then, her eyes widened as she saw what Aiden was trying to pull off.

'No way.'

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Chapter 125 - 125 - Killing Another

Aiden kept trying to find an opening but no matter how much he tried, he wasn't able to.

He had no idea why, but after almost killing the person in front of him, it was like he had changed. As if, someone or something had taken over him as he made moves which weren't anything like before.

'Maybe that was the effect of the light?' thought Aiden, as he kept trying to find something while constantly attacking the Prodigy, not letting him a single moment to relax.

Even, if wasn't able to attack him directly, then he would make that he wouldn't be able to move his arms by the end of that fight, as Aiden was almost sure that he had a lot more endurance than him, having trained like a maniac in his past life and in this life.

'Maybe he really is another person?' thought Aiden, as he knew that everything was possible in this world.

He had seen many things since arriving and this wouldn't be his first time being so surprised over something. In fact, it wasn't that ridiculous that a skill would be able to make you stronger by impersonating you or something like that.

However, that still didn't explain the metallic sound which he had heard when hitting his neck.

Had he really turned his skin into metal?

There was only one way to know and that was to try and do the same attack that he once did which was exactly what he was currently trying to do.

It wasn't going to be easy, as he was much better than earlier, but Aiden continued to persevere as he knew that he had to win.

Because if he lost, the rest of his team would surely lose this fight and on the same occasion this tournament.

So, he continued attacking without a single moment of pause, knowing that his opponent wouldn't be able to keep this up for an eternity.

Then, another opening appeared in his opponent's defence and he instantly went for it, as he once again aimed for the neck of his opponent.

'Now, what's going to happen?' thought Aiden, as he could that his dagger was getting closer and closer to his neck.

Then, the same blinding light as earlier started to appear. However, this time, Aiden was ready for it as he kept his eyes open as he needed to see what sort of trick was happening.

However, even with his eyes open, it was difficult to see something as the light was just too strong and blocked most of his vision.

But he was able to get a glance of what was happening inside all of that light, the sound seemed to be created out of thin air, as he could see the neck of his opponent, completely disappearing as if it hadn't been there in the first place.

'Who am I even fighting against?' thought Aiden, as he just couldn't make any sense of what he had just seen.

If he was confused before, then he was even more confused this time.

He had seen the neck of his opponent disappear. However, when it disappeared, it seemed to be able to stop his strike and create a metallic sound, just what the hell was that skill?

Could it only be used on its neck?

That was the thing that Aiden wondered the most about, because if he couldn't use it on his chest then it wouldn't be that much of a problem as he would be able to simply kill him without much problem because he had noticed that his opponent started to have some gaps in its defence.

His opponent wasn't able to block all his attacks as efficiently as before as he made some larger movements than necessary which caused many openings in his opponent's defence.

Aiden used this to try and attack his chest this time as he wanted to see if he was right that he could only use his skill on his neck.

He moved his dagger backwards as he swiftly slashed in the direction of the opponent's chest which started to emit light.

'Fuck, what is this? What is this overpowered skill?' thought Aiden, as he simply couldn't understand what was happening at all.

'Guess, I'll have to try something big,' thought Aiden, as he knew that if he didn't then he wouldn't have any way of winning this fight as he couldn't hurt the guy in front of him.

Well, he could but he wouldn't be able to kill any time soon.

'Guess, I have no choice but to use that,' thought Aiden, as his surroundings started to tremble a little.

Meanwhile, Emma, Olivia, and Logan were facing the rest of the enemy team.

They had the advantage as they were currently in a three versus two. And one of the two people that they were facing didn't seem all that great.

It was the swordsman that Aiden had seen, he knew that he wasn't incredible as he didn't have an inventory and he had been quite naive at the start of the fight, rushing in without any of his teammates backing him off.

There was also another problem that really didn't help their chances.

The swordsman needed to go past this mass of muscles that was currently in front of him, blocking his view.

He knew that it wouldn't be simple at all to go through, but this was simply ridiculous.

Each time that he tried to attack Logan, his sword would get stuck inside of him, and he would be unable to pull it out. It simply made no sense, just how this feeble-looking guy transformed into this mass of muscles who kept bleeding without even flinching.

It was crazy, Logan kept bleeding since the start of his transformation, however not once had he seemed in pain as no sound escaped his mouth.

Well, he had his occasional roars that just showed that he really wasn't in his right mind.

Then, the swordsman tried to outspeed Logan, as he ran on one side of it as fast as he could as he needed to reach that backline where Olivia was situated with her long stick rising in the air.

Olivia occasionally sent a fireball, but her fire rate had decreased since earlier as her mana was starting to become quite scarce. She needed to make sure that there wouldn't be any problem with using bigger spells that required more mana, which was why she was currently not launching a torrent of skills.

Emma, who was still hidden in one of the trees around, was currently looking not at the fight below her, but at Aiden who was fighting like a madman completely isolated from the rest of them.

There was also another reason why she looked this way, the light.

She had seen some light come from that direction and couldn't help but be curious about it as she had absolutely no idea who had managed to create such intense light.

Then, she focused on Aiden's shape and how well he was currently doing as he didn't seem to have any signs of being hurt.

'I'm glad you're okay,' she thought, satisfied that Aiden was currently winning his fight.

But how could she have known of the next move that Aiden would pull off would be a crazy one, and all because of the unkillable Prodigy?

Her reaction would surely be one of shock, as she had not seen him pull out such a big move ever in her entire life.

But then, after making sure that everything was alright, she redirected her attention onto the current fight that was taking place under her, as it really was the most important one.

Because if they managed to win before Aiden finished his fight then they would be able to help him kill the prodigy who seems to be quite the tough opponent.

Redirecting her attention onto this fight, she drew her bow once again preparing to shoot an arrow in the direction of the swordsman as she was almost sure that he would die if she shot it.

She, also, didn't want to use her family technique to end the fight quickly as it was her trump card and not a lot of people knew what the Everheart technique would even be able to do, which was why she was keeping it in the back of her mind.

Then, as she shot the arrow, another piercing sound was heard, as it went in the direction of the swordsman who was currently running around Logan as fast as he possibly could.

It wasn't going to be an easy shot as her target was currently running, but she didn't mind it at all, as she concentrated on breathing in and out making sure that she wouldn't miss.

Then, the arrow was released and was getting closer and closer to the swordsman who hadn't even noticed it yet as it entered his head.

Another message appeared in front of everyone saying that another person had been killed.

Was Aiden really the assassin or was it Emma?

She had already killed two people while Aiden hadn't been able to kill anyone.

Sure, she had killed the easy targets, but it was still weird for her to be leading in terms of kills achieved.

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Chapter 126 - 126 - The Reaper Technique

Aiden, on the other hand, had decided that he would pull off the thing that he had wanted to keep secret this whole time. The thing which he hadn't shown to anyone yet.

Making everyone think that he wouldn't be able to do it, making everyone think that he wasn't that talented.

But, he would show everyone that he was talented and that he was able to make a difference.

So, what was that secret of his?

What had he been working for this past month while training?

Sure, he had trained like an actual madman doing training that not many would actually do, but that wasn't all or else, it would have been lost time as he could have gone ahead and done the Third Trial.

However, there was another reason why he had taken a whole month of training away from anyone.

He had decided to train the bow right, and it had been quite the journey. However, with the whole getting away from Emma, he had decided not to train it as much which resulted in quite a problem as he wouldn't be able to use Everheart technique.

Well, he decided to find a solution to that problem, what if he could use the Everheart technique not with a long-range weapon like a bow, but with his dagger?

Wouldn't that solve everything?

Sure, he had practiced the bow and he was able to use it a little, however, it just couldn't be compared to his experience with a dagger.

He had told Emma, that he might use the bow in the tournament, well... it wasn't completely a lie as he might use it depending on the situation. Nonetheless, the chances were quite slim as he had found a way to use the Everheart technique with a dagger.

Well, it can't really be called the Everheart Technique anymore and it can't really be called the Nightshade Technique as Aiden simply hate that name to his core.

So, he decided that he should find another name for that technique of his, in fact, it was the system which had helped him to find the name.

The system had actually given the name to Aiden while he was still thinking about it as if knowing the perfect name for it.

And Aiden had also quite liked the name, even if it referenced his past life and his current one. He found that it was quite good.

The system had given the idea that it should be named: [The Reaper Technique]. The reasons as to why Aiden liked and hated that name were quite obvious.

He loved it because it could be connected to him, but he also hated it for the memories that came with that name.

After all, it was that name that made him realize that he wasn't happy anymore with the current situation that he was living in.

But, how had Aiden been able to modify a technique which was so old that no one had any idea where it had come from?

In fact, it was called the Everheart Technique but it hadn't been them who had created it, it was some unknown person who probably hadn't been part of any family for that matter.

It was only called that way because they were the ones using it, but Aiden's technique which was of course inspired by it, was his own because it was himself who had changed it.

And the craziest thing about it was that he had learned it in a single month.

'Guess, I have no choice but to use that,' thought Aiden, as his surroundings started to tremble a little.

Around him, the ground, the wind, the rocks, everything that was natural started vibrating on the ground.

This had only been done with a single thought from Aiden as if it was the easiest thing in the world.

Emma, who had just shot her arrow to kill the swordsman, raised her head toward Aiden's fight realizing that he had started to use the Everheart technique.

She was impressed, that was the only thing she could feel at the moment. She simply couldn't believe it.

'Did he really learn it in a single month? But he told me that he hadn't been able to,' thought Emma, finding it weird that all her surroundings started to vibrate and float around her.

Well, she wasn't wrong Aiden hadn't been able to learn the Everheart technique as it simply didn't correspond with him, at the start, he had wanted to adapt to the technique to get stronger.

But, he had realized that if he wanted to be the strongest, then he would have to stop relying on others and start relying on himself and himself only which was why he decided that he would be changing that damn technique to one of his own.

'Alright, first step done,' thought Aiden, as he started to move his dagger in a certain way, taking some distance from the blind person in front of him.

However, it was clear that the Prodigy wouldn't let Aiden do what he wanted so he started to attack him.

Swoosh

But, as he advanced an arrow arrived right in front of his face, not letting him get closer to Aiden.

Olivia and Logan who now had to deal with only a single person, surely didn't need her help anymore as Olivia would probably muster some massive spell to kill off the tank of the enemy team.

"Aiden, continue what you're doing, I'll hold him off," shouted Emma from far away, bow in hand.

The Prodigy who was right in front of Aiden couldn't stop moving as he still needed to get to him as he could feel that the attack that he was currently preparing was one that would be dangerous for sure.

All the natural elements that Aiden had called were now floating around the dagger in a circular motion as if waiting for Aiden's command to be released.

Emma, who caught sight of this was flabbergasted, as she simply couldn't believe her eyes.

'He isn't using a bow? How is he doing that?' she thought seeing all those elements floating around the small dagger which he was holding.

Normally, those elements would be used when pulling the string of the bow, but this was completely different as they were simply floating around the dagger, condensing itself

as much as it could as the elements mixed with each other and kept getting closer and closer to each other.

'Is that what he had been doing this past month?' thought Emma, as she continued to shoot arrows in the blind man's way as she didn't want him to interrupt whatever Aiden was currently preparing as even she was anticipating what he was going to pull off.

Then, out of nowhere, Aiden made a quick move with his dagger which made all of the elements around it to stop moving completely. It was like he had perfect mastery of those elements that were surrounding his dagger.

It was incredible, as Emma was surprised that such a thing was even possible as she had never attained such mastery over the elements.

After making all the elements stop, Aiden also stopped moving as held in his hands and started to release a dark aura.

The exact same aura which he had released earlier toward Olivia.

Then, he started walking forward as the rocks, and the wind followed right in its step, not even falling behind a little.

The Prodigy felt that some danger was getting closer and closer as he started walking backwards a little.

And as he did so, another message appeared in front of him.

[Paulina has died.]

It was his last teammate who had just died.

Then, his emotionless face completely changed as he opened his mouth and got on the ground.

"Please, please, listen to me. I need this," said the blind man on the ground pleading against his enemy as he knew that he would be losing.

Aiden, hearing his pleas, only scuffed as he answered.

"And you think we don't need this, you should have given up earlier," he said as he raised his dagger in his hand preparing to make a swift strike to his neck, finally ending this damn fight which had taken far too long for Aiden's taste.

Slash

Then, some blinding light appeared, however, it wasn't enough this time as Aiden's dagger completely went through his neck without even stopping for a single moment.

The natural elements seemed to have helped in killing him.

However, there was still somewhat of a problem, Aiden still had absolutely no idea what sort of skill or technique this man had used.

'Why did I act so quickly, I should've asked him,' thought Aiden, frustrated with himself, as he had acted rashly for no reason as he should've waited.

Then, all he could from below and from right beside him were cheers as everyone seemed to be quite happy with this win of theirs.

A message, once again, appeared in front of all of them as the usual beeping sound resounded inside everyone's mind.

[You have won this team battle.]

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Chapter 127 - 127 - Special Request

[You have won this team battle.]

Reading this, Aiden was quite happy as he had done it.

He had done it, the first step of many had been accomplished and Aiden was overjoyed.

However, he knew that it was only the start of a long way.

He knew that if he wanted to win some good rewards, he would have to get a lot further into this Inter Family Tournament.

"We did it, we did it," said Emma as she ran into the arms of Aiden.

She didn't realize instantly her actions as she had done them without even thinking.

But, seconds after doing it, she realized that she was currently inside Aiden's arms.

"Um, sorry," she said as she moved away from Aiden as she knew that he didn't like such things.

However, the next words that came out of Aiden's mouth confused her. She had expected him to not say anything, only showing some displeasure on his face, but the words that came out of his mouth shocked her.

"Why are you sorry? There's no need," said Aiden, realizing that he was currently opening up a little more toward Emma as he wouldn't have said those words before.

Emma, only blushed, hearing this, still keeping her distance away from him as she jumped down from the tree as Aiden followed right behind her.

Aiden followed right behind her, as he could also hear the cheers from the other members of the team.

"What was that at the end?" asked Olivia, curious as to why everything in their surroundings completely changed.

Aiden, however, only ignored her as he didn't want to reveal anything about what he had just done.

It was a secret of his, and thinking back a little, he understood that maybe he shouldn't have used it and simply on his teammates to finish the job on their side.

However, he hadn't done so, to prove to himself that he didn't need to rely on them at all.

Maybe it wasn't necessary, but Aiden had felt that he needed to do so.

"You know, you really are mysterious," said Olivia, talking about Aiden as she started to get closer to him.

Aiden once again ignored, not even looking at her as she started to get closer and closer to him.

"And, that's kind of hot, you know, being deadly and all," whispered Olivia, right into Aiden's ear as her breath went onto Aiden's neck.

However, she once again received absolutely no reaction from Aiden, so she decided to tease him a little more.

"What? Why are you so serious? Calm down, we won, in fact, I think that we should relax together," said Olivia as she winked at him at the end.

Aiden this time, only flashed a little smile on the corner of his mouth, finding all of this quite funny.

"Oh, the Reaper smiled, I repeat the Reaper smiled," said Olivia getting closer and closer to him as she lifted her face up and whispered something else in his ear.

"Are you sure that you don't want some of this?" she said, clearly talking about her flawless body.

Aiden, however, just couldn't grasp why this woman was trying so hard to get him.

So, he whispered back at her without any hesitation.

"Why are you doing this?"

Emma who was seeing all this closeness and bickering between the two started to get a little mad, but she still didn't say anything only observing the situation.

"I don't know, your vibe and all, it's attractive," she whispered back in his ear as she moved closer on purpose so that Aiden would be able to feel her boobs going against his body, squishing against it.

However, Aiden only nodded hearing the answer as he had no time to waste on some random female that he didn't even know that well.

Seeing him getting away from her, Olivia didn't want to lose touch with a potential great power, so she quickly thought of something to stay in contact with him.

"Then, here with this we'll be able to talk and all, and who knows maybe I'll be able to see your beautiful face under that scary mask of yours," said handing a Mental Transmitter to Aiden with her name on it.

Aiden grabbed it and stored it inside his pocket.

"And what makes you think that I'm beautiful," said Aiden, wondering why she was so sure that he was as she hadn't been able to see his face even once.

"Well, it's quite simple, I trust the ladies," said Olivia, as she winked toward Emma who was flustered over her comment.

But, Aiden was completely clueless as to what that meant as he looked behind and saw Emma with a completely red face, clearly shy over what Olivia had just said.

'Wait did she mean that she trust Emma's judgement,' thought Aiden, realizing the meaning behind those words as he also blushed a little, now almost sure that Emma felt something for him.

Well, he had always kind of knew since that fateful night between the two of them, but because she hadn't talked about it at all, he had decided to keep his distance from her as much as possible not wanting to do anything wrong.

Then, the forest in which they were started to disappear little by little as it turned into particles as if it had never even existed, it was like the same process that happened when you killed a monster inside of a trial, it was quite interesting.

Then, clapping sounds started being heard from their surroundings as they found themselves in the middle of the arena with all the competitors around them.

It seemed like everyone had finished their fight as Aiden could only see one hundred people which meant that the rest had been eliminated.

Aiden didn't know where they had been sent to, but he knew that they weren't part of the tournament anymore.

"Good job to everyone who passed the first fight," said a deep voice, without revealing its appearance.

"I know that most of you want to pass right away to the second part of the tournament, however, there has been a weird request by one of the founding families heads," announced the voice.

Aiden hearing that started to panic a little as he thought that they had discovered him and that they were about to eliminate him for good, killing him as if he was simply an ant.

However, his stress only amplified when he heard those next words.

"One of the founding families' heads would like to meet with the Reaper," said the voice as if expecting the Reaper to show himself to everyone.

However, it was quite the opposite as Aiden was currently hiding as much as he could not wanting to meet whoever had just called him.

"The Reaper would you please come forward," said the voice once again, wanting to give some glory to Aiden.

"Thorin, stop and just bring him to me, he clearly doesn't like the attention that you're giving him," said Melinda who was right beside Thorin who was actually the voice.

Obviously, this hadn't been heard by anyone as Thorin once again took a deep voice to talk.

"No need to come forward, I will now teleport you in a room where you will have a private conversation with one of the strongest people that exist," said the voice trying to make Aiden stressed even more than he already was.

'No way, was I really discovered,' thought Aiden, as he could feel himself being transported somewhere else against his will.

Beside him, Olivia, Logan, and Emma all seemed jealous of him as they simply gave him looks of envy as if wanting to be in his place.

'Then, take my place, when did I ask for this,' thought Aiden, as he really didn't want to meet whoever was waiting for him.

However, he had no choice as he could his vision of the Arena starting to fade as he opened his eyes again and was in a completely different place.

Looking around, Aiden was quite stunned by how everything looked. It was just so simple.

It looked like someone had just organized this minutes ago, as there were in this room two chairs and one small table in the middle of it.

There was still no one there as Aiden started advancing toward one of the two chairs, sitting down, waiting patiently as there was still no one arriving to meet him.

'What's happening? Are they just leaving me here without anyone coming to see me,' thought Aiden as he just couldn't understand what was currently happening.

Then, as he thought that, someone appeared in front of him, teleporting just like he had previously done.

"Sorry about my tardiness," said Melinda who had just appeared in front of Aiden or the Reaper in this case. "You must be wondering why you're here right?"

Aiden hearing that only nodded, thinking that this was it. He was going to die if he even made one bad gesture.

He was doomed.

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Chapter 128 - 128 - Meeting with Melinda

'Why is someone from the founding families meeting me? I didn't do anything weird, right?' thought Aiden, panicking.

He knew that his participation was risky, however, they had found him right away it seemed, it was simply unbelievable.

He had only done a single fight, and he was masked, did his father who had abandoned him for so long recognized his son?

Aiden just couldn't believe it, however, he decided to wait patiently as maybe it wasn't related to that at all and it was something else completely.

Maybe it would be because of the strength that he showed while fighting.

But he quickly dismissed that thought as what he had done wasn't that impressive as Emma had more impact during the team fight.

Then, the moment arrived and someone arrived in front of him, however, Aiden was surprised by the expression on her face.

She seemed sorry, well... by the looks of it.

"Sorry about my tardiness, some dumb dwarf was keeping away from coming," said Melinda, showing the best smile that she could muster at the moment, expecting to catch Aiden's attention with that.

However, he didn't have any effect on Aiden who kept a straight face, waiting for her to continue talking about why he was currently here.

But, the reason why he didn't have any impact was because of the stress that Aiden was currently under.

He was meeting with someone that might be part of the Nightshade family, he really had to be careful.

"So, you're probably wondering why you're here, right?" she continued looking at the Reaper mask that Aiden currently had on.

Aiden only responded with silence once again, waiting for her to continue.

"Not much of a talker, huh?" she said, laughing a little as she said that. "Well, it doesn't matter I'll talk to myself I guess," she said, clearly making fun of herself a little.

"It's honestly quite simple, I was simply in awe by what you did during the team fight. Especially that last move of yours, it really was impressive I have to say," she added in the end, complementing Aiden.

'Wait what's happening? She met me and asked for me in front of everyone just to tell me that,' thought Aiden as he just couldn't make sense of such a situation.

Aiden, then opened his mouth for the very first time as he couldn't let her speak to herself for such a long time, after all.

"Hm, thank you."

"Oh, he can talk, interesting," said Melinda as she took the seat that was free.

They were now both seated at the opposite of a table while looking at each other.

"I guess that the reason you're meeting me isn't only to tell me this," said Aiden, as he really to not care at all about meeting one of the strongest in the world.

Sure, he was intimidated but he needed to seem strong mentally not being affected by such a situation.

"Woah, you really are heartless," she said as she once again smiled at him.

'What is she even doing? Is she trying to flirt with me or something,' thought Aiden as he couldn't even grasp why she was giving all smiles while teasing him.

Whatever she was doing Aiden didn't care as long as he wasn't in any danger, she could continue to smile at him for all he cared, it was a beautiful sight to look at after all.

'I guess this won't work on him, should I try something else?' thought Melinda as she noticed that Aiden didn't seem to have any type of reaction regarding her beauty.

'It really is weird, everyone always tries to get in my good graces, but this guy looks like he doesn't even care about it,' she thought, finding him more and more strange.

"Well, I guess you're right, the reason why I'm here isn't to congratulate you, well, it's not only for that reason."

"So, um, what is it?" asked Aiden, wondering the reason why such an important would make the request to meet her.

"Curiosity, yeah I think that's what it is," she said.

Aiden hearing that, was even more confused than earlier as he couldn't understand anything that was currently happening.

"Curiosity? And what made you curious?"

"Well, many things of course, but the one thing that really shocked me was when you gathered everything around yourself as if you were one with nature," said Melinda, once again, complimenting him.

Aiden hearing all those compliments couldn't help but doubt what was going to follow those words.

"There was also when you released that dark aura around yourself, it made me wonder about your past and all of that."

Aiden, hearing that, only nodded waiting for her to finally ask something as he still couldn't see why she needed to meet him.

"That's all good reasons to be curious, but why are you meeting me? Couldn't you have kept your curiosity to yourself?" asked Aiden, completely disregarding the status of the person in front of him.

'He really is different, not showing an ounce of respect,' thought Melinda as she continued smiling at him.

"Well, you can refuse if you want but I was wondering if you could show me that beautiful face of yours behind that mask," she said, making sure to tease him while asking her request.

'Show what I look like? Is she crazy?' thought Aiden, as there was literally no way that he was going to show what he looked like.

There was a reason why he was wearing a mask and a pretty good one at that. He didn't want to show others what he looked like, or else who knew what might happen.

"Well, I'll refuse," said Aiden, instantly, not even thinking about it.

"You don't want to, um, I had guessed that was going to happen," said Melinda, sad that her proposal had been instantly refused.

"Then, scratch that, what can I give you for you to remove your mask?" asked Melinda, out of politeness.

She asked it out of politeness because if she wanted to, she could literally remove it and Aiden wouldn't be able to do anything against her as she was a lot more powerful than him being the head of one of the founding families.

"Nothing honestly, there's no way that I will show you what I look like," answered Aiden, making his stance on the situation clear.

"Nothing? Absolutely nothing?" she repeated as Melinda started thinking about what she could possibly offer him to accept. "Um, let's say that you can join my family what would you say? Is that good enough?"

When she said that, Aiden had no intention of accepting still as he didn't know what family she was in charge of.

"About that, what family do you even represent?" asked Aiden as he still didn't know if that person was part of the Nightshade family.

Hearing Aiden say that Melinda was insulted as she knew that her identity was renowned around the world and that a lot of people knew about it.

Her family was one of the four strongest in the world, so how ignorant was the Reaper?

"Do you really don't know?" asked Melinda, getting a little frustrated about the question.

"I promise that I don't know, it's just....," said Aiden as he stopped speaking realizing that he was about to reveal something about him.

"Just what? You're an ignorant person that knows nothing about the world," said Melinda using this situation to make fun of Aiden.

However, Aiden didn't find it even remotely funny as he simply nodded his head accepting what Melinda had just said.

"Um, I guess you really are ignorant, then I guess I can tell you more about my family. The name of my family is Emberbane, and most of our family concentrates on the classes such as Enchantress and the like. So, I guess it's fair to say that we focus on people with charm," she said showing off her body in front of Aiden.

'So she isn't part of the Nightshade family, I guess that's good to know,' thought Aiden, as he continued to listen to her attentively.

"So, that's why I wanted to see your face, to see if you have some potential in joining our family. Also, I know that you are an assassin and all that, but don't worry, I could get some really good skills for you," she said not wanting Aiden to be disinterested because of the Class-related skills.

But, before Melinda could finish her whole presentation about her family, Aiden interrupted her.

"Before you continue for no reason, this all sounds really interesting, but I'll need to refuse," said Aiden, not even adding the reason why he had made such a decision.

This time, Melinda was really frustrated and insulted as Aiden had just thrown his chance at becoming great into the trash, not even looking at it or considering it.

"Then, tell me why you don't want to join my family?" she said toward Aiden, clearly unhappy with the current situation as her smile disappeared from her face.

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Chapter 129 - 129 - Refusing a Golden Offer

"Then, tell me why you don't want to join my family?" she asked Aiden, clearly unhappy with the current situation as her smile disappeared from her face.

Aiden didn't know how to respond in a non-aggressive way, as he didn't want to be making an enemy out of one of the strongest people that existed.

It just wasn't that great of an idea especially when he wanted to lay low.

However, it was now probably impossible to lay low as everyone had learned of the Reaper since one of the heads of the founding families had called for him in front of everyone who had passed the first round of elimination.

Many were probably going to be expecting a strong opponent which meant that he won't have that element of surprise for the next fights.

"Why can't I join your family?" Aiden repeated the question, gaining time for him to think about an appropriate answer.

"Well, it's quite simple, I'm not going to leave my current family, especially after all they have done for me," said Aiden, saying the best excuse that had come to his mind.

He couldn't really say that he wanted to hide from the top powers of the world as it wouldn't make any sense considering his current power level.

"Um, and what family are you a part of? It was hidden on your profile. And just so you know, I'll be able to find out so just tell me it will make us lose a lot less time," said Melinda, not wanting to waste some time searching for his family.

Sure, she could do so, but she wouldn't have the opportunity to talk with him in a one-on-one at that time.

She wanted everything to be resolved today or before the tournament ended as it would simply simplify the task ahead of her which was of recruiting Aiden into her family.

'Do I even have a choice?' thought Aiden, as he knew that he couldn't really hide anything from the person in front of him.

'I should comply, it will make it less likely for her to investigate me,' thought Aiden, not wanting her to learn more about his arrival in the Everheart family as it really was quite the weird one.

He wanted to be perceived as a normal awakener who hadn't done anything bad in his life.

Well, he couldn't really do that, because of the dark aura which he had released but he just wanted no one to pay attention to him.

Was that too much to ask or what?

"I'm part of the Everheart family, you probably haven't heard of it," said Aiden, assuming that there was no way that a founding family would be able to know the existence of a middle-level family.

"Do you think I'm as ignorant as you, of course, I know of the Everheart family," she said, showing that she was proud of knowing such a thing.

Aiden hearing her say that, only nodded as he took the insult quite well, not minding it that much as it was simply a fact and there was nothing he could do about it.

After all, it hadn't been long since he had arrived in that world so it was quite normal for him not to know everything about it.

It was the same as if Aiden asked them questions about the Earth and where he came from, they would be the ignorants in such a case.

"But, do you really want to stay in a middle-level family when I'm proposing you to join a founding family? Do you even realize the chance which you currently have?" asked Melinda, not understanding how someone could refuse such a thing, especially for her demands which were practically non-existent.

The only thing that she had asked of him in exchange for joining was to show his face, it really wasn't much, and any other people would have accepted in a heartbeat.

But unluckily for her, Aiden was different from the rest, having a complicated past.

"I know that I have a great chance, but I want to help my current family," repeated Aiden as he couldn't change the reason that he had said earlier.

And then, he thought about something, as he added something.

"And why do you want me to join your family so much? It's kind of weird, many people other than me would beg to join your family," said Aiden, wanting to know the true reasons for her proposal.

"But, they're not as special as you, isn't it obvious?" she said, as she was desperate by Aiden's stupidity. "Don't you get it, no one is able to do the things you do. I'm not dumb alright I know that you modified the Everheart technique," said Melinda.

"Such an achievement is incredible and practically no one would be able to do such a thing. And if they would be able to do such a thing, they would need an incredible amount of time and resources. However, since you come from a middle-level family you probably don't have many resources. Hell, you don't even have an inventory," she said, letting some of her frustration come out.

Aiden, hearing all that, nodded without showing any emotions as he had a mask hiding the entirety of his face.

"And, I don't even know why I'm asking you to remove your mask, you do know that I could remove it if I wanted to. In fact, I would be able to find your identity in a heartbeat if I wanted to," she said as emotions took over her words as she really was frustrated with everything that Aiden had just pulled.

However, Aiden needed to show that he wasn't to be pushed around or else who knew what might happen in this room.

He needed to protect his identity at all costs, and he would everything in his power to do so.

Nonetheless, he couldn't deny that she could do whatever she wanted with him as he was simply too weak. He hadn't done enough trials to have enough stats to defeat such a behemoth.

There was also something else, Aiden knew of all the opportunities that he could gain by simply joining her family. Honestly, he was interested in her offer a little, the benefits were just so big that it was hard to resist.

Greed is something that is quite dangerous, especially in moments like this where benefits are so massive.

"Everything you're saying is true, you can do whatever you want to me. In fact, take my mask off if you want, but I think there's a reason why YOU are asking ME to remove it. It's as if you don't want me to be frustrated against you, as if you're trying to please me as much as you could," said Aiden, turning the current situation around.

He wasn't the one that was going to be the victim, she was going to be the victim, she was the one who would have to admit that she would like to have Aiden.

"What even is your name?" asked Aiden, as he continued in his current inspiration.

"Melinda, yours?" said Melinda, laughing as she said that.

'Look at this attitude of his, how long has it been since someone has talked to me like this?' thought Melinda, realizing that he really was different from any other awakened of his age or even her age.

It was like he didn't care about status at all.

And that part of him, Melinda liked it, she liked it a lot.

"Nice one, but I still won't tell you," answered Aiden, as he had almost said his name by accident.

"So, Melinda I have a counter-proposal, want to know what it is?" said Aiden, as he had thought of one thing which could make him go over to her family.

He knew that accepting such an offer was dangerous, however, if there were big enough benefits then he would take the risk.

There was just too much that he needed to know about his system, this world, and all those things that he was so ignorant about.

He wanted to have more knowledge and the mercenary which Maelis had called still hadn't given any news, so he was tempted in asking her instead as she was almost sure to have some of the answers that he needs.

"Sure, what is it big guy?" said Melinda, mocking his current attitude toward her.

"It's quite simple actually, before saying my proposal, I also need to know some things about how your family relations are with the rest of the founding families," said Aiden, wanting to know if her family was close with the Nightshade family.

Melinda nodded, noting all his demands in her head, as she really didn't mind whatever he was going to ask she really wanted to have Aiden as he was too much of a special person.

It was as if he wasn't from this world.

Then, Melinda opened her mouth as she was about to reveal whether or not the Emberbane was close to the Nightshades.

It was going to be a dealbreaker.

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Chapter 130 - 130 - Who Will Have Aiden?

"So, before saying your counteroffer, you want me to tell you how my family is cooperating with the other founding families, is that right?" asked Melinda, not sure why Aiden would need to have something like that.

'It's not like the others will care about him, they will probably all ignore his existence,' she thought, finding the boy in front of her to be quite paranoid.

"Yeah, that's exactly what I asked," answered Aiden, as he made sure to listen to every word that was about to come out of her mouth as maybe he would be able to get some pretty interesting information.

"Alright, then," she muttered, as she didn't mind such a condition at all as he would have discovered about it when joining. "As you know there are three other founding families, the Nightshades, the Ravenwoods, and the Valandils. We, the founding families, are the strongest groups of people to exist in this world that we call Nova."

"Are we stronger than some of them? Maybe? I'm not sure as we don't fight directly against one another. However, I can tell you that I'm probably the strongest head as my illusions are quite deadly if you get stuck into one," she said, not missing the chance of flexing her power to Aiden.

Aiden nodded, as he wasn't that interested in which family was currently the strongest. He wanted to know what family they were the closest to.

"Enough of my bragging, the Emberbane family has pretty good relations with the Valandils and the Ravenwoods. We don't mind them and they don't mind us, well... most of the time. Now, about the Nightshades it's a little more complicated..."

Aiden hearing this was quite happy as he understood that Melinda and the rest of her family probably weren't that close to the Nightshades from the tone of her voice.

"It's a little complicated because of their current actions, however, it's nothing that you should know about, so I won't tell you more about it. Basically, the family that everyone

hates the most is the Nightshades because of things which the public ignores," said Melinda, not wanting to reveal their problems with the Nightshades.

'What did they even do?' thought Aiden, interested in learning about it.

"So, I think that's pretty much it, are you happy now? Are you going to join my family?" asked Melinda, still not understanding why she was listening to Aiden and doing everything that he wanted.

It really wasn't a situation that she had expected.

She had expected him to simply accept her proposal without asking any questions.

But, no, here she was listening to all his demands without questioning anything as she absolutely wanted to get him inside her family.

"I already told you that you'll need to promise me something if I'm to join your family," said Aiden, with a serious look on his face.

It was finally time for him to get some answer that he had ignored ever since coming here.

"Basically, all you would have to do is answer some of the questions that I have," said Aiden, not saying what type of questions they were as he knew that she would probably just accept without even thinking.

And that's exactly what happened.

"Sure, what are your questions?" said Melinda, curious as to what he was going ask.

She was expecting some normal questions which pretty much everyone knew about as she had noticed that he didn't seem to know much about the world that surrounded them.

"The first one is where does the system come from?" asked Aiden, as he became extremely serious, not knowing if she was going to accept to answer this question as it seemed to be quite a hidden secret.

Meanwhile, Emma, Olivia, and Logan were discussing what had just happened.

Aiden had been teleported by force to meet one of the strongest beings that existed.

Of course, they were all jealous, they had hoped that it would have been them that would have been teleported as it was simply too good of an opportunity to refuse.

"What do you think they're asking of him?" said Olivia.

Emma who heard this, also didn't know what they could possibly want with him, but then she remembered something.

Aiden had refused categorically to participate in the tournament without a mask, so maybe it was related to that.

Well, it was either that or they had been impressed by what he had achieved, especially the modified technique which he had made.

Imagine if Melinda knew that he had made it in one month, she would be so shocked that she would give everything to recruit Aiden as creating techniques is almost impossible as it required an insane amount of talent to do so.

But at last, she ignored it, just like she ignored many things about Aiden in general.

"Honestly, it's probably about the fight which we just did," answered Emma, not wanting to reveal her theory about his mask.

"Are you worried about him?" asked Olivia, right after, as she had noticed the looks that Emma had given to him.

She really seemed to be in love with how she acted around him, there was also the fact that she was always trying to touch him at every possible opportunity.

"Worried? Why would I be worried about him? Ahaha, you're funny," said Emma, completely denying those remarks by accentuating her laugh as much as she could.

"Are you sure? You seem nervous," said Logan, as he looked at her hands which were fidgeting around.

"Whatever, what if I am, who cares," said Emma, angrily, not wanting to admit that she was worried about what was happening to him.

"What about you Olivia, don't you think for a single moment that I didn't notice you sneaking up on him," said Emma, redirecting the attention onto someone else as she didn't like what was currently happening.

"Yeah, I am, he's hot, I'm hot, why not?" she said, admitting that she found Aiden quite handsome and that she wouldn't mind doing something with him.

"What? Is he yours?" said Olivia, trying to make fun of Emma.

However, Emma was stumped in her response as she didn't want to admit that she actually felt something for Aiden.

"N-no, he's not," she said, slowly.

"Are you having trouble saying it?" added Olivia, as she noticed that Emma was speaking really quietly as if not wanting everyone around to hear her.

"No, he's not mine, alright," she repeated, this time, confident in her response.

"Then, I guess you wouldn't mind if I get closer to him, right?" said Olivia, still with a big smile on her face.

"Just try, he won't even pay you any attention, didn't you see earlier, even when you were using your body, he didn't even have a reaction. It was as if you didn't even exist," said Emma, happy that she had found something to make fun of Olivia.

"Who knows? I know that when he's going to touch those," she said as she grabbed her tits in her hands. "That he won't be able to resist my charm."

'Or maybe it will be the complete opposite and you won't be able to resist his charm,' thought Emma, as her mind was full of memories where she had imagined Aiden naked.

She also remembered the night when she had woken up in the middle of the night when they had switched beds.

It was that night that all her clothes were really wet.

"I wouldn't be so sure of that, he'll probably forget about you, not like you're anything worth remembering," said Emma, out of spite, mad that she was hearing such words come out of Olivia's mouth.

Olivia seemed to be the type of girl who was confident and would be the one acting first. However, Emma was the complete opposite as she was really shy not starting anything.

She was the type to wait until something happened, not that there was anything wrong with that.

"Why would he not remember me, not like you're the type to try anything with him," said Olivia, knowing that she was right seeing the reaction that Emma was currently having.

She was all red as if she was a tomato.

"Who knows? I might just try."

Logan who was hearing that conversation was just confused as to what was happening as her sister was currently fighting for a man it seemed.

"B-both of you, should calm down," said Logan, in a low tone of voice, scared of what their reactions were going to be.

"My brother's right, who cares who'll he end up with?" said Olivia as she muttered something so quietly that no one around was able to hear her. "I will have him."

"Yeah, who cares, right?" said Emma, as she also muttered something in a really quiet voice. "I'll be the one to have him."

Then, as the two of them had seemingly stopped talking about that, silence took over as they both waited for Aiden to appear once again.

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Chapter 131 - 131 - Hidden Body Potential

While Emma, Olivia, and Logan were patiently waiting for Aiden to come back.

Aiden was currently in one of the most important conversations he ever had.

He was about to get answers from Melinda about all the things that he ignored since he had arrived here.

Those answers which he had waited for a really long time, and the delay in having those answers had also made him change his personality a little as he fully concentrated on himself because of that.

It was now time for him to ask his first question.

"My first question is where does the system come from?" asked Aiden, as he was serious but also nervous as to what she was going to answer.

Then, Aiden waited for a couple of seconds but he noticed that Melinda still had her mouth as if not hearing the question.

"Where does the system come from?" repeated Aiden, once again, waiting for her to answer.

"The system? Where does the system come from, huh?" repeated Melinda as if she had absolutely no idea about its origins.

"Yeah, where does it come from?" repeated Aiden once again.

Melinda, however, once again took a couple of seconds before answering him.

"Um..., that's quite a good question, I'm not sure about that answer,ahaha," she said as she laughed a little.

"I never thought of questioning the origins of the system, I don't know it was always part of our society, so I didn't find any problem with it," she then explained, trying to make her words make sense.

However, it didn't convince Aiden at all, as he simply couldn't believe what he was hearing.

"So, you're telling me that you have no idea where it comes from? Is that it? You have not even thought about it once in your life?"

Melinda didn't answer this time she simply nodded, looking like she didn't have anything else to say.

"Maybe, it was too hard of a question," said Aiden, clearly mad with the first answer he had gotten.

He was sad that he hadn't gotten what he had expected, and there was also the fact that the answer she had given was weird as she had thought about it for a long time before answering him.

So, he decided to ask a question which was in his opinion supposed to be common knowledge as he had gotten that message at the end of the Second Trial.

"What about the hidden potential of one's body? What is that?" asked Aiden.

'She better answer or else there's literally no way that I'll join her family,' thought Aiden.

"Wow, you have great questions, the hidden potential of someone's body? Where have you heard of that if I may," said Melinda, however, this time her voice contained a different tone from earlier.

It seemed that Aiden's question wasn't common knowledge as Aiden started to feel pressure on him, as Melinda seemed to really want to know the answer to her question.

"Oh, it was the head of my family who told me about it, why?" lied Aiden, right away, as it seemed to be quite a touchy subject.

"And that head of your family, she couldn't explain it to you, huh?" added Melinda, picking up on some of the problems with Aiden's answer.

Gulp

Aiden started to feel a lot of pressure coming from Melinda who still had her perfect smile on her face, however, Aiden knew that behind that smile was hiding something.

"Ah, doesn't matter if you don't want to answer, just a stupid question," said Aiden, quickly, noticing the change in the atmosphere.

"Oh, no, no need to do that, I'll answer no worries," said Melinda, who still had her smile on her face after saying that. "However, that will be your last question, is that okay?"

Aiden wasn't happy to hear that, however, he still nodded as he couldn't contradict her at the moment as she didn't seem to be in the best of moods.

"It's not like you'll go around telling what I'll say to everyone, right?" she said as she laughed while saying that.

"Of course not, I wouldn't dare," answered Aiden as quickly as possible. "If you don't want to, there's really no need to answer the question, you know," said Aiden one last time, as he didn't want to be burdened with that answer as it seemed quite important.

Sure, he wanted to know what a body's hidden potential was, but if it was at the cost of his life then he would rather not.

"No, I'll answer, I'll answer, I'm telling you, it's nothing really. Just make sure to keep that between us or else... well who knows,ahaha," she said as she menaced Aiden once again while smiling, making her seem really scary.

"So, a body's hidden potential, what is it?" said Melinda, repeating the question as she was about to answer. "It's quite simple actually, it is the potential of one's body to transcend the world that we live in," said Melinda, not adding any other detail.

"In fact, it seemed that your family head is quite lucky to have such a body as they are quite rarely seen," added Melinda, who started to go back to her usual self.

'Transcend the world? What the fuck does that mean?' thought Aiden, as other questions started to appear in his mind.

"But wh-"

"No more questions, you accepted remember," interrupted Melinda looking at Aiden with a friendly look in her eyes.

"So, was that enough? You're going to join my family now, right?" asked Melinda.

Aiden hearing her ask such a thing, knew that he didn't have any choice but to accept as it seemed that an important secret had been given to him.

He would also not make the mistake of revealing it to others, as he would probably die if he did so as Melinda had quite the scary face at some point even menacing him sometimes.

"Yeah, I'll join it, but can we wait until the end of the tournament for it to be official," said Aiden, as he didn't want Maelis or Emma to learn that he had changed family before they knew about it.

"Sure, I see what you're trying to do, doing one last dance with your old team," said Melinda, thinking of things that were not related at all.

"Yeah, that's it, one last dance," said Aiden, confirming her thoughts.

"Well, it's no problem," said Melinda.

Aiden was shocked at how well she was able to change the pressure that was surrounding her when she spoke. One moment he felt like he would die if he made the wrong move, and the next one he felt appreciated and loved.

It really was quite a weird feeling.

Then, a bit of silence installed itself between the two of them as they both looked into each other's eyes without looking away.

5 seconds, 10 seconds, it was like they were obligated to look at each other that way.

Aiden was the first one to break the eye contact as he could the atmosphere becoming quite awkward.

"Hum, Hum, so was that it? Can I go back to the tournament?" asked Aiden, as he didn't want to stay in this room for much longer, as he didn't know when she would completely change her attitude.

"Yeah, that was it. Oh, and don't forget that you have to show me your face right now. You're going to join my family at the end of the tournament, after all," said Melinda recalling that he still hadn't removed his mask.

"I got to say, it really is a beautiful mask, I feel like it represents you well," she added while waiting for Aiden's answer.

Aiden didn't want to reveal what he looked like right now as he would prefer to do at the end of the tournament as he didn't know if they were being observed at the moment.

"Can't I wait for the end of the tournament? Wouldn't it be better to do everything at the end," he added, trying to convince her.

"Heh, why not? I can wait for a little," she said as she made some gestures with her hands.

As she did that Aiden's vision started to change as he could feel his body starting to be teleported back to the Arena.

Then, Melinda was alone in the white room, not moving. She seemed to be thinking about many things as she didn't move a single muscle. Not even her eyes blinked.

'Should I tell the others about him?' thought Melinda, as she learned some pretty interesting things during that conversation with him.

'Hidden body potential, huh? He really has some guts. He lied to me, after all,' she thought, as she had obviously realized that he was the one who had this potential.

Melinda was now thinking about telling the other founding families heads about her discovery of someone with such a body because just like she had said earlier, people with such potential were scarce and quite valuable.

She had told the truth when she had talked about what it meant to have such a body, it really meant to be able to transcend the world. Basically, reaching higher planes which couldn't be seen by normal human beings.

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Chapter 132 - 132 - Olivia or Emma?

Then, Aiden was back in the middle of the Arena and he couldn't help but find the tension quite awkward as pretty much everyone around was looking at him.

It seemed that this meeting between him and Melinda had caused many to pay attention to him, which was something that he disliked a lot as he simply wanted to be low-key without anyone looking at him or wanting to fight him.

'And where's Emma?' thought Aiden, as he looked around not seeing her which was quite weird considering her personality.

She would have usually been waiting for him, patiently and worried, about what might have happened.

In fact, he quite liked that about her.

He liked that she always seemed worried about him as if knowing that he could disappear at any moment.

There was also something on Aiden's mind which was about the deal he had just made.

The thing is that he would need to tell both Emma and Maelis.

Aiden wasn't sure if there was going to be any problem with the contract that he signed when joining the Everheart family, so he had to ask Maelis so as to not get in trouble.

He didn't want to lose his Awakened status because of switching families without asking her. He wanted to make sure that everything was in order before doing so, as that would be when the risk would be at its lowest point.

But then, Aiden dismissed those thoughts noticing that only Logan was her, even Olivia had disappeared to god knows where.

'Why is Logan here? Alone?' thought Aiden, as he couldn't see either Emma or Olivia.

'Don't tell me that something happened to them,' thought Aiden, as he kept looking around himself.

"Hey, Logan where's your sister and Emma," asked Aiden, worried, as he wanted to know what had happened to them.

'Did someone go up to them because of my meeting with Melinda?' thought Aiden, as his mind was currently in turmoil as he couldn't help but worry about Emma.

He had learned that she wasn't that bad of a person contrary to many and that he could trust her, well... somewhat as he still wouldn't be able to reveal his secret to her, well, for the moment.

However, it seemed impossible that he would tell her as he would be soon away from her, not seeing her anytime soon.

"Who knows? They went in the opposite direction not long ago," said Logan, seemingly not that concerned about what had happened.

The nonchalant attitude of Logan reassured Aiden because if Logan was relaxed then it probably wasn't anything big.

"Where did Emma go?" asked Aiden, as he was a lot more worried about Emma than Olivia since he had known her for a longer time.

"That way," said Logan, as he pointed straight in front of him.

"Alright, thanks," said Aiden, as he immediately went that way, interested in what might have happened for Emma and Olivia to separate themselves.

'Wait, don't tell me that Logan and Olivia did something to her again while I was away?' thought Aiden as he remembered the state that Emma was in when he had left to get some information on the other team.

'There's no way, they wouldn't do that in public, right?' thought Aiden, as it simply didn't make any sense.

Then, he imagined a scene in his mind, where Emma was being touched everywhere by strangers.

As he thought of that, his stoic face which didn't have many emotions usually became a little bit red as he couldn't but see Emma's body being used by others.

His face was becoming redder as he thought more about it, imagining such a scene.

Thinking of all that, he accelerated forward not even looking back, as he couldn't but worry even more about Emma.

The people who were looking at him asked themselves what was happening as they couldn't understand where he was currently going.

Hadn't he just come back from a very important meeting, so why was he here?

The second fight will soon be starting, there's no way that someone who had been spotted by one of the strongest people on Nova would be that stupid.

Then, as he continued to go walk a little more, he spotted a silhouette which looked exactly like Emma.

"Emma? What are you doing over there?" shouted Aiden from far away as he still couldn't quite understand why she was all the way over there.

"Oh, so you chose me, ah I knew it," muttered Emma, as she started going toward Aiden quickly taking his hand. "Let's go back to where Logan is, I need to show something to Olivia," said Emma, guiding Aiden as if he were a dog, holding him.

It seemed that their disappearances had been a little game that both Emma and Olivia had organized to see which one he would ask to see first.

But, honestly, it didn't make any sense as it was just obvious that Aiden was going to pick Emma. There were just so many things wrong with thinking the contrary.

They had known each other for a long time, they spent one month together even if they didn't talk much, and they had literally slept together.

That last point was only for Aiden as Emma still ignored it for the most part as she knew that something must have happened, but hadn't asked.

Then, the two of them went by the crowd who were still eying Aiden attentively watching his every move.

However, not one person had tried to talk to him which was odd. Surely, someone would try and learn more about the mysterious person who had met one of the founding families' heads.

Then, as they were heading back to where Logan was, the voice resounded in the arena once again. It seemed like it was time for the second fight which would be in teams of two, where Aiden would be in a team with Emma.

They weren't the best pair as they were both the types of fighters to hide behind and strike discreetly. Not one of them was the type to be at the front line, tanking every attack, just like Logan had done not too long ago.

Their fighting style just didn't let such a thing happen. They were both supposed to strike when the opponents would least expect it.

It was going to be interesting to see how they would adapt when having to fight in such a weird way.

"Hm, now that everything has been resolved, we can go ahead and proceed with the second fight. If you don't currently have a teammate as your family isn't big enough, don't worry, you will receive a message from the system assigning you one," said the voice as many seemed to be looking at their system, not caring about their surroundings.

This was the result of the message that the voice had just talked about.

"Aiden, quick we need to reach Olivia before this fight starts," said Emma as she started running for probably a stupid reason.

'Just what is happening between her and Olivia?' thought Aiden, as he just couldn't grasp Emma's actions at all at the moment.

"Emma, we need to concentrate on the tournament, why do you want to go back to Olivia?" asked Aiden who was still being pulled like a dog by Emma.

Emma, who heard him ask such a thing, pretended not to as she continued running in the direction where Logan was waiting.

"Emma, stop," said Aiden, as he put some strength in his arms showing that he didn't like the way that he was currently being treated.

As Aiden and Emma had their little conversation, the voice continued to announce what was going to happen next.

"Alright, now that everyone has a team, then we should probably start this, we already got enough delay," said the voice once again.

Then, the voice added something which shocked many including Aiden who was still mad at Emma. However, what the voice had said shocked him as he really hadn't expected such a thing.

"Emma, I don't know why you want to group up with Olivia, bu-"

The voice interrupted Aiden's sentence as it was a lot louder than Aiden's voice.

"Oh, and before we start the second fight, I forgot to mention that you will all fight against your old teammates, ahaha. Interesting isn't it?" said the voice, as it started laughing when saying that sentence.

"Emma, did you hear that?" asked Aiden, now sure that they shouldn't go back and meet Olivia and Logan.

They needed to prepare themselves mentally for the fight that would be ahead of them.

"Because this is a little surprise, I will give you... Hmm, one minute to prepare yourselves," said the voice, as he continued laughing while talking.

'One minute? That's not nearly enough time,' thought Aiden, as he knew that he had to talk to Emma a little about how they wanted to fight against Olivia and Logan.

Aiden, at the start, had observed them quite well. He had noticed that they weren't serious and didn't pay a lot of attention to their surroundings, especially at the start of such a fight.

However, even when the voice announced that they would have to fight against Olivia and Logan, Emma didn't slow down as she continued walking forward toward the spot where they were.

"Aiden, follow me, we'll talk to them before eliminating them. You know we need to tell them goodbye or else we wouldn't be polite," said Emma, as she looked back smiling at Aiden.

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Chapter 133 - 133 - Peace?

Then, Aiden followed behind Emma interested in this new attitude of hers which wasn't anything like he was used to.

However, while doing so, he was still debating whether this was a good use of the little time they had to prepare themselves.

Realizing that it wouldn't, he decided to speak up as they were clearly wasting their time.

"Emma," he said grabbing both her arms tightly waking her up from whatever situation she had imagined. "We need to talk strategy, and I'm sure that they are also talking about that right now," added Aiden.

'Well maybe not, who knows what Olivia is even thinking about right now,' thought Aiden as he knew that she could be laughing right at this very moment not even caring about the fight that was ahead of them.

He knew that she wasn't the most serious, especially in moments where she needed to be, but still, he wanted to talk about strategy with Emma as this was clearly the best course of action.

"Who cares, we'll win anyway," she said as she started behaving exactly like before, going toward the same spot as before.

Aiden this time was mad, she had ignored him once again. Who the hell did she think she was?

"Emma, stop this game of yours it's annoying," said Aiden as he used a completely different tone of voice from earlier, clearly mad about this whole thing.

As Aiden said that, the annoying voice once again resounded throughout the Arena.

"You only have 30 seconds left to discuss with your partner, hehe."

Hearing this, Aiden knew that he had to act fast and discuss how they would be fighting against Olivia and Logan as they could easily counter their style.

They were both the type of people to hide and strike when the opponent wouldn't be expecting it. However, it wouldn't be possible this time as both Olivia and Logan would be expecting it.

There was also another problem, Aiden had no real idea of the strength of the two as he had been focusing on the fight against the Prodigy and there was also the fact that Olivia had to chance to see the technique of Aiden.

If they were considering all those facts, their victory wasn't assured at all.

"Emma, alright, listen to me, I'll tell you what we're going to do when we fight them. If you do as I said then we should be able to win without any problem," said Aiden, as he seemed to have already figured out a problem to completely obliterate the team of Olivia and Logan.

Sure, Aiden may not know the full extent of their abilities, but he knew that if they did exactly as he had planned, then there shouldn't be any surprise on who would win.

Then, Aiden proceeded to tell her about all of his plans as she constantly nodded her head every time he said something.

'I guess, I'll just laugh at her after the fight,' thought Emma, still thinking about the fact that Aiden had chosen her over Olivia.

It really was a great sensation, however, she didn't want to make him all mad before the fight, so she decided to listen to that strategy which he wanted to say desperately.

Then, as Aiden finished telling her everything, the voice came back as it once again began talking in the Arena.

"Time's up, then I guess we should change the environment this time," said Thorin, who was the voice, laughing as he said that.

'Fuck, then my plan is literally useless,' thought Aiden, hearing that last sentence which had come out of that person's mouth.

He had planned to use the trees to hide himself, as his main focus would be Olivia which should be defenceless, especially when Logan activates his weird skill which makes him lose his mind.

'Let's just hope that it isn't a desert of something like that,' thought Aiden, as he could feel himself being transported into a new zone.

Then, as he regained his sight, they were in a completely different location which wasn't anything like a forest, in fact, it was quite the opposite.

It was the one thing that Aiden had wished against and here it was, a desert.

'Fuck, why wouldn't they be announcing it before,' thought Aiden as he was now completely in the open as he could see the forcefield in front of him.

"Alright, Emma change of plans," muttered Aiden instantly when they appeared. He knew that his previous plan wouldn't work at all as it had taken into account that they had somewhere to hide.

"We'll need to improvise," said Aiden, as he could see that Emma was still nodding, not saying a single word.

"Are you alright? What's up with you?" asked Aiden, noticing that weird behaviour.

Emma still nodded once again as she didn't seem to be able to open her mouth at all.

'What's up with her?' thought Aiden, as he just couldn't understand why she was acting like that.

However, he had no time to deal with that as he needed to concentrate on the task which was ahead of him.

"Whatever, just make sure that it doesn't affect your strength when fighting," added Aiden as he could the countdown inside of his head.

[The fight will begin in five seconds.]

[The fight will begin in four seconds.]

[The fight will begin in three seconds.]

[The fight will begin in two seconds.]

[The fight will begin in one second.]

[Fight!]

Aiden heard that inside of his mind as the force field in front of him completely disappeared, giving them a look toward the other team.

It seemed that the force field also had the use of hiding people behind it.

'It seems that the distance between us is much shorter this time,' thought Aiden, immediately as there seemed to be at most one kilometre between the two teams.

Then, Aiden dashed forward as it needed to reach the other side of this desert before Logan activated his skill, or else the fight would be a lot more complicated.

If Logan wasn't able to activate his skill then it would only be a matter of time before Aiden and Emma would be winning.

Swoosh

As Aiden had been running in front of him as fast as he could, an arrow passed right beside him and it was aimed directly at the head of Logan.

It seemed that Emma who had been quite distracted was now totally focused on shooting arrows in Olivia's direction, it's not like she hadn't wanted to do it.

She had understood Aiden's action instantly when seeing him run at them without caring about anything else.

'That will probably make me gain some points with him,' she thought, inside of her mind, as she knew that he would be very happy if they won this fight right now.

Then, after shooting the first arrow, she shot another in the direction of the enemy team as they weren't that far away, well for an awakener as it would only take at most one minute to reach them.

And if Logan started running toward Aiden, then who knew how much time it would take?

Swoosh

Swoosh

Arrows kept going past Aiden as he continued running in their direction, however, when he looked ahead of him, he became confused.

'What is she doing?' thought Aiden, seeing Olivia waving her hand at him as if they were not in a life and dead battle.

A battle which would make the winner able to win great rewards for their family.

Then, he started a faint noise coming from over there.

"Don't attack us, let's talk," shouted Olivia as loud as she could.

'What? Talk? What is she even planning?' thought Aiden as he could still see Emma's arrows going straight into the direction of Aiden's head.

"Talk, what do you mean?" shouted Aiden back as he was getting closer and closer to them.

The arrows which Emma had just been blocked by one of Olivia's spells as they were hitting their target.

"We don't want to fight you, we'll let you guys win. But there's a condition," she said as she could see that Aiden was only a few meters away from them.

Aiden, hearing that, and seeing that didn't seem to have any hidden intentions turned his back and called Emma who wasn't too far away from them.

But, even while turning his back, he made sure that nothing could happen to him as he wasn't even sure if they were even telling the truth.

Nonetheless, if they were going to let them win, then why wouldn't Aiden accept, it was literally a golden opportunity to go further into the tournament.

Seeing that Aiden wasn't attacking them and had just made a sign to her, she began running in their direction as she was clearly interested in what they were talking about.

'Don't tell me, she's going to use this chance to charm him,' thought Emma, as she began picking up the pace.

Emma was panicking over that matter as she just couldn't imagine what they were discussing.

She needed to know what was happening which was why she started to move at a faster pace.

What if she proposed something to him that Aiden wouldn't refuse, she knew that Olivia was someone known as bold and she didn't want to take any risk.

Then, Emma ran toward them as fast as she possibly could.

An excited Olivia had a big smile on her face as she could finally have a conversation with Aiden alone.

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Chapter 134 - 134 - Visiting Her Family?

As Emma was running as fast as she could toward Aiden to make sure that nothing weird was happening, Olivia started talking to Aiden about why she didn't want to fight against him.

She seemed to be somewhat excited that she could talk to him alone as she just couldn't stop talking, not letting either Aiden or Logan interfere in her speech.

Well, it still wasn't that different from her usual, but it was a little more noticeable as of right now. Aiden just couldn't pinpoint why he felt that way about her.

However, at some point, Olivia stopped talking and Aiden could finally place a couple of words in.

"Olivia, stop talking about those random things and just tell me what's your condition for letting us win," asked Aiden as he just couldn't bother to stay close to her for such a long time.

He didn't mind her talking that much, but still, he didn't want to hear her ramble on about useless things.

"Argh, alright I guess," she said realizing that Aiden didn't seem to be appreciating her non-stop talking.

"My condition is simple though, it's not really worth mentioning."

Aiden who heard this was quite confused.

'Not worth mentioning? Giving up here means that you won't get any rewards,' thought Aiden, as he simply couldn't understand why she was acting this.

Aiden just simply couldn't trust her yet as he didn't under her hidden intentions which caused him to be on alert always wondering whether or not he was in danger.

Then, as he was getting confused about this whole thing. He thought of the perfect solution.

'Can't I just kill them? Wouldn't that just be perfect?'

The more he thought, the simpler it would be for both Emma and himself. By simply killing them right now, he wouldn't have to listen to any of her demands and they would still have the victory.

In fact, Aiden was confident that being so close to them, he would be able to kill the two of them easily and without much problem.

He decided to simply say his idea out loud to see what the reaction of Olivia would be.

"If it isn't worth mentioning then I guess you won't mind that I kill both of you right this instant," declared Aiden, showing clear hostility toward his two past teammates.

The hostility was quite normal as he hadn't gotten close to any of them and simply wanted to go further into the tournament.

They had, after all, only known each other for one hour at most. So, it was normal for Aiden to be hostile against them, especially in such a weird situation.

Olivia, however, hearing him say such a thing didn't seem to panic one bit as if expecting such a reaction out of him.

"Kill us? Sure, you can do that, but let's just say that my condition isn't really a bad thing for you," she said while winking at him.

Hearing her say that her condition wasn't really one, Aiden got a little interested in it as he kept listening, however, he was still wary of any sudden moves that could come out of the two of them.

Emma, who was still running in their direction, finally arrived up to them.

"Get away from him," she shouted as she kept running toward them in quite a hostile way, to be honest.

Aiden wasn't sure why, but she seemed to be really mad at Olivia especially as she kept looking at her hostility and without backing down even once.

"Emma, calm down, let's listen to what they say and if we don't like it. Then, we'll just kill them," said Aiden out loud, not even hiding his intent of killing them.

They were so close that there was no way for Logan to activate his weird skill to become stronger as Aiden would simply kill him before then.

Olivia and Logan had already, and now, Aiden just wanted to see what kind of condition they were about to propose to him and Emma.

She had mentioned that it wasn't really a condition, so Aiden didn't mind listening to her before finishing her off.

"Yeah, Emma, calm down," added Olivia, smiling as she said that.

"You! Just don't talk to me, alright," said Emma, as she didn't want to hear Olivia talk at all.

It seemed that the conversation between the two of them, while they had waited for Aiden, had escalated to a point where Emma didn't even want to talk to her anymore.

Who knew what had happened after they had gotten silent?

Did they continue arguing like crazy causing them to split up?

Aiden didn't know what had happened and he just couldn't understand what might have happened.

"Emma, now is not the time," said Aiden, as he looked back to Olivia waiting for her to tell more about her condition. "Tell me more, what do you want to let us win?"

'Even if we don't need it,' thought Aiden inside of his mind, as he couldn't even imagine him losing at the moment.

He had already explained why and it still hadn't changed that's for sure.

"Well, I was thinking aren't the two of you part of a middle-level family?" asked Olivia, as she saw both nod their heads.

'Well, until the end of the tournament,' thought Aiden, as he knew that he would have to join one of the founding families at the end of the tournament.

"Alright, so I was thinking, wouldn't you guys want to come and visit our home and see how different it is from yours? Through this, we could continue to learn about each other and all of that. You know I really liked the short time that we spent together here," said Olivia.

Those words which had come out of her mouth deeply confused Aiden as he couldn't understand why she was so attached to both him and Emma.

They had only spent one hour or two at most together, and even then it was generous. So why was she so charitable?

She literally had no reason which meant that she must have had hidden intentions in inviting them. This made Aiden doubt whether or not to accept this offer as it wasn't going to give him anything that he truly wanted.

He was already going to the manor of a founding family at the end of the tournament so why would he go to some high-level family house?

There was no need to do so for him, and when he glanced to his right, it seemed that Emma was in agreement with him.

Emma was still looking at Olivia with a lot of hostility for unknown reasons.

"I don't understand, you're going to give up the fight and we'll go visit your family?" asked Aiden, who was very confused about this whole matter.

"Logan are you agreeing with this?" asked Aiden as he couldn't believe that he would be agreeing to such a thing.

However, before Logan could answer, Olivia interrupted as she got in front of Aiden.

"Yeah, to be honest, I know that I won't win this tournament. I'm just not good enough and there probably won't be rewards that will interest me since I won't be going far, so I'd rather give up now," explained Olivia, making a little more sense.

However, Aiden still couldn't understand why she didn't want to try at all, it really was weird. Then, he glanced back toward Logan as he still wondered whether or not he agreed.

"Logan, do you agree with her?"

Then, Logan turned his head toward Aiden and simply raised his shoulders saying that he, also, didn't care about the tournament.

"But, honestly, I don't really care about visiting your mansion or anything like that," said Aiden.

"You hear that Olivia? He doesn't care, just give up," she then added, clearly trying to make fun of her.

Olivia, however, kept a straight as she started to ask multiple questions related as to why he couldn't come or didn't want to.

"Is it because you don't have a way of coming over? We are, after all, in the Emberbane territory which isn't the closest to the Nightshade territory," said Olivia, as she waited for Aiden's answer.

'Wait, they are in the Emberbane territory?' thought Aiden.

He was currently thinking about asking her many questions regarding the Emberbane family as he would soon join it. He wanted to know a little more about their overall reputation.

"Uh, it's not really because of that, but still if you answer some of my questions, then I guess I'll come," responded Aiden, as it wouldn't be too long to go over to her house, being in the same territory and all that.

"Hear that Emma, he'll come. Alone," said Olivia, amplifying the word "alone".

"What do you mean you'll go alone, I'll go with you, it's no problem really," said Emma, not understanding why Aiden had excluded her.

'Should I tell her now or later,' thought Aiden, as she kept trying to come with him.

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Chapter 135 - 135 - Lucius Nightshade

Aiden was currently wondering whether or not to tell her about his meeting with Melinda as they still hadn't talked about it yet.

There were many reasons for that from the fact that she hadn't even asked anything about it and also the fact that he had to find Emma when being teleported back.

Those things made him lose valuable time and he hadn't even gotten the chance to talk about his meeting with Melinda at all.

'But if I tell her, she might tell her mom, and then who knows what might happen?' thought Aiden as he finally decided against it.

He would wait until the end of the tournament as it would be easier for him. It would be able to tell the two of them at the same time and see both of their reactions.

He would also be able to see their reactions at the same time and explain to them how he was going to proceed.

Aiden knew that the two of them wouldn't be especially pleased by his departure, but he still needed to do it as it would be beneficial for him.

Even if he liked the fact that Maelis had helped him ever since coming in this world, Aiden didn't care that much anymore as he would rather enter a powerful family which would be able to protect him.

Because as of right now, if the Nightshade found him, they would be taking him right away without any questions as no one would be able to protect him. But, when joining the Emberbane family, he would finally have a moment for himself where he will be safe.

A moment where he will be able to do as many Trials as he wished which would as a result get stronger.

There was his body potential which Melinda had described briefly that interested him a lot.

Transcending this world?

In Aiden's mind, it sounded like a lot of fun.

"Huh, I didn't think that you would want to come," answered Aiden as he couldn't think of another answer in the short time that he had.

"Well, if you're going of course I'm going," she exclaimed instantly, she seemed really excited to be accompanying Aiden.

'I wonder if she'll still do it when I announce the news to her,' thought Aiden, already expecting a headache from the shouting that he will have to go through.

"Then, I guess we'll come, however, who knows when we'll get there," added Aiden at the end knowing that he might not come right away being in a new family and all that.

However, Olivia didn't seem to mind it at all as she simply smiled.

"Just come when you can, and there's really no need for you to come, Emma," teased Olivia, still making fun of Emma.

Emma once again got mad because of all that.

However, she didn't speak up as she knew that she was about to kill her.

Well, it was going to be a fake death, but it would still feel pretty good at the end of the day.

'Oh that's going to feel great,' thought Emma, knowing that putting an arrow in Olivia's head would feel pretty good.

Aiden not knowing how to end this conversation, awkwardly said, "Then, I guess, we'll kill you. See you later," said Aiden as he slashed Olivia's head without losing a single minute.

He didn't want to spend all day here, after all.

He, also, didn't know if the other fights were finished as they had taken quite a long time to discuss with each other.

However, not having to fight right now was great as they were going to be full of energy for the fights which were going to happen later.

The others who would have fought will probably be a lot more tired than both Aiden and Emma.

It was also going to be a duel from now on, Aiden was kind of excited as he was clearly one of the greatest in terms of duel ability being an assassin.

"Aiden, I wanted to kill her," said Emma as she pouted a little as she shot an arrow directly into Logan's head.

Logan became lifeless instantly and simply disappeared from both Aiden's and Emma's eyes.

Then, the usual beeping sound resounded inside of him.

BEEP

[You have won the second fight of the Inter Family Tournament.]

Then, as Aiden read this message, his surroundings changed as he was back in the middle of the arena.

However, he didn't hear cheers this time, but a lot of booing and it seemed to be directed at both him and Emma which was kind of logical considering what they had just done.

They had, after all, kind of cheating by finding an agreement with each other.

As boos continued, the voice resounded throughout the Arena once again. However, this time it wasn't for any important information, but to simply mock Aiden and Emma.

"Wow, a Reaper who likes to talk rather than fight, interesting," said Thorin, laughing as he said that.

Aiden who ignored who was on the other side of this voice, was mad at that person because the booing amplified which made it completely impossible for both him and Emma to talk to each other.

While Thorin was mocking both Emma and Aiden for cheating, in the stands two people were cheering as loud as they could.

It was obviously Maelis and Gerald who kept shouting as loudly as they could, however those around simply made too much noise for Aiden and Emma to hear them.

Nonetheless, they were feeling one single emotion at the moment and it was a simple one. They were proud of the two people they were seeing right now.

Sure, they hadn't fought in the second fight, but who cares?

There's not a single who is against such a thing, Maelis, contrary to the crowd, found their "fight" refreshing as it was completely different from the rest of them.

She hadn't heard what had been said as they don't have access to sound, but she found it nice to see Aiden talk to others and not simply go toward them with the intent of killing them.

'Let's just hope that you reach the final,' thought Maelis, clearly thinking about Aiden.

She hadn't thought of Emma as she didn't think that she had what was needed to get to the final.

She knew that Aiden had put in a lot of effort and she had seen the beginning of the modified Everheart Technique, and when she had seen that, she had understood many things.

The first thing she understood was that Aiden wasn't like the rest, he was one of the most talented beings that ever existed as the people of had created or modified techniques recently can be counted on one hand.

She also knew that he had been able to do so in less than a month which was, objectively, insane.

It had simply never been done before, everyone would take years and potentially decades to develop even one functioning technique and Aiden had done it in less than a month.

She couldn't help but find it weird that someone from the Slums had such incredible talent.

"Gerald, who do you think will win the competition?" asked Maelis, wondering if he was of the same opinion.

However, as expected, it varied completely from what she personally thought.

"Well, isn't it obvious? It's going to be one of the founding families like always," he said, exasperated a little when saying so.

"And this year more than ever with the participation of the son of the Nightshade's Patriarch, I don't think it's possible for anyone other than him to win this tournament, but why are you asking me that, who do you think will win?" asked back Gerald.

"Um, I don't know why, but I feel like maybe Aiden will do this whole thing," she said in a low tone, making sure that no one could hear his name as he was still under the alias The Reaper.

Gerald had a surprised expression on his face at first, but then it became one of understanding. He had also noticed what he had done in the first fight and he must say that he had been pleasantly surprised.

"I can see why, but I still don't think there's a way for him to win against Lucius," responded Gerald, talking about the son of the Nightshade Patriarch.

Maelis only nodded, as she knew that he was right, if Aiden reached the final then he would have to win against an opponent much stronger than him who had resources from the very first moment that he was born.

However, there was another thing that she didn't know, it was that Aiden was also from the Nightshade family. Sure, he was kicked out from at young age because of how talentless he was.

But, at the end of the day, he still held the name Nightshade. A name which Aiden hated deeply.

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Chapter 136 - 136 - The Nightshade Family

The Reaper was a nickname which kept popping up in the stands which was completely normal. He was the one who had been asked to meet one of the strongest in the world.

"What do you think happened?" asked some random person in the crowd wondering what the conversation could have been about.

Someone who had heard answered instantly, "I don't know, I watched his fight and it wasn't that impressive, he almost lost a one versus one."

That person was obviously clueless about Aiden's real abilities as he didn't know of the move that he had tried to pull off at the end thinking that it was simply a normal skill which anyone could use.

"Right, why is everyone giving so much attention to him? Did you see him in the second fight? He didn't even fight for godsakes," responded the other person in the crowd, who clearly held Aiden in disdain.

However, those in the crowds didn't matter at all as they had no actual knowledge of what happened in the Arena.

Sure, many of them were powerful Awakeners who had once participated in this tournament, but that was a long time ago. They had clearly changed in the meantime as they weren't able to see one of the top talents of this tournament.

The one who did, however, hadn't lost their touch with the world of the Awakened.

The ones who recognized his talent were few, but they were the most important people in the crowd who weren't stupid like everyone else.

And from those people who recognized his talent, Melinda was included as she was currently being harassed as to why she had asked to meet such a little bitch who didn't even want to fight in a tournament where fighting was at the center of it.

"Melinda, why would choose him? He literally made a deal to go through the next round, is he really talented or did your scouting talent deteriorate," said Thorin, clearly mocking the person which she had decided to meet at such an early time in the tournament.

Because meeting with one of the founding families' heads wasn't new, especially during the tournament. However, meeting one of them after the first stage of the tournament was simply unheard of as it didn't make sense.

Usually, the leaders of the founding families liked to watch before asking for a meeting with one of the participants, but it seemed that Melinda had been way too much interested in Aiden to not ask it after the first fight, which is why she responded in quite a harsh way.

"I don't care what you think about him, personally, I found it quite smart to not fight in the second fight," said Melinda, defending his new protege.

"Yeah, right, you're probably thinking that you're making a mistake right now," laughed Thorin as he headed back toward his chair.

Melinda could only chuckle when she heard him say that she had made a mistake as Thorin ignored one major fact.

It was that Aiden had a body, unlike others, a body that even Melinda and the other leaders didn't have.

A potential which would make many instantly jealous if they even caught a whiff of it.

'I bet you would all try your hardest to recruit if you knew about a fraction of his talent,' thought Melinda, who also knew a fraction of his talent as she had only been able to discuss with him quite shortly.

Back in the stands, people were still debating about Aiden's actions, however, they weren't speaking loud enough for their criticism to reach Aiden's ears in the middle of the Arena.

All he could hear right now was the same as earlier, booing. It just wouldn't stop, it had been a complete five minutes since it had started and Aiden honestly started to get annoyed by it.

This was all because of Thoring which had added a little comment which had enraged even more people in the stands.

If he hadn't said anything then the booing would have probably died down by now.

However, Aiden made an effort to not concentrate on it, as it wouldn't be useful for him, at all.

Nonetheless, he couldn't help but glance into the crowd trying to search for Maelis and Gerald. But those weren't the only people which he was looking for at the moment.

There was another person who was occupying a place in his mind, Ava.

The first person which he had met when arriving here when he had entered the first trial. The only person who knew that he came from the Nightshade family as Aiden had told him at the start without knowing its importance at all.

He kept looking in the crowd which was all around him, but it was just too hard, there were too many people.

Then, he decided to look around himself, as maybe she was currently participating even at such a stage. However, he didn't think that this was a possibility because of her abilities in the first trial where she hadn't been able to accomplish much.

As he looked around himself, it seemed that he and Emma were the first team to have arrived as the others were still busy fighting for their place. in the tournament.

Well, Aiden didn't mind as the longer they would fight, the more tired they would be for the next round.

It was simply beneficial for him the longer he waited.

Then, after one minute, another team appeared on their right.

But, they weren't in the same state as Emma and Aiden as they seemed to be exhausted. Nonetheless, they had no physical indications of being hurt, probably because of the Ravenwoods which healed everyone when leaving a fight or winning one.

One of them was a man who had quite a well-built body which showed that he didn't neglect his training at all and the other one was a girl who was as beautiful as the man if not more.

Then, as Aiden kept wondering who the two of them were, the voice once again resounded inside the Arena which caused cheers for the first time since Aiden and Emma had arrived.

"And the Nightshades reach the next round," shouted the voice, excitedly.

Aiden hearing that the two at which he was currently looking, were part of the family which had abandoned the old owner of this body caused a small reaction in his mind.

He was getting angrier and angrier which made him remember the anger he felt whenever he would be thinking about the Nightshade family when he had taken over this body.

He was sort of the same type of anger as he couldn't help but want to go up to them and try to kill them. He was attracted by them and he didn't know why.

Then, the man turned around as he glanced at Aiden's masked face, Aiden also looked in that direction, his eyes unwavering under the cold gaze that he was currently receiving.

However, it didn't take long for that person to look away from Aiden seemingly uninterested in him as if he was unimportant.

'I just want to see your face when I'll defeat you,' thought Aiden as some of his emotions started getting the better of him at the moment.

Emma who was right beside him noticed that his breath was getting heavier and heavier. She couldn't but worry about what was happening.

"Are you okay? What's happening?" asked Emma who was completely clueless about the appearance of the Nightshade family as she had been quite distracted with all the previous booing.

It had affected her mentally which had caused her to put her hands on her ears to block all the incoming noise.

Aiden who heard her voice, got out of his weird emotional state as he seemed to take control of his mind once again.

"Yeah, yeah, I'm fine," muttered Aiden, as he could feel his heartbeat starting to slow down.

However, even while he said that he kept looking in the direction of Lucius Nightshade, the man who was known as the favourite for this whole tournament.

Just looking in his direction disgusted him.

Then, he looked at the other Nightshade which had won with him. However, this time, hatred wasn't what Aiden felt.

He felt like he was happy to see such a person. He didn't know why that feeling of happiness was taking over his body.

All he could think of was that this woman was an exception to the Nightshade family.

It seemed that the old Aiden had appreciated that person which was a clear contrast from Lucius.

Aiden couldn't help but wonder what sort of control over this body, the old Aiden had, as he could affect his emotions.

Could he take over his body?

Aiden didn't know any of that, but he hoped that it wasn't the case as he didn't really want to share his body with anyone.

Still, wondering why he was feeling happiness when looking at the girl, he decided to move toward her.

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Chapter 137 - 137 - The Appearance of the Four Founding Family Heads

As he was headed toward the beautiful girl from the Nightshade family, Emma couldn't help but be confused as to why he was heading.

Was he trying to make enemies or something?

That was what she thought when she noticed the glare that Lucius Nightshade was currently giving Aiden as he continued moving forward.

Not wanting to get in trouble with one of the founding families, Emma quickly caught up to him grabbing his hand.

"Why are you doing this? Look at him, he'll probably do something if you get closer," whispered Emma to Aiden's ear, worried.

After all, if the Nightshade family were to get problems with Aiden then it would as a result affect the whole Everheart Family which wasn't something that Emma liked very much.

They were living in their territory, so they didn't want problems with their "landlord".

Aiden hearing Emma's voice realized once again that he was acting on the impulse of his emotions.

He didn't want to be ruled by his emotions, so he stopped walking forward momentarily, scared that someone was starting to get control over his body.

Right now, it was only his emotions, but what if the old owner of the body were to take over and replace him just like he had replaced him?

Aiden couldn't help but panic at the thought of such a thing happening.

'Why do I even want to go up to her?' thought Aiden, not understanding why he would base his decisions on the emotions he was feeling.

It simply didn't make sense as he had promised himself that he wouldn't be one to do such a thing anymore.

The only way for someone to do irrational actions would be for him the most powerful person in the mind which came back to his initial problem, his lack of power.

Even after his training, he hadn't gone back to the Otherworld, he had gotten increased his stats one bit, this was a big problem, especially in such a tournament where people would have become awakeners for a long time compared to him.

Aiden had the advantage of having a lot of experience and was somewhat special which made him able to compete with most people here.

But how will he compare the elites of this world, he just wasn't sure that he would be able to do so as he would be lacking the stats to do so.

He knew that if they were on the same playing field then this tournament would be nothing more than a stepping stone, but he wasn't.

Seeing Aiden freeze, not moving at all, Emma was even more worried asking herself what was happening to him as she just couldn't understand it.

"Come on, let's go back," she said as she grabbed his hand even harder, pulling him back.

"Sure," said Aiden, as he turned his back and went back a little walking back to the middle of the arena.

The girl, who had red hair, finally looked in his direction as Aiden turned his back.

'Do I know him?' she thought, glancing at his slim and dark figure.

No matter how hard she looked at him she couldn't help but think that this man was someone whom she had seen before, but with Aiden's mask, it was impossible for her to know.

Then, she disregarded those thoughts focusing back on the back of the tournament. She knew that the second round would soon be happening, so she concentrated on recuperating so as to not be extremely tired of the first, one versus one, duel of the tournament.

As minutes passed, more people started appearing in the Arena and all of them were clearly in bad shape, breathing heavily.

Each time a team would appear, Aiden would look at them, thinking that maybe he would be able to see Ava.

He remembered her telling him about this tournament, and that they would see each other again then.

So, where was she?

Then, as teams began to appear one after another, Aiden lost hope that she wasn't part of this tournament or that she had been eliminated before.

"Now, that all the teams have finished their fight. We now have 50 participants left, good job to every single one of them," announced Thorin, still using his mysterious voice while saying that.

"I guess it's time to talk about the rewards for those who are going to be eliminated this round," announced Thorin, finally talking about the rewards that they would be gaining.

"For those who will be losing in this round, you will be able to receive one skill of your choice from a catalogue which you will receive when being eliminated. Please note that this reward will be available to everyone under the Top 50 as the rewards that I mention would addition on top of the later ones," explained the voice.

Aiden was excited as he heard that he was going to be able to choose a skill, and he was even more excited when he heard that all the rewards would be able to stack on top of the others.

What this meant was that the further one would go in the tournament, the more rewards he would be gaining.

"I will only mention this reward for the moment, and I will reveal the one each time we pass a round of fighting," said the mysterious voice.

"Also, I think it's time to have a real Arena for those final rounds," said the voice as one giant stage appeared in the middle of the Arena.

The stage started forming out of nowhere and seemed to be pushing people out of it, or else many would have gotten hurt by the sudden appearance of such a massive stage.

And, as the stage finished forming, four people could be found on it.

Those four people were obviously the four founding families' heads.

When people caught sight of them, cheers resounded louder than ever inside the Arena. The cheers weren't even remotely close to being comparable to before.

Usually, they wouldn't even make an appearance, but there they were on the very stage where Aiden and all the others would be fighting to keep a place in the tournament, trying to win as many rewards as possible.

"What do you say? Does it look great?" said Thorin, on the stage, talking about the gigantic stage which he was currently on.

The stage was so big that it seemed to be at least 500 meters long from each side. Basically, it was a massive square where people would be fighting in.

In the crowd, the loud shouting amplified as everyone seemed to be shouting "YES!" in excitement.

However, Aiden was confused by the small dwarf which he was currently seeing on the stage.

'Wasn't he the one who stopped me when I was visiting the city?' thought Aiden, remembering that the small dwarf had been called Thorin.

Aiden still hadn't heard his name, but the overall appearance of the dwarf clearly with the one he had seen previously.

He had red hair, was short, and had a long beard, simply everything matched with the one he had seen before. However, Aiden didn't conclude anything as many people could look-a-like.

However, if his name was the same then that would be a different matter, as there would be very little chance that the person on the stage would be someone else.

Then, Aiden looked at the other three which were on the stage as he immediately caught sight of Melinda who was also staring at him, smiling just like she previously did.

However, even with her gaze directed toward Aiden's direction, no one seemed to be noticing it, as they were all too engrossed in the fact that they had appeared for the Inter-Family Tournament.

And, Aiden had to say, she looked really good like really good. When he had first appeared, he had thought that Ava was the best-looking woman he had ever seen, however, Melinda was much better than whoever he had set his eyes on.

She just looked incredible, everything about her was simply perfect. Her face, her body, her voice, everything seemed to be fitting.

After glancing at her and being captured by her beautiful smile, he started to look at the other two, one of them was an elf he had long pointy ears on both sides of his head.

Aiden quickly wondered if Emma knew of him, but he didn't ask her as he decided to look at the last person who was currently on the stage.

And then, the anger that he had felt when looking at Lucius started to take over his body once again. However, it wasn't even remotely the same intensity as before.

If the rage that was bubbling inside of him continued, then who knew what he would be doing in the future?

As his breath started to get heavier and heavier, Emma who was right beside him grabbed his hand tenderly.

"Don't worry, everything will be alright," she whispered in his ear in a comforting voice.

She had no idea what was happening to him, but she still wanted to support him.

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Chapter 138 - 138 - Emotions

Just the sight of the man on the platform was making the emotions inside Aiden's body crazy. It was like a switch had been turned on.

Anger, disappointment, anxiety, and more emotions started mixing inside his mind.

All because of one person which Aiden had never even seen before.

However, it was easy to guess who he was. That man on the stage was his father, the one who had made the old Aiden come to life, the one who had abandoned him a long time ago, not caring about him at all.

The reason why he had abandoned him?

It was simple, Aiden hadn't been talented enough. The man on the stage was cruel and based on his previous actions toward Aiden, he would do anything to achieve his goal.

If he had abandoned his son for such a long time and only sent him a maid to see him ever so often, then it was clear that he didn't care about what would happen to him.

If he died or got hurt, Aiden was sure that his father wouldn't even blink or recognize for that matter as he knew that it had been years since they had last seen each other.

It was also clear that Aiden had changed a lot during this time, especially during that past month of training, when his body started showing improvements in terms of muscles.

When he heard Emma's voice whisper to him in his ear, he realized that what he had at the moment was a mental breakdown.

He could feel himself shaking and having an irregular breath. His heartbeat was accelerating at a frequency which Aiden had never felt before, he could feel his sweat slowly going down on the side of his face.

Aiden was scared of the man on the platform.

Aiden, this time, didn't refuse Emma's support as he grabbed her hand back. He was in a moment of weakness and he needed support.

He didn't care if he was supposed to be a coldhearted person, always trying to work for his own benefit. It just wasn't who he was.

When he had been an assassin in his past life, emotions were unknown to him as he had almost never felt those.

Before, he didn't know what were anger, sadness, love, betrayal, he didn't know what those were. But living in this new world made him discover what they were.

Those emotions which he felt now daily were guiding him on as to whether to make the right or wrong choices.

"Aiden, what's happening to you?" Emma whispered in Aiden's ears as people around them kept cheering over the four people who had just appeared on stage.

No one around had heard Emma saying the Reaper name's as there was too much noise.

Aiden hearing her ask that question came out of his trance, as he realized that he was still surrounded by so many people.

Looking on his right was Emma who was holding his, her head on his shoulder.

"Don't worry about it, it's nothing," whispered back Aiden, pronouncing his first words since his mental breakdown.

Emma was troubled when he heard him say that as she just couldn't understand why he had reacted in such a way.

He had been on the verge of either shouting or crying and now he was acting like everything was fine once again.

Emma had accepted that behaviour of his many times, but today was different, she had never seen him react this much.

She had to say something, she had to affirm herself over this whole matter.

However, she just couldn't bring herself to do a scene right now, especially with so many people around her.

Her mind, on the other hand, was in complete turmoil asking herself just what had happened for him to get in such a state.

The only thing that she could possibly think of was the appearance of the four founding families' heads.

This had to be the reason for his reaction, and then she remembered that he had been called to meet one of the founding families' heads.

She observed every single one of them, thinking that some of them might be showing a sign that they knew of the Reaper or that they had met him and that's when she caught the sight of a beautiful woman on the stage who was smiling directly in this direction.

'This has to be it, she's the reason that Aiden is reacting this way,' thought Emma, trying to figure out what could have possibly happened when Aiden had gone to meet her.

'Did she beat him up?'

'Did she force him to do something that he didn't want to do?'

Emma's mind was everywhere, trying to figure out who could possibly have such an effect on Aiden, who, in her opinion, was quite strong mentally.

She knew that his whole life must have been hard for him, so she knew that whatever happened between Melinda and him must have been big.

Big enough that it would cause Aiden to act this way.

However, she didn't know that she was currently accusing the wrong person.

She was completely wrong and all of her assumptions were false.

Nonetheless, it didn't matter, what mattered was that she was trying to support him as much as she possibly could.

Then, as she kept wondering about what might have happened between Aiden and Melinda, the cheerings around them stopped completely as one of the people on stage started talking.

"Thank you, thank you! Now, I think that this arena will be the perfect fit for a tournament like this what do you say?" shouted Thorin, excitedly.

The crowd once again went wild as they all shouted "Yes!"

Aiden couldn't believe his ears, there were so many people reunited inside this place for the sole purpose of watching kids fight against one another.

He had to admit that this was a lot different than whatever he had experienced before.

Then, Thorin once again started talking as he seemed to be the one that was the best at communicating.

Aiden was still wondering if he was the dwarf who had interrupted him in the street, Emma also had the same thought right beside him.

However, they couldn't confirm no matter how much they wanted to.

It's not like they could gather information on one of the strongest people in the world easily. It was impossible to do so.

"Alright, so should we start this? Or did I forget something again, ahaha," he said, as he started laughing again.

He was referencing to the previous fight where he had mentioned at the last minute about them fighting against their old teammates.

However, it was only him that was laughing this time as no one participating had found this part funny.

Some had a fake laugh out of respect toward him, but most were dead serious. They clearly didn't like that.

"Woah, I guess it wasn't something appreciated," said Thorin, looking at everyone's reaction. "Well, I don't really care, it's my tournament after all."

"Alright, who should go first out of all of you?" said Thorin, as he started thinking about it on the gigantic Arena.

"Hmm, it should be two people who had quite an impact since the start of the tournament, right? So that people will want to watch the rest," muttered Thorin to himself.

"I think what the first fight will be!" he announced after some seconds of thinking.

"The Reaper will be part of the first fight because of his popularity, ahaha," said Thorin as he could already hear booing from all around the crowd.

"And, he will be facing, um, you," said Thorin as he pointed at some random person in the crowd who didn't look too strong nor too weak.

But, it was important that everyone reaching such a late stage in the tournament was going to be extremely talented, so Aiden didn't think for a minute that he was stronger than his opponent.

He was going to be fighting him as if he would fight anyone else.

He would be giving his best to win that fight.

Emma who was right beside Aiden was worried about him, unsure, if he had been able to get his head straight yet.

If he was to get affected by his emotions when fighting, then Emma wasn't sure that Aiden was going to perform to the best of his abilities.

But, it wasn't like she could change Thorin's decision, so she simply whispered to him, "Good luck."

"Alright, I hope to see a good fight," said Thorin as the four founding families' heads disappeared from the stage to let the two participants stand on it.

'I'll show you, that you should have kept me in your family,' thought Aiden, talking about the Nightshade Patriarch.

He was determined to show him that he shouldn't have abandoned for no reason a long time ago.

Aiden didn't know why but he could feel himself wanting to take revenge for the past owner of this body.

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Chapter 139 - 139 - Annihilation

Aiden was now in the Arena facing another human. He didn't know anything about him but one thing was sure, he would win this fight.

Aiden wanted to make sure that he would show his supremacy to the others.

Skills, techniques, none of that would even matter in this fight, he would make sure that he would win without the opponent being able to use any of those.

He wanted to show the Nightshade family that they had made a mistake, even if they didn't know that it was him that was participating.

Aiden didn't know why he wanted to prove it at such a degree, but he still went with it, as he couldn't be bothered by knowing the reason.

Only one single was on his mind, annihilate the person in front of him.

Give him a feeling of powerlessness, he wanted to make the person in front of him feel the same thing which he had felt two minutes ago and one month ago.

He wanted to make others suffer, he couldn't be the only one suffering anymore.

He needed those close to him to understand what it was like living in his shoes and if that person in front of him was a way for him to let go of everything and let his rage take over then he didn't care, he would do it.

He would let all the rage which had accumulated inside him be released onto this random opponent.

Then, as he was thinking about all of this, Thorin's voice resounded in the Arena,

"Since this isn't inside of a duelling zone and both of you could actually die, there will be a referee for this match which will be the person that you first met when coming here."

As he said that, the person he had seen when coming out of those small rooms a couple of hours ago was on the right side of the Arena looking at them carefully.

"Don't worry about trying to hurt each other, he will intervene if he judges that one person might die or get crippled," continued Thorin, wanting to reassure the people in the stands who were worried about the members of their family.

It made sense that people coming from all around the world wouldn't want to have their members die, especially when participating in such a tournament.

So, it made sense for measures to be taken into account, especially where there was such a risk.

Then, Thorin's voice once again resounded in the Arena.

"Are you both ready?" he shouted, trying to hype the crowd.

Some were booing and some were shouting a name.

"Boo!"

"Jackson!"

"Boo!"

Those boos were clearly directed toward Aiden and from what Aiden could guess, his opponent was named Jackson by the looks of it.

However, all that didn't matter as Aiden and Jackson both nodded their heads indicating that they were ready for the fight that would be coming ahead.

"So, you're the one who was so scared that you didn't fight to win the second battle, huh?" said Jackson trying to make Aiden mad.

But, his attempt was literally useless as Aiden didn't even listen to him, fully concentrating on annihilating him with whatever means that he knew of.

If Aiden could even see for a millisecond an opportunity to kill his opponent, then he would take it without even blinking or doubting.

If he wanted to win this tournament than he would have to grasp all the opportunities thrown at him.

Seeing that Aiden wasn't answering, Jackson tried to make him mad once again.

"You won't be able to make a deal with me this time," he said, laughing as he said that.

However, Aiden had no other choice but to find this person in front of him really stupid.

Did he think that it was him that stroke a deal?

It was his opponents that wanted to do so, or else he would have fought to the death without any problem.

He was ready to do so after all. In fact, he still didn't fully understand why Olivia and Logan had given up, but well he didn't care about it as he was further in the tournament and not them.

All that was in Aiden's mind at the moment was a single sentence which kept coming over and over again.

'I'll kill him.'

'I'll kill him.'

'I'll kill him.'

Aiden clearly wasn't in his right mind, as his emotions had gotten the better of him this time. Maybe it was his doing or maybe it was the old owner's doings but that didn't matter.

The state in which Aiden was currently was scary as the black aura which he had released in the first fight started to come out of his body as it started to become bigger and bigger and finally enveloped the entirety of the Arena.

"Hey, hey, stop that the fight hasn't even started yet," shouted Jack, seeing that big aura coming out of Aiden.

Nonetheless, the referee didn't even glance at him as he kept his mouth shut saying that this was accepted.

Then, Thorin's voice resounded once again.

"May the fight begin!"

As soon as those words resounded inside the Arena, the crowd went dead silent and the other participants did the same as most of them were trying to analyze what their competition would look like.

However, there was one exception which was Lucius Nightshade who wasn't even looking at the fight, he was sitting down and looking at the ground for no known reason.

But the one who had won the last fight with him was looking carefully at all the actions that the Reaper was making trying to understand who he was.

She was trying to figure out who he was because the look that he had given her earlier was weird as if that person knew who she was or something similar to that.

But when she saw that death aura coming out of the Reaper, she had absolutely no idea who that person could be as she had never seen something like this before.

The dark aura or death aura depending on how one would look at it was currently all over the arena, hiding what was happening inside of it which meant that all spectators couldn't see anything.

However, there was a big fight that was going on inside, well... big wasn't the right word for it. It was more of a boring fight as Jackson was currently running away from Aiden.

Jackson who had felt the aura coming out of Aiden had become scared out of his mind as he kept running around without looking back, trying to get away from the danger that was the Reaper.

But, his running around only delayed the inevitable as Aiden was much faster than Jackson as he started getting closer and closer to Jackson.

His dagger was almost able to reach the back of Jackson's back, but that wasn't what Aiden was aiming for.

He wanted to deal one swift strike to his opponent, his signature move, a strike to the neck which would kill his opponent right away.

Aiden was wondering if the referee would be able to stop him for a bit, but he quickly dismissed those thoughts as they were useless.

The only thing he needed to do at the moment was win by whatever method necessary.

And that's exactly what he was about to do as he was now at arm's reach of Jackson's body.

That's when he moved his dagger toward his opponent's neck putting as much power as he possibly could as he wanted to end this fight right at this moment.

'This has gone on for too long already, I need to end it,' thought Aiden who still wanted to show to the others that he could dominate his opponent.

Even if the other participant couldn't see what was happening, they had a very good idea of who was going to be the winner of this fight as none of them except a few special ones had seen such an aura come out of such a young awakener.

They were all shocked that such a person was in the same tournament as them, well except maybe Lucius and a few others who didn't seem to be shocked.

Then, as Aiden's dagger was about to reach the neck of Jackson's something intervened that Aiden wasn't even able to see which stopped his dagger and made the aura surrounding him completely vanish.

Then, as the aura vanished, Thorin's voice resounded inside the Arena once again.

"And the winner is... The Reaper," he shouted as loudly as he could.

However, the crowd still wasn't convinced by the abilities of the Reaper since they couldn't see what had just happened.

They had only seen the final scene where Aiden held a dagger right under Jackson's neck which clearly showed that he was the winner.

Nonetheless, the crowd was complaining saying that maybe he had struck another deal to win this fight.

But, a voice changed their mind instantly.

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Chapter 140 - 140 - Melinda's Interference

People who were now doubting The Reaper's performance completely changed their minds when they saw the person who had just appeared in front of everyone.

A beautiful woman had just appeared in front of the crowd with a clear frown on her face, showing her disapproval of the actions of the public.

This person was obviously Melinda who was angry at the crowd for booing her new recruit in her family, well... soon-to-be recruit.

"If you can't even what happened during the fight then I suggest you all shut your mouths," exclaimed Melinda, talking about to those who hadn't been able to see the entirety of the fight down there.

She was angry that people who were ignorant about the world of the awakened were trying to insult someone who had probably ten times all of their talent reunited into one person.

Because the Inter Family Tournament was open to everyone who wanted to spectate, many stupid people were in the crowd which caused the intense amount of booing in the earlier stage, they were also in the Ravenwood Territory which meant that most were alike to Thorin.

That meant that most of them had approximately the same opinion as him about The Reaper.

It wasn't a good one, but it was still an opinion which needed to be taken into account.

The crowd which had been insulting Aiden since the start, now all closed their mouths as the head of a founding family had appeared in front of them, especially to tell them that.

There was also Emma who was on the ground looking at her floating figure which was now really confused about that whole matter.

'Why did she appear to defend him if he had such a reaction earlier?' she thought, trying to make sense of what had just happened.

She thought that she had been right about this earlier, but she wasn't so sure anymore as a person who hated wouldn't have appeared to defend him, it would make literally no sense.

If Aiden hated such a person, it would literally make no sense as she was currently defending him, by even showing herself which was really rare for a founding family head.

Normally, those types of people liked to observe everything from a distance and send someone other than them personally to intervene.

But, she had done so for Aiden which meant that they probably had some sort of relationship.

She remembered that smile that she had given Aiden quite well, and thinking back on it, it seemed quite sincere.

Then, Melinda who had just interfered to calm the crowd down, turned toward Aiden who was still on the Arena with his dagger under Jackson's neck.

Seeing that he had been announced victor, he slowly moved his dagger away as he didn't want to kill in plain sight, especially when such a thing wasn't allowed.

There was also no reason for him to do so, and even if he had wanted to he wouldn't have been able to as the referee and Melinda were looking at him.

"Congratulations Reaper," she said, winking toward him as she completely disappeared.

It was like she hadn't even appeared in the first place as she went back to the private room where the rest of the Founding Families Heads were all in, watching the scene of Melinda winking at the Reaper on their small crystal balls.

As soon as she arrived, the dwarf, Thorin, came running up to her with a big smile on his face.

"Are you trying to seduce your new member Melinda?" he said with a massive grin on his face, clearly wanting to annoy someone and unlucky for her, it was her turn to be annoyed.

"Just shut up Thorin, no one even likes you," she said coldly, not liking the comment he had just made toward her person.

She found it completely inappropriate as she was a lot older than Aiden, and she was a lot more mature on the same occasion.

However, she had to admit that there was something about him which was attractive, his mysterious attitude and way of acting. But, it was still not enough for Melinda to try and seduce such a young man.

Because Melinda might look young but she was at least 150 years old which was approximately a 130-year-old gap between her and Aiden.

Nonetheless, based on appearance alone it wouldn't be shocking to see them together alone at all, but Melinda would never do such a thing. She liked to tease others but it was always playful, she was never serious when doing such things.

"Wow, why are you like this?" said Thorin acting hurt as he went back toward his seat.

It wasn't the first time that he had been insulted in such a way and he didn't mind it at all as he simply smiled as he went back to his seat.

He knew that they all found it annoying but it didn't care as that was simply who he was.

As he sat back in his seat, he couldn't help himself from saying one last comment.

"Oh and be careful, I might just steal him," he said, with a big smile on his face.

However, this time there was a small truth in his comment, he wasn't simply smiling or saying nonsense, he was actually saying it.

He had to admit that the dark aura that he had released had impressed him as he was really young to have such a big one like that.

Thorin also had a big aura but he was much older and was much more experienced with those sorts of things.

Melinda, however, was only scuffed when hearing him say that as she knew that he would join her family at the end of the tournament.

Still, it wasn't official but there was no way for him to get out of it, she was simply too powerful.

And because he owned a special body she wanted to have him at all cost and she would make sure that no one would be taking him away from her.

Maybe it was a little obsessive, but it wasn't like someone could go against her apart from the other founding families.

Back in the Arena, Aiden was still unmoving only now releasing what had happened and what he had done.

He remembered his emotions taking over his actions and wanting revenge at all costs which was why he had released such a dense aura around him and scared his opponent shitless.

However, playing back the scene in his head, he was happy with the performance he had shown as no one would try to mess with him now as they knew that he certainly held a lot of power.

In fact, it was even more reassuring as Melinda had stepped up personally for him.

Then, he came out of his daze and was now outside of the Arena as it seemed that he had been teleported out of it, because he hadn't moved in quite a time.

Then, Thorin's voice resounded inside the Arena.

"The next fight will now commence!"

It seemed that there were already two people inside the Arena who had already started fighting as the voice of Thorin resounded.

He had to admit that he didn't like that his emotions had taken over his actions and he also didn't understand how such a thing was possible.

He knew that he had been affected by the appearance of Lucius and the Nightshade Patriarch, however, he didn't even know them.

So why would he react so strongly when seeing them?

It was making him worried that maybe he wasn't completely himself in this new life of his which might explain why some of his behaviour when he first arrived might have been weird of him.

But, he would now make sure that emotions wouldn't dictate his actions, or at least, he would try harder as he would now be working on his mental.

Then, as he lifted his head toward the Arena to watch the two people fighting one against another, a soft hand touched his slowly caressing it.

Aiden didn't even have to look to guess who it was, as he knew extremely well that it was Emma which was once again trying to comfort him.

However, Aiden didn't need that support of hers anymore as he was calm once again, not feeling those bubbling emotions inside him.

He had come back to normal which was why he moved away his hand away from Emma, not wanting to give her any type of hope that something might happen to them as he didn't have time for that, especially since he wouldn't be seeing her every day quite soon.

He would soon leave and he didn't want to be attached to someone before leaving as it would just complicate things for absolutely no reason, it would just be easier for both of them to not get attached, even if it might be too late in the case of Emma.

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