

The Strongest Assassin Reincarnates in Another World

Chapter 201 - 201 - Lilia?

'Follow me? Does she want to leave the Nightshade family?' thought Aiden, unsure whether it was even possible.

However, if she had uttered such a thing, then she must have a certain idea about how to achieve it.

Nonetheless, before she could even ask Melinda about her joining, Emma was the one who was currently the main problem.

She was clearly in a dilemma about joining the Emberbane family. On one side, it was a great idea because she would have access to a lot more resources, which could help her become a lot more powerful.

Joining a founding family was the right choice if someone was in the quest for power like Aiden, however, was Emma also in search of more power?

'I can't abandon my mother, leave her all alone,' thought Emma, as she knew that the Emberbane territory wasn't anywhere close to the Nightshade one.

Then, Emma once again glanced at her mother and noticed that she still had a calm face, as if not caring about the choice that Emma would make.

'Will she be mad if I follow Aiden?' she thought, unsure.

She didn't know if her mother was simply acting as if she didn't care.

"What would it mean to join your family?" asked Emma, trying to make sure that her choice would be the right one.

Aiden who was watching her being in a dilemma had to say that he had understood what she was currently going through because he had gone through one before joining the Emberbane family.

However, he dismissed his own thoughts as he was also interested in the answer that Melinda would mutter.

"Well, you would get many benefits, like access to our training facilities, a dorm, and many more things. Oh, and depending on how you perform in the Otherworld you might be given some advantages," explained Melinda, not revealing everything, yet, it seemed.

However, Emma needed to know about those advantages, it would help her make a decision about this whole thing.

"What sort of advantages?" immediately asked Emma.

"Um, well I can't tell you, but I must that they are excellent," said Melinda, observing the people's reactions from around her.

Noticing that everyone seemed annoyed by what she had just said, she decided to at least reveal one advantage.

"Well, one of the advantages you could get is a monthly training session with me and that's just one of them," she added, reluctantly, as she hadn't wanted to reveal anything.

Aiden hearing this nodded, not sure if this would be a good reward for him as Melinda was mostly focused on the Charm skills and other stuff like that.

Nonetheless, the experience from someone as strong as her wasn't something that anyone could even refuse.

Emma, hearing that she could have rewards like that was obviously interested, however, there was still one problem, and it was the same one that she had at the start, her mother.

"Mom, are you okay with this whole thing?" asked Emma, once again wanting to know what she thought about her leaving the family.

At the start, Maelis didn't open her mouth, but then she saw that Emma was truly hesitating like crazy.

"Do what you want, follow your heart, and don't worry, I won't hold it against you. I understand," she said, trying to push Emma in the right direction.

Maelis knew that joining a founding family was the right choice, her daughter would have access to so many things, and she would also be with Aiden.

Maelis was also not dumb, she knew that Emma really liked Aiden, and that's why she said that she should follow her heart.

'Then, should I join?' thought Emma, for the final time.

'Follow my heart, huh?' she thought.

She had now made a decision, and she was sure that it was the right one, there was not an ounce of doubt in her mind.

"So, are you going to join or not?" asked Melinda, tired of waiting for her answer.

Nonetheless, she wasn't dumb. She knew that it was a difficult decision, which is why she let Emma think about it for minutes.

However, it was starting to take a little too much time.

"Yes, I'll join it," uttered Emma as she glanced at her mother and then glanced at Aiden with a big smile on her face.

This whole opportunity had been because of him, after all.

So, she could only be grateful to him.

Melinda hearing that answer was happy.

'Finally, I can leave this place,' she thought, wondering how this drama with the Nightshades would unfold.

But, then she thought about the Nightshades and she had an even bigger headache.

Why did she have and get in the way of Sylas?

She knew that nothing good would come from that, she just knew it.

"Then, I guess we can leave this place," she muttered, preparing herself to be teleported out of this place.

But as she was about to leave this place, someone else spoke up and without much surprise, it was Lilia, Lilia Nightshade.

"Wait, don't leave yet," she almost shouted, knowing that this would basically be her only opportunity to talk with her alone.

Melinda hearing the owner of that voice was tempted to continue what she was doing and disappear from this place, however, she remained... listening with one ear.

"What if I wanted to join your family, what would you accept me?," proposed Lilia, wondering how Melinda would react.

Lilia was after all part of the Nightshade family, which Melinda would probably have a lot of problems with in the near future, so why was she trying to join her family?

Did she want to be a spy?

"Why do you want to join it?" asked Melinda, not answering her question.

She knew how the Nightshades worked, and she wouldn't be surprised if this were to be some kind of scheme organized by Syllas.

In fact, she was already thinking that was the case.

"Um..."

'Should I tell her that I want to join because of Aiden?'

'No, that wouldn't be a good idea,' she thought.

Then, she tried to find a great excuse for Melinda to even consider her joining.

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Chapter 202 - 202 - Olivia is joining too?!

"I repeat, why do you want to join my family, when you are already part of a founding family."

While she said that, she applied constant pressure on Lilia wanting her to respond right away as she didn't want to hear some fabricated answer.

However, Lilia still hadn't been able to find a good reason to go ahead and join that family, well, apart from the real one.

'Fast, fast, fast, I need to think of something.'

Then, as her mind went everywhere with all sorts of different ideas, someone else spoke up.

"What about me? Can I join your family?"

This time, it was Olivia who had just spoken up, it seemed that she was also interested in joining a founding family. However, her reasons for doing so weren't for power or anything related to that.

In fact, she could even care less about power and those sorts of things, what she wanted was to get closer and closer to Aiden which all things considered was the same reason as Lilia and Emma.

'What's happening, why does everyone want to join my family?' thought Melinda, not understanding where they all found the guts to ask such a thing.

However, she knew that it would not be a bad thing to recruit the people from the Inter Family Tournament, as everyone participating is pretty much assured to be talented. That's why Melinda did not outright refuse all the offers that she just received.

'I know, that I'm part of a founding family, but it's still weird for all of them to be so interested in joining one.' thought Melinda as she started to think about the reason that all those girls wanted to join her.

Then, she finally understood why those two girls wanted to join her family.

The reason had been right in front of her this whole time, it was because of her latest recruit, Aiden.

Melinda had finally caught on, to what was happening as she noticed all those looks that he was receiving.

'He doesn't even seem aware that all those girls are in love with him, though,' thought Melinda, laughing to herself.

How could he be so oblivious regarding those things when he was great at fighting and observing stuff in general?

"You want to join my family, huh? And why is that?" asked Melinda, already knowing the answer to that question.

Nonetheless, she wanted to see if they would have the guts to tell her, especially since they were in front of Aiden.

"Um, the reason? Isn't it obvious, I want to follow Aiden there," said Olivia, not caring about this whole thing at all.

Melinda was surprised that she would say such a thing in front of him, however, when she looked in Aiden's direction, it looked like he didn't even care about what she had just said.

"And what family are you a part of?" asked Melinda as she knew that she would have to go and ask them if it was okay for her to join.

However, Olivia's response once again surprised her.

"Don't worry about my family, they won't even notice if I'm gone," said Olivia, seemingly determined to join the Emberbane Family.

Melinda nodded, hearing that, unsure whether she was telling the truth. Nonetheless, she knew that she wasn't part of a founding family, which made the task of accepting her a lot easier.

"Then, I guess you can join, it's not like we're missing space," said Melinda, truly not minding someone else joining her Family.

In fact, it could only help her in the long run, since having more members couldn't be a bad thing in regard to resources and stuff like that.

"Yay! Heard that Aiden, we'll live together. You won't even need to go visit my family!" said Olivia as she jumped right into Aiden's arms, making sure that Aiden could feel her.

However, Aiden was just confused about this whole thing.

'Why is everyone joining the Emberbane family? Why is Melinda even accepting them?' thought Aiden as he remembered that he had to spend his wish to win the tournament to have Emma join it.

It just didn't seem all that fair now.

'And what is she doing in my arms?' thought Aiden, as he simply dropped her on the ground, not even looking at her.

"Argh, why did you drop me? At least tell me about it first," said Olivia, teasingly, still smiling even when she noticed that Aiden wasn't even looking at her.

In fact, Aiden completely ignored what she had just said as he continued to look at Melinda, a little angry about this matter.

"Why are you accepting her and even considering the others?" asked Aiden, angrily.

Melinda was confused as to why was acting this way and was speaking to her in such a tone.

"Is something wrong? Do you want me to refuse her joining the Emberbane Family?" asked Melinda.

However, Aiden quickly shook his head.

"No, that's not it, I don't care whether she joins your family or not. But if you accept her, then my request from earlier is literally useless, said Aiden, mad that his reward for getting first place had been useless.

Sure, he didn't have many ideas on how to use it, but he would have preferred the protection from the Nightshade family.

Melinda understood why Aiden was reacting this way and decided that it was only fair for Aiden to have his other request respected.

"Then, don't worry about it, your other request will be respected," said Melinda as she was only trying to please Aiden as much as she could.

She didn't want to make him mad at all, she only wanted to support him.

"Um, alright, thank you," said Aiden, happy that Melinda accepted to protect him from the Nightshades.

The ones who were around them were confused about what that second request was, however, no one spoke up as there was still one person who hadn't been accepted inside the Emberbane Family.

It was Lilia Nightshade, and she was still thinking, even after all this time.

"So, what about you? Why do you want to join my family?" repeated Melinda once again.

It seemed that no matter how many times she asked, the only thing that she would get was silence.

Then, she finally found something plausible to tell Melinda, however, she wasn't sure if that would work.

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Chapter 203 - 203 - Lilia Gives Up

'What if I told her that I was scared of the Nightshade family,' thought Lilia, as this was the only thing that she had seemed plausible.

In fact, it was a good idea considering that Lucius had just been beaten up by Syllas.

"I'm scared of my family, that's why I want to join your family," answered Lilia, making sure that her voice was a little shaky while saying that.

To be honest, she was scared of the head of the Nightshade Family, as she never knew what he would try to do to her.

"You're scared? That's the best you could come up with, huh?" replied Melinda, not believing that excuse at all.

"What do you mean? It's the truth I'm telling you," she added.

However, Melinda didn't believe her one bit.

She knew that Syllas was a cruel individual and that he wasn't scared of hurting anyone which might ruin his reputation, but this was simply too sudden.

Why was she asking to leave now, when Lilia had been part of that family for years now?

Melinda simply couldn't help but find it really weird.

"Tell me the real reason that you want to join my family and I might ask Syllas about you joining," said Melinda.

However, when Lilia heard that, she panicked.

'She's going to tell Syllas about me leaving? No, no, no, she can't' thought Lilia as she knew that Syllas would never accept her leaving ever, especially after what had happened.

"What do you mean, ask Syllas? I'll just join your family, that's it. He doesn't need to know," said Lilia, realizing that this was going to be somewhat of a big problem.

"What do you mean I won't tell Syllas, I'm already in some trouble with him regarding Aiden, I won't get in trouble with him by taking you away from him," said Melinda.

She knew that it wasn't a good idea to recruit Lilia from the Nightshade Family in the first place, and now she wanted her to do it with Syllas not even knowing about it.

Was she crazy or something?

The Nightshade Family isn't like the rest of the families, they are dangerous, especially when you go against them.

Sure, Melinda could resist him since she was also a founding family, but she didn't want to provoke him for no real reason.

'I guess she's right, it isn't the greatest idea not to tell him, but then what can I do? He'll never accept me leaving to join the Emberbanes,' thought Lilia.

She was starting to realize that following Aiden was basically impossible for many reasons, and she didn't want to bring more problems by following him.

'If I can't follow him, then I need to at least talk to him before he goes. I need to know what happened during those past years,' she thought, deciding that maybe it wasn't a good idea to follow him in the first place.

However, she needed to know what had happened and why he wasn't trying to talk to her.

She just learned that he wasn't mad at her, but why was he acting so distant?

It was simply weird, especially considering the past where he would never leave her side.

Well, whenever he could.

Lilia had always been the one comforting him and now Aiden seemed distant as if not wanting her to help anymore.

'A lot of things must have happened in those past years for him to act so cold,' thought Lilia as she remembered that Aiden had been always smiling in the past even when he was getting maltreated.

"Um, you're right, then I guess I'll have no choice but to stay with the Nightshades," said Lilia, realizing that her demand was impossible to accomplish.

Melinda was quite surprised that Lilia was changing her decision so quickly, it made her doubt that maybe she wasn't a spy sent by Sylas.

However, even if she wasn't one, the arguments that she had mentioned were still real, and there was little chance for Lilia to join the Emberbane Family.

If she had been part of a high-level family, there wouldn't have been any problem, but she was part of a founding family, which made this whole thing really complicated.

"Well, alright then, I guess we're done here. For real this time," said Melinda as she prepared herself to be teleported out of this place.

"Aiden, Emma, and Olivia, we will leave for the Emberbane territory tomorrow morning, so make sure to be ready by then," uttered Melinda.

Then, as she was about to finally leave, it seemed that she had forgotten something as she once again turned around.

"Oh, and don't worry, someone will come get you."

Then, after saying that last sentence, she finally disappeared, seemingly tired.

After disappearing, Lilia didn't lose any time as she whispered something to Aiden's ear.

"Come see me, later, we need to talk. I'll be at the Ravenwood Hotel, room 201."

After whispering that, she also disappeared, leaving Emma and Olivia in shock.

'Who does she think, she is getting so close to him and whispering to him something,' thought both Emma and Olivia.

But the two of them quickly dismissed those thoughts when they saw the face that Aiden was making.

He seemed nervous or stressed, it wasn't clear.

"Are you okay?" asked Olivia.

However, Aiden didn't even answer as he was thinking, thinking deeply about that conversation.

'What could she possibly want to talk about?'

'I know that she knows that I'm from the Nightshades, but it didn't seem like she would tell anyone.'

'And what was this about me being mad at her, what happened in the past?'

Multiple thoughts kept popping up in Aiden's mind, however, he was trying his best to calm down.

'Calm down, calm down, I'm sure everything will be fine,' thought Aiden.

He had noticed that she didn't seem to hold any grudges or bad intentions against him, or else she would have probably revealed to everyone here that he was part of the Nightshade family.

In fact, it seemed that she was trying her best not to reveal it.

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Chapter 204 - 204 - Ravenwood Hotel

Seeing that Aiden was clearly nervous about what Lilia had just said, both Emma and Olivia were currently trying their best to comfort him.

However, no matter what they did, they never got any sort of response, Aiden was simply not answering any of their questions.

Then, after a couple of minutes, Aiden seemed to come back from the dead as he opened his eyes once again and was a little confused by the scene which he was currently seeing.

"Why are you two holding me like that?" he asked confused as to why they were so close to him.

Maelis who heard him say that couldn't help but sigh.

'How can he be so stupid?' she thought, not understanding how oblivious he was.

He was literally so stupid whenever the subject wasn't about fighting or killing others.

"Um, no reason," said Emma, blushing.

"Because I like you," said Olivia, holding him even tighter.

Aiden hearing those answers couldn't help but reveal a little smile on his face.

They were actually two opposites, one was confident, and the other was shy.

However, he knew that Olivia was the type to joke around, so he didn't take her seriously at all.

"Alright, enough with the jokes, let me go," said Aiden with a smirk.

'But, it's not a joke dummie,' thought Olivia, releasing him as she didn't want to anger him or something like that.

Emma, on the other hand, had already let go a few seconds ago, so she simply stayed a couple of steps away from him.

Then, Emma got a good look at Aiden's face and noticed that there were no signs of emotions on it.

"Aren't you happy that I'm joining Melinda's family with you?" asked Emma.

"Of course I am, why?" replied Aiden, confused as to why this was the subject of the conversation.

He had literally decided to use his wish to make her part of the same family as him, why would she even think that he wasn't happy?

It was Aiden, who had wanted her in the first place.

"I don't know, you seem, um, preoccupied by something."

'Of course, I am,' thought Aiden, as he remembered that he needed to go and visit Lilia later tonight.

Aiden simply couldn't imagine what was going to happen, and that was making him very nervous. Even if he was trying as hard as possible to stay calm, it seemed that he still had some difficulty doing so.

"Then, put a smile on your face, okay?" said Emma, putting on the biggest smile that she could muster.

Seeing her smile, Aiden tried to copy her, however, his smile was much smaller as not even his teeth were visible.

'Well, I guess that's good enough,' thought Emma, seeing that Aiden had at least tried.

"Um, sorry to interrupt, but can we leave this place?" asked Maelis, wanting to leave this place.

While saying that, Aiden noticed that the tone of voice was quiet, as if she was sad over the events that had just happened.

Well, it was normal for her to feel down, her daughter had just left her family and she probably wouldn't see her in the weeks that were to come.

Still, it seemed that she didn't want to show the sadness that she was currently feeling.

"Sure," replied in unison both Emma and Olivia.

Aiden on the other hand only nodded his head as he put his mask back on his face.

Then, everyone disappeared, leaving behind Logan who simply followed right behind his sister also teleporting.

They were now all out of that dimension or portal, whatever they even called it.

"I think we should go sleep, what do you guys say?" uttered Emma, who was clearly tired as Aiden could see dark circles right under her eyes which showed the lack of sleep that she was under at the moment.

Aiden nodded, however, his mind was somewhere else completely different.

'Ravenwood Hotel, huh? Where's that?' thought Aiden as he remembered that Lilia had told him to meet her there later.

Did later mean tonight?

Aiden wasn't sure, but he wouldn't lose any time as he knew that this conversation between Lilia and him would be quite interesting.

"Um, Gerald, do you know where the Ravenwood Hotel is?" asked Aiden.

He knew that it was a question that would raise eyebrows, but that didn't matter to him, as he simply wanted to find that place as soon as he could.

"The Ravenwood Hotel? Sure, why?"

Aiden wasn't sure if he should reveal it, however, he realized that it wouldn't matter whether he would or not as everyone who was here right now wouldn't do anything against him.

"I need to talk to Lilia about something," revealed Aiden, as he was suddenly being looked at intensively.

"About what?" asked Olivia right away, as she remembered the face that he had made after she had whispered something to his ear.

However, this time Aiden was starting to get annoyed by the constant questions.

"None of your business, I need to meet her, that's all," he replied, coldly, making it known that he wouldn't reveal the reason.

Olivia was a little shocked that she had just been spoken to in such a way, however, she understood that Aiden was probably stressed and nervous about this meeting, so she decided that she wouldn't comment on it.

"So, where is it?" asked Aiden once again.

"Well, I can show you if you want," replied Gerald.

"Then, show me the way," said Aiden as he indicated for Gerald to show him.

"Wait, you want to go there right now?"

"Yes."

Aiden just couldn't wait anymore, he needed to go and meet her, so that he could learn about what she would do.

Would she tell Syllas about him?

What was their relationship before?

This was the chance for Aiden to learn about many things which he completely ignored.

"Then, follow me," said Gerald, as he started walking in a different direction.

The rest of them tried to follow them, however, Maelis held them back.

"Don't follow them, he clearly wants to be alone."

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- Chapter 205 - 205 - Arriving at the Ravenwood Hotel

Chapter 205 - 205 - Arriving at the Ravenwood Hotel

Emma and Olivia looked at Gerald and Aiden, who were slowly getting away from them, wondering what he wanted to talk about with Lilia.

In the first place, the two of them were confused as to how he had gotten to know someone from the Nightshades.

They found it quite weird, to be honest.

But the thing that was even unusual was that they seemed to be close as if they were long-time friends.

Well, Lilia seemed to be acting in such a way, Aiden was acting just like he would always do cold and indifferent.

However, that girl was different, she acted as if she had known Aiden for a long time. But that was simply not possible since Aiden had grown up in the Slums while she had been in a literal castle inside the Nightshade Family.

"What is happening? Do you know about it, Mom?"

Emma was obviously the one who was most worried about what would happen, as she had noticed that Aiden had been nervous, which was weird in the first place.

Aiden had never once been nervous around her, and from only a whisper he had become nervous.

"Emma, why would I even know about it, if you don't."

"Um, I guess you're right about that one," replied Emma as she knew that she was probably the one who was the most knowledgeable about Aiden since she had lived with him.

"Well, it probably isn't that big of a deal," mumbled Emma, seemingly trying to reassure herself as much as she could.

Olivia, such a reaction coming out of Emma, thought that it was the perfect time to make fun of her.

"Are you worried that he will do something to that girl while you're not watching," said Olivia while giggling.

Emma blushed hearing her, as she decided that she wasn't going to answer to such words.

"If you're worried now, I don't know what's going to happen when we reach the Emberbane Territory," said Olivia, reminding her that she would also be accompanying the two of them there. However, one thing was sure, she simply couldn't wait.

While Emma and the rest questioned that meeting between Aiden and Lilia Nightshade, Gerald and Aiden were still walking at a good pace in the direction of the Ravenwood Hotel.

Gerald, who didn't know Aiden very well, didn't ask any questions as he could guess that he wouldn't be getting any sort of answers.

"We'll soon arrive," announced Gerald as his walking speed started to slow down little by little.

Aiden wasn't blind and had already noticed the gigantic building in front of them.

The hotel was literally blinding as it reflected the light from the sun, Aiden could barely look at it before looking away.

It was made of precious materials which were of the color red and gold it seemed, which gave it some sort of cache.

The hotel also seemed to be extremely luxurious, with many balconies that gave a view of the entire Ravenwood City.

"I guess this is it, huh?" said Aiden as he pointed toward the hotel.

Gerald looked in the direction he pointed and nodded, confirming Aiden's thoughts.

"Then, good luck, try not to take too much time in there," said Gerald as he started to leave Aiden by himself.

It seemed that he had already understood that he wasn't supposed to be following him in there, which was something that Aiden had truly appreciated.

'What room was it again?' thought Aiden as he started walking inside the hotel, looking around.

The hotel was incredible and clearly made for those who had a lot of money.

But, then he stopped admiring the beauty of the hotel and decided to focus a little on the task at hand.

'It was room 200 or 201, hmm, I'm not sure, I think it was 201,' thought Aiden, as he headed toward the little sign that indicated that there was something to go up.

Arriving there, he noticed that those weren't stairs, but some sort of strange lift which many people were entering and going out of.

If Aiden had visited a city on Earth or something similar to that before, he would instantly recognize that the lift in front of him was something called an elevator.

Without wasting any more time, Aiden entered the lift without any problem, accompanied by many different types of people. There were elves, dwarves, and even vampires it seemed since some of them had the tone of skin extremely white as if they had never seen the sun once in their life.

Then, shortly after, he reached what seemed to be the second floor where he could find room 201.

Not wasting any time, he got out of the elevator, and he saw that the room was on the left, so he quickly went that way.

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Aiden was now knocking on the door of room 201, as he had finally found it after walking around a little.

Shortly after knocking, he started hearing footsteps from the other side of the room. It seemed that someone was literally running toward the door as fast as she could, almost excited.

Then, the door was swung open and Lilia was right on the other side of it.

"You're here already?" she asked, surprised.

"Um, yeah, was I supposed to come later?" asked back Aiden, confused.

'Wasn't she the one who wanted to meet up?' thought Aiden, unsure why she had said such a thing.

"No, no, it's fine, come in, come in," she said, inviting him into her room.

Aiden slowly walked in looking around the room, analyzing everything, making sure that it wasn't a trap or anything like that.

"Oh, right, you can sit," added Lilia, pointing toward the couch that was right behind him.

Aiden listened to her as he swiftly sat on it, looking at her dead in the eyes.

"So, what did you want to talk about?" Aiden asked, having a little idea of the subject.

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Chapter 206 - 206 - Love?

Lilia wasn't expecting such a direct question coming from Aiden, especially with such a tone.

In fact, she thought that he would be a lot more friendly if they were to be alone together, but it seemed that this wouldn't be the case at all.

He was cold, even colder than earlier when he was surrounded by all those people.

Lilia thought that he had been playing a role, not wanting to show his true self to the others, however, it seemed that he was like this.

'I wonder what happened to him, for him to have such a radical change in his personality,' thought Lilia.

She knew that living in the Slums must have been extremely hard for him, and he must have suffered a lot without any help from the family.

However, she thought about how he was being treated in the family and realized that maybe the Slums weren't that bad for him.

"So, what did you want to talk about?" repeated Aiden, seeing that she didn't seem able to answer at the moment, seemingly frozen, unable to move a single muscle.

Hearing his voice, it seemed that she had come out of her daze.

"R-right, what did I want to talk about," she mumbled, as she once again looked him in the eyes.

"Do you remember me?" asked Lilia.

'What should I answer here?' thought Aiden, as he had no idea of his past relationship with the person in front of him.

Was she a friend?

Someone he considered family?

There were many possibilities, and Aiden had honestly no idea which one she was a part of.

'Should I play the idiot?' thought Aiden, as this would simply be a lot easier to get answers.

"Um, should I?" asked Aiden, acting as if he had no idea of her identity at all.

It seemed to have worked, as Lilia seemed shocked when she heard his response.

"Wait, you don't know who am I?"

Aiden moved his head from left to right, clearly wanting to say no.

"Just what did they do to you?" uttered Lilia out of nowhere, shocked that Aiden had no idea who she was.

As she uttered those words, she slowly got closer to Aiden, slowly caressing his face, clearly worried about the things that he had to endure.

'Oh, wait... did I make a mistake here,' thought Aiden, as it seemed that this conversation would be going in a totally different way than he had expected.

"Did they erase your memories?" said Lilia, shocked that this was an actual possibility of what happened.

"Do you not remember me? Your first girlfriend and probably your only one," asked Lilia, once again, making sure that Aiden hadn't made a mistake.

'Wait, I should tell her that I know about her,' thought Aiden as he wanted to fix her mistake.

"My first girlfriend?"

"Wait a second, of course I remember you... your name's Lilia," said Aiden, acting as if she knew who she was from the very beginning.

"Wait, so you actually remember about me?" said Lilia, feeling happy once again.

She had to admit that she had been going through mood swings recently and that it certainly was special to experience.

"Of course I do, sorry, I was just a little confused over this whole thing. However, I don't have a lot of memories from my time with the Nightshades," said Aiden, not caring if he revealed any sort of information as Lilia already knew a big part of it.

Aiden made sure to mention that he had forgotten a lot of the Nightshade, since that way it would be a lot easier to lie about things when asked questions.

"Do you remember what they did to you? They told me that you died, so don't think for a second that I abandoned you, in fact, I always had that little hope that you were still alive," said Lilia.

'Wow, I guess she really loved the past Aiden, maybe that's why I don't feel anything negative when I look at her,' thought Aiden. He remembered the clear contrast of emotions when looking at her and looking at Lucius.

It was literally night and day.

"So, what happened to you in those past years, did it really take you two months to become this strong?" asked Lilia.

She was curious whether or not Aiden had lied about some things to Melinda to make his worth increase.

However, it seemed that it hadn't been the case at all and that he had only told the truth in the entirety of the conversation.

"Um, so was that the reason that you called me here?" asked Aiden, as he didn't understand why it was necessary for the two of them to talk in private.

Sure, they had been boyfriend and girlfriend in the past, but that was years ago, so why did she even care?

"Well, I wanted to see you again and talk to you alone just like before, didn't you also miss that feeling."

'Well, not really since I have no idea what you're even talking about because I'm not the one you think you are,' thought Aiden.

"Well, as I said, I don't remember much of my time in the Nightshade family."

"Oh, and since we're alone, I need to make sure of something," said Aiden, getting a little serious.

"I need you to promise me that you won't tell my existence to Sylas or anyone from the Nightshade Family, they must never find out about my existence."

The fact that they already knew about the Reaper was good enough, and Aiden didn't need any more problems.

"Sure, it's not like I was going to tell anyone in the first place, and don't worry, I remember how they treated you and I don't want that to happen to you ever again."

Lilia was a bit surprised that Aiden was asking her such a thing, however, she understood that he clearly didn't want any contact with the Nightshade Family anymore.

"Then, did you have anything else that you wanted to talk about?"

"Yes, I do, why are you so cold toward me? I already told you that I wasn't related to whatever they did to you."

"You know, Aiden, I still love you even after all those years, I never forgot about you even for a single moment."

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Chapter 207 - 207 - Meeting Thorin the Blacksmith Again

Hearing those words, Aiden had no idea why but many emotions started to appear inside him and the one which was most dominant was one of happiness.

'Why am I happy? I don't even know her,' thought Aiden, confused by the constant stream of emotions.

Those emotions that came out of nowhere resembled what had happened with the Nightshade Family.

This time, it was happiness and love.

Before, it was hatred.

Lilia was looking at him straight in the eyes, waiting for his answer in regard to what she had just said.

However, when she realized that all she got was pure silence, she was sad, not understanding why.

Didn't Aiden just say that he remembered her?

So, why was he still acting like that, not trying to touch her or anything like that?

"Did you hear me?" repeated Lilia, getting a little further away from Aiden.

She had been right beside him since earlier, sometimes caressing his face and stuff like that.

However, she had just realized that maybe it wasn't that appropriate to do something like this with Aiden, as he didn't like it very much.

'Hear you? Of course, I did, but it's not because I'm feeling those emotions that I'm attracted to you,' thought Aiden, talking to himself.

"R-right, you love me..." said Aiden, in a very awkward tone.

"Do you really remember me?" asked Lilia, again, as she couldn't get out of her mind that Aiden was truly acting weird right now.

"Of course, I do, so can you stop with those questions? Now, I think we discussed everything, right?" said Aiden as he quickly stood up.

He was tired of talking to her as this conversation was simply going nowhere, he was happy to have confirmed that she wouldn't reveal his identity to anyone, but that was it.

That was basically the only thing that was worth noting in this entire conversation.

Lilia was a little shocked by Aiden stopping this entire conversation right away, however, she didn't say anything, only nodding her head, telling him that he could leave and that they were done.

'I know that he didn't tell me everything, I'm sure something happened to him, and he thinks I'm related. That's probably why he's so cold and indifferent toward me,' thought Lilia as she could Aiden's figure leaving her room.

'Well, I don't why I was even stressed in the first place,' thought Aiden as he opened the door to her room, leaving.

Their conversation had been pretty much useless, and Lilia seemed sure that something happened to him in the past, something traumatizing.

However, she was completely wrong, Aiden was simply not the same person as before. [search the NôvelFire.net website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

That's why he seemed so different, sure something might have happened in the past, but that wasn't the reason that he was acting so weirdly with her.

Aiden was now roaming the streets in search of the blacksmith that he had chosen for his weapons.

He didn't know how he was supposed to receive the equipment that he had asked for the tournament, since the system had pretty much told him nothing.

It had only told him to decide on a blacksmith to craft his item and weapon, which in this case were pants and a dagger.

Then, he decided to look around the last place where he had seen Thorin the blacksmith.

"Hey, is that you? You motherfucker!" shouted someone coming out of a smith, angered.

Aiden heard that voice and turned toward where it was coming from, and was surprised to see a dwarf coming to him with clear anger in his eyes.

'Is he talking to me?' thought Aiden, as he looked around him.

However, when he saw that there was literally no one around him, he understood that the dwarf really was talking to him.

"Yeah you," said the dwarf as he continued to walk angrily toward Aiden.

Then, Aiden got a better look at the person who was approaching him, wondering if he had ever met him before that.

And he finally realized who that dwarf was.

It was the dwarf that Aiden was looking for, Thorin, the blacksmith.

"Did I do something?" asked Aiden, seeing that the blacksmith he had chosen was so furious at him.

"Of course you did, you fucking dumbass, you chose me to do your fucking items."

'Is that why he was one-star?' thought Aiden, now understanding that his personality really wasn't the greatest.

The first time he had seen him, Thorin had seemed nice in the way he was interacting. But now it seemed that his real personality was coming out, and it wasn't a great one, just like it was described on that little interactive screen.

"Is there a problem with that?" replied Aiden, confused as to why he would be angry over such a matter.

However, Thorin's response confused him even more.

"Of course, there is. Why would you pick me a One-Star Blacksmith, do you even have a brain?" he asked, furious.

Thorin had no idea why the person in front of him would choose him, who was supposed to be the worst of the worst, well... in terms of personality.

If it was only the talent, then he would probably be at the very top, but who cares about that?

"Um, sorry about that, but why are you mad over having a customer?" asked Aiden, confused as to why he was so furious toward him.

"When did I ever say that I was mad about having a customer? I'm just mad that you chose me."

'Why is he saying fuck or fucking every chance he gets?' thought Aiden, finding that habit of Thorin quite weird if he were to be honest.

"Fucking follow me," said Thorin, as he indicated to Aiden that they would be going to his smith.

'Well, I guess that's just how he is,' thought Aiden, as he followed him, not caring about the insults that Thorin was saying.

The two of them then entered the blacksmith, and Aiden couldn't help but be shocked by how dirty it was.

'Did I really pick the right Blacksmith for this?'

{Author's Note: Because there are two Thorin in the story, I will try to write who that person is in the scene, like Thorin, the blacksmith, or Thorin, the head of the Ravenwood Family. Yeah... I know, I could've chosen different names but it's funnier this way, right?}

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Chapter 208 - 208 - Annoying Personality

Then, both Aiden and Thorin, the blacksmith, entered his smith where he would be crafting his rewards for the Inter Family Tournament.

The first thing that came to Aiden's mind was how dirty this place was.

Everywhere that he looked, Aiden could see dust, but that wasn't that bad.

The thing that made it filthy was how messy this place was, only by walking around, Aiden could already sense how dense the air was, which made it hard to breathe.

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"What are you coughing, are your lungs not strong enough?" asked Thorin, who was breathing just fine.

'Yeah, I mean you probably can't reach the air, which is dense,' thought Aiden as he made fun of Thorin's height in his mind.

"Sure, whatever, so why did you want me to follow you?" asked Aiden, trying his hardest not to cough from all the dust flowing around.

"Weren't you the one searching for me? Isn't that why you were sniffing around," replied Thorin with a guess which was the complete truth.

'Well, I was, but it's you who found me,' thought Aiden, talking to himself in his mind.

Aiden only wanted to know how he would be receiving his rewards, and he also wanted to make sure that they would be made with care, as he would probably be using them in the future.

He didn't want to interfere with Thorin's crafting at all, and that wasn't the reason he had come searching for him, after all.

"Whatever, it doesn't matter who came looking for who, so-"

"Of course, it matters you fucking twat," said Thorin, adding his usual insult while talking.

Aiden didn't want to deal with that foul personality as he wouldn't be able to endure it, that was almost a certainty.

"Sure, I came looking for you, can we talk about something else now," said Aiden, clearly annoyed by this whole thing.

Thorin only nodded, waiting for Aiden to speak.

"Alright, so how is this going to work? How am I going to receive my rewards from the tournament?" asked Aiden, as this was what he wondered the most about.

Thorin, however, seemed confused by that question as if it was extremely obvious.

"I guess you aren't the smartest, huh? It's obvious, someone will come give it to you," answered Thorin.

'But how? That's what I want to know about,' thought Aiden, as he didn't even hear the insult that Thorin had mumbled.

He was becoming more and more used to it.

Seeing Aiden's face which showed annoyance, Thorin decided to add a little more details.

"What, you think no one will be able to find you? Don't worry, someone will go and give it to you."

Thorin knew that there weren't many who could evade the detections from the founding families, well... except one person who hadn't appeared in literal years.

Aiden hearing that nodded as it seemed to be making sense.

If they couldn't find it, they would simply be sending his rewards to the Emberbane Family, it wasn't that complicated.

"Um, alright I get it, but what about my rewards did you already start to craft and smith them?" asked Aiden, curious if Thorin had started some sort of design for them.

However, the answer that he got was once again quite aggressive.

"Do you think I'm a fucking machine? Of course, I didn't have the time to start anything, the tournament only finished like an hour ago."

Aiden hearing this nodded his head, understanding that what he was saying clearly made some sense.

"Don't tell me that you came to ask some special requests?" said Thorin.

"Um, well just make that you give me a good dagger and a good item," said Aiden, as he knew from Thorin's tone of voice that he shouldn't be making any request, just like how it was written in his description.

"Sure, now scram. I don't have the time to deal with you," replied Thorin, as he pretty much kicked out Aiden by pushing him out of the smithy.

'Ah, I can finally breathe normally,' thought Aiden, talking to himself, stepping outside that place.

He had to say that he was surprised Thorin was even alive, his lungs must be made of metal or something like that.

'Oh, fuck, I forgot to ask how much time it would take for him to have the rewards ready?' thought Aiden, as he turned back and entered the smithy once again.

As he entered, he heard a bunch of insults thrown his way.

"Why are you fucking coming back in here, you fucking twat?"

Aiden hearing all those insults knew that he wasn't welcome inside the smithy, however, he wanted to know the delay for him to receive his weapons.

It was essential for him to know since he would be planning his future actions on this.

"I just wanted to know when everything would be ready?" asked Aiden as politely as he could, not wanting to anger him.

He made sure to be as polite as he could so that he could get a proper response, however, it seemed that Thorin didn't care about that at all.

"Who fucking knows? They will be ready when they are ready. Now, leave this place and leave me alone or else it might take more than a month," said Thorin as he chased out Aiden once again.

'Well, that was helpful,' thought Aiden as he was now outside the smithy.

He had hoped to have at least some sort of date or something similar, but it seemed that he had forgotten that Thorin was a One-Star Blacksmith only because of his personality.

Having a date would have helped him decide whether he wanted to visit one of the worlds he had visited in the past, the world of Mia.

He also knew that this System Function had a long cooldown, which was one month, so he knew that he would be stuck in those worlds for a month before being able to go back to Nova. So he was wondering if he would wait for his rewards to arrive or not.

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Chapter 209 - 209 - Jealousy

Some time had passed and Aiden was now with both Emma and Olivia waiting for someone to come pick them up to leave for the Emberbane Territory.

"What are you doing? It's me who's standing on that side," exclaimed Emma as she tried holding Aiden's right hand.

Olivia didn't even try to argue with her as she continued to fight for Aiden's hand.

"Let go, Olivia," shouted Emma who was getting angrier and angrier.

Aiden, on the other hand, didn't even try to pay attention to those two maniacs who were trying to hold his hand as he was simply looking in front of him waiting for that person to appear.

"Aiden! Do something," Emma complained as she got pushed away from him and his hand.

Hearing his name, he simply glanced at the two girls for the first time with annoyance.

"Can't you guys just stop fighting, it's been like this since I returned from my discussion with Lilia," said Aiden, truly exhausted from their comportment.

They were always bickering fighting for no reason, well... they had one and it was always Aiden.

It seemed that they were in some sort of battle regarding Aiden, however, no matter how much Aiden tried to think about what it could be about, he ignored it.

"Emma, just come hold this hand," said Aiden, as he showed his left hand.

However, it seemed that this wasn't enough.

"No, I want this one," she said, pointing at his right hand.

'What did I do to deserve this?' he thought.

"Fine, then Olivia hold this one, so she stops crying like a baby," said Aiden as he handed his hand toward Olivia.

Aiden could only hope that Olivia would be a little mature and accept.

"Sure," said Olivia as she winked at Emma.

Then, Emma approached and held his right hand while Olivia was holding the other one.

"Alright, now can both of you stop talking for a moment," pleaded Aiden as he wasn't going to be able to endure them much longer.

In fact, he was already at his limits.

'Ah, finally some peace of mind,' thought Aiden as his surroundings became silent for the first time in literal hours.

He couldn't even begin to imagine what it would be like when reaching the Emberbane Estate.

His days of peace and quiet would be counted, that's for sure.

Then, as he finally got silent, someone appeared in front of them out of nowhere. Even Aiden hadn't been able to see where she had come from.

He could only guess that this person had used some sort of teleportation to get there.

"Hello, you three, I was asked to bring you to Miss Emberbane," said that person who was dressed like a maid.

Seeing that person made Aiden think about Emily, his maid, whom he had seen when he had first arrived.

He could only think that she must have been happy to find out that he wasn't in the Slums anymore and that he had probably died.

Aiden still didn't know what she had done when she found out that he had disappeared, but he could only guess that she had done nothing since nothing had happened during all that time.

And the maid who had just appeared in front of Aiden was beautiful, to say the least.

Her uniform was fitting her perfectly, showing all her curves perfectly, and her face was even more beautiful.

'Is she a succubus?' thought Aiden as he remembered seeing one at the Ravenwood Pavillon where the auction had happened.

However, Aiden still wasn't sure about that, as he couldn't see any sort of tail coming from behind her.

"Um, can the three of you grab hold of me," asked the girl, unsure of what was happening between those three.

What were they even doing holding onto the hands of that man?

'Are they in some sort of relationship?' thought the maid, seeing that they were holding his hands with a big smile on their faces.

"Sure," replied Aiden to her question as he managed to release both of his hands and touch the maid on her shoulder.

While getting closer to the maid to touch her, Aiden made sure to watch out for any sort of tail, and it seemed that the maid didn't have one.

'I guess she isn't one,' thought Aiden.

His intuition which hadn't been wrong a lot had told him that she was one, but it seemed that he was wrong this time.

"Um, can you girls hold me too," asked the maid, seeing that they were both eyeing her quite weirdly.

Both Olivia and Emma were watching the maid as if they were about to eat her for doing something wrong.

'What are their problems? Is it because of him touching me?' thought the maid, not understanding why such an action could cause such overreactions out of them.

Then, both Emma and Olivia slowly approached her as they put their hands onto her shoulder, making sure that they were close to Aiden while doing so.

But while they did that, the two of them whispered something to the maid.

"You're lucky."

The maid hearing that was confused.

'Why am I lucky?' she thought, as she glanced around her, trying to understand what was happening.

But then she looked at the two girls and how obsessed they seemed to be, and understood what they were talking about.

'Are they thinking that I'll steal him from them? They're fucking crazy,' thought the maid.

While thinking that, she still stayed with a neutral face not showing emotions just like a well-trained maid would act.

Then, she opened her mouth because it was time to go, or else they would be late and Miss Emberbane wouldn't be happy.

"Alright, everyone got a hold of me, right?" asked the maid, as she looked around verifying.

After making sure that everyone was holding her, she activated a skill of teleportation since not even a second later they were in a completely different place.

'Wait can't she just teleport us to the Emberbane Territory?' thought Aiden, confused as to why they needed to go see Melinda.

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Chapter 210 - 210 - Colour, too much Colour

Then, everyone got teleported to a completely different location, which Aiden had clearly never seen before.

Getting a quick look around them, it seemed that they were outside the territory, as Aiden could see the ramparts made of stone all around it.

'What are they even scared of?' thought Aiden, seeing those ramparts.

In his mind, it didn't make sense for the city to have something to defend themselves since there were no monsters that could potentially attack them. The monsters were all in the Otherworld and even there they were rare.

Then, he stopped looking at the Ravenwood Territory as he glanced to his right and saw a vehicle that didn't resemble anything he had seen before in his life.

It wasn't some weird vehicle, well it was, but it was in a completely different form which Aiden had never seen before.

It was literally floating, not even touching the ground, and the most shocking part about all this was that there were still wheels under it for unknown reasons.

The other interesting element about this floating vehicle was the fact that it was gigantic. The color of it was also quite an interesting choice since it was pink.

'Well, I guess it's not something you use to be discreet,' thought Aiden, seeing that flashy color.

He knew that if it had been who had designed this thing, the only color that would be on it, would be black. He would have chosen that color to be discreet, which was the complete opposite of right now.

After getting a good look at this pink floating vehicle, he noticed that there were already multiple people on it.

However, since he was too far away from it, he wasn't able to see who they were. Aiden could already guess that there would be Melinda on it, but regarding the others, he wasn't sure.

Then, he stopped looking from far away as he got closer to that floating vehicle.

As he got onto it, he was able to glance at who was on it, and then he remembered that Isolde was on it, the girl who had finished third place.

Aiden wasn't sure why she was there at first, but then he remembered that she had asked for Melinda to train her, so it made sense to see her here.

There were four other people who weren't Isolde and Melinda, and they were all guys.

Aiden simply gave them a glance as he wasn't really interested in them, in fact, even Emma and Olivia didn't look at them, ignoring them as if they were simply decorations.

To be honest, why would they look at other guys when they had the perfect one right beside them?

"You're finally here," said Melinda as she noticed that Aiden had once again his mask on his face, clearly not wanting to show it to those who were present there.

She would have to be careful regarding his name since he clearly didn't want it to spread, which was something that she couldn't understand as everyone wanted to be renowned.

Seeing that the Reaper had just gotten on, Isolde gave him a quick look, however, she quickly looked down when she saw the two crazy girls who were holding his hands.

'Yeah, they're crazy,' thought the maid, seeing the looks that they were giving to Isolde.

Were they not scared of her family or something like that?

It was as if all that mattered in their life was Aiden.

"Alright, now that everyone here's what do you say that we finally leave this place and go home," exclaimed Melinda, indicating for the three of them to sit in front of them.

Aiden obviously listened as he sat down, and while doing so neither Emma nor Olivia let go of him, which shocked everyone inside the floating vehicle.

All of them had pretty much the same thought.

'Yeah, they're crazy.'

That was what they all told themselves, seeing that.

But they didn't give it too much importance as everyone started feeling the vehicle slowly getting higher and higher in the air.

Then, everyone stopped talking and made sure that they wouldn't fall off this thing, since there were only small walls to protect them from falling.

A few minutes later, they were arriving at the Emberbane Territory, and it was the complete opposite of both the Ravenwood and Nightshade Territory.

Everything was so... colorful as if there was a party going on every single moment of the day.

Everywhere that Aiden looked, there were new colors that he had never seen before, a mix of colors that he had never thought would even exist. It was weird, especially for Aiden, who was used to everything being of a dark color.

Feeling that everything around was joyful was a change that he would have to get used to.

"Alright, everyone we arrived, get off," said Melinda.

While she said that, Aiden was able to glance at the gigantic building that was right behind her, and he was shocked.

It was even worse than the city itself, everywhere that he looked he was blinded by how flashy the colors were.

'Well, this is obviously not a place where assassins are welcomed,' thought Aiden, as it would be very difficult to hide yourself in all those colors.

'Well, I understand why that floating car was pink,' thought Aiden as he slowly started to realize that it made sense considering this was the place where they lived.

"Do you like it?" asked Melinda, seeing everyone's shocked face.

Well, Olivia was obviously used to it, but it was both Emma, Olivia, and Aiden who couldn't even begin to believe what they were saying.

"Um, y-yeah, it's certainly colorful," replied Olivia, still not convinced about this whole design.

"Right, well I'm happy that you like it because inside is even more colorful," said Melinda excitedly while she started walking toward the front door of this colorful castle.

'Jeez if I stay here for too long, I'll become blind.'

"Alright, let's go in," said Melinda as she started moving toward the door, which wasn't too far away from her.

Soon after that, the rest entered this giant mansion, estate, or whatever could fit to describe how massive this thing was.

Hell, Aiden couldn't even see how large it was when entering.

Then, soon after entering, Melinda stopped in front of all of them, turning around.

"Alright, so what do you want to go and visit first?" said Melinda, looking in the direction of Aiden making it clear that the question was for him.

"Oh, and you boys can leave and go do whatever you usually do," said Melinda to the people who had participated in the Inter Family Tournament for her family.

It seemed that she really didn't care about them at all, as if they were something that she could throw away whenever she wanted.

Well, theoretically that was the case, but whatever.

"Um, the training hall," replied Aiden to her earlier question.

He said that he had no choice but to think of when he had first arrived at the Everheart family and visited the training hall, becoming the Legend of the training halls, well over there.

He remembered beating that parkour challenge on his first try.

Thinking about that, he also remembered that the training was the reason that he had met Emma, who was still right beside him even now.

Well, Aiden was excited about the differences between a founding family training hall and a middle-level family training hall.

He couldn't wait to see what things the other training hall lacked, since from Aiden's perspective it had been pretty good.

Then, as they were about to leave in the training hall's direction, a voice interrupted them.

"When we get there, I want a duel against him," said Isolde as she pointed toward Aiden, who still had his face hidden behind a mask.

'Why me again?' thought Aiden, as he started to get annoyed by this whole fighting thing.

Couldn't they simply leave him alone for a single moment, he always had to find someone different.

In the trial, it was Lucius, now it's her.

What's next?

Melinda, however, wasn't of the same opinion as Aiden, since there was a big smile on her face.

"Oh! I like that, what do you say Reaper, do you accept?" said Melinda, having no doubts that Aiden would accept this duel.

'It'll be interesting seeing the two of them fight, and it would give some idea of how strong she is,' thought Melinda as she remembered that she would have to train Isolde for one month.

It was easy to say that it would be a really long time before Melinda won't be able to know Aiden more which was basically what she dreamed of doing.

"Sure, I'll accept," replied Aiden, as he knew that he couldn't show that he was someone weak or scared.

He needed to keep this strong appearance up, even if he disliked it at the moment.

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Chapter 211 - 211 - Emma isn't feeling good

They were now going toward the training hall as there was now a duel between Isolde and Aiden.

Emma and Olivia didn't seem worried at all as they didn't for a single moment that Aiden would be losing this fight, especially after the performance that he had put on at the tournament winning it.

"Are you nervous?" asked Emma, whispering into Aiden's ear.

She made sure that he could feel her body rubbing against him, but once again it seemed that it had no effect on Aiden since he was completely on the fight which would be happening in a couple of minutes.

Aiden was honestly not worried at all about the fight that would soon be happening as he still had all those stats points that he hadn't applied yet on him.

He also knew that he would be fighting against an enchantress which made things extremely simple since assassins excelled when fighting in one versus one.

"No, don't worry, everything will be fine," whispered back Aiden.

As he whispered this, his breath went against Emma's neck which turned her on instantly as she became red as a tomato.

"T-that's good then," replied Emma out loud, clearly shy about her reaction.

'God, imagine that was only his breath, and I'm already this turned on,' she thought, embarrassed that it was so easy to turn her on.

In fact, her face wasn't the only thing that changed because of Aiden's breath, she started to feel some liquid getting released from between her legs.

'What's happening to me?' she thought, not understanding how his breath could be the cause.

'I am really that attracted to him,' thought Emma, happy and confused at the same time.

She was happy that she liked him and that her body clearly seemed to like him. But, she was confused regarding those reactions from her body.

She didn't want to become completely dependent on him, too.

Then, as she thought of all that, she started feeling some fluid running down her leg.

'Wait, no, no, no, what if someone sees this? Especially Olivia, that would be the end of me,' thought Emma, trying to hide it as best as she could.

But, as she tried to hide it, her walking became quite awkward, which made it even more obvious that there was something wrong with her.

"Um, are you okay Emma, you're all red?" asked Olivia, right away, with a smile on her face.

Obviously, Olivia wouldn't miss such a golden opportunity to make fun of Emma.

In fact, she hadn't stopped looking at Emma the moment that her face had turned red, thinking that it was extremely weird.

Then, some moments later, she saw that there was some liquid running down her leg and she instantly understood what was happening.

Emma was horny like a dog in heat, in search of her master.

Hearing her comment, everyone turned toward Emma, wondering what was happening to her.

Everything regarding her was odd at the moment, she was red and she was barely walking.

Was she sick?

That was the first question that came to Aiden's mind, as he couldn't even begin to think that he was the cause of all this.

"Everything's fine! Just go to the training grounds," shouted Emma, clearly unhappy with this whole situation.

She had wanted to be discreet in here, she was being spotted by literally everyone around.

It wasn't something that she appreciated very much.

Hearing the anger in her voice, everyone looked away thinking that clearly, everything was fine and that she was only feeling a little sick or something like that.

However, for Olivia, it wasn't the end as she got closer to Aiden face going on her tiptoes, whispering something to him.

"Do you think she's fine? Maybe you should check on her?" she whispered, hoping that Emma would become in even worse condition than she was currently.

Olivia's goal was simple, it was to ridicule Emma as much as she could so that Aiden wouldn't even look at her anymore.

Would her plan work?

Probably not since Aiden was so bad at those things, but that didn't matter, as she would still try as much as she could.

'Should I?' thought Aiden, hearing Olivia.

Glancing at Emma, he noticed that she clearly wasn't in the best state, and that's when he got an idea as to why she was being this way.

'She must be feeling bad that she left Maelis behind!' thought Aiden.

Aiden thought that he had found the reason for her acting this way, but how could he know that he was completely wrong, just like most of the time when it regarded those things?

The maid who wasn't too far from them simply glanced at them with the same questionable look as earlier.

'Those girls really are crazy and that guy doesn't even realize it,' thought the maid, as she could only smile helplessly.

It wasn't as if she had the right to say those things out loud, or else who knew what would happen to her.

"Um, Emma, don't worry about your mom, I'm sure she understands your decision," Aiden whispered to Emma.

His breath once again rubbed against her neck, which caused her to become even redder than she already was.

"Stop, doing that, I'm fine. This isn't even about my mom, in fact, I'm not even thinking of my mom. It's all because of you," Emma mumbled back.

'Because of me? What did I even do?' thought Aiden, not understanding why he could be even remotely his fault.

All he had done was give her some support and she also didn't even seem mad against him as she was still holding his hand as tight as she possibly could.

Aiden was sure that if he looked at the state of both of his hands, there would be marks of fingers imprinted into his hands.

The liquid that had stopped running down her legs started to flow out of her secret place.

Olivia seeing this scene had a big smile on her face as she had succeeded in her plan which was to embarrass Emma even more.

Now, all that was left was to make Aiden not even look at Emma out of disgust.

'What's that?' thought Aiden, when he saw that there was something running down Emma's leg.

However, before he could find out about what it was, a voice made him dismiss those thoughts.

"We're here, welcome to the training grounds," announced Melinda excitedly.

'Fucking colors man,' thought Aiden as he could barely open his eyes because of how flashy everything in there was.

Even in the hallways, it had been painful to his eyes, but it wasn't as bad as right now.

'What is her problem with colors that could literally make you blind?' thought Aiden, not understanding the concept shown here.

But, then Aiden started looking past all those flashy colors and started looking at the actual state of this training ground, and he had to admit that it was impressive.

Everywhere he glanced, he noticed that there were things which he had never seen before.

With a quick glance, he noticed that there were also challenges in this place, however, he didn't know how the system here worked.

He was interested in them, but then as he was about to analyze the rest of the training, he felt himself pulled toward a certain direction.

'What are they doing?' thought Aiden, as he could feel both Emma and Olivia pulling him. Search the NôvelFire.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Why were they doing so?

Melinda had already been walking away, as it seemed that she was going toward the place where the duel would take place.

It seemed that she was quite impatient in seeing the two of them fight. She knew the class of both, well, she thought that.

So, she couldn't see how Isolde would react against an assassin would she panic, or would she keep her calm?

Well, only the future would be able to tell us that, as both Melinda and Isolde entered an isolated room quite far away from the rest of the training ground installations.

"Where are they?" asked Melinda, turning around to see that Aiden and the rest of them had disappeared and were nowhere to be seen.

"Don't tell me that they're doing some random challenge," she mumbled as she got out angrily of the duel room.

But, as soon as she put a single foot out of the door, Aiden had been coming in.

"Sorry, about that, I didn't see you walk away," apologized Aiden, right away, even if he found her really impatient since he was only seconds away from her.

He had to say that Melinda could be both easygoing or crazy, it really depended on her humor.

"Well, it doesn't matter, we don't have any more time to lose, let's see the two of you fight against one another," said Melinda, regaining her excited attitude from earlier.

Then, without losing any more time, Aiden entered the room and Melinda closed the door right behind him.

"We'll be watching the two of you. Good Luck!" said Melinda as she did a thumbs up through the small window of the door.

"Wait, where are those two girls," uttered Melinda, confused as she couldn't find them.

"Don't tell me that they got inside without me seeing them."

While she said that, she glanced at what was happening inside that room and saw that both Emma and Olivia were still holding Aiden's hands.

"What's with those girls and his hands, let him go for one moment," exclaimed Melinda to herself as she opened the door.

"You two, come out of this room and come with me, we'll go watch their fight."

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Chapter 212 - 212 - Angry Sylas

Emma and Olivia listened to Melinda following her into the observation room, wanting to watch Aiden. They certainly didn't want to miss a single moment of that fight,

Also, seeing the clear annoyance on Melinda's face, they thought that it was for the best if they followed everything that she said for the moment.

Melinda, noticing that both Emma and Olivia had entered the observation room, closed the door to the duel room, leaving both Aiden and Isolde in quite a tense situation looking at one another.

"So, who do you think is going to win?" asked Melinda.

However, a few seconds after she pronounced those words, she regretted it and the reason for that being, Emma and Olivia's obsession with Aiden.

"Is that a question?"

"Aiden, isn't it obvious? Why would you even ask such a stupid question? The fight won't even take long, Aiden is going to beat her without even trying," said Emma, truly thinking those words.

There was a single doubt in her mind, that Aiden would be losing this fight, he was going to annihilate his opponents and there was no doubt in both their minds. Olivia was also thinking the exact same, however, Emma had already told everything.

'Right, I forgot that they were crazy about him, I shouldn't have asked them anything,' thought Melinda, regretting the question, she had asked.

In the duel room, both Isolde and Aiden were looking at one another, and the tension, in the room, started growing.

Isolde was looking at Aiden as if he had wronged her in the past, but it was obvious that Aiden had never done anything to her, as he had seen her for the first time yesterday.

As a few moments passed in complete silence, the usual beeping sound resounded in both of their minds.

BEEP

[The duel will start in thirty seconds.]

[No one can die while fighting inside this room.]

[The environment for the fight will be a lake.]

As Aiden finished all those messages that had just appeared in front of him, the floor which had been made out of stone started disappearing, letting water take over.

But that wasn't all, force fields also appeared in front of them, meaning that they couldn't reach the other until the fight began.

'Why a lake though?' thought Aiden.

'Couldn't it have been anything but a lake, there's no way I'm winning this now,' thought Aiden, as he started to lose all the confidence that he had gathered before this fight.

'I can't swim and there is a lake appearing right under my feet, just what is that luck?'

Then, he started to glance around himself, he could see that the water was getting higher and higher around him.

'Are there going to be trees or something,' thought Aiden, as he couldn't imagine that this environment would only be water, and simply that.

There had to be something, or else this fight would simply be doomed from Aiden's side.

Then, as the stone continued to change into water, Aiden started seeing some structures slowly being created not too far away from him.

'But, wait... why am I even worrying about not being able to swim?' thought Aiden as he had forgotten quite the important fact.

He had forgotten about one of the things which he had acquired in one of the past trials.

He could fly.

Who cares if the ground was only water with nothing else on it?

He wouldn't even be touching it, he would simply fly. This way, he would be able to be much more agile and faster in pretty much every possible scenario.

In fact, now that he thought about it, this environment was the perfect one for him as it would hinder his opponent but not him.

Isolde couldn't see Aiden's face because of his Reaper's mask, but if she could get a glance at it, she would be seeing one hell of a dangerous smile.

Then, the timer, which was situated on the right of Aiden, started to get dangerously low.

[0:03]

[0:02]

[0:01]

[0:00]

[The duel will now start.]

While this was happening, in the Nightshade estate, there was one person who was extremely mad, breaking everything that he touched.

"Find me all the information possible on that Reaper or whatever he was called, and I want it now," shouted Sylas as he broke his desk in half.

But that wasn't the worst, his whole room was in the process of getting demolished.

Everywhere that someone looked, they would be seeing something totally broken.

"Um, sir we can't simply infiltrate the Emberbane Territory without their authorization," replied one of the people who were looking at this destruction with their own eyes.

Surprisingly, those people seemed calm. It seemed that this wasn't the first time that something like that had happened, and most of them knew that it would pass with a bit of time.

Also, most of the time they would just listen to all his demands without actually doing so, simply acting as if they would do.

Especially, when one of his requests was to find information on someone who was now part of a founding family.

Sure, if he had been part of a high-level family or even a middle-level one, it would have been much of a problem. But now that the Reaper had been recruited by Melinda in person, there wasn't much they could do.

"Just do it! Just fucking do it," continued shouting Sylas, still being confused by his rage of losing the Inter Family Tournament.

"Why was he there that little fucker, not even part of a founding family, and he beats my son, my OWN FUCKING SON!"

The people around him, ignored his shouts, simply watching him, not saying anything, only observing the destruction of his room.

"What are you all still doing here? Go get information on him and fast," shouted Sylas, basically chasing all of his advisors out.

Then, he simply took the nearest object and destroyed it by literally crushing it in his palm. The people looking at him, however, still showed no reaction as they slowly started leaving his room one after another.

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Chapter 213 - 213 - The Director

The advisors had no problem following that order as they simply closed the door to his room, and all watched each other with serious looks on their faces.

"Don't find information on the Reaper, continue searching for any traces of Aiden Nightshade. That's the priority," said the Director of the Nightshades, the one who would oversee every operation that would come out of this room.

"But-"

"No buts continue searching, I'm sure that he isn't dead, he must be hiding somewhere and make sure that he won't find out about his disappearance, or else, it would actually become crazy," said the director. Obviously, he was talking about Sylas who was on the other side of that door, destroying everything that he could grasp.

"Yes, sir, we will continue the search," replied one of the advisors, not wanting to anger the director as it would be even more problems than the head.

"Then, what are you still doing here," said the Director, dismissing the advisors.

It had been a month almost two since they had launched their research of Aiden Nightshade, and they had gotten nothing, absolutely nothing.

How was it even possible for him to disappear like that?

Emily, his maid, had been trying to find him for the last two months without a single clue.

'Let's hope that we will find something soon, well... before he finds out,' thought the Director, as this was simply his only hope.

If Syllas were to find out that Aiden was missing or even dead, the Director couldn't even begin to imagine what would happen to the estate.

In a week or less, it would be in complete ruins.

'Where are you? Just where are you?' thought the Director, as he simply didn't believe that Aiden was dead, and he had good reasons to believe.

Reasons that he simply couldn't reveal to the advisors, who all told him that Aiden was dead.

The Director was sure that Aiden was alive, there was not a single doubt in his mind.

"Oh, a lake, interesting," mumbled Melinda as she watched over the duel with great care, analyzing every single detail that she could glimpse at.

Olivia and Emma didn't react when they saw the environment chosen for the fight, as if it wasn't even a concern, still as confident as before.

If only they could've known Aiden's earlier thoughts before remembering his flight ability.

Melinda, on the other hand, already knew of it since she had seen him take part in the trial and learn how to fly and use Qi.

To be honest, that was the thing in which she was the most interested, seeing how Aiden would be using his Qi, an energy that wasn't used by many.

In fact, those who could use it were counted on one hand, and not all five fingers were used when counting.

Just imagine how rare are the users of that energy, it was simply amazing for Melinda to have found one who was only starting with using it.

It was a great opportunity for her since she would be able to see his progress over time with the utilization of Qi.

It was an opportunity that she would make sure not to miss.

Then, she glanced at the timer which was on her right, and saw that this duel was finally about to begin.

"Let's go, Aiden!" shouted both of the girls as they continued watching him from this little room.

The three of them, Melina, Olivia, and Emma, were in the spectator's room which was high in the air, right above the duel room.

It was the perfect place to be able to glance at the whole area without any problems.

Then, they started hearing the countdown of the duel starting.

[0:03]

[0:02]

[0:01]

[0:00]

[The duel will now start.]

As the countdown reached zero, Isolde was swimming toward the nearest boat.

Those were the wooden structures that had been in the process of being created while Aiden had thought of the idea of flying.

While she was going in the direction of that boat, Aiden was obviously in the air watching her struggle to reach the boat.

In fact, it seemed that she had a little difficulty swimming, however, Aiden wasn't one to talk since he didn't even know how to swim in the first place.

'Well, should I end this as fast as it started,' thought Aiden as he started flowing down toward the struggling Isolde.

Then, as he reached her, he took his dagger and prepared to slash her neck in one clean strike.

Slash

However, when he saw that Isolde's head was floating on the water, Aiden had only one single question on his mind.

'Why is the duel not finished yet?'

Hadn't he just killed her with one clean strike, so why wasn't he hearing the usual beeping sound in the back of his mind?

What was happening here?

Then, Aiden in complete confusion started to look around himself, asking himself if something had happened to him or the duel for that matter.

Had there been a malfunction with the duel room?

Aiden wasn't sure if that was the case as he knew that if it had been something created by the system, then the chances of there being a mistake were slim, extremely slim.

But, then minutes passed, and he noticed that nothing was happening.

Then, having nothing else to do, he headed toward the door of the duel room, however, no matter how hard he tried to open it, the message appeared in front of him over and over again.

[The duel is not finished, you cannot leave this room.]

Aiden had tried one time, two times, three times, but nothing changed, he was stuck in here with the floating body of Isolde.

But then as he turned around, he noticed that something was weird with his surroundings as if something was constantly moving around, he didn't know what it was.

However, he knew that there was something odd with this room, his instinct was telling him, and this time, he would trust his instinct, he wouldn't make the same mistakes as before.

'Wait, where is her body?' thought Aiden, as he noticed that Isolde's body had completely disappeared from where it had once been.

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Chapter 214 - 214 - Illusions (1)

No matter where Aiden looked, he couldn't see the head nor the body of Isolde as if it had completely disappeared.

'How is that possible?' thought Aiden, not understanding what was happening at all.

How could a body simply disappear out of nowhere?

'I knew that something was weird when I couldn't leave the room,' thought Aiden, as he slowly calmed down and thought this situation through.

First off, he had killed Isolde with one clean strike without her even looking at him as if she had no idea of her surroundings.

That was the first problem with what had just transpired.

The second thing that was extremely weird was that the duel hadn't finished, no matter how much time Aiden had waited for it to end.

This one was what made Aiden realize that there was clearly something wrong.

'But she didn't look at me, before slashing her down, and she didn't even make any noise whatsoever,' thought Aiden, as more and more things seemed to click in his mind.

'She was an enchantress, right?' thought Aiden, as he finally realized what had happened.

Truth be told, it was evident, and he didn't understand why it had taken him such a long time to realize it.

He had been enchanted, and he was now in an illusion in some place that Isolde probably controlled.

As Aiden realized that, it seemed that some sort of mechanism had activated as the water that had been under him started to float up, slowly but surely going toward him.

Seeing that, Aiden flew away as much as he could, since he wanted to see if the water would be following him or not.

Swoosh

As he moved to his right, the water also moved toward his direction.

'What's happening, is the water attacking me?' thought Aiden, realizing what was happening.

However, it wasn't really a threat at the moment, because the water was moving at a snail's pace.

Aiden could literally wait for the water for more than a minute, and it wouldn't even be close to reaching him.

"Is that it?" shouted Aiden out loud, wanting to tease her.

As soon as he said that, the water which had been slowly accelerated instantly moved toward him at a much faster pace.

However, it still wasn't enough to catch him.

But then, not only did the water start to move toward him, but the planks of wood that had been used to create the boats started to fly up toward him.

"Fuck, how do I get out of here?" uttered Aiden as he knew that the situation would only get worse and worse as time passed.

Aiden started to look around himself mindlessly in quest of an answer, but no matter how much he tried. He didn't find anything out of order.

But then, he remembered that he had felt something move not so long ago, his instinct had told him, his [Sixth Sense] had told him so.

Inside the spectator's room, Melinda had a big smile on her face.

She was happy that Aiden had been tricked by Isolde. Of course, Melinda had been able to see the skill that Isolde had cast, and she must say that it was quite impressive.

She had cast her skill as soon as the fight started, and Aiden hadn't even noticed it as he was now in the air not moving, completely still.

Both Olivia and Emma, who were watching the fight, started to get worried that Aiden hadn't moved yet.

"Why is he standing still? What happened to him?" exclaimed the two girls, clearly worried about Aiden.

It was weird that he wasn't trying to end the fight as fast as he could since it would be to its advantage, since Isolde was still swimming toward the nearest boat.

But, then they quickly understood that something was wrong when they heard Melinda release a little laugh while Aiden closed his eyes as if he was sleeping.

"Don't tell that she put him inside an illusion?" exclaimed Emma, not believing her eyes.

"But how? He wasn't even close to her when it happened, when did she even find the time to cast her skill," continued Emma, panicking like never before.

It was the first time she realized that maybe Aiden would be in trouble, and since it wasn't something that she had expected, her emotions were at an all-time high.

"He doesn't even know how to get out of an illusion," exclaimed Emma, knowing that Aiden came from the Slums and had basically no knowledge of how those things worked.

In fact, he probably didn't even know that he could get caught in an illusion.

"Well, that's even better, he might actually lose this fight," said Melinda, who was watching Emma panicking with a big smile on her face.

Melinda had also expected the fight to be extremely quick with Aiden being the winner, but now that he was stuck in an illusion without an ounce of knowledge about them, this whole fight had become interesting, much more interesting.

She wanted to see how he would try to adapt to the illusion and how fast he would do so, because he was completely defenseless on the outside, well... apart from the fact that he was in the air, flying.

The fact that he was flying was also quite a big deal since Isolde didn't seem to possess any sort of long-range weapon, which meant that Aiden could stay as long as he wished in the sky, floating.

So, Aiden basically had as much time as he wanted to figure out how to get out of an illusion.

Melinda was honestly hoping for him to get stuck inside this illusion for a little while, like at least five minutes, or else she would once again have to admit that Aiden was much more talented than she initially thought.

The five minutes was also considering his lack of knowledge regarding illusions.

"Well, let's see how fast he will get out of it."

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Chapter 215 - 215 - Illusions (2)

"Fuck, how will I get out there?" mumbled Aiden as he had no idea how he could get out of somewhere which was under the control of someone else, it just didn't make sense.

He didn't even know how illusions worked in the first place, so how could he know about getting out of one?

One thing was sure, this would be one hell of a challenge for Aiden.

'Well, I think my instinct is my best clue regarding leaving this place,' thought Aiden, as he closed his eyes, trying to focus on his surroundings without looking around him.

However, he wasn't able to stay in that state for too long as there was currently water going at fast speed toward him, not slowing down for even a second.

So, he quickly reopened his eyes, still as lost as before, having absolutely no clue regarding getting out.

"Maybe using my instinct isn't the best idea," said Aiden, after trying it.

How could someone even use his instinct, that didn't even make sense.

Can we even control our instincts?

Aiden had no idea if it was possible, but he didn't have the time to be trying out too many things.

'What else can I even try to do?' thought Aiden as he kept moving away from the planks of wood coming toward him.

"Fuck, this illusion will probably disappear after some time, I'll just wait it out," muttered Aiden as absolutely no idea came to his mind.

But, then, he quickly found a problem with waiting it out.

"What about my real body? Is it drowning?" mumbled Aiden, realizing that he couldn't waste any more time stuck in this place.

He needed to get out as fast as possible since an immense number of things could be happening to him on the other side.

'What if I was being stabbed by Isolde right now,' thought Aiden, realizing that being in this place wasn't any relaxing matter and that he couldn't simply wait out this illusion.

He needed to find a solution and fast.

'Just what is weird around this place,' thought Aiden, for one last time, as he made sure to get a good look around him, trying to find something that wasn't normal.

He had no idea what he was looking for, which is why Aiden was currently analyzing the walls, the water, and the wood.

He was making sure that he would miss absolutely no details.

Then, as his eyes started looking at literally everything that was surrounding him, he noticed there was something that emitted the color red coming from the ceiling.

It was faint, but Aiden was still able to see that red color, which wasn't anything like the gray one that surrounded that light.

'Is that the source of the illusion?' thought Aiden, as he slowly started to fly in the direction of that red light.

But as he did so, the water, which had already been going at a great speed, increased and the wooden planks started to accelerate even more.

They were moving so fast that Aiden was now having difficulty keeping up as he needed to use all of his abilities.

"That must be it," exclaimed Aiden.

He was convinced that he was on the track because of how the elements of the environment had reacted.

They were now trying their hardest for him not to reach that faint red light.

'How much time did it take me to find this thing?' thought Aiden as he felt like he had spent at least an hour inside this illusion.

He hoped that this feeling really was a feeling and not a reality, because if it was, then he would be in loads of problems outside.

In fact, Aiden wouldn't be surprised if he was in the process of drowning right about now.

"Fucking get out of my way," shouted Aiden as a wooden plank appeared in front of him.

He was tired of dodging everything coming his way which is why he grabbed his dagger tightly, slashing toward him, cutting the wooden plank into two pieces which created some space for him to continue flying forward.

He was now about three hundred or four hundred meters away from that red light, however, something was weird... it felt as if he wasn't getting closer at all.

But, Aiden didn't let that discourage him as he continued to push through, thinking that he would soon be able to get out of this shitty situation.

Then, he looked behind him and saw that the plank which he had cut into two was now coming toward him.

Aiden had forgotten one important fact, wooden planks weren't human beings, which meant that they didn't die if he cut them.

In fact, if he continued cutting them, it would make his job even harder as he would have to dodge more and more projectiles, which wasn't something that Aiden really wanted to do.

'I guess, I'll just dodge from now on,' thought Aiden, as he continued flying toward the ceiling of the duel room.

However, he still had that same feeling from earlier, it was even getting worse as he could see that red light getting further and further away from him which made absolutely no sense.

Nonetheless, Aiden's instincts were telling him that he was on the right path and that he shouldn't try anything else.

He wasn't sure if his instincts were right, but he liked to think that they were.

Aiden was now moving so fast that the water was barely able to catch up to him, and that was also the case for the wooden planks. Search the [NôvelFire.nët](#) website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"I better be arriving soon," muttered Aiden as he could himself start to slow down little by little, lacking the endurance needed for such a distance.

He didn't know why, but he felt as if he was feeling like he wouldn't have Qi in his body in a few minutes.

Did this energy have a limit?

Aiden wasn't sure, as he hadn't gotten that sensation back in the trial, probably because he had been inside of Li Feng's body.

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Chapter 216 - 216 - Winner, Loser

Then, as the red light seemed to get further and further away from him, it suddenly disappeared as if it had never been there in the first place.

"Where is it? Fuck," shouted Aiden, realizing that the red light was nowhere to be seen.

"Don't tell me that this was another trick," muttered Aiden, thinking that all of this must have been another illusion or something like that.

Then, he started looking all around himself, in search of that red light, and as he looked back he saw it once again.

However, there was one massive difference compared to before. It was a lot more apparent before as if wanting to be noticed, and the other important thing it looked a lot closer than before.

In fact, as Aiden started approaching, it was getting closer and closer to him.

'I must have broken the illusion somehow,' thought Aiden, as he used the remaining of his energy to fly up as fast as he possibly could.

Then, as he got closer to that red light, he noticed that it was a sphere of red energy.

Arriving right beside it, Aiden didn't waste any time analyzing it as he hit it with his hands, completely breaking it.

Then, the red energy started going around the entire environment. A few seconds later the whole scenery had changed and Aiden could see himself in the sky standing still as if he hadn't moved a single inch ever since this whole illusion had started.

"Am I back?" mumbled Aiden, as he looked around him, trying to find Isolde as fast as he could.

Then, he saw her climbing onto one of the boats which were lying around.

Seeing her, Aiden started to fly in her direction with his dagger in his hand and there was only a single thought in his mind, and it was to kill her.

He didn't want to be stuck in some other illusion, so he made sure that she wouldn't have any other occasion to do so.

And even if he were, stuck in another illusion, Aiden had figured out a way of getting out of one which was related to that little red sphere of energy.

He was sure that there were other ways to do so, but that was the one that he had just found.

Then, as he was now right above Isolde, which was basically defenseless, he dived with the same goal in mind; killing her.

As he grabbed hold of his dagger, he prepared his attack as he aimed toward the neck of Isolde, slashing just like he had done earlier in the illusion.

SLASH

This time, blood came out of her neck, it seemed that it really was her.

'Well, that was a little disappointing,' thought Aiden, as Isolde had once again not reacted to any of his moves.

However, Aiden caught onto something immediately after "killing" her, there was no beeping sound.

"Don't tell me that I'm in another illusion?" mumbled Aiden, noticing that the corpse that he had just sliced once again disappeared right in front of his eyes.

As he started looking around in search of that red light, something was slowly approaching behind him.

Aiden hadn't noticed it yet, but it was Isolde with a short sword in her hands, ready to strike Aiden down when he least expected it.

Then, as she reached Aiden's back, she prepared her strike by slowly lifting the short sword up and one moment later striking it down with all of her strength.

Using swords wasn't what she was the greatest at, but when she used them, people would think that she was garbage at fighting with one. It was one of the benefits of being an enchantress.

Then, as the short sword started getting closer and closer to Aiden's back, shivers ran down her back.

A simple glance had caused those shivers.

Aiden had simply looked behind him because his sixth sense was telling him to do so, and he had caught her red-handed.

It seemed that she had duplicated her body or created a clone of herself, Aiden had no idea how, but that was his guess right now about what had happened.

Then, as he looked behind his back, he put his dagger in such a way as to deflect the short sword aiming for his life, and this time he saw fear appear in Isolde's eyes.

Her plan which she had been thinking of ever since they had gotten on that vehicle had been countered by someone who didn't even seem to be trying, by someone who didn't even seem to be struggling.

Was that the difference between her and the Reaper?

Just how much stronger was he?

If so, then it was an overwhelming one, even if she continued and got stronger and stronger illusions than it would all be for nothing.

Then, as Aiden deflected her short sword, he noticed that there was a big gap in her defense, which meant one simple thing—she wasn't used to fighting with such a weapon.

"You lost," said Aiden, as he looked right into her eyes with his Reaper Mask still on his face.

Isolde could only look down, as she could only feel fear when looking into that mask.

There was no doubt in her mind, that she had lost and that she had been thoroughly defeated. In fact, she would be even more embarrassed if she were to know that Aiden had gotten out of her illusion in a matter of minutes when he had no knowledge regarding them.

Then, as Aiden continued staring at her face that was full of fear and demise, he decided it was time to end this fight once and for all, as he slashed her throat without hesitating.

He knew that this wasn't the end for her and that she would reappear, but even then he had to admit that it felt good.

But, then as he saw Isolde's head fall on the ground while turning into particles, he thought of something.

'Would the system think of this as a kill?' thought Aiden, as he looked at his gloves.

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Chapter 217 - 217 - Shock

BEEP

[You have won the duel.]

Then, as he thought of that, the system instantly beeped inside his mind.

It seemed that after doing that deal with it, it had become a lot more responsive to some of Aiden's questions. However, he still refused to answer those that really mattered, which pissed off Aiden to a high degree.

BEEP

[The kills inside the duel room do not count, on the kill count of your item.]

'Thank you for that clear and concise response,' said Aiden to himself in his mind.

After making that deal with the system, he had decided to go on a softer approach with it, basically being polite as much as he could.

He thought that maybe it would be even more responsive if he were to act like that. However, he still couldn't see any real changes since he had made that change, he knew that the system was nicer to him because of that deal they made.

Then, as he continued to think about the system and the answer he lacked, the dead body of Isolde which had disappeared into particles started to slowly reappear in front of Aiden.

"That always makes you feel like the worst," she muttered as she could see all the parts of her body slowly starting to reappear.

Seeing this scene was quite impressive to Aiden since he had lived the exact same thing in the past, and he remembered the emotions that he had felt when doing that.

He remembered the helplessness that he had felt when "dying" a second time.

He wondered how Isolde was holding on, but it seemed that she was used to the defeats inside this room, as she revealed a little smile followed by a slight chuckle.

"You really were scary at the end," said Isolde, acknowledging the fact that she had almost shat in her pants because of only his glare.

But what could she say, that deathless glare was traumatizing, and she hoped that she would never have to see it again in all of her life.

Aiden, hearing that he had scared her, wasn't confused as he knew that he didn't have the friendliest face, but for her to be that scared was a little surprising.

'Maybe I got carried away,' thought Aiden as he remembered the end of the fight and some of the frustration that he had felt during its whole duration.

"Um, sorry about that, didn't mean to," apologized Aiden, as he really hadn't wanted to scare her off at all.

"Ah no worries, you were trying to win and so was I," she said, flashing a beautiful smile toward Aiden.

However, it had little to no effect, as Aiden barely even noticed it.

"I guess we better leave this room," said Isolde as she slowly headed toward the door of the room.

"Oh, and thank you for this fight... it made me understand what I lacked the most," added Isolde as she turned around, seemingly, truly thinking those words from the bottom of her heart.

Aiden was a little surprised by the thank you, but he still appreciated it.

He had to admit that getting thanked by the person that he had just "killed" was quite weird, even if it made sense since she wasn't really dead.

It was a change that Aiden would have to get used to if he were, to be honest. Fighting to learn from one another wasn't a concept that he had experienced a lot in his past life and in this one.

Then, all of his thoughts went away when he heard the voices of the people who were entering the duel room as they were going out.

"You won! I never even doubted you for a second," Emma exclaimed as she ran up toward Aiden, jumping in his arms.

Aiden, not wanting to get hugged at the moment, simply moved out of the way, which led to quite a funny moment of Emma being on the ground.

"She's lying when you stopped moving because you were in that illusion she was panicking, but I was calm, not once doubting you," said Olivia. She acted like she was the most mature one of the two, slowly approaching him and locking hands with him.

Emma, who was on the ground behind the two of them, then shouted something back.

"She's lying, she was just like me," said Emma as she quickly stood up and also locked hands with Aiden.

Then, they were back in their original position, one on his left and one on his right.

'Just happened for Olivia to like me so much?' Aiden thought, not understanding why she was acting so close to him.

However, those thoughts quickly vanished as he saw Melinda.

"She's right, they were both worried about you," added Melinda, putting an end to that conversation, as she couldn't endure the two of them arguing any longer.

Just being in the spectator's room with them had been exhausting, so she didn't want to hear the two of them bickering any longer.

"But, enough of that, you both performed well in that fight, it was actually impressive to watch. Especially, when you cast your illusion skill at the start, even I was impressed by it," said Melinda as she turned toward Isolde congratulating her a little, before turning back toward Aiden.

"But was it true that you had no knowledge regarding illusions?" asked Melinda, as this was the question that had been weighing on her mind since earlier.

Aiden was a little confused by that question, and he quickly answered it truthfully as he didn't think of a reason to lie to her.

Also, he wasn't going to lie to her again and again, he needed to reveal some bits of truth at some point.

"Yeah, it was, why?"

But Melinda ignored his question as she confirmed the information that Emma and Olivia had told her.

"Then how? How did you get out of that illusion in two minutes, if you had no idea how to get out of one in the first place?" asked Melinda, clearly shocked.

Isolde who was right beside them was even more surprised than Melinda as she thought that the Reaper had at least some knowledge of illusions.

"Do you really not know anything about illusions?" asked Isolde, as she simply couldn't believe it.

If she thought that there was a gap between the two of them, it had only grown much more.

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Chapter 218 - 218 - New Quarters (1)

"Yeah, I really didn't, was it that impressive?" questioned Aiden as he looked around seeing everyone nod.

'Well, I guess I have good eyes. Also, who wouldn't try going for that red sphere, at least hide it better, if it's the method to get out,' thought Aiden, as he didn't understand why everyone was overreacting in such a way.

"But did it really take me two minutes?" asked Aiden as he remembered spending quite a lot of time inside there.

He felt as if he had spent literally hours inside that space, so he didn't understand how there was such a big difference between what he had felt and the reality. Sure, he was in an illusion, but was it really all because of that?

"Yes, it did," responded Melinda right away.

"What you're thinking about right now is probably about how you thought that you had spent a lot more time inside that illusion, right?" said Melinda, reading Aiden's mind, without any difficulty.

Aiden only nodded upon hearing that, as it seemed that his feeling was quite common if Melinda had been able to guess it.

"Well, that's normal, the ratio between how the time goes by in an illusion and in the real world is quite different. That's why you had that feeling."

Aiden once again moved his head up and down, showing that he had understood what she had just said.

"Then, what does one hour equal one minute?"

"Well, that depends on the strength of the illusion and many other things, so sometimes that might be the case," continued Melinda while everyone made sure to remember every single one of those words.

"But, yeah enough about that, both of your performances were really impressive," said Melinda, in an attempt to conclude the discussion.

However, the two girls who were holding Aiden's hands did not agree with that statement at all.

"Both impressive, hmph, he was much better," said Emma as she hugged his arm shyly.

It was rare that Olivia and Emma agreed on something, but when it was regarding Aiden they were most of the time in agreement, and this was one of those times.

That's why she instantly nodded when she heard this.

'What is the deal with those two, always complimenting me and holding my hands?' thought Aiden, as he didn't understand why both of their actions had changed so drastically over literally a few days.

It didn't make any sense in Aiden's mind, that the shy Emma was now a lot more confident when talking with the others.

"Well, I will announce one thing here, you two won't be in the same room as A- the Reaper," said Melinda, almost letting Aiden's name slip out of her name since she was kind of used to using it.

The two of them, then went on to complain that it wasn't fair and that they had done nothing wrong at all, however, Melinda seemed quite serious on that matter.

"In fact, my new student here will be living with him as I think that it will help her in the long run," said Melinda, clearly indicating that her new student was Isolde.

"Both of you will be living in here," said Melinda, talking to both Emma and Olivia and throwing them into one of the rooms which had a rainbow exterior.

The room in which both Emma and Olivia would be living seemed to be about the same size as the one Aiden had lived in back in the Everheart Family Manor.

But, it seemed that rooms of that size were common as this whole wall was filled with quarters as big as that one and in the Everheart Manor there had been two of them.

Nonetheless, a founding family shouldn't be compared with a middle-level family, since they clearly don't have the same amount of resources.

"You'll come to see us, right?" asked Emma as the rainbow door closed in front of her face.

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"Are they usually that annoying?" asked Melinda, as she seemed extremely exhausted.

However, this time Aiden shook his head as he also didn't understand that change in both of their personality, especially for Emma. He didn't have a good idea of Olivia's personality, but it still wasn't like this during the Inter Family Tournament.

"No, I don't know what's happening to them?"

The maid who was still accompanying them seemed to have a pretty good idea, as she murmured something in a really quiet tone that no one heard.

"It's your fault that they're acting this way."

"What did you say, Cheryl?" asked Melinda, hearing a faint noise from behind her.

"Nothing, don't worry about it."

Hearing that, Melinda turned her head, not worrying about it at all.

Then, the quatuor continued walking in that rainbow corridor as they suddenly took a sharp turn to the left into a completely new corridor that had fewer colors than before.

It seemed that the theme of blinding colors hadn't reached this place yet, as Aiden was finally able to see the color black for the first time since arriving in this place.

'This is incredible!' thought Aiden to himself, as he hadn't seen that color ever since coming here.

Then, Melinda who hadn't stopped walking in a long time suddenly stopped all movement as she rotated her body toward the right facing a completely black door.

"This will be your room, I know it's quite the sad color we will make sure to fix that soon, no worries," said Melinda as she showed with her hands the exterior of that room.

'No, no, no, don't fix it. Please don't fix the color,' thought Aiden, as he dismissed that thought and observed the sheer size of that room.

Aiden, looking at that exterior, was quite impressed by the size of that room, it seemed to be at least twice as big as the room that both Emma and Olivia had entered.

"Come in, what are you two idling for?" said Melinda as she opened the black door to the two of them, revealing the interior of Aiden's new quarters.

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As Melinda said that, the two of them entered the room, and they started looking around themselves.

Aiden had to say that it was quite pleasing to the eyes and that there really weren't as many colors as in the rest of this estate.

But that was honestly just a detail, Aiden started to look at the size of this thing, and he was honestly impressed by its size.

He could start training here, he wouldn't even have to go to the training grounds anymore.

He could be running in circles in this room, and he would be getting in shape, that's for sure.

It was also quite well-equipped with everything necessary to live and even more. It was perfect, that was it, simply perfect.

But, then he realized that there would be a little problem with living with Isolde.

Aiden wouldn't keep his mask on all day long, he would need at some point to remove it and relax a little, he didn't want to be on edge for such a long time.

"Um, Melinda, can I talk to you quickly," said Aiden, clearly meaning that he needed to talk to her in private.

Sure, this place was incredible, but if he could have a place where he would be able to live by himself, then it would be even better if he were to be honest.

"Sure," replied Melinda as she got closer to Aiden, waiting for him to whisper something in her ear.

"Isolde can you leave the room for a minute or two?" asked Aiden, seeing as she wasn't moving looking at the two of them.

Aiden didn't want to take any risks, that's why he asked her to leave the room. He wanted to make sure that this conversation wouldn't be overheard by anyone.

Isolde didn't complain as she simply opened the black door once again, leaving the room with the two of them alone inside it.

"What was so important that you had to make her leave?" asked Melinda with a quiet tone, as she knew that Aiden didn't want this conversation to sound through the walls.

"Can't you find me a place to live alone," asked Aiden, right away, before saying his reasons, as he was interested in what sort of reaction Melinda would have toward that idea.

Obviously, she wasn't too pleased by that idea, as she replied, "Well, are you sure that's in your best interest being alone constantly? On the way here, I noticed that you weren't the biggest talker, so I thought that having a new person as a roommate would be a good idea."

She didn't seem too keen on the idea of finding him a new room, and she had even given him reasons that Aiden couldn't refute even if he wanted to.

Everything that she had just said was true, and there was no doubt about it. However, that wasn't a reason for Aiden to give up, as he responded with his own arguments.

"What about my privacy? What if I want to be alone? What if I want to remove that mask from my face? I simply can't do anything with her here," said Aiden, as he tried to make himself sound as annoyed as he possibly could.

Melinda took a few seconds before answering, and she had honestly found the perfect solution to his problem, however, it wasn't one that Aiden would appreciate.

"About your mask, why not remove it and show her your face and tell her your name, wouldn't that solve pretty much all of your problems?" said Melinda, as she couldn't find anything wrong with her response.

The reason that she couldn't find anything wrong with it was simple, there was no issue with that solution, well... no issue that she knew about.

She didn't know that the more people knew about Aiden's identity, the more in danger he would be, it basically went together.

That was what she ignored about Aiden.

Nonetheless, revealing his face to someone who was completely unrelated to the Nightshade family, probably wouldn't be that bad, but Aiden didn't want to take any chances.

"I don't think that's a good idea," replied Aiden, exactly for those reasons.

Melinda, however, just couldn't understand. She knew that Aiden may like his privacy, but why did he need to hide his face from everyone that he saw?

Melinda hadn't recognized him, so it couldn't be because he was so popular that everyone would be recognizing him.

He came from the Slums, for fuck's sake.

"Why? Give me one good reason?" asked back Melinda, waiting for Aiden's answer.

However, now Aiden's mind was in complete turmoil, as he didn't know if he wanted to reveal the things that he knew to her or not.

'Should I tell her about my relation with the Nightshades... No, no, I can't do that what if she told Syllas,' thought Aiden as he was currently thinking about a good reason.

Then, he realized that he couldn't give her any reason that would refute what she had previously said.

'Well, I guess I'll reveal my face, there's basically no chance that she knows anyone from the Nightshade Family,' thought Aiden, as he had finally made his choice.

He knew that it would be much easier for everyone around him if Isolde knew about his identity.

However, he knew that it would put him in more danger in the future. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

He knew that if rumors started to spread about someone named Aiden, the Nightshades would probably come running, even if there was a chance that they thought he was dead.

If there was even a chance that the trash, which they had thrown away years ago, was now a prodigy.

The Nightshade family would come running, there was not an ounce of doubt in Aiden's mind.

However, he had big doubts that such a situation would happen if he only showed his face to Isolde.

"Alright, I'll show my face," muttered Aiden, with a dejected look on his face.

Then, Melinda made Isolde enter the room once again, and it was now time to reveal his face to another person.

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Chapter 220 - 220 - Wasted Skill Slot

"Isolde, you can come back in," said Melinda as she looked at the door, waiting for it to be opened.

Then, as she walked in, Aiden started feeling somewhat nervous since he would be showing his face.

'Should I really do it?' thought Aiden, with a final hesitation.

Was it worth it to show her his face and at the same take more risks regarding his identity?

The more he thought about it, the more he thought that in the future he would have to show his face to more people, so why not start now?

He couldn't hide for the rest of his life, after all.

'Well, I'll just do it,' thought Aiden, ending this dilemma that was currently happening inside his mind.

He had already wasted enough time thinking of those things.

"He will show his face to you," said Melinda, as she showed Aiden right behind her.

Isolde hearing this was a little shocked, as she didn't think that she was close enough to him for that.

She knew that he must be valuing his privacy, since he had even hidden his face in the Inter Family Tournament, a place where fame was pretty much guaranteed if you went far enough.

"You don't have to if you don't want to," said Isolde, before Aiden had even attempted to remove it.

However, Aiden's response surprised her.

"I'm doing this for me, so stop saying those things, you're only making me doubt myself," answered Aiden as he didn't want to go back into that dilemma now that he had made a choice.

Hearing that, Isolde nodded, not saying another word, simply looking at the Reaper's mask, waiting for it to be removed from his face.

'I wonder what he looks like?' thought Isolde, as she slowly observed Aiden's body, which was pretty well-built since he had made all those challenges and trials.

In fact, his body really had changed a lot since the time he had arrived in this world, it was honestly quite impressive to see some massive changes in such a short amount of time.

Sure, the system played a big role in that, but it didn't remove any accomplishments that he had really gotten that much stronger in such a short time.

After all, pretty much everyone in Nova, Aiden's new world, had access to that system, well most.

'He must be good-looking with a body like that,' thought Isolde, as she slowly started to look at his face.

Then, Aiden slowly but surely removed his [Everchanging Item] from his face, revealing his lips, his nose, his eyes, and then, his hair.

Isolde was pretty surprised by his appearance as she knew that he would be good-looking, but his face seemed gentle which wasn't what she had expected, especially after that fight against him.

He even seemed friendly at first glance, which was completely difficulty from what he emitted during the Inter Family Tournament.

"Aiden, nice to meet you," he uttered, putting his hand forward, waiting for her to shake it.

"Oh, nice to meet and thank you for trusting me, hehe," replied Isolde, coming out of her daze.

Aiden had noticed that she was looking at him quite intensively, but he didn't mention it. He thought it was normal since it was the first time that she had seen his face.

"Um, no problem."

"Alright, now that you both know what you look like, what do you say that we start your training?" said Melinda, excitedly.

'My training? When did I ask to train with her?' thought Aiden, not sure where this was coming from at all.

Seeing Aiden's face, Melinda could only laugh.

"Come on, you didn't think that I would be making you stay in the same room for no reason. You'll be training with me and Isolde, well... if she agrees since it wasn't to be like this in the first place," said Melinda, as she knew that the training of Isolde was supposed to be completely private.

"No, I think that it will be better this way since it would give me a sparring partner, even if he is a scary one," said Isolde, not finding any problems with Aiden training with them.

However, the one who had an issue with this whole thing was Aiden, as he simply couldn't think of what Melinda would be showing him.

He was an assassin, not an enchantress like her.

'Well, I guess I won't be able to use that System Function just yet,' thought Aiden, a little frustrated by this whole thing.

'I'll try to make her change her mind, but it doesn't seem to be an easy task at all. She even tricked me by putting me in the same room as her,' thought Aiden, as he remembered Melinda's arguments and at no point in time did she mention training.

She really was sneaky when she wanted to be, Aiden would have to be careful around her, that's for sure.

"What are you even going to show me?" asked Aiden, wanting to see what her reaction would be.

Melinda had already noticed that Aiden didn't want to train with them, but she would make sure that he wouldn't have the choice to do so.

"I'll show you one of my techniques. A technique that depends on Charm that will help you greatly, I'm sure of that," said Melinda, clearly not wanting to reveal too much of it.

However, Aiden wasn't duped, he wouldn't agree simply because of that. He needed to know what that technique was beforehand.

"What is it? If I'm interested in it, then I might agree to do that training of yours."

Melinda ousted a short laugh, as she became serious once again.

"Didn't you already agree? Well, who cares, it's a technique to change your appearance. But, not just your face, your entire body," said Melinda, knowing quite well that Aiden wouldn't hesitate to grasp such an opportunity.

She thought that Aiden would be very happy to learn this technique, but he seemed mad over something.

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