

The Strongest Assassin Reincarnates in Another World

Chapter 281 - 281 - Orientation Test

A few hours later, Aiden was officially a student of the Magic Academy of the Magic City, however, he wasn't a simple student like almost all the others.

He was a disciple, but not just any disciple, he was the disciple of the director of the Magic Academy. He was the disciple of David Weasley, the best magician of this generation.

Aiden's status had obviously been spread all around the school and everyone who heard about it seemed to be extremely shocked about it as they clearly hadn't expected such a thing to happen.

For most of the students of the academy, the director was a legend, an entity that they would never be able to reach even if they worked their whole life trying to surpass him.

But, now they were hearing that such a person was taking interest in such a young person.

That's why many who heard about Aiden being Walter's disciple simply didn't believe it.

"Aiden, what do you want to study in the academy?" Evelynn asked as she had been following Aiden around recently.

It was now a completely new day and it was the first day of the Magic Academy.

'What do I want to study?' Aiden thought as he didn't quite grasp the question as it seemed as it seemed extremely easy to figure out.

He wanted to study magic just like everyone who had entered this establishment, what else would he want to learn?

"Well, magic. Why? What do you want to learn?" Aiden asked back.

Evelynn who heard his response rolled her eyes as she remembered that he really didn't know anything about this academy.

"What do you want to specialize in? What are you best at?" She questioned.

However, as she said that she realized that it would be a problem since Aiden had no idea what he was good and bad at.

"Not sure, because like I told you before the first time that I used magic was yesterday."

"Yes, sorry sorry, then are you going to pass the orientation test to guide you?" Evelynn asked as she noticed that Aiden seemed even more confused than before.

'What is she even talking about? Orientation test, no one told me about that stuff.'

From the name that it had been given, Aiden was able to deduce some things, however, he had no idea what it would be.

Like what would he have to do that such a test would actually be able to help him decide what to choose as courses?

"Well, I guess I could if it will make things easier," Aiden replied.

Then, as soon as he said that, Evelynn grabbed his arm basically dragging him in some random direction.

Aiden seeing that Evelynn basically knew where everything was situated had to admit that she was quite shocked.

'What's happening? How does she know so well the Magic Academy?' Aiden thought as he had noticed that she was the only person who knew everything about this place.

The others all more or less resemble Aiden as they were all clearly lost trying to find themselves.

However, with the help of Evelynn, everything was a lot simpler as she simply guided him to all of the places which were interesting.

For example, she showed him the Quests Board which showed many tasks that students could do in exchange for Magic Coins.

Aiden wasn't too sure what were Magic Coins, but he didn't ask any questions as he would probably be able to figure it out later when opening his shop.

A few moments later, as Evelynn was still holding Aiden by the hand, they finally arrived in from of a big wooden counter.

"Here go up there and just say that you want to do the Orientation test," Evelynn said as she pushed him forward.

While Aiden moved toward the counter, he still couldn't but question why he needed to do such a thing.

'Couldn't I just take all the same classes as everyone else, why is it that I need to join only the classes that fit me the most?' Aiden thought as he wasn't able to grasp the concept.

'Doesn't everyone have the same classes?'

'Ah, whatever I'll just do it and be done with this whole thing,' Aiden thought as he continued to walk in front of him, reaching the wooden counter.

"Hello, young man what can I do for you?" the girl on the other side of the counter asked.

"Hello, I would like to do the Orientation test," Aiden replied as he noticed that the girl didn't even bother looking up.

Then, the girl simply pointed to her right and Aiden saw that there were many people currently waiting to enter the Orientation test.

"Well, looks like you weren't the only one who had no idea of what courses you wanted to take," Evelyn said.

Then, Aiden who was slowly getting closer to the group of people that was in front of him noticed that there was someone which he knew very well in that line.

It was Anna, it seemed that she was also waiting to enter the Orientation Test.

While Aiden was looking at her, it seemed that Anna felt it as she turned toward him before quickly looking away as it seemed that she was embarrassed.

'Did I do something wrong, why isn't she looking at me?' Aiden thought as he knew that he had beaten her in the sparring.

However was that really that big of a deal that she couldn't even look at him in the eyes?

'Well, maybe I humiliate her in front of everyone? But, is that really a reason for her to act that way with me?' Aiden thought as he slowly started walking toward her since she was currently the last in the line.

'Maybe I should apologize?'

He didn't want to make enemies this early into this new world, especially enemies who had important backing.

It wasn't something that she wanted at all.

That's why as soon as he arrived right beside her, he got closer to her as he whispered something to her ear.

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Chapter 282 - 282 - Zombies, Wolves, Orcs

"I'm sorry about earlier," Aiden whispered to Anna's ear.

This caused her face which was already red from embarrassment to accentuate even more.

Anna seemed surprised that Aiden was now right beside her as she hadn't heard him at all.

This was obviously normal since Aiden had his passive skill which made such things possible.

Anna who just heard what she said had to admit that she was feeling bad as she knew that the way that she currently acting wasn't the nicest at all.

"T-There's no need to be, I don't know why I reacted so strongly earlier."

She seemed embarrassed by how she was acting since she remembered what she had said when Aiden had let her go and decided to let her live.

She remembered how she had complained to the director and had been ridiculed even more.

So, when she learned that Aiden was now the disciple of the director of the academy she got scared that he would use this opportunity to be banished from the academy.

However, there was one thing that she ignored, Aiden didn't even care about her.

She wasn't even worth mentioning in his eyes.

"So, um, about your relationship with the director... you won't say anything mean about me to him, right?" She asked as she was really worried about what he would be doing.

Aiden who heard that was somewhat confused as he hadn't even thought about what had happened with the two of them.

"Yeah, don't worry about it, I won't."

Anna was relieved as she bowed toward Aiden thanking him. The reason that she was now acting in a respectful manner with him was because of his position within the academy.

She knew that her father wouldn't be able to deal with the director of the academy which is why she acted as politely as she possibly could.

"So, are you trying to figure out what you're best at?" Aiden asked since Anna was in the file to do the Orientation Test.

"Yeah I am, I already did it in the past, but I just want to be sure."

Then, she murmured right after saying that, "It's probably the same for you."

However, that last part didn't reach Aiden's ears or else he would have had a good laugh out of that one.

After that little interaction between Aiden and Anna, the two of them only looked at one another as they advanced toward the place where they would be taking the test.

Aiden had to admit that the situation was a little awkward, however, there was one element which made the atmosphere a little lighter and that was... Evelyn's beast which was glued to Aiden's feet, following his every step.

'Is she really able to control it?' Aiden thought as he couldn't help but find this behaviour quite funny.

A few minutes later, it was finally time for Aiden to enter the Orientation trial as he left behind Evelyn and entered almost at the same time as Anna who had already gone in.

'I wonder what this test will look like,' Aiden thought as he stepped through what seemed to be a dark portal.

The portal that he just went through looked a lot like the ones that were on Nova for the tournament. However, the colours this time were clearly darker.

'I wonder how this thing will work?'

Aiden had the same questions appearing in his mind over and over again because he found it extremely weird that a test would be able to determine what he was the best at.

It simply didn't make much sense.

Then, as Aiden was entering into the dark portal, he heard a beeping noise.

BEEP

However, no matter how much he wanted to look at the message that had appeared, he hadn't been able to since everything was dark inside there.

He hoped that it wasn't too important as he slowly started advancing in this darkness wondering when he was going to be able to see again.

Then, as he continued taking a few steps forward, he gained his sight back as he noticed that there were an insane amount of monsters which weren't too far from him.

It looked like he would have to defeat a horde of monsters in this test and even if Aiden had wanted to, he wasn't able to count the amount of monsters that were in there.

There were simply too many to count.

Even if he had wanted to, he wouldn't have been able to.

'Do I need to defeat them?' Aiden thought as he had gotten literally zero information on how this thing worked.

'Well, I guess I don't have much of a choice.'

As he thought that, he dashed forward toward the monsters with his dagger in hand not even worried about failing.

The thought of losing to those monsters didn't even cross his mind as he continued to run forward.

He didn't even feel the need to assassinate them as he summoned a fireball in his hand firing it right away.

BOOM

Then he summoned another one and another one as he kept advancing.

A few explosions resounded in the realm of that black portal.

Right after firing those fireballs, Aiden finally close to all those monsters as he slashed the throat of the zombie that was right in front of him, before killing the wolf which was on his right.

Then, he saw that there was another zombie with a few orcs close to one another and he also dashed toward them not even hesitating for a single moment.

Right after killing them and raising his head, he noticed that there was something which was extremely weird about this whole thing as he saw a creature that he remembered from the very first trial that he had gone through.

He also remembered the zombies, the animals and the orcs, however, there was a monster which had truly marked him and that was the Boss Monster from the first trial, the Cyclops.

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Chapter 283 - 283 - Old Teammates

'Why are there only monsters from my first trial?' Aiden thought as everywhere he looked he saw that there were all either zombies, animals or orcs.

He didn't understand how such a thing was possible since he was in a completely different which shouldn't be related to the first trial.

'Maybe it's related to that beeping sound from earlier?' Aiden thought as he remembered not being able to look at the message that had come from it.

He had to admit that he was pretty curious as to what the system could have sent him, however, he didn't have time to think too much about it as he was soon surrounded by a bunch of different monsters.

On his right there were two zombies, on his left there was a bear, and in front of him, there was a group of orcs.

Looking at all of those monsters, Aiden only smiled as he remembered how scared he had been of them at the start as he had needed to ambush to kill them.

'I guess I really have gotten much stronger,' he thought as he knew that he wasn't the slightest bit of fear looking at them.

He had to admit that it was nice comparing himself to the one he was before, it made it easier to see how much he had grown during that time.

The weak and naive Aiden had now completely changed as he went through many hardships.

However, even if he would have wanted to reminisce about the past, he couldn't as the monsters which had surrounded him were getting too close to him.

'Time to get rid of all of you,' Aiden thought as he decided to eliminate the bear which was on his left to start off since it was alone.

By eliminating the bear, he would be able to move freely a little bit more which would make this whole fight a lot earlier.

That's why he immediately dashed toward his left using [Lightning Steps] the skill that he had learned before going into this trial.

By using this skill, his speed became incredible as the bear didn't even react as Aiden slashed his neck decapitating him in a single strike.

'This is way easier than I thought.'

Seeing how easily he had gotten rid of the bear, he immediately went toward the two zombies.

Then, as he got in range to slash their neck he did so as they still hadn't noticed his approach because of the speed at which he was currently going.

It was honestly an incredible feeling for Aiden as he currently felt unstoppable, he knew that none of the monsters which were around him could hurt him.

If he really wanted to, he would simply run around all of them and quickly finish all of them, however, he wanted to take this opportunity as much as he possibly could as he knew that he would be going back to Nova.

And in Nova, Aiden wasn't anything impressive at all.

He knew that a lot of people were able to oppress him extremely easily, however, this situation was making him forget about all those problems as he continued to slay every monster that appeared in his past.

'Did I really struggle against such creatures before?' Aiden thought as he simply couldn't believe how weak he had been before.

'I guess my growth was impressive, huh? How much time has it been? Three months?'

Aiden wasn't even sure how much time had gone by since he had arrived in this world, however, his guess was between three months and two months.

Then, as he thought about the past, he raised his head and noticed that there was a monster which had once needed help beating.

'I wonder how easy killing the boss monster will be now?' Aiden thought as he anticipated that moment.

He remembered that he had needed help from Ava who he still hadn't seen again.

He had to admit that it was weird that he hadn't seen her at the Inter Family Tournament, his guess was that she had been eliminated at the start of it since she really hadn't been anything truly impressive.

'Ah, whatever, I don't know why I'm thinking of her now of all times.'

Dismissing his thoughts, he dashed toward the Cyclops while using [Lightning Steps], he wanted to make sure that he would be killing the boss monster as fast as possible.

Then, as he got close to the feet of the Cyclops who was twice as tall as him, Aiden jumped up so that he could reach the neck area.

After doing so, he grabbed his dagger as tightly as he good putting as much strength as he possibly could before slashing the neck of that monster.

'I guess that's all I needed to do, huh? No much of a difference compared to the other monsters,' Aiden thought as he saw the head of the Cyclops fall onto the ground making a big shockwave.

Then, the body of the Cyclops disappeared into particles just like all the monsters that he had killed before.

'This place really is weird, I feel like it's been created by the system,' Aiden thought as he started to see a lot of resemblances.

However, he still had a problem he had no way to prove it.

As he was thinking about those things, the particles of the Cyclops finally left Aiden's sight and then Aiden saw something which shocked him even more.

There were two dead bodies which were in front of him.

'Wait are those the bodies of those two guys that I killed at the start?' Aiden thought as he didn't seem to remember their names.

'Wait, the dwarf was named... I think it was Gus, right? And that one was the assassin and his name was... Jackson, no James. I think it was James,' Aiden thought unsure if those were the actual names.

But then, he saw that the two of them were slowly walking toward him.

'Do I need to kill them?' Aiden thought as he truly didn't mind such a thing.

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Chapter 284 - 284 - Real or Fake

Seeing the two of them slowly walk toward him without saying anything, Aiden wasn't sure if it was normal as he remembered that he had killed them in the past so why were they here once again?

'Maybe that amount of monsters were all the monsters that I killed during the first trial?' Aiden thought as it made a lot of sense.

The reason why he came to that conclusion was that he couldn't see Ava anywhere.

"Oh, whatever, it's not like those two are real either way, and even if they were I would still kill them. It's not like I care about them."

Then, Aiden dashed forward just like he had done previously and decapitated the two of them as they didn't even try to defend themselves.

'What even is the point of this place? Is it really a test to tell what I will be the best at?' Aiden thought as he heard a beeping sound inside his mind.

BEEP

[You have reached the second level in the System's Evaluation.]

Aiden who saw this was really confused this time as he had no idea what that message was related to.

Well, actually, he had a little idea, it was probably related to the beeping sound that he had heard when he had first entered the dark portal.

'Did the system transport me somewhere else to test me?' Aiden thought as he realized that it would make a lot of sense.

However, it was confusing since he was already in a trial so why was it that the system or the Lumithars wanted to test him again?

Weren't they already doing such a thing, why were they feeling the need to do it once again?

The point of the trials that Aiden was going through was to be tested by the system, so the "System's Evaluation" really didn't make any sense in his mind.

However, what could Aiden even do in the face of the system, an entity which came from higher beings?

The answer to that was quite simple actually and Aiden knew it very well as he had gone through the struggle of accepting that answer many times.

The only thing that he could was... nothing, actually the only thing that he could was get strong enough to reach those higher beings.

However, he had all those thoughts, he remembered that he could actually ask questions to the system and that he would answer most of the time.

"System what is this thing?" Aiden asked as he noticed that there weren't any monsters or anything for that matter, it was a simple space with nothing inside it.

If the colour of the walls were white, then Aiden could have called this place the Waiting Room, but at last, it wasn't.

BEEP

[An evaluation.]

Aiden reading this was honestly disappointed as he understood that the system wouldn't be answering any of his questions regarding this ordeal.

He knew that he would dodge any questions which asked for more details which is why he decided that he wouldn't be asking any as it would simply be a waste of time.

Then, as he thought of that, he heard another beeping sound in his mind.

BEEP

[The second level of the System's Evaluation will now start.]

Then, as Aiden read that, all of his surroundings changed as he was now in a forest with someone whom he knew very well.

'Mia?' Aiden thought as he looked at the person who was sleeping right beside him.

'Wait is this when we got attacked when we were sleeping?' Aiden thought as he slowly stood up getting out of the small tent.

'I wonder if this Mia is a real one since I didn't kill her or anything like that.'

Aiden wanted to talk to her a little which is why he hoped that she wasn't fake like those two people that he had just killed.

However, that could wait since as Aiden got out of the tent, he saw that there were a lot of monsters attacking him.

But, he noticed that there was a monster which he had never seen before.

'Actually, maybe I've seen it before?' Aiden thought.

Then, it hit him.

He had seen it before, in fact, he remembered extremely well where he had seen that monster.

It was the monster who had caused an explosion to happen, the Minotaur.

A monster which he hadn't fought even a single time yet, however, there was something weird about it as it wasn't acting like the others mindlessly advancing toward him.

It seemed to be observing Aiden, analyzing him wanting to see his weaknesses.

However, Aiden couldn't keep watching that monster as there were monsters which were currently approaching him, trying to attack the tent in which Mia was sleeping.

'Oh, so you sacrifice them to see my abilities, huh? Pretty smart,' Aiden thought as he decided to give no information at all to that monster.

He would be annihilating all the monsters that were currently moving toward him so that the minotaur would obtain a total of zero information about him, he would make sure of that.

Then, the annihilation started as the heads of all the monsters that were in front of Aiden all dropped on the ground practically at the same time since he still had [Lightning Steps] activated.

After killing all those monsters, Aiden looked up directly into the eyes of the Minotaur which was still acting all high and mighty looking down on Aiden.

However, just as he did that, he heard a voice from behind. A voice that he hadn't heard in a really long time.

"Who are you? Where are we?" asked Mia as she didn't seem to understand where she was at the moment.

'Huh? Is that really who I think it is?' Aiden thought as he couldn't believe that the Mia he had seen inside the tent could speak.

However, there was still something that Aiden needed to figure out and that was if she was the real Mia or some clone that the system had created.

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Chapter 285 - 285 - Saving Her

"Yeah, I'm talking to you, did you kidnap me? What's going on here?" Mia questioned.

Her reaction right now indicated that she might be the real Mia as she had never seen Aiden's real face in the trial since he had been the king's assassin at the time.

'So she doesn't have any idea of who I am?' Aiden thought as he knew that he couldn't really go up and introduce himself as he still felt that the Minotaur was looking at him.

Aiden knew that this would be the case, but he had to admit that it really hurt him as he remembered that pretty much all of his first experiences with girls had been with her, so when he saw the look of distrust in her eyes, he felt hurt.

"Just stay there, I need to deal with this first," Aiden said as he turned his back toward the Minotaur.

After turning around, he noticed that there was something that was weird about the Minotaur as Aiden was almost sure that he had a little smirk on his face.

'What is he smirking at?' Aiden thought as he was frustrated that this monster was wasting his precious time away from Mia.

He didn't want to be dealing with this right now since he had the opportunity to go up to Mia and talk to her about what happened after he went away from her world.

To be completely honest, Aiden always wondered what happened to the world that he joined.

What happened after he left?

He wanted to know if she had continued to have a relationship with the king's assassin.

However, he dismissed those thoughts as he lost sight of the Minotaur, Aiden who had been distracted by his thoughts had lost sight of him.

'Just where is that gigantic monster, it's not like he can hide behind the trees,' Aiden thought as he knew that the Minotaur was a lot too big to be hiding being anything for that matter.

'Wait don't tell me...'

As he thought of that, Aiden turned around and saw that Mia was still outside of the tent looking at Aiden probably wondering what was happening right now.

But, then as Aiden looked behind her, he got shivers running down his back as he saw that the Minotaur was now right behind her with a big smirk on his face.

Without losing any second, Aiden dashed forward as he wanted to save Mia at all costs, he still didn't know if she was the real one and he didn't want to take any chances.

He pushed himself as much as he could which almost caused him to fall forward by trying too hard.

However, such a thing didn't happen as he was able to take control of his body before falling down.

Aiden was moving so fast that he had never expected a monster to be faster than him, but what he saw contradicted what he had just thought.

The Minotaur wasn't even looking at Aiden anymore as he probably couldn't see him, he was looking at Mia with a big smirk on his face as he had figured out that this girl was Aiden's weak point.

He had seen the look in Aiden's eyes when she had gotten out of the tent which is why it decided that it would be attacking Mia and not him as the Minotaur didn't seem to keen on fighting Aiden head-on.

It probably wasn't confident enough.

Then, seeing that Minotaur was about to strike as Aiden was still a couple of steps away from her, Aiden needed to do something.

"Mia, run toward me!" Aiden shouted as he saw that the Minotaur's strike was about to reach her as his arm was slowly coming down.

'Why is he saying that and how does he know my name?' She thought, not understanding how such a thing was even possible in the first place.

She hadn't said her name to someone who looked like him, in fact, she had never had someone who resembled him in her life.

'The fuck is she doing?' Aiden cursed in his mind, frustrated that she wasn't listening to him.

'I don't have the time to explain everything,' Aiden thought as he continued running in her direction, wanting to save her.

He needed to know if she was the real one.

Then, it seemed that he found more of his energy reserves as Aiden accelerated even more, moving twice as fast as before.

The distance between him and Mia was now only a couple of metres, however, the hand of the Minotaur was also a couple of metres away from Mia.

Actually, it was a lot closer than that, probably only a metre away from the top of her head.

Aiden knew that she would be squashed like a bug if the Minotaur's attack ever reached her which is why he decided to shout something else that would make him gain some time.

"Kneel down or something, I don't know but fucking MOVE!"

This time the tone in the voice of Aiden seemed to wake her up as she started getting closer to him, however, it seemed that it was too late as the hand of the Minotaur grazed her hair.

'What was that?' She thought as she looked behind her and saw the monster which was over 10 feet tall.

'Was he trying to save me from that?' Mia thought as she gave a soft glance at Aiden wondering why he was going to such lengths to save her.

Seeing that the Minotaur hadn't succeeded in killing Mia, he was relieved as he finally reached her grabbing her in his arms.

"Just sit back and watch, I'll deal with this," whispered Aiden as he slowly put Mia on the ground.

Then, he glanced up toward the Minotaur who didn't seem as confident as earlier as Aiden wasn't able to see any smirks on his face.

'I'll make you suffer for what you tried to do,' Aiden thought as there were lightning parks that were starting to come from his feet.

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Chapter 286 - 286 - Suffer

As the lightning sparks bounced off Aiden's boots, he was already at the bottom of the Minotaur's feet.

Aiden had predicted that the monster would react somewhat to his movements but it seemed that the recent gain in speed that Aiden had gotten was too much for it to handle.

After all, Aiden was currently moving faster than a train working a full speed.

If anyone on Earth were to see him right now, they would be shocked there was no doubt about that part since Aiden would probably be able to cover a one-hundred-metre distance in less than 3 seconds.

"I'll take my time with you, I won't end your life right away like I did with the others," Aiden mumbled as he slashed both feet of the Minotaur.

This caused the Minotaur to lose a little bit of balance almost falling down, however, it seemed that this monster had found the will to stay up as he clearly refused to fall down even when both feet were about to let go.

"ARGHH!" The Minotaur roared in pain.

'That's what you get from trying to kill her.'

Then, as he thought that Aiden jumped in the air reaching one of the Minotaur's hands, cutting off all of his fingers.

As he landed back on the ground, he jumped toward his other hand where he did the exact same thing.

All of his ten fingers were now falling onto the ground which created a shockwave because of how heavy all of them were.

Aiden knew that this creature was heavy, but he still hadn't expected such a thing from his fingers falling down.

'I wonder what will happen if it's his entire body that falls onto the ground?' Aiden thought, knowing that he would soon be getting that answer.

Now, as Aiden looked up, he was a little more satisfied as he saw that the Minotaur didn't have fingers.

But, it still wasn't enough. It needed to suffer a lot more for what it had tried to do.

Even if the Mia which was not too far behind him a fake one, Aiden didn't care he would have still acted in the exact same way.

He wasn't the type of person to have pity regarding others, especially when those that he was trying to hurt tried to kill those that he cared about.

This was definitely crossing the line and Aiden wouldn't let it go, no matter what.

Then, as he dismissed those thoughts, he looked back up toward the butchered Minotaur as he jumped into the air once again aiming for, yet another, part of his body.

This time it would be one of his shoulders, which was surrounded by some black fur or hair, Aiden wasn't sure.

All that he knew was that this creature was extremely ugly and Aiden had a single goal in his mind, which was to make him even uglier.

Just thinking about it put a smile on Aiden's face.

'What if I land on one of his shoulders?' Aiden thought as he knew that there was enough space for at least five people on those massive shoulders.

He also knew that there weren't a lot of chances that the Minotaur could defend accordingly since Aiden had just hurt the Minotaur so badly that it was probably trying to still be conscious.

There was so much blood leaving his body that Aiden wouldn't be surprised if that monster didn't fall face-first onto the ground.

Still, he wanted it to hold on, as it would make the Minotaur suffer for a longer time.

Then, as Aiden landed on the monster's shoulder, he took his dagger and activated his weapon's aura, making sure that he would be able to slash it in a single strike.

'Let's see if your shoulder is more durable than that boulder,' Aiden thought as he was quite impatient in seeing how his weapon's aura would work on a real body.

Then, he grabbed his dagger and coated it with that blue energy, making sure that it would be enough.

The only thing that was making this process a little bit harder than last time was how unstable the Minotaur was.

It seemed that from the slightest cut, he would be falling down.

The dagger now coated with mana was immediately brought down close to the Minotaur's shoulder as Aiden went all in putting all of his strength into that slash.

He would make sure that the Minotaur would be losing one of his arms before losing his life.

THUD

The arm which had been part of the monster's body wasn't anymore as a massive sound resounded across the environment in which Aiden was.

After he lost that arm, Aiden, who was still on the Minotaur's shoulder felt that something had changed as he saw that the Minotaur was about to fall forward face-first.

'Alright time to get off,' Aiden thought as he jumped down wanting to get a good view of that falling body.

He made sure that there was no chance for Mia to be hurt, then he enjoyed the view.

BOOM

As the body of the Minotaur fell on the ground, Aiden went right beside it as he would be making sure that this thing was really dead as he didn't want to take any chances.

Thus, he arrived around the area of his neck which was at least one meter long and Aiden cut it.

The head of the Minotaur was now on the ground unable to roll because of his horns which made the rotation impossible.

Making sure that there was no chance for it to come back alive, Aiden finally turned around as he knew that he still wasn't done.

He needed to have a conversation with Mia, after all.

'Let's see how this thing will go,' Aiden thought as he noticed that Mia seemed somewhat scared of Aiden.

However, all hope wasn't lost as he had saved her previously which had probably made her opinion of him much better.

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Chapter 287 - 287 - Calming her down

"So, um, who are you and why am I here with you?" Mia asked as she looked around herself.

She knew that they were in a forest in the middle of nowhere and the most worrying part about all this was that she had no recollection of getting here and sleeping in the same tent as the man that was in front of him.

'Alright, first things first, I need to figure out if she's real or fake,' Aiden thought as he ignored her questions.

He knew that her knowing those answers wouldn't change anything about the problem that he was in and it wouldn't help him figure out an answer for it either.

Seeing that Aiden didn't seem to be paying any attention to her, Mia uttered, "Hello? Are you okay?"

She seemed quite impatient in knowing more about the person who had just saved her since this was the first time that she had seen him.

"Um, sorry about that," Aiden muttered realizing that he had been ignoring her for a couple of seconds already.

Then, as he was about to ask a question of his own, Aiden suddenly got a horrible thought.

'Why didn't I receive a message saying that I finished this level of the System's Evaluation?'

He knew that he should have gotten a message about it, however, he didn't have any at the moment which was worrying since there were no other enemies or monsters that he needed to beat.

'Wait... don't tell me that I'll have to kill her?' Aiden thought, unsure if that would actually be the case.

If it was, he would need to determine if she was the real Mia or the fake Mia as it would greatly influence his decision which is why he came to the question that he had in his mind earlier.

"Yeah, um, sorry I'm Aiden."

He wanted to at least tell her his name so that they wouldn't be strangers anymore.

"Oh, and to answer your other question I have no idea why I'm here with you. Where were you before waking up here?"

Aiden thought that this question would give him a good idea over his problem, however, it seemed that it wouldn't be the case seemed Mia's answer was useless.

"I-I... don't know. Wait, why can't I remember what I did before waking up here."

After realizing that there was something wrong with her she looked directly into Aiden's eyes as there was clear anger in her eyes.

"Is it your fault... Were you the one who did this to me?" She shouted as she got closer to Aiden grabbing him by the collar.

Seeing how Mia was being aggressive Aiden had to admit that he was quite surprised as he had never expected her to be acting in such a way.

Based on his memories, she had been really gentle with him no matter how much of a jerk he had been.

"I wasn't, I really don't know what happened," Aiden said as he saw that Mia slowly started releasing him from her grasp.

If he had wanted to, he could have dodged out of the way when she had gotten close to him, however, he hadn't wanted to as he wanted her to pass all of her anger onto him and him alone.

"Do you remember anything about the past then?" Aiden asked as he needed to figure this out.

He knew that the second level still wasn't finished which meant that there was still something that he needed to do, he could only hope that it wasn't killing her.

He knew that it was related to her, but he just hoped that he wouldn't need to kill her because that would be cruel.

"I-I don't, why can't I remember anything, what's happening to me?"

It seemed that Mia was currently in the process of having a mental breakdown and Aiden who was watching her do so couldn't take it anymore as he slowly got closer to her putting his head on her head.

He was able to easily reach her head since she was now crouched on the ground panicking.

Then, Aiden heard a beeping sound confirming that he had activated the skill [Gentle Touch].

As soon as he saw that message he noticed that Mia was slowly starting to get in control of her emotions, it seemed that this skill really could work wonders

However, it could also cause a lot of problems since people, most of the time, realized that Aiden was manipulating their emotions.

'Why aren't I sad anymore?' Mia thought as no tears were coming out of her eyes anymore.

Then, she looked up and saw that Aiden had his hand on her head and she didn't know why but it felt really good.

It was as if his touch was comforting her on a whole other level that she had never felt before.

'This is so nice,' she thought as she made sure that he wouldn't be removing his hand anytime soon.

At least, until she got control of her emotions.

While Mia was thinking of all those things, Aiden's mind was in complete turmoil thinking about a lot of different things.

'What can I ask her next that could give me a hint? Maybe I could ask her about the time she spent with the king's assassin.'

But as soon as he got that idea, he discarded it as she had just said that she had zero memories of her life.

'It's as if she was created solely for this trial, but how can I be sure of that?'

Aiden knew that there were good chances that she had been created from the ground up, but he still didn't want to take any risks as who knew what could happen.

"Are you alright now?" Aiden asked as he didn't want to force her into answering any of his questions.

He wanted to make sure that she was doing alright before continuing their discussion.

'Maybe I can tell her some things that could make her remember me?'

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Chapter 288 - 288 - Killing Her?

However, just by having this thought, Aiden knew that it would be very difficult to figure out the situation regarding Mia.

'Just what can I fucking do? She has no memories,' Aiden thought as he realized that there was basically no way for him to know if she was real unless he asked the system.

But, for some reason, he was almost sure that the system wouldn't be telling him anything at all.

He just knew that asking about it to the system wouldn't do anything.

But... he still did it, hoping that he would be right this time.

'Is she real?'

BEEP

[Maybe]

'Argh, why the hell is that shit, just tell me what I need to do to reach the next level of this evaluation or whatever it really is,' Aiden said to himself, frustrated.

Why couldn't the system help when he needed it the most?

'Alright, let's go to plan B, figure out what I need to do to reach the third level,' Aiden thought as he knew that there was no way that he would be able to figure out if Mia was real or not.

She seemed real from a physical aspect, however, there was no way to figure out the mental one.

Then, Aiden came out of his thoughts as he heard the voice of the person whom he had his hand on.

"I'm okay, thank you," Mia said, thanking him for using [Gentle Touch] which was quite a rare occasion to be completely honest.

He remembered how most people reacted after he had used it on them, so this was quite refreshing.

"It was no problem."

"Alright, so any ideas of where we are?" Mia asked as it seemed that she didn't even remember this forest which was from her own world.

But, that was normal if Aiden took into account that she had forgotten about every single thing in her life, except her name.

'Should I tell her about the system? After all, it was that thing that brought her here or made her appear,' Aiden thought.

He wondered if the system would once again intervene if he were to tell Mia.

'Wait, I got an idea!'

Aiden seemed to realize something about the system.

The system or the Lumithars didn't like information about them being shared which was why they had intervened in his third trial regarding that.

'What if I tell her, wouldn't I be able to figure out if she's real or not?'

Based on what he knew, if Mia was a real person, then if Aiden were to tell her about the system then it would intervene and in case it was the other scenario then the system wouldn't interfere.

'Yes, I really am a genius.'

It seemed that Aiden had forgotten that the system or rather the Lumithars could hear his every thought but that was only a small detail or maybe a big one, but oh well... he forgot.

"I do actually have an idea of where we are," Aiden said out of nowhere.

"You do?" Mia replied surprised that Aiden knew something about this place.

"Actually I have a good idea of where we are right now, however, it's a little complicated to explain."

He waited for Mia to concentrate before continuing what he was about to say.

"You see, this forest and this tent with the monster is already a moment that I lived in the past. In fact, I lived it with you."

As Aiden was about to continue he was quickly interrupted by Mia who seemed confused about what he had just said.

"So... we know each other?"

'Maybe that's why he was so desperate trying to save me as if his life depended on it. Who am I to him?'

There were a bunch of questions that were popping into Mia's mind, but she stayed silent letting him answer the first question that we asked.

"Um, actually, that's complicated... We do know each other, in fact, we spend some time together, but you probably still don't know who I am."

Mia hearing this was even more confused.

"What do you mean?"

What Aiden had just said literally made no sense, if they had spent time together then why wouldn't she remember it?

"You see, I wasn't really... the real me when we spent time together I was under another name, but that doesn't really matter just listen to what I'm about to say," Aiden continued, cutting off short the explanation as he realized that it wouldn't even matter if she knew about the trials and all that stuff.

'Why am I even talking about all that stuff, let's just tell her about the system and be done with it,' Aiden thought, a little mad at himself for wasting time.

"You see the people that brought us here are a group of people named the Lumithars. We are probably not even in a real forest and the monsters that I just killed probably weren't even real."

"Truth be told, right now, I'm doing an evaluation that they gave me. However, don't ask me why, even though I don't why I need to do such an evaluation."

'Looks like the system won't intervene, huh?' Aiden thought as he realized that this probably meant that the Mia which was in front of him was fake.

"You don't know why you were brought here?" Mia asked a little confused.

Didn't he just say why he was here?

"It's a little bit more complicated than how I explained it," Aiden continued explaining to the fake Mia.

While he said that, his mind was obviously somewhere else completely as he was now almost certain that she wasn't a real person.

'The dwarf and that assassin weren't real, so why would she be?' Aiden thought, trying to convince himself that she wasn't real.

'Do I really need to kill her to reach the next level of this evaluation?'

Aiden hesitated as he looked down toward the weapon that he was holding in his hand.

'Should I?'

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Chapter 289 - 289 - Magical Path

Aiden was now in a dilemma wondering if he should kill Mia or not, if he didn't kill her then he honestly had no idea how to progress with the System Evaluation.

"Hey, um, Aiden why are looking at me like that?" Mia asked as she noticed that Aiden had abruptly stopped talking and started fixing her.

'Did I do something wrong?' She thought, unsure what was happening.

'Man, this is hard, why can't I know if she's real or not.'

He didn't want to take any risk regarding killing as this was the first person that he had cared about ever since

Seeing that Aiden was still not answering her, she slowly started walking back as she didn't want him to try anything weird with her.

"L-look whatever I did, I didn't mean to... I swear," Mia shouted as she was once again starting to get affected by her emotions.

Aiden seeing her being so scared finally made his choice as he needed to go forward.

'I'll just have to go to that world when I get out of this trial and check on her,' Aiden thought as he would only know later if she was a real person or not.

He hoped that she wasn't but that was only a prayer that might not be realized.

Then, he slowly started walking toward Mia who was trying to get away from him.

'I'm sorry, if I ever see you in the real world, I'll apologize,' Aiden thought as he could only pray that she would still be alive when he visited her world.

SLASH

Then, Aiden didn't make suffer as he quickly slashed her head off her body as quickly as possible, then Mia's body disappeared into particles just like the monsters that he had killed.

'Alright, now what?'

Aiden was waiting for that beeping noise that said that he had succeeded in the second level of the System's Evaluation, however, he was shocked when he saw the message that was written.

[You have failed the second level of the System's Evaluation.]

[Going back to the trial's world.]

[3...2...1 Teleporting...]

Then as Aiden saw all those messages he couldn't help but be extremely confused over what had just happened.

'Why did I fail? Didn't I need to kill her? Fuck, this doesn't make any sense,' Aiden thought as he realized that he was now out of the dark portal.

Realizing that he was out of it, Aiden got even more mad than before as he knew that he hadn't taken part in the Orientation test which meant that he wouldn't know what courses to take.

However, as he thought that he would have to go back inside that portal, he heard a beeping noise.

BEEP

[You have obtained <Optimal Magical Path>.]

'Optimal Magical Path? Is this a reward for that stupid evaluation?' Aiden thought as he was very mad about it

Then, he started hearing a lot of people murmuring around him.

"What Magical Path grade did you get?" One of the people close to him asked someone else.

"Intermediate, you?"

"Basic"

Aiden hearing people compare their magical path was truly confused.

'Doesn't this test show the best path that someone needs to follow? Is that why Anna was trying to do it again?' Aiden thought as he realized that this Orientation Test gave rewards based on the performance that you pulled off inside.

'Wait... so this <Optimal Magical Path> is it the highest grade?'

If it was then Aiden wouldn't be cursing out the system for their evaluation and instead thanking them.

'Let's see the description of that item,' Aiden thought as he opened the item's information panel.

BEEP

[Magical Path]

[Rank: Optimal]

[Description: A path that will show you your greatest strengths and greatest weaknesses regarding magic.]

'Oh, was I right? Is this really the best grade that someone can get?' Aiden thought as he perceived Evelynn not too far away from him, going toward her with a smile on his face.

'Let's just ask her, she'll probably know.'

"So, what Magical Path did you get?" she asked, quite interested in what someone so talented would get.

She was sort of expecting him to get the highest rank, but she still waited for him to tell more about it.

"Optimal"

"I knew it, there's was no way that you would be getting something else. So, what does it say?" Evelynn asked right away.

It seemed that she was quite interested in the path that Aiden would have to take.

'Actually, there's a small problem, where is that Magical Path?'

Aiden tried searching himself, but it was nowhere to be seen.

'Is it even a physical item or is it something like the system?'

"Um, small problem where do I find that Magical Path?" asked Aiden.

"You don't even know that and you got an optimal one, urgh, I don't know if I should feel insulted right now."

"Whatever, just think of it, it should appear in your mind. It kind of resembles a map connecting to all sorts of different elements."

If anyone from Earth were to see what was about to appear inside Aiden's mind, they would know that it was something called a Star Map which indicated what he knew and where he needed to go

Then, Aiden thought of it and he saw that there were an infinities of stars that were all shining as bright as possible.

However, it seemed that those stars were all surrounding what seemed to be a planet or at least one massive star in the middle.

"I see it, what does this stuff mean?" Aiden asked as he was really confused as to how this whole thing worked since he had never played a single video game in his life.

"Well, do you see that massive lump of light in the middle of your mind?" Evelynn asked.

"Yes, yes, I do, what about it?"

"That's you and the stars that are around that are all the paths that you can take. All the paths are usually connected to an affinity in particular, so, um, how many stars do you see?"

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Chapter 290 - 290 - Space and Death

"An infinity," Aiden replied right away as he noticed that there wasn't a single star that wasn't shining.

It seems like Aiden really had potential in all of the affinities that existed, this was simply the proof.

"Infinity... wait what did you just say?" Evelynn asked again completely shocked by what she had just heard.

There was simply no way that such a thing would be true.

How could he have access to all affinities, it didn't make any sense.

"All of them are shining."

Evelynn hearing this tried her best to calm down as she prepared her follow-up question.

"Which one is shining the brightest excluding the main one?"

Aiden hearing that tried focusing as hard as he possibly could, however, he noticed that he couldn't see any difference in brightness between all of them, they all seemed to be equal to one another.

'Is that supposed to be good?' Aiden thought as he realized that it would make things difficult.

It would make things difficult since he would be able to do everything, however, he wouldn't be able to excel in a single affinity and Aiden didn't want to be average in everything, he preferred being the best in a single one.

That was his ideology.

"There's none, but how can I know which star belongs to what affinity?" Aiden asked as there were simply too many for him to identify them.

Evelynn rolled her eyes hearing that question since it was really common information but still didn't comment on it as she knew the reasons as to why she was receiving those questions.

"There's usually a colour assigned with each star, if you want to know what colour to which affinity then visit the Magic Academy's Library, you will be able to find all of that information there."

It was clear that she didn't want to spend hours telling him about all of the affinities which existed in magic.

'The library, yeah I should go there at one point,' Aiden thought.

However, there was a small problem which was quite simple, he didn't have enough time to do so.

He had to go visit the director pretty much every day where he would continue to learn about magic.

Still, he knew that doing that would be worth it since the director was extremely skilled in everything that he did.

"Which affinity should I start with?" Aiden asked as he knew that she knew a lot more about them than he did.

'I'll see what she says and then I'll ask the director his opinion on that matter,' Aiden thought as he knew that the director would probably give a better response than a student of the academy.

"Well, it's as you wish, but since you don't even know the basics then I would suggest that you start with an affinity which is common to many like fire or ice since you already know some spells from those affinities."

"In fact, you should that those stars are linked to another small star."

Aiden hearing her say that zoomed onto the star which looked orange since that was the colour of fire and noticed that she was right.

It really was linked to another orange star which was a lot smaller.

Then, he did the same with the ice one and came to the same conclusion.

"You're right, I do see them linked to another star of their corresponding colour."

Seeing that Aiden was slowly starting to understand how his Magical Paths worked, Evelynnn thought that it was time for him to sign up for his courses.

However, Aiden wasn't in agreement as he still hadn't heard the opinion of the director of the academy.

"You want to learn those weak affinities when you have access to all of them? Why the hell would you do that?"

The director was truly confused as to why he would want to go down such a simple road when he could learn spells related to space magic, death, or even life.

In his mind, it didn't make sense for such potential to be wasted by learning fire and ice spells which most people knew about already.

"It's just what one of the students that I know suggested, that's why I came to ask for your opinion," Aiden said as he noticed that the frown that was on the director's face slowly disappeared.

'Seems like he really was angry that I had chosen an easy path, huh?'

"So, what affinity should I try to learn?" Aiden asked as he was wondering which affinity he should be prioritizing.

The director hearing that question smirked as he had the perfect choice in his mind already.

"Space and Death affinities, those are the hardest, but also the best affinities when fully mastered," the director said without an ounce of hesitation.

"However, the reason why it's hard to learn them is because of the lack of teachers, but lucky for you, there's one for the Death affinity right in front of you," the director said as he pointed toward himself, clearly proud to have such a rare affinity.

'I guess he isn't the director for nothing, huh? I wonder what one of his spells looks like?'

"What about the Space Affinity?" Aiden asked as he wondered if he had a teacher ready for him.

"You can just attend the classes which are offered in the academy, in fact, you will have the best possible teacher there and you know her quite well," the director said as he winked in Aiden's direction.

"Alright, so space and death affinities, huh? Alright, that should be possible, especially with the system and the Magical Path which will be able to help me guide myself," Aiden muttered as he decided that he would follow the advice of the director since it made a lot of sense.

"Then, come back tomorrow, I'll start teaching you then."

Aiden, then, turned his back and left the wooden cabin going back toward the Magic Academy as he would need to sign up for his class for tomorrow.

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Chapter 291 - 291 - Signing up

The next day, Aiden was going toward the registration counter as he would be signing up for his courses.

He had decided that he would be joining the Space Affinity Course, however, he wouldn't be only joining one course as he needed at least three since he would be here for a month.

He also wanted to gain as much general knowledge as possible so he decided to sign up for a history class which would talk about the history of this world and many other related things.

He would also be signing up for a class which was called Magic General Knowledge, he thought that those three courses would be the best for him since they would respond to his most urgent problems.

That's why he went up to the counter and asked for those three courses, at first it went well with the two theoretical ones, but then when he asked to join the Space Affinity Course, there seemed to be a little problem.

"You want to join the Space Affinity Course? Your name?" the person on the other side of the counter asked as she seemed to be pulling out a list of names.

"Aiden Nightshade?" Aiden responded with a little bit of hesitation as he wasn't understanding what was happening right now.

Then, the girl who was on the other side of the counter analyzed the list of names that she had pulled out and without much surprise, Aiden's name wasn't on it.

"Sorry, but your registration for that course won't be possible since you do not have an affinity related to Space," the girl said keeping a straight face as she knew that she was in the right at the moment.

'Why isn't my name on there? Fuck, it's probably because they couldn't figure out that I possessed all affinities,' Aiden thought as he remembered the scene which happened when he had gone to register for the entrance exam.

"I guess I have no choice then," Aiden mumbled as he resorted to something which he wasn't really proud of.

He would be depending on the reputation of someone else to get what he wanted.

However, it wasn't his fault that the person on the other side of the counter was so ignorant.

"I wonder what will happen if I call the director here?" Aiden said out loud mindlessly.

The girl on the other side of the counter couldn't help but giggle when she heard this as she knew that there were literally zero chances of that happening.

'Who does he think he is, it's not like the director comes for such small matters.'

It seemed that she ignored Aiden's status which as a result complicated some things as Aiden thought that she would have accepted right away if he were to be pulling off that card.

But, it seemed that the news of Aiden Nightshade being the disciple of the director hadn't spread around yet.

It was only a matter of time though.

"Can't you test me? I'm telling you there must be a mistake I really do have a Space Affinity," Aiden uttered as he knew that he wasn't lying, he had seen it in his Magical Path.

"I'm even the director's disciple, so are you sure that you want to do this to me?" Aiden said, threatening the girl as he knew that he had no other options.

He knew that he couldn't kill her, but he would try his best to threaten her with his words and he hoped that it would do the trick.

"Hpmh as if I'll believe if you really insist I'll put your name in, but you'll be kicked really fast and then you'll come begging for me to change to another class," the girl said as it seemed to be a scenario which happened quite frequently from how she was speaking about it.

Aiden hearing that smiled as he knew that such a thing would never happen.

"Perfect just do that."

"Whatever, don't tell me that I didn't warn you. Good luck convincing Lady Sophia that you have a space affinity haha," the girl said as she giggled just thinking of such a situation happening.

She knew that there was absolutely no way that such a thing would happen which is why she found this whole thing quite funny.

It was now time for Aiden to attend his first course and it was History, he wondered if he would be learning some interesting stuff about this world which would help him when he created that shop later on.

To be honest, he didn't have much hope in this course, but it was better than nothing which is why he picked it.

He knew that he needed to other courses and simply picked those which seemed to make the most amount of sense.

'Alright, so who's in my class?' Aiden thought as he analyzed every single person who was seated.

He noticed that there were many people whom he had never seen before, those were probably the people who had been accepted into the academy without going through the entrance exam.

Aiden knew that those were really talented, however, they still wouldn't be on his level which was honestly quite funny considering that he had never done any sort of magic in his life.

'This girl looks interesting,' Aiden thought as he noticed that there was a girl who didn't seem human.

The reason as to why he thought that was because she had what seemed to be cat ears on her head.

'Is she some sort of half-beast, half-human?'

Aiden wasn't sure but he hoped that he would learn more about the different races that existed in this world in this class since it was literally called History.

'We'll, it's about to start let's listen to it even if it's probably going to be boring.'

Then, the lady who was in front of the class started her class as she moved from left to right talking about many random things which didn't summon Aiden's attention.

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Chapter 292 - 292 - Duel

'That was one hell of a boring class,' Aiden thought as he was currently walking out of History class.

He had to admit that it hadn't been anything like he had expected.

The teacher didn't even talk about things that were interesting, the teacher simply rambled about all sorts of random stuff which no one cared about.

He kept naming different dates for different events that had happened in the past.

'Fuck, I thought that they would be speaking a little bit of the present, well it's called History for a reason I guess,' Aiden thought realizing that maybe he had been a little bit optimistic considering the name of this course.

'I hope the one about Magic General Knowledge will be a little better.'

Then, as he was about to head for his next class, the people stopped him from doing so as they were in his path.

"Are you the one that's the director's disciple?"

Aiden seeing who had just spoken couldn't help but be surprised as it was the only person that he had taken note of in the entire class.

The rest of the class all seemed quite average.

It wasn't that she looked really strong or anything like that, it was just that her appearance demarked from the others.

She was simply the only one who didn't have a human appearance with those cat ears of hers.

"I am, what can I do for you?" Aiden asked, wondering why they were asking such a thing to him.

If they were going up to him, then there were really good chances that the people in front of him already about him.

'I guess that sort of news spread quite fast, huh?'

"Isn't it obvious?" the beast girl said as she looked at her friend, "I want to duel you and if I win then it will be that's going to be the disciple of the director."

Aiden hearing her say that was somewhat confused as he couldn't find a single reason in his mind to accept such a fight.

There was also another thing that made no sense, why would the director even accept her as a disciple if she were to win?

He had chosen Aiden for reasons that even Aiden himself ignored, but he had still chosen him.

The main reason was probably his talent in martial arts, but that was probably not the only reason.

"And why the hell would I accept?"

The beast girl once again gave a quick look at her friend as if highlighting the fact that the person in front of them was really stupid.

"For your reputation and the director's reputation, isn't it obvious?"

Aiden truly didn't care at the start, but then he heard a word which immediately made him realize something.

'I'm here to gain reputation and knowledge, so isn't that just a good opportunity to do just that?'

Thinking about it for a few seconds, Aiden realized that there wasn't a lot of risk to this fight since the director would still keep him as a disciple even if he lost, he was sure that he wouldn't about him.

"Um, so how does this duel thing work?"

Then, the beast girl proceeded to explain everything to Aiden.

"It's simple, we set up a date for it, for example, two days from now then we show up, we fight and the winner gets whatever they asked from the opposing party."

'Right, what do I want from her?' Aiden thought as he wasn't sure that he needed anything from a student.

"What are you the most proud of?"

At first, this question seemed extremely random, however, from Aiden's perspective it was quite easy to determine why he asked such a thing.

He would simply ask for whatever she would be answering, she didn't want anything from her as it probably wouldn't have any value in his eyes.

"What I'm most proud of? My magic?"

"Don't you have something else?"

Then, the beast girl seemed to be thinking deeply as she wondered about what she held dear, not suspecting why Aiden such questions.

She found it weird, but still, she decided to answer him.

"Then, I would guess, I'm proud of getting into the Magic Academy," she answered mindlessly.

'Ahaha, that's perfect then,' Aiden thought as he really liked what she had just said.

"Alright, then I'll accept your duel, but if I win you will leave the Magic Academy on your own accord."

The beast girl hearing this understood that she had been tricked, however, she didn't care about what he asked because she was sure that she would be the one that win this fight.

That's why there was no hesitation in the response that she gave.

"Sure, so when will the fight take place?" She asked right away as she felt an arm nudging at her.

It seemed that her friend wanted her to think about it, but the beast girl seemed dead set on beating the fraud that was in front of her.

She knew that she was more talented than him, she had been accepted without even completing the entrance exam.

She was different from those that had done so.

"You decide the date, I really can't bother, now if you'll excuse me," Aiden said as he sidestepped to his right walking forward without looking back even once.

The beast girl was a little confused as to why Aiden was so impatient to lose which made her have some difficulty finding her words.

"Uh, sure I'll contact you. It's Aiden right?" She asked loudly as Aiden was getting further and further away by the second.

"It is."

Then, Aiden continued his walk as he was about to be late for his next class which regarded Magic and its general knowledge.

'Please be more interesting than the last one,' Aiden thought as he really hoped that at least one of his courses would be interesting.

He knew that he had a Space Affinity Course, but he still hoped that the others would also be better.

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Chapter 293 - 293 - Spar

"Well, this one was a little better, at least," Aiden mumbled to himself as he walked out of the classroom.

He learned a few things regarding affinities and their rarity and it seemed like the director of the Magic Academy hadn't lied about those things.

It seemed like both Space and Death affinities were part of the rarest affinities that exist.

In that class, the teacher also talked about an affinity that was on the same level of rarity as Death and Space, and without much surprise, it was the complete opposite of Death... Life.

Those three affinities were the rarest that there was in this new world in which Aiden had been thrown into and he was lucky enough to have the possibility to learn all three.

However, for the time being, he would only concentrate on two affinities just like the Director of the Academy recommended.

'It's not like I know better than someone like him who has so much experience with magic,' Aiden thought as he continued to walk through the hallways of the academy.

He noticed that some people were giving him some weird looks, those people who were looking at him weirdly had probably learned some rumors about him.

'The Space Affinity course is tomorrow, so I can go see the Director now.'

Right as he thought that, Aiden quickly guided himself toward the exit of the Magic Academy and started heading toward the mountains.

He was heading toward his training camp, however, as much as it was a weird thing to say, it wasn't 'his' training camp.

Aiden had to train the director academy, after all.

Then, as he spotted the small cabin where he had discussed with the director yesterday, somebody came out of the building.

"I heard some rumors, you have a fight planned tomorrow?" The director of the Magic Academy asked, not surprised in the least that Aiden had gotten in trouble.

He knew that all talented people would attract the hate of others and this was only the start of a long and harsh path.

But, if Aiden wasn't able to deal with it then he didn't even deserve to be the director's student or apprentice/teacher.

"I guess I do, huh?" Aiden replied, truly not caring about it.

He wasn't worried in the least about the fight tomorrow, in fact, he had just learned from the director that it would be happening tomorrow since that beast girl hadn't told him yet.

"Do you want some help?" The director asked as he didn't want to lose face.

He had just gotten Aiden as his disciple, so he didn't want him to lose. It still wouldn't change anything about the director teaching him, however, many would start talking about his decisions regarding his apprentice.

"No, I will win without any problem," Aiden replied with a lot of confidence in his voice.

It was clear that the beast girl that he had seen earlier today didn't seem to be a threat to Aiden's mind, because if it came to it he would simply start using his assassination skills.

"Are you sure? Can you win only with your spells, are you sure of that?" The director asked already knowing the answer to that question.

There was no way that someone who had just learned how to use magic would be able to be someone with a lot of experience.

Sure, Aiden was really talented, but that didn't mean much, especially against a student who had been admitted to the Magic Academy before the entrance exam.

Being admitted without entering the entrance was proof that the student who had demanded a duel against Aiden was talented, really talented.

"Well, with only magic... there's a chance that I will lose but if I can use my other skills, then there's no way that I will lose," Aiden replied still full of confidence.

He had never thought once in his mind that he would be losing against someone else. The only person that he would accept losing against would be the founding families or the Lumithars, those who controlled the precious system that Aiden had access to.

'Should I take a chance and not teach him anything for that fight tomorrow?' The director thought, unsure of what he needed to do.

However, he quickly decided against it as he knew that it wasn't in his best interest. But, the way in which he was going to teach Aiden would be different from how most teachers would approach the task.

"Then, what do you say that we spar? You can use both your skills with that dagger of yours and the spells that you learned. As for myself, well I'll only use magic and try to defend against you... what do you say?" The director asked as he knew that Aiden would be interested right away in what he was proposing.

Aiden, hearing that, was currently thinking if it was a good idea to fight against him. For the moment, he couldn't see any negatives, however, he still decided to be careful thinking about all the possible things that could happen.

'If I fight against him, should I use [Mind of an Assassin] or not?' Aiden thought as he knew that the skill he had just named was his strongest and could potentially turn a fight around.

Aiden knew that the director was strong as he could feel some danger from him just like he felt when looking at the Nightshade's family Patriarch.

The feeling of danger was a lot smaller when looking at the director, however, Aiden thought that it would certainly be good practice for the future.

'Well, I'll see how it goes, I might use it,' Aiden thought.

"Sure, let's spar. How do you want to proceed?" Aiden asked, wondering why the director was making such a surprised face.

'Well, that young man is confident. I'll tell you that much, he didn't even hesitate that much to spar me,' the director thought, sort of shocked by this behavior.

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Chapter 294 - 294 - Start of the fight

The director thought that it would have taken a few minutes for Aiden to make his choice. However, that wasn't the case at all, as Aiden had probably noticed that this whole sparring idea was a really good idea for him to get stronger.

"Are you sure about your choice, I can just teach you normally if you're not confident."

"No, no, it's fine. In fact, this is a very good idea, I hope that I will be able to learn a lot from you, mister," Aiden replied with a little bit of politeness.

He knew that this fight would make him gain a lot of experience about what it's like to fight against stronger opponents, and Aiden wouldn't miss the opportunity to get stronger for nothing in the world.

"Then, take my arm, I will guide you toward the fighting area," the director said as he held his arm forward.

While doing so, he prepared himself to teleport and as soon as he felt Aiden holding him, he activated his spell, teleporting both Aiden and himself.

As soon as Aiden opened his eyes again, he had to admit that he had no idea where he was at the moment.

He observed his surroundings and couldn't help but be extremely confused everywhere he looked. It seemed that the director had teleported him into what seemed to be one giant Colosseum.

The stands were grand and big, there seemed to be enough place for at least 10,000 people to look down in the arena in which Aiden currently was.

It was quite an interesting feeling, all things considered.

"This is where you'll be fighting tomorrow, this is where most duels take place and since yours will be an important one, it will take place in this place.

"Do you like it? Impressed?" The director asked as he remembered that Aiden had seen an even bigger place during the entrance exam.

Nonetheless, he had to feel impressed by the sheer size of this place.

"Yeah, it's certainly nice, but won't people see us in this place, it seems to be in the open," Aiden asked, unsure if fighting was the director's best idea.

"Meh, even if they see us, nothing will happen, don't worry about such things."

Then, the director put a big smile on his face as he knew that the fight between him and that mysterious young man would soon be starting.

He had to admit that he was still wondering about Aiden's dagger skills and if he had hidden anything worth noting during the entrance exam.

"Ready?" The director asked as he looked directly into Aiden's eyes, who was currently a few meters away from him.

"Are you sure that you don't want to take some distance from me?" Aiden asked, as he didn't think that this was going to be fair at all if they were sitting so close to one another.

However, it seemed the director was incredibly confident in his victory from what he responded.

"Don't worry about those things, there's no way that you will win this fight either way. This is simply to make you better at fighting and general. I, also, want to see your true power," the director added at the end, as he knew that the strength that Aiden had shown in the entrance exam wasn't all there was to him.

Hearing him being so sure of his victory made Aiden grit his teeth as he knew that there was a chance that he would be winning this fight. There was literally not a single doubt in his mind that he could win.

'You'll see what happens when you act so arrogantly against me,' Aiden thought as a beeping sound resounded in his mind.

[Mind of an Assassin activated.]

Seeing that message appear in front of him, Aiden only flashed a smile toward the director.

'Let's see what he will do now,' Aiden thought as he started releasing that red aura from around him.

Right in front of him, there was a shadow that was currently analyzing all possible scenarios and deciding the best one out of all of them.

In most scenarios, Aiden lost quickly because he was surprised by the spells used by the director. However, as time passed, the shadow of himself was starting to get better and better at analyzing the moves made by the director.

It was sort of acting like an artificial intelligence, learning from all its mistakes, getting feedback from when he lost. Aiden had to admit that he loved watching this sort of thing, it was truly mesmerizing.

"I'm ready!" Aiden shouted as the shadow kept losing again and again, trying to figure out the best way to win this fight.

'Whatever, I'll just lose some time before the skill finds how I can beat him,' Aiden thought as he slowly moved away from the director instead of getting closer.

'While I can, let's practice some of the spells that I learned,' he thought, not wanting to lose a single moment related to this opportunity.

Right after having that thought, Aiden started launching all sorts of different spells like the icicle, the fireball, or even the mud ball.

He didn't care what it was as long as it would make the director lose some time.

'What is he shooting me all those weak skills? All this talk for this?' The director thought actually disappointed by everything that he was witnessing at the moment.

'I guess I'll have to force him in actually using some good skills,' the director, clearly not satisfied with Aiden's performance at the moment.

He knew that there was a lot of strength hidden in that boy in front of him and from what he could feel from that red aura around him, he was dangerous.

In fact, he was a lot more dangerous than what he had expected.

He could feel a lot of danger from Aiden, however, it wasn't the same danger that he felt with other people. It was more related to the fact that if he lost his focus for a single second, then he would lose.

Aiden certainly wasn't stronger than him, however, if the director made even the slightest mistake then he would die right away without having a single chance to fight back.

That was the type of opponent Aiden was, he was an assassin ready to strike at any moment.

'Whatever enough thinking, let's pressure him a little,' the director thought as he started launching multiple spells toward Aiden.

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Chapter 295 - 295 - Combination of Skills

However, it wasn't anything that Aiden had seen before, he couldn't see the skills at all. The only way for Aiden to know that such spells had been launched in his direction was to look with the [Eyes of Truth] at the director's body.

But, even if Aiden did that, he had no idea how to react to those skills as he couldn't even a single one of them.

Out of nowhere, an explosion resounded to his right, followed by the director telling him something.

"Are you sure that you want to keep your distance from me?"

Hearing that, Aiden knew that he had no choice if he kept firing those spells, which would result in absolutely no damage to the director.

He had seen how easily he had blocked his icicles and his fireballs.

'Can't you find how to beat faster stupid skill,' Aiden complained as [Mind of an Assassin] was still not showing any positive results.

In every single scenario, Aiden's shadow had lost miserably.

'Is there really no way for me to win?' Aiden thought as he still dashed forward activating [Lightning Steps].

This action caused some mana from Aiden's reserve to leave his body quickly. However, he still continued to push through, not losing a single opportunity.

He moved at a much faster pace than he ever did as decided to get in close range.

"Not so fast," the director muttered as a portal appeared right in front of Aiden's face.

When he entered that portal, he was sent back to his original position before having activated this skill of his.

'Is this the power of the space affinity?' Aiden thought as he had never thought that such a thing would be possible at all.

That person in front of him had just created a portal that was connected to another one.

And he had done it to a person who was moving so fast that no one should be able to keep up with him. Just how strong was the person in front of him?

If he was that strong, Aiden couldn't even imagine how strong the heads of the founding families were.

Aiden had never seen them fight, but he knew from the aura surrounding them that they were all stronger than that man.

'Fuck, am I really that far away from their strength,' Aiden thought, frustrated.

He thought that his strength had doubled or even tripled from the training with the Emberbane family, however, he couldn't be further away from the truth. That was simply a fact.

"Want to try something else?" The director said with arrogance contained in the tone of his voice.

'I need to gain time... what can I do?' Aiden thought trying to find a solution to his problem.

He first tried to do the exact same thing once again, however, another portal appeared in front of him. Aiden tried dodging it, but he wasn't able to do so at all.

He was back to his original point.

'Spells don't work, I can't get into close-range, just what can I do?' Aiden thought, thinking about all the skills that he had at his disposition.

'Let's try to use [Veil of Darkness] I might be able to go through his portal with that skill,' Aiden thought as he remembered reading the effects of that skill.

He didn't know if he was going to be able to pull it off, however, he didn't lose anything trying.

That's why he once again used [Lightning Steps] combined with the skill that he had won in the auction [Veil of Darkness].

'Let's see what happens now,' the director thought as he observed Aiden not attacking him.

He wanted to see what he could pull out of his hat next. At the moment, he had to admit that he was quite unimpressed with the current performance of Aiden.

'He's still doing the same thing? Does it think something will change now,' the director thought getting less and less impressed with the performance of his new disciple.

He thought that he would shock him with his skills, however, it seemed that the director had overestimated all of his abilities.

Then, as the portal appeared right in front of Aiden, the director almost stopped looking as he knew that the same thing would happen once again.

However, contrary to all of his expectations, Aiden went through the portal without any problem.

It was as if the portal hadn't interacted with him at all, as if Aiden wasn't part of this world at all.

'Just what did he do? Is that something he learned in his country?' The director thought as he knew that Aiden wasn't from here at all.

'I've never seen anyone go through that spell without being affected, just how did he do such a thing?' The director thought.

He needed to know what sort of skill that Aiden had used to get through it because when he would do so. He would be able to make his spell stronger, as it seemed that there was a way to get past it that he completely ignored.

'Fuck, I need to get away, now,' the director thought as he teleported back from Aiden.

He knew that he needed to keep quite a safe distance from his opponent or else he would suffer the consequences.

The director wasn't stupid, he knew that the moment that Aiden got close, he would be on the losing side of this fight. Sure, he had been quite arrogant at the start of the fight, but that was because he knew that he had those two skills, portal creation and teleportation.

Basically, the only way for Aiden to reach him would be for him to move faster than the time it took him to cast teleportation.

While all this was happening inside the director's mind, Aiden was currently celebrating over what he had just pulled off, it was honestly quite an impressive achievement as he really hadn't gotten such an idea before.

"I did it! It really worked," Aiden celebrated out loud as he looked behind him, noticing that he really had gone through that stupid portal.

However, that was only the first step as he looked back toward the director, and he noticed that he was still far away from him.

'Did he teleport away? Just what is this stupid spell? I'll never get even close to him,' Aiden thought as his skill, [Mind of an Assassin] was still activated trying to find a way to beat the director.

However, it was the first time since Aiden had started using it that it was taking so long to find a single solution, normally it would take less than a few seconds. But, it had now been a few minutes, and he still had no news regarding that skill.

'Fuck, whatever, let's keep going,' Aiden thought as he started running once again toward the director, this time deactivating his skill [Veil of Darkness] as his mana was running quite low.

This time he didn't waste a single second as he flew up in the air, completely surprising the old man who didn't think that such a thing was possible without magic.

'Let's see what you'll do now,' Aiden thought.

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Chapter 296 - 296 - Explosion

Now floating in the air, the director was shocked that such a thing even happened in the first place as he completely copied Aiden.

'How can he fly, he doesn't know magic at that well,' David, the director, thought as he literally couldn't make sense of such a thing happening.

It made no sense for Aiden to be able to do such a thing when it required a deep understanding of mana and magic in general and from what David, the director, had seen Aiden didn't possess those at all.

However, what the director ignored was that Aiden wasn't like him, he had access to Qi, an energy that the old man probably didn't even know of since all there was in this world was magic.

"How are you flying?" David asked, not caring about the sparring anymore.

There were simply too many things that were shocking him at the moment and he needed to know every single one of them, he just had to.

When asked that question, Aiden simply ignored David as he couldn't bother answering when he was in such a tense fight.

If that man wanted to know something he would know after the fight, not in-between. Aiden had to focus after all.

'He's not answering me? Um, should I make him understand who's the boss here?' David thought as he summoned a large quantity of mana from his core inside his body.

He wasn't sure how much he needed but he would make sure that the person in front of him would have some difficulty dodging that attack.

He wouldn't make the same mistake as earlier, giving him a little warning by missing on purpose his spell.

This time, David was serious, he wanted to end this fight as soon as possible because too many questions were currently popping into his mind one after another.

'What's this?' Aiden thought as he could see the amount of mana that the director was summoning inside his body.

That was one of the benefits of the Eyes of Truth that Aiden had gotten before taking on this trial.

And from what he had seen this skill was completely ridiculous because he helped him learn many different skills that he had honestly never heard about before.

'Whatever, who cares?' Aiden thought as he flew at full speed with his dagger in his hands.

He would make sure that this fight would end right now.

The only problem with his approach was that [Veil of Darkness] had deactivated because of Aiden's lack of mana, however, that wouldn't have much of an impact if David didn't form a portal.

'Let's just hope that he doesn't... let's just hope that he thinks I have figured out how to bypass his skill,' Aiden thought, praying to himself that this attack would work.

Then, as Aiden flew at full speed toward David, a huge explosion appeared right on him.

'How did this thing get here?' Aiden thought panicked as he tried flying to the right, hoping that the little black sphere wouldn't touch him.

However, as soon as he moved out of the way of that sphere, it started following him around as if it were a guided missile from Earth.

'Just what is that little thing? Does he really have a spell like that?' Aiden thought, confused as to how such a thing was even possible in the first place.

"Do you like it? Don't worry it will keep following you around until it reaches you!" David shouted as he knew that Aiden would have difficulty hearing him with how fast he was going.

'Well, this fight is pretty much over, huh?' David thought as he knew that there was no way that Aiden would resist that black sphere which contained a lot of mana.

If it were to explode, then he would probably injure Aiden quite intensively.

"Do you want to give up? I can dismiss that spell if you want, that way you won't get hurt!"

Aiden, however, didn't say a single word as he kept flying around trying to find a plan to get out of this situation which was literal hell at the moment.

'Fuck you, like hell I'll give up... wait I got an idea what if I make this whole thing a draw?' Aiden thought as he completely changed the trajectory.

He wasn't trying to run away anymore, he would be going for him. He didn't care if that ball were to explode and injure, he wouldn't care for as long as it blew up with him still in its radius.

'Yes, that's going to work,' Aiden thought in his mind, convinced.

He would have liked to come up with something better, but it seemed that it wasn't possible at all because of the situation he was in.

David who was watching Aiden flying around without any purpose, flew back down as he sat down, wondering when his disciple was going to give up.

Because in his mind, there was simply no way that Aiden would find a way out of this situation.

He also didn't want to attack him with another spell since it would risk injuring Aiden greatly.

That's why he decided to sit down and wait patiently for this whole thing to end.

However, contrary to his expectations, he stopped paying attention. Aiden had found a way to change things around.

It seemed that the director had forgotten about what he had said at the very start of this fight.

If he stopped paying attention for even a second to Aiden, then he would be the one in danger.

This was something that the director was going to remember his whole life.

When facing an assassin, you can't look away or you will lose your life.

'Come on, come on, a little bit more,' Aiden thought as he was about to crash into the director, condemning him to the same fate.

BOOM

'I did it!' Aiden celebrated in his mind, as he felt the wave of Space Mana, injuring him on many levels.

However, he didn't release the slightest noise, like all good assassins, he decided to endure.

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Chapter 297 - 297 - Healing

Aiden's action was devastating as everywhere he looked he saw the damage that he had caused by ramming into David, the director.

However, the damage to the environment of the Coliseum wasn't important at all, the damage that was important was the one that Aiden and the director had received.

"Aiden, are you okay?" A voice shouted close to Aiden's ears.

Aiden wasn't sure about the owner of that voice at all, as he could only hear a ringing noise in both of his ears.

'Did I do it? Was it a draw?' Aiden thought as he felt his consciousness slowly fading from his body.

"Why did you do that, are you stupid!" the same voice as earlier shouted in one of his ears.

However, Aiden wasn't able to comprehend any of that as he could barely even see or walk.

The damage from David's spell truly had been massive.

Aiden feeling how weak he currently was, looked toward his feet and the rest of his body wondering if he had taken a lot of damage.

And from what he could see at the moment. It had been an absolute massacre, his body was close to being thorned to pieces because everywhere that Aiden looked he could see blood coming out of his body.

"Why didn't he just give up, is that boy stupid," David muttered as he looked at the state of Aiden's body.

Fortunately for him, he wasn't in the same situation at all as he had gotten just enough time to teleport away, dodging Aiden's suicide attempt.

David didn't get enough time to deactivate that spell of him, which resulted in one massive explosion of Space Mana.

However, he dismissed those thoughts as he lifted Aiden from the ground taking him into his arms.

'I'll go see June, she's the best healer in the academy,' the director thought as he had no idea how to use light mana.

Without wasting any more time, he teleported away leaving only a destroyed Coliseum for tomorrow.

'Let's just hope that he makes it out of this alive, who cares about that fight tomorrow?' David thought as he couldn't help but blame himself in the back of his mind.

After all, this was his fault, he only hadn't cast such a dangerous spell. Sure, Aiden had been extremely reckless, but both parties were to blame.

David had a lot of other methods to take down Aiden, he had simply taken one of them without thinking too much about it.

Now, looking back at it, it had been a huge mistake on his part and he promised that he would never use such a spell on one of his disciples ever again.

Next time, he would make sure to be a lot more careful.

Swoosh

That was the sound of the teleportation spell that he just used as he was now in the infirmary of the academy with a half-dead student in his arms.

"Where is June?" The director asked right away as he looked at the young girl who was behind the counter, wondering what the director of the academy was doing there right in front of her.

Had he beaten up a student? Just what the hell happened for such a kid to arrive in that state?

The girl behind the counter had no idea, however, she pitied the young man as only time would tell if he would be able to walk again.

'Let's pray that Miss June will pull it off,' the girl thought, as she called June to the counter by pushing a single button under her desk.

A few seconds later, the one who would be healing Aiden arrived.

"David? What are you doing here at such an hour?" June asked as she was more shocked by the director visiting than the student who was about to bleed out in his arms.

"Just take care of him, make sure that he lives," the director said with a serious tone in his voice.

June immediately knew that this student was really important as she had never seen the director ask someone to save a student.

'But how did that student hurt himself that much, it's like he tried enduring an attack from one of the strongest mages that exist,' she thought, knowing that there was absolutely no way that such a thing happened.

It wasn't like Aiden was so reckless that he would actually try to draw against the director of the Magic Academy.

"Follow me, I'll heal him," she said as she immediately turned around with the director following her without wasting those precious seconds.

Aiden who was currently being held by David was still conscious as he could see a little bit where he was at the moment. However, he hadn't been able to hear anything yet as that ringing was still in his head.

It didn't want to go away by the looks of it.

'Where are they taking me? Am I going to die? Why did I even try to do such a stupid thing...' Aiden thought as he was starting to realize the situation that he was in.

He could feel the blood leaving his body little by little and his head felt even more light-headed as time went by.

It was quite an interesting feeling, being so close to dying.

Aiden had already experienced it once or twice if he counted the duel against Emma, however, he had died right away. This time was truly different as he could feel that death was close.

However, Aiden had to admit that it wasn't a problem at all as he knew what he had done.

He knew that it hadn't been the smartest thing, but that didn't matter to him as long as he tried his best.

While those thoughts were entering Aiden's fading mind, June was getting the situation explicated through David.

"So, you're telling me that this student is hurt this badly because of you?" She asked, unsure how she should react to learning this news.

"Well... it's a little bit his fault too," the director tried to say before June interrupted him right away.

"I don't care about whose fault it is, just why did you use such a powerful spell, it seems obvious that you were going to defeat him anyway. God, just how stupid are you?" June asked, truly exasperated with how the director of the Magic Academy was acting.

Right as she finished that, they had finally reached the table on which Aiden would be getting healed as she was getting ready as fast as she could.

She knew that if she waited too long before healing him, then there were chances that Aiden wouldn't walk again. That's why she had walked so fast on the way, only asking the most important question like what type of mana Aiden had been injured with.

And from what the director had told her, it was Space Mana. Basically, the worst type of mana that Aiden could have gotten hurt with.

"Do you think he's going to make it? He has a duel tomorrow and I'm sure he wouldn't want to miss it," the director said as he slowly backed away from June, knowing that she wouldn't find this comment funny at all.

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Chapter 298 - 298 - Was it a Draw?

"Just shut up and leave this room, I need concentration. If I make even the slightest mistake, he might die," she said with a serious expression on her face.

She knew that when hearing such a thing, the director would actually stop talking because it was clear that he cared about the student who was close to dying.

'I might die?' Aiden thought as he finally caught on to some of the words from the person who was over him right now, touching some parts of his body carefully.

The ringing noise that had been restricting his hearing was now gone as he could hear some noises around him.

'I wonder if the director is as hurt as me,' Aiden thought as all he could see at the moment were two big melons and some bright white energy that seemed to try to enter his body.

'Is this healing magic?' Aiden thought as he turned his head to the left, trying to glance at how she was circulating the mana inside her body, all the way from her core to that bright energy.

However, when he tried looking at what was happening, Aiden completely lost consciousness his head falling onto the table. Luckily for him, there had been a small cushion that absorbed most of the damage that he would have taken if he had been falling his head on the table.

"He finally fell asleep, what strong willpower," June commented as she couldn't believe that he had stayed awake, feeling that pain.

The thing that impressed her even more was simple, it was the fact that Aiden hadn't uttered the slightest noise even while being awake.

He had been enduring all that pain for at least a couple of minutes which was really remarkable all things considered.

Nevertheless, she quickly dismissed those thoughts as she needed to focus on healing Aiden. That was the most pressing matter at the moment, and from the looks of it, the healing process wouldn't be too bad as the injuries inside Aiden's body seemed to have healed a little for some reason.

June had to admit that it was quite a weird phenomenon, however, she didn't think too deeply about it since it would make this whole process easier than previously.

'Alright, now let's try to remove the space mana,' she thought as she slowly tried to remove all the little purple dots that were scattered all around Aiden's body.

June had healed all exterior injuries, however, it was now time for the hardest part... the injuries that had been caused by mana.

Those injuries were most of the time called hidden injuries as they are literally invisible with our eyes.

The only way to see them was with a special skill that only the most talented healers had, luckily for Aiden, June was the only one in the whole infirmary who had the skill.

To be completely honest, if she hadn't been there then Aiden would have lost his life, or at least he would have been injured for his whole life without any way of getting healed.

It would have been terrible news for such a promising young man.

The director who was right on the other side of the room where June was currently treating Aiden was worried over the things that were happening in there.

For some reason, he felt that it was extremely silent as he hadn't heard the slightest noise ever since he had left that room.

'Should I have stayed? Maybe I could have helped her?' David thought as he was starting to blame himself for what happened to Aiden.

However, it seemed that he didn't have to worry as he heard the door that was right next to him open.

Without wasting a single second, he went toward that door as he saw that it was indeed June who was coming out of the room.

"So... how is he?" The director asked worried.

June was surprised to see the expression being shown on David's face as it was the first time that she had seen him worried about something in particular.

In fact, she didn't think that she had seen him sad or worried even once in his entire life. The director was a simple man always finding solutions when he could, however, healing people was out of his reach which is why he had to trust someone else.

It was hard, but he still did it as he knew that it had been the best choice to make.

"He's going to make a full recovery, I don't know about fighting tomorrow though, we'll see what happens," she said without caring much about the director's reaction.

She knew that it was going to be the usual, thanking her for saving someone he cared about and all that, but the director wouldn't be that different in that regard.

"Can I go see him? As he woken up?" The director asked as he was about to enter the room, however, before he could do so it seemed that June wanted some explications of what happened.

"Why did you even fight your disciple, you moron. At least give him some chances, I don't want to be dealing with this every night," she complained.

She knew that there was no way that this incident had been caused on purpose, however, the fact that it was an accident didn't matter at all.

"I know, I know, I'll make sure that such a thing never happens again, now can I go in and see him?"

June looked at how impatient the director was, that's why she let him go in as she had finished healing him either way.

'She really is the best,' the director thought as he entered the healing room, noticing that there was absolutely no blood in the room. It seemed that it had all been cleaned up without a single problem.

'Well, he's still sleeping, let's hope that he will fight tomorrow. I'm sure that the beast girl has no chance,' he thought as he knew that the skills he had used in the fight against him were one of a kind.

If he was to use them, then everyone would be extremely impressed by his performance and that person who asked for a duel would try her best to hold on to his attacks.

The only reason that Aiden had lost this fight was because he had fought an opponent much stronger than him, however, if he were to fight someone on the same level or even worse, weaker than him. Then, he would win without struggling even once.

"Well, I guess I'll let him rest," the director muttered as he went toward one of the chairs that were in this room, sitting on it.

Right after he said, that he heard a short gasp coming from Aiden's mouth, it seemed that he was waking up.

'But how? Was June really that good?' The director thought as he wasn't sure that it was the case.

He knew that the girl was gifted, but from the state in which Aiden had been when David had brought him in, there was no way that Aiden was actually waking up right now.

However, that wasn't what shocked him the most, it was the words that Aiden pronounced when waking up.

"So, was it a draw?" Aiden asked as if nothing just happened.

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Chapter 299 - 299 - Late?

"Is that really the first thing that you're asking me, after everything that happened?" The director asked as simply couldn't understand the mindset of the person that was right in front of him.

It was actually crazy how it held no importance toward his body.

David remembered seeing that Aiden had been a literal half-body, however, even when he had been in such a state, Aiden had still been on his own two feet barely standing up.

Just thinking about that, he had been extremely impressed by his disciple.

'Is that how he got so strong at such an age? By acting so recklessly,' he thought, unsure if it was a viable way to get stronger.

Honestly, learning more about the young man in front of him, the more he felt unsure about the training that he would have to go through to learn close combat.

He just hoped that he wouldn't die when going through those.

"Yes, was it a draw? Did I succeed or not?" Aiden repeated, which made David come out of his thoughts.

David simply couldn't believe what he was hearing anymore, why was he insisting?

Just what sort of person had he taken as a disciple?

Well, one thing was sure, Aiden was hard-working and would do everything that he was asked to do, the director of the Magic Academy was sure about that part.

"It wasn't, I teleported away when you tried ramming into me, but you almost got me," the director said as he had to congratulate him somewhat for his suicide mission.

"However, if you do such a thing ever again, then I will have no choice but to abandon this whole disciple thing, I don't want you to die because of me, is that clear?" He asked.

Aiden reading this, slowly nodded as he knew that what he had tried at the end was a dumb move.

"Sorry, I'll make sure that it never happens again," Aiden replied, still a little frustrated that what he had tried at the end hadn't worked out.

The director nodded, not putting too much pressure on it.

"So, um, can you stand up? Are you in shape for tomorrow?" The director asked as he wanted to know if Aiden would be able to participate in the duel tomorrow.

"Well, I seem fine," Aiden muttered as he slowly stood up and walked around a little.

He wasn't sure if his body would hold up in such tense situations, but from what he had seen, it would be fine.

"Alright, then for tomorrow, I have a small request," the director started off, waiting for Aiden to either say something or nod.

Seeing him do one of the two, he continued his sentence.

"Tomorrow, don't use magic, use that dagger of yours... That way, it will be even more humiliating to the person that you will face," the director said with a cruel smile.

"Are you sure? Shouldn't I use this opportunity to train my magic spells?" Aiden replied, unsure if this was the best idea for his growth.

However, the director had the perfect answer for him.

"Don't worry about that, you will have enough practice and training with me, don't you even worry about that part," David said.

'Um, that's true, I guess. It would also be quite funny seeing the face of that beast girl when I defeat her without using any magic...'

Aiden was currently debating in his mind, wondering what choice would be better at the end of the day.

A few moments later, he had made his choice, he would be ridiculing that girl. By doing so, he would make sure that everyone who would ask for a duel would be a lot more careful.

He would make her an example for the others, he would show them what happens when you mess with Aiden Nightshade!

"Alright, come here, I'll bring you back to your dorms," the director said as he held his arm forward toward Aiden who really seemed in good shape.

Even now, David was surprised about Aiden's condition as it should have taken at least a couple of days to heal all those injuries, however, David had an idea as to what had caused such a thing.

It was his body and the training that he had gone through to get stronger physically, he was sure that it was related to that.

After all, having a stronger body couldn't be something negative.

However, all those thoughts left the magic academy director as he felt Aiden's touch on his arm, teleporting him to his dorm.

Swoosh

The next moment, they were in the dark as they couldn't see around themselves.

"Are you alone in here?" The director asked as he remembered the room number that Aiden had given him a while ago.

However, he had no idea if Aiden had roommates or not. He hoped that he didn't or else that person had for sure woken up by now since they hadn't been the most discreet.

Teleportation made a lot of noise, after all.

"Who's making all that fucking noise?" someone with one hell of a foul mouth uttered, clearly mad over the noise that the director and Aiden had caused.

"Sorry," Aiden whispered back as he waved toward David as if telling him to leave.

"Next time, just don't make any noise," that person said as she seemed to have been sleeping on one of the beds that were on Aiden's right.

'Just where is my room?' Aiden thought as he had never been here yet, he hadn't had the chance to do so.

He looked to his right and his left as he seemed to spot a wooden door.

Aiden stopped wasting any more time as he simply went through that door without any hesitation, he glanced at the bed and simply fell on it, sleeping right away.

It had been a long time since Aiden had been so exhausted, so this night of sleep would certainly do a lot of good before a duel.

The next morning, Aiden slowly woke up as he had never gotten such a good night of sleep before.

He had to admit that it was an extremely nice feeling.

He took his time as slowly stood up from his bed as he looked outside, wondering why there was so much noise.

Then, he opened the window to his room, wondering why so many people were currently walking toward the Coliseum.

And as soon as he heard what the announcer, he realized that he was in trouble.

"The duel between Garetsa and Aiden would begin in five minutes, please make your way toward the Coliseum."

Aiden, hearing this, cursed out loud, extremely frustrated over everything that just happened.

"Why is this shitty duel so early in the morning?"

Aiden, then, glanced at a clock that was in his room and realized that it wasn't morning anymore.

"Twelve... fifty-five."

"Wait, why am I even looking at the time, I need to get there before this fight starts," Aiden shouted as he jumped out of his window in the clothes that he had worn yesterday.

His hair was messy, his clothes were dirty. If anyone were to see him right now, they would actually ask themselves why an itinerant was in the territory of the Magic Academy.

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Chapter 300 - 300 - Sudden Speed

"There are only three minutes until the fight between Garetsa and Aiden starts, quickly take your seats!" The announcer said through his microphone.

Aiden hearing this picked up the pace without using his [Lightning Steps] as he didn't want to run out of mana during the fight. If he did then he would be at a disadvantage.

"Just why did I sleep for so long?" Aiden muttered as he kept running like a madman toward the Coliseum that he could see from the distance.

He knew that the reason he had slept for so long was quite simple, it was because he had been recuperating energy because of the fight between him and the director.

While Aiden was running not caring about his surroundings, the others who were also in the process of going toward the Coliseum started asking themselves, who the person running was.

"Is that Aiden? Why is he here?" Someone asked his friend, unsure if it was Aiden or not running.

However, his friend wasn't of the same opinion at all.

"No, there's no way, it's him. Don't you remember what that person can lose... he can lose his discipleship to the director of the Magic Academy if he were to lose. There's no way that Aiden or whatever his name wouldn't take this seriously."

'Of course, I'm taking this seriously, you fucker, I just overslept,' Aiden thought as he heard what those guys had been saying about him.

Nonetheless, Aiden stopped looking at them as he started running even faster, making sure that he would be there in time.

Two minutes later, Aiden was at the entrance of the Coliseum, all dirty with his hair in horrible condition.

"What the hell are you doing arriving so late!" The director nagged Aiden.

However, he kept himself from going too hard as he knew that it was already a miracle for Aiden to be able to participate, in fact, David couldn't help but worry about what was going to happen in there.

He could only hope that Aiden was in top shape and that he wouldn't crumble from over-exercising, even if that seemed unlikely considering that he had ran all the way from the dorms to the Coliseum.

"Sorry, sorry, where do I need to go?" Aiden asked as he could barely talk because he had used so much energy coming here.

'Ahh, maybe I should have used [Lightning Steps],' Aiden thought.

That way, he would have been in much better shape, but it seemed that he wouldn't be able to do such a thing this month.

"Just follow me, I'll show you the way," the director said as he knew that there were only a couple of seconds left before the fight started.

Then, as soon as the director said that, the announcer said that there was only a minute left before the start of the fight.

That meant there was no way that Aiden would have any time to get ready whatsoever, as soon as he entered the arena, the fight would be starting.

Garesta, the beast girl, was surely stressed at the moment as she knew that a lot depended on this victory.

However, what she didn't expect was that her opponent wouldn't even use magic to defeat her.

A few moments later, both David and Aiden were running at full speed toward the entrance of the arena, making sure that he would arrive on time.

"Just a few more meters," David told Aiden, as they continued to run.

Those who were seeing such a scene simply couldn't believe their eyes at all. The director of the Magic Academy, one of the strongest mages, that ever existed was currently running in a hallway without even looking to his left or his right.

"Is that really the director? Why is he running toward the entrance for fighters... wait who's that behind him?" Someone questioned out loud.

Both Aiden and David heard that but couldn't bother to explain why they were in such a situation because it was too hard to explain.

"I think that's Aiden, his disciple, seems like he was late to this duel and that director had to go get him."

"Just how did that guy become the director's disciple, why was he chosen... he doesn't even look all that strong," another one commented.

The director knew that Aiden would most likely not care about all those comments, but he still thought that he should at least tell him something to comfort him.

"Just make sure that you destroy that girl, they will stop yapping after," the director said as he quickly looked back in Aiden's direction, making sure that he was all right.

Aiden nodded, knowing that the director was right. All he would need to do was completely demolish that beast girl.

A few meters later, Aiden was finally about to enter the arena as he could hear the announcer's final countdown.

"If Aiden isn't here in five seconds, the fight winner will be Garetsa's and Aiden Nightshade will lose his discipleship with the director of the academy.

Aiden hearing this wasn't too worried about it since he knew that a duel wouldn't determine whether he would keep learning from the director.

"Five"

"Four..."

"Three..."

"Two..."

"One..."

The announcer made sure that the last second would last as much time as needed, waiting to see if Aiden wouldn't magically appear on the other side of the Arena.

Aiden hearing the countdown, made a quick wave toward the director as he entered the arena with a huge smile on his face as he knew that this right here would be quite the easy win.

"And he's here, he didn't run. It seems like he was just late to the fight, everyone applaud him, Aiiiden Niiightshadeeee!"

However, all he got in return weren't cheers but booing as it seemed that not many in the Arena liked him at all.

Such a scene made Aiden remember what happened back in the Inter Family Tournament, where everyone in the stands had been hating on them.

However, we all know how the tournament ended, right? He had won, destroying every single opponent that was in his way.

'You will all see what happens when you decide to fight against me,' Aiden thought as he looked around at the crowd who were all cheering against him, calling him a fraud.

"We can't waste anymore, and it's now time for this fight to start once and for all!" The announcer continued, trying his best to animate the crowd.

While he was saying all those things, Aiden and Garetsa were talking to each other, well it was like they were shouting against one another because they were so far away from each other.

"So, you didn't run, huh?" She shouted.

Aiden didn't answer keeping his mouth shut for the moment, he preferred letting his actions speak for himself.

"That's what I thought, you're too scared to even open your mouth," Garetsa continued, trying to mock him to the best of her abilities.

Aiden, this time, decided to answer her.

"Try not to die," he muttered, not saying it loud enough for Garetsa to hear it.

However, she could see the smile on his face, and it was cruel. She didn't know what he had just muttered, but it hadn't been nice at all.

"Everyone, let's do a countdown once again! When it reaches zero, the two of you will be able to do whatever you want to one another. Also, don't worry about going for strikes that may kill the opposing side, we have people who will stop you."

Then, he started the countdown as everyone in the public participated.

"3"

"2"

"1"

"May the best win!" The announcer shouted as Aiden immediately dashed toward Garetsa without losing a single second.

Everyone in the arena was absolutely shocked by this sight as this wasn't a common way of fighting at all.

"Does he want this to end faster? Why is he running up at her?" A person in the crowd shouted.

"He's not even casting any spells, man that guy really was one hell of a fraud," another one commented.

Garetsa, on the other hand, had no idea how to react to this sudden increase in speed. She had never seen anyone run so fast in her entire life, so just what was happening right now.

'Just how is he moving so fast,' she thought as she started casting several spells in her direction.

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