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'Master level, huh?'

Bakgi quickly overpowered three cadets and charged at Ha Ilming. He then shouted through his telepathic message.

[Run! Now!]

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"Oh, your friends are here."

"How dare you ambush us!" Ko Wanghur shouted with a reddened face and Yuchan raised his eyebrow. Bakgi then placed his hand on Wanghur's shoulder and spoke to him.

"It's not him. He didn't attack us."

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Bakgi was a talented individual even among all these cadets. Chun Yuchan wanted to become the heir to the throne, so he was bound to want more talented individuals. However, Ko Wanghur was surprised that Bakgi didn't even consider one of most probable future leader's offer.

"...That doesn't matter. What matters is that we don't have a yellow tag and our hands are tied. Dammit!"

Bakgi slammed the ground with his fist. As of now, there were only two ways to get their hands on a yellow tag. One was to defeat the instructor Hou Jinchang, and the other was to attack the other groups to steal theirs, but both of the remaining choices didn't seem to be realistic.

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Wanghur laughed. Bakgi, Ja Wumin, and Machil also nodded in agreement. It was as Hu Bong said. If they trusted their master, they should do their best to be ready for the next step.

"We would have waited like sitting ducks if it wasn't for you, Hu Bong."

“That’s right!”

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“What did you do to your clothes!”

Instructor Simong snatched the clothes and threw it far away. Impeng sighed and took off his outer robe and handed it over to Yeowun.

“Oh... thank you, sir.”

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“Are you crazy? Don’t be reckless and find something you can do instead.”

It was Simong who answered. He didn’t care about Chun Yeowun, but even he could see that fighting Hou Jinchang was impossible. If Yeowun were to get hurt while trying to fight Hou Jinchang, that would mean the end of his test. Impeng also seemed to agree with this and nodded.

“Don’t overdo it. I know you are running out of time, but you have to be careful.”

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“I will do it with bare handed.”

It was the right choice. Using the wooden sword did not help the cadets. They would have a better chance at countering the swordless instructors using Seven Demon Sword without their swords as well. In the worst-case scenario, that would allow the cadets to fight with their fists. But of course, the instructors were better at fistfights.

Hou Jinchang then readied himself while putting down a wide stomp. It was just a preparation stance, but the weight of the atmosphere changed. Even the cadets who were watching them became tense.

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Hou Jinchang quickly unleashed 100% of his internal energy to defend himself. At least the internal energy within the movements did not exceed his own. Hou Jinchang barely shook off the power and landed on the ground, but lost his balance and fell to his knees.

All the cadets' mouths were agape from the shock. It was amazing that Chun Yeowun had learned such a powerful sword skill, but what was more important was that he had made Hou Jinchang fall on his knees.

'...It worked just like the simulation.'

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"Don't thank me. You acquired it with your own skill."

Jinchang smiled and placed the tag in Yeowun's hand. So, after five days, Yeowun had returned to become a group leader. But the weight of the tag was very different with all the things that had happened up until now.

'I will never forget this.'

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Yeowun was astonished. If Bakgi had planned this himself, this really was astounding. Bakgi, who was not part of Yeowun's group yet, had just announced to all the cadets that he would be joining Yeowun for his noble deed. Among the cadets, there was a muscular cadet who stood between them with a smile on his face. It was Ko Wanghur. He sent a telepathic message to Bakgi.

[Good work. It was a bit awkward though.]

[...I will do what you want just this once.]