

# **Read Strongest Mage with the Lust system Chapter 111 Second Awakening That Startled The Academy**

Chapter 111 Second awakening that startled the Academy

...After a week,...

It was night time. A luminous stone was glowing in a room where Max was sitting on the ground, cross legged. Mana was swirling around him. Gradually, the intensity of the swirling mana lessened.

Phew!

He opened his eyes and exhaled deeply. Excitement was written on his face. 'Finally my mana core has completely stabilised. Now I can increase my mage realm.'

While he was celebrating the saturation of his mana core, he heard the system's sound. It had been more than a month when he last heard it. He focused as he knew it was related to his mana core.

[ Ding. Congratulations for the complete construction of the mana core. The system will now undergo the second awakening. ]

'Second awakening? What does-'

Swoosh!

Just as he was thinking what this second awakening meant, the mana in the room swirled intensely and enter his body. "What!" He shouted in surprise.

In an instant, all the mana present in the room had entered his body. "What's happening? Won't this unrefined mana be harmful to me? Hey system what the f.u.c.k. are you doing" He panicked and shouted to the system, even though he knew that system will not respond.

After the mana inside the room depleted, the outside mana started pouring inside the room and then absorbed by his body.

As more and more mana entered his body, Max felt as if his body was falling apart and head throbbed with unbearable pain. His consciousness started wavering. He didn't know what was happening and couldn't risk falling unconscious now. Therefore, he gritted his teeth hard, trying to stay conscious.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The speed at which mana was entering his body increased as if testing his limits. His consciousness started to black out and before falling unconscious he could only shout one word in frustration.... f.u.c.k.

“Huh?”

Elder Adrienne was cultivating when she suddenly felt the mana in the environment decrease considerably. She opened her eyes at this odd situation.

A middle-aged woman also opened her eyes in the second highest peak of the Cloud mountain range “Why did mana suddenly decrease?” She muttered after feeling that around one tenth of mana in the whole mountain range suddenly vanish. “Is headmaster breaking through the mortal boundary?”

A few more figures were startled by this in different peaks. They all wondered the same thing.

At that moment an old man opened his eyes inside the largest building in the main peak. In this building only the most talented core disciples and elders who held high authority and strength were allowed.

He then spread his mana to check the reason for this sudden change. His mana quickly encapsulated more than half of the academy. When he didn't find anything, he focused his mana towards the other half of the academy where the dormitories of disciples' were.

Coincidentally at that moment, Max had stopped absorbing the mana and it returned to its normal state.

When the aged man's mana scanned over the dormitories and still didn't find the source of mana disappearance, he frowned. Then suddenly a thought crossed his mind and vanished from his place in an instant and appeared underground.

There was a big metal door with a grey haired woman guarding it. She was sitting with her eyes closed and when she noticed that someone has appeared in this underground area, she smiled “What's problem little guy? Did you come to visit this old granny?”

If someone was here and saw that this woman called this old man 'little guy', they would find it very odd. However, the man didn't find it odd and hurriedly said “Elder, quickly open the door. We need to activate the formation at this instant.”

Seeing the urgency in his voice, she didn't ask anything more and opened the gate.

Whossh!

They both entered the chamber. Many intricate runes were carved on the floor and the walls. It was a large formation. The old man took out 64 fist sized milky-white stones and arranged them in 64 different places and then took out one more stone and put it in the center of the formation.

Buzz!

The formation produced a buzzing sound and then the whole formation lit up.

An invisible barrier slowly covered the main mountain peak. Adrienne and others who had noticed this strange occurrence hurriedly gathered in the castle like building.

When Adrienne arrived in a private meeting hall where the people of authority usually gather to discuss things, she found that many others were already there. Most of them were old while some were middle-aged. However everyone exuded formidable auras.

Adrienne was the youngest among them, however no one minded her age and nodded toward her when she entered. Adrienne also nodded back and just when she wanted to ask what was happening, the old man who was in the underground chamber just now, appeared before them.

All of them bowed towards him and greeted "Headmaster!"

He nodded and his expression turned serious "I assume you all felt that sudden depletion of mana. And the reason why I activated the defence formation is because I suspect that some beast in the mountain range has broken through to at least four-star realm if not the mortal boundary."

"What? We thought headmaster was the one to breakthrough the mortal boundary. How can such a beast so appear in the mountain range without us knowing?" An elder asked with his eyes opened wide.

"That's what I want to ask you?" The headmaster's eyes turned cold as he stared at the elder.

The elder shivered seeing his cold gaze and replied apprehensively "I... Head... Headmaster, I don't know. I've been regularly sending the teams to scout the mountain range and the area around it. It's possible that it was a beast who-who is intelligent enough to deceive them and-"

The headmaster interrupted him "We'll talk about it later." He then looked towards the rest of the elders and said in a commanding tone "Five of the head elders will stay in order to protect the academy. I want the rest of you to go out this instant and search around every corner of the mountain range and find this beast. I don't think it has surpassed mortal boundary. However as a precaution if you find it, notify me. I'll deal with it. Move out now." After saying this he vanished to search for this 'beast'.

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After a few hours, as dawn neared all the elders once again gathered. Their faces were grim. The headmaster also had the same expression. He then asked "So you also didn't find any beast above three-star realm and there were no signs of a possible breakthrough?"

"Yes headmaster." The elders nodded.

The headmaster frowned. When a beast or human breaks through to the four-star realm or above, the area around them is usually destroyed due to the sudden surge of chaotic mana. However they didn't find any such cue let alone a beast.

"Headmaster, I think that sudden depletion of mana wasn't caused by some beast's breakthrough. There should be some other reason." Adrienne voiced out her opinion.

The headmaster nodded "Yes, although the chances of it being something other are slim, it's still possible." He then muttered in a low voice "Was it because those old bastards wanted to startle us? If this is the case, I'll make sure to teach them a lesson." *ovlxt.COM*

The elder present heard him clearly and grew excited. It's been a long time since they clashed with other academies. So the possibility of fighting other academies excited them.

"Alright everyone, good work. Go and rest now. Head elders, Adrienne, you guys stay here." The headmaster dismissed them.

## Chapter 112 Mana Stones

Knock! Knock!

Max's eyes slowly opened after hearing the knocks on the door.

"Young master Max, It's me, Neer. Are you still sleeping?" Neer called out while knocking on the door. He has been knocking for more than ten minutes now but Max didn't open the door.

The disciples on the rooms beside Max's were getting annoyed by this but didn't say anything seeing that it was Neer. However, hearing him call an inner sector disciple, master even after becoming a core disciple, they started looking down on him.

Max, after regaining his consciousness, he realised that he was lying on the floor with his back facing the ceiling. He slowly stood up and stretched his limbs. He didn't feel any different from yesterday apart from his tattered clothing.

However, when he recalled that crazy mana absorption, he didn't believe that there won't be any change. Just as he wanted to open his status window, Neer once again knocked on the door.

'I'll check it later.' He didn't open his status window and walked towards the door and opened it.

Creak~

Neer was about to knock once again when the door opened.

Neer looked at him weirdly and asked "What happened young master? Why do you look like this?"

"It's nothing." Max shook his head and changed the topic "What's the matter? Why are you here this early in the morning?"

Neer hurriedly said "Young master, don't you remember that the classes are officially starting from today? You should quickly get ready. We shouldn't be late on the first day."

Max nodded. When they arrived, the elders announced that their classes will start one week later. Until then, they were free to do whatever they wanted.

However Max pointed at Neer's chest where the emblem of core disciple was pinned and asked curiously "Aren't you a core disciple? How come you are here? Are the core and inner disciples going to attend the same class?"

Neer shook his head "No, we'll be in different classes. However we can still go together. That's why I came."

"Oh, okay. Come inside until I get ready then." Max walked back inside, Neer also followed.

Unlike everyone assumed, the room the inner sector disciples were given was a normal sized room. There was only a wooden bed, a wooden table and chair, a cushion to meditate on and a wardrobe to put clothes or other things inside. A bathroom was attached to each room.

The room was in no way luxurious and in fact was very bad by the standards of Nobles. Therefore many disciples who came from noble families were dissatisfied with the poor accommodations they received and complained.

However, to this, The academy's only reply was "If you aren't satisfied with what we gave you, you can buy better ones."

Hearing this reply, Many wanted to buy better accommodations. However, their hopes were dashed the moment they found that the currency here wasn't the gold coins but 'Mana stones.'

However, there were some who knew before joining that the currency used in every academy was Mana stones. Therefore, their families gave them however many stones they could. However, the families who weren't too rich could only afford to give them a few dozen mana stones as for the more wealthy families, they gave their sons or daughters a few hundred mana stones.

Even so, they couldn't buy better accommodations as even a hotel room for one night costs at least 5 lower grade mana stones. In the end, they had to buy furniture like bed and some other things from the market of the third peak.*ovlxt.COM*

Ashton, as a Viscount could also give Max at least a few dozen mana stones. However, because the count Wiley was in charge of their town and also had the authority to distribute the resources to the nobles under the royal family like Garfield family, he wouldn't give him more a few mana stones every month and this was only to make fun of him.

Because Max suddenly changed for better a few months ago, Ashton couldn't save any mana stone for him. He wanted to buy a few from the market, but from the savings he had, he could either buy a few dozen mana stones or the lowest grade spatial bag.

Ashton chose the spatial bag for his son as he believed that he will need it more than the mana stones. He had seen Max becoming a Two-star mage in a few months without using any mana stone.

Although Ashton guessed that Max must have encountered some tremendous opportunity to transform like this, he didn't ask as he believed that there are some secret that are better not shared. Therefore, considering this, Ashton chose to buy the spatial bag for Max.

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Although Max was used to sleeping in his comfortable bed, he didn't have any complain sleeping on the wooden bed. However he still decided to buy a good bed from the monthly mana stones he will get from the academy. Many wouldn't do this as Mana stones were too important for the cultivation, however, Max was different in this case, because thanks to his cheat system, he didn't need mana stones to cultivate.

The only use they had for him was to replenish his mana. However, he could do it without them, even though it'll take more time if he is completely spent. But he knew the he wouldn't be in any situation where he might need to replenish his mana so quickly that he would need mana stones to do so, anytime soon.

Max entered the bathroom, quickly freshened up and took a bath. From his spatial bag, he took out the uniform academy had given them on the first day they arrived here.

The uniform was same for everyone, be it outer sector disciples, inner sector disciples or core disciples. They had to wear white shirt and grey pants.

The thing that identified them as core, inner and outer sector disciples was the same emblem that Neer had on his chest. Core disciple's emblem had three small clouds' images, inner disciples had two while outer sector disciple had one on their emblems.

When Max came out dressed in the academy's uniform, Neer stared at him and smiled "Young master, Many girls will fall for you." His voice contained a hint of envy.

Max smiled and didn't comment at this. He walked out of the room, "Let's go."

They both walked toward the central area of the town where their classes will be held.

When They walked out of the dormitory, he encountered Flavia. However, she wasn't alone, a few boys were walking beside her, trying to talk to her.

However, when she also saw Max and Neer coming, she slowed down to join them and greeted them politely "Good morning sir Max. Good morning sir Neer."

Neer felt self conscious when She greeted him and hurriedly bowed toward her "Good morning Miss Flavia."

Max also greeted her with a smile "Good morning miss Flavia." He then looked at her up and down and nodded "I have to say, you look gorgeous in this uniform too."

A faint blush appeared on her contours hearing his compliment. She looked at him also dressed in white and grey with his sapphire eyes and hair, he looked too handsome but she couldn't bring herself compliment him like he did to her.

Mac then glanced at the boys who were following her and snapped coldly "What are you doing here? Get lost."

He knew that Flavia wasn't interested in talking to her but they still harassed her. How can he bear to see someone other than him flirt with a girl like Flavia. Moreover they were more than acquaintances after traveling together for three days.

The boys scrambled away without saying anything. Flavia saw this and said "Thank you sir Max."

"It's no problem, let's go now or we will be late." They then walked away.

## Chapter 113 Evolved System

“...Therefore, your actual strength is based on how effectively you can control your mana and how proficient you are in other aspects. If one has enough control and are skilled enough in other areas, they’ll be strong enough to fight an elemental mage even without having awakened any element themselves...”

It’s been a few hours since the professor who was a man in his thirties started talking about the cultivation and other stuff.

Max paid full attention in the start as he hoped that these lectures will be helpful for him. However, he quickly realised that the only useful information for him was the mana control aspect.

However, he wasn’t too disappointed. He already knew that joining an academy will not help him too much. As no cultivation skill or resources could hope to compare to his system’s ability to make him stronger. He only came here to learn how to use his strength properly, better experience the world and have some exciting adventures.

The professor kept speaking but Max wasn’t focusing now. He looked at the golden haired beauty, sitting beside him. Feeling his gaze at her face, she turned to look at him.

“Why aren’t you focusing on the class?” Flavia asked.

“Well, he isn’t saying anything useful anymore.” Max said as he folded his hands in front of his chest and reclined on his seat.

Flavia shook her head and focused once again on what the professor was saying. She felt that Max was taking this too lightly.

Max was more interested in checking what changes that system’s second awakening would bring about. However, he decided to do it after returning to his dorm room.

Half an hour later class was over. “Disciples, you can go and collect your monthly resources from the Resource hall and make sure to cultivate well. For the next few months, the academy will guide you on your mana control and fighting skills. Until this training doesn’t complete, I advise not to take up any mission to earn some mana stone or you will die a meaningless death. Okay, this concludes today’s class.” The professor walked out of the auditorium.

Chatter~~

After the professor finished the class, 300+ disciples, who were two-star mages started talking while getting up from their seats and going out.



Flavia also stood up, wanting to go out but she saw that Max was still in his seat with his eyes closed. She stared at his calm and handsome visage before realising that what she was doing and felt embarrassed.

She then made her voice indifferent and asked “I-I’m going to collect the monthly resources, would you like to come with me?”

Hearing her asking him this, The male disciples looked at Max in envy while female disciples gave Flavia the same envious gazes. They also wanted to befriend Max but didn’t have courage to make a move seeing a gorgeous beauty like Flavia was with him.

Max opened his eyes and smiled “Yeah, sure.” He stood up and both of them walked out under many envy filled eyes.

The resource building was in the central part of the main peak, only a few kilometres away from the building where they were previously.

Two long queues were already formed in front of the distribution windows, one was for outer sector disciples and other one was for Inner sector disciples. There was another window that was for Core disciples but there was no one there.

Max and Flavia also stood in the queue, occasionally speaking to each other.

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Two hours later, Max was sitting in an inn near the dormitories. Neer was sitting opposite to him. Flavia had gone to do her own things.

“How many mana stones did you receive, young master?” Neer asked as a waitress brought the food to their table.

“One hundred. How many did you get?” Max asked as he started eating. The food in the cloud academy was very expensive. One plate would cost three low grade mana stones. However, it was worth it because the food, no matter in which inn you ate, was delicious and mana rich.

“I received 1000. If young master needs some, you can take them.” Neer said while putting down a sack on the table.

Max shook his head “It’s okay. You need them more than me. Use them efficiently and quickly raise your strength or you’ll be demoted to an outer disciple.”

In the Cloud Academy, outer sector disciples gets 10 low grade mana stones per month, Inner sector disciples receives 100 while Core disciples like Neer receives 1000 mana stones.

If someone were to cultivate using these mana stones, their cultivation speed will be at least four to five times faster than those who don't. It's because these stones contain purer mana than what is available in atmosphere. Therefore these mana stones are always in high demands due to their usefulness to every mage. This was the reason why academies and other organisations use mana stones instead of gold coins as currency.

Neer still wanted to insist, seeing this Max sighed "If I need more, I'll ask you okay. Now let's enjoy the food."

Neer nodded and started eating. Max found that Neer was a good eating partner. He, just like Max, enjoys eating food. In fact, even more than Max because before meeting Max, he was only eating boiled rice.

After eating, Max asked him to find out how many mana stones he needs if he wants to buy a comfortable bed to sleep on.

Hearing that Max finally asked him to do something for him, Neer patted his chest to get this done as soon as possible and left in a hurry.

After parting with Neer, he came back to his dorm room. Laying on the wooden bed, he willed the status window to appear in front of him.

[ Name: Maxwell Garfield ]

[ Age: 18 ]

[ Strength: 50 ]

[ Agility: 50 ]

[ Stamina: 61 ]

[ Vitality: 50 ]

[ Intelligence: 50 ]

[ Mana: 1331 ]

[ Element: Fire (Concentration: 70%) ]

[ Lust Points: 50 ]

Inventory→

Shop→

'70% concentration, inventory, Shop. So the second awakening added these features.' Just as the status window appeared, he quickly spotted the things that weren't there previously.

'This has become just like a game interface. Let's see what benefit these features have for me.' He grew excited and hurriedly clicked on the Concentration.

[Ding. The Concentration is referred to the Elemental concentration one have for their element. The higher your elemental Concentration, the stronger your element will be compared to others with same element but lower concentration.]

'So my elemental Concentration is at 70%. Not bad I guess.' He thought and proceeded to Click on the inventory.

The status window was replaced with a window with many greyed out spaces. "Does this mean that I can store my stuff in these boxes?" he thought out loud.

[Yes, host will be able to store anything he wants in the inventory.] System's voice sounded in his ears.

Max was stunned. This was the first time the system replied to his question. 'Is it because of the second awakening the system had mentioned?'

"System, can you communicate with me now?" He quickly asked.

[ Yes host, After the second awakening, the system has evolved now and can answer the questions related to the system. ]

"Oh, so can you tell me what is this Lust system and why do I have it?" Max asked, he has been very curious about this since the day one.

Chapter 114 Anna's Death?

[ The lust system was created by a supreme mage who was at end of his lifespan and couldn't progress further. This system gathers the elusive energy, that is created when both 'Yin' and 'Yang' merges, the Nascent energy, in form of Lust points. ]

[ As for why you have it, is because host was confidently found worthy. When the lust system came into being, it took form of energy and drifted around, searching for a person without any mana in their body and a strong soul. When the energy form of the system came into contact with host's abnormally strong soul and the other condition was also met, it merged with the host, granting host with the lust system. ]

The system explained. After Max heard the lust system's origin, he was flabbergasted. He then asked, "Is that supreme mage still alive? And what was his reason behind creating such system?"

[...]

This time system didn't reply. After waiting for more than five minutes, Max realised that either system didn't know the reason or didn't want to tell him.

Therefore, he didn't bother thinking about the reason as it will be of no benefit, and asked "System, You said that when Yin and Yang merges, you meant when I've s.e.x. with a woman right?"

[ Yes host. ] This time system's reply was instantaneous.

"So, the system turns that created energy into LPs for me to use. However, does it affect the woman who I have s.e.x. with, in any way?" Max asked.

[ Yes, host. ]

"How?"

[ Because this energy is created when both Yin and Yang energies merges, the partner of host as the source of the Yin energy, is also given small part of the Nascent energy by the system. However it is very small part and Nascent energy's has tendency to dissipate after some time of creation if not refined. Therefore, if the host's partner refines this energy, they will be able to benefit from this. ]

'So it's just like the dual cultivation mentioned in novels.' Then a sudden thought crossed his mind and curse in frustration 'F.u.c.k., if I knew this earlier, Lilly would've benefitted from this.'

Remembering Lilly, he drifted in the memories of her and wondered 'I wonder how she is doing on that Ice sovereign mountain. However, from the attitude of that white haired woman, she seemed to care about her and with her strength, she won't let anyone mistreat her right?'

Shaking his head to stop worrying about her, he asked again "Tell me, how do I use this inventory?"

[ To store things, Host only need to be in contact with the desired object host wants to store and then simply think about storing that object in the inventory. To take the stored things out, host only need to think and it will be done. ]

Hearing this, Max took out his gold coins from the spatial bag and thought about storing them.

In the next moment, around a thousand gold coins were stored in the inventory. He then thought of taking them out and they appeared in front of him once again.

'It's very convenient huh!' He then tried to store his spatial bag but couldn't. After asking the system he found out that because the spatial bag a small spatial pocket in it, it couldn't be stored. Therefore, he emptied his spatial bag and put every in the inventory.

'Let's see what the 'shop' has to offer now.' His expectations were very high after knowing that this system was made by a supreme mage.

After closing the inventory, he clicked on shop and a new window opened in front of him. There were three options appeared in front of him:

- [ Magic spells ]
- [ Magic artefacts ]
- [ Magical medicine ]

Max clicked on [ Magic spells ], and another window appeared. There were at least a dozen spells of each element. However to his disappointment, everything was greyed out.

He clicked on one spell and system's monotonous voice sounded.

[ Ding. Host needs hundred thousand Lust points to unlock the Grade five earth golem spell. ]

'Hundred thousand?' Max twisted his lips. How many times would he need to have S.e.x. to gather so many LPs.

However, his attention was soon attracted by the grade of the skill 'Grade five? Weren't these spells were divided among low, mid and high grades with each grade having three sub tiers? How come this spell is graded as grade five?'

He then clicked on some others and found out that all of them were of different grades, ranging from grade one to nine. Each spell had different price.

'Well, let's see what other sections has to offer.' Max didn't think much about it as the grading standards has been changed in past few thousand years. He then proceeded to click on the [ Magical artefacts ].

Just like spells, there were many magical and elemental artefacts too. However there were only a few artefacts above grade seven same as spells.

The same was in the [ Magical Medicine ]. There were many different types of medicine, pills, potions etc. However because he didn't have enough LPs to unlock anything, he couldn't determine how these grades relates to the current grades.

This made him regret not having s.e.x. with Eva after Lilly had left. 'I should try and raise my LPs to buy some fire elemental spells. Only Fireball wouldn't be enough anymore.'

Thinking about this, Flavia's image surfaced in his mind. However, he shook his head. He was sure that if he made a move on her, she would definitely lash out and stop speaking to him and it wasn't as if he could force himself on her. Ever if he could, he wouldn't do such thing only for the sake of becoming strong.

"Knock! Knock!"

Just as he was lost in his thoughts, someone knocked on his door.

"Young master it's me." Neer called out.

After Max opened the door, he smiled "You sure fast with the work, tell me h-

Neer shook his head and quickly interrupted him "Young master, I was going to the third peak to find out the bed's price. However, I heard that the group of outer disciples who went on a mission a while ago has returned just now. However..."

"However what?" Max was startled to hear this unexpected news but soon a smile appeared on his face and when Neer stopped speaking, that smile vanished and his expression became bad. He forcefully clasped Neer's shoulder and asked.

"Y-Young master, there seems to be some casualties among them. However I couldn't find out if the one who you were searching for was... Therefore I came to find you as soon as I heard this." Neer said.

Max's expression became grim, an ominous feeling arising in his heart. He bolted out of the room at his full Speed and went towards the Mission hall where the group should be if they just returned, reporting the results of the mission.

Neer also followed behind. He knew that when Max arrived, on the first day he asked around for an outer sector disciple and found out that she was out on a mission with a group.

In a few minutes, he reached the mission hall and was a group of people in tattered clothing. They seemed very Haggard. He quickly scanned them to see find Anna. However he didn't saw her among them, which made his expression even more grim.

He walked in front of them and asked, his voice shaking "What happened to Anna?"

If Maxwell's memories hadn't merged with him, he wouldn't have such reaction even though she was nice to him since the day one. However, now he considered someone very close to him.

The girl in front of the group frowned and snapped coldly “Who are you? Don’t you know it’s not polite to stop someone like-“

Swoosh!

However before she could complete her sentence, Max appeared in front of her and clenched her neck with one hand “I asked what happened to Anna.”

No one expected Max to react in such a way, the other disciples in the group prepared to attack him. There were a total of six people in the group including the girl whose neck, he was about to crush.

Neer had also come by now. When he saw Max attacking someone out of nowhere, he panicked because there was no fighting allowed in the academy. And if someone did fight, they will be punished heavily.

“Ugh, bastard release me.” The girl shouted as her mana swirled around her intensely.

Max came to his senses and released the girl and asked “Now tell me, what happened to Anna?”

The girl and others glared at him murderously. Four among them were two-star mages. The girl didn’t reply but one man among them shouted and prepared to attack him “How dare you treat our leader like that?”

However at this moment, a voice sounded from behind them “What’s happening here?”

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( A/N: the reason of this sudden change in attitude has been clearly stated in case you find it odd. Thanks for reading.)

## Chapter 115 Can I Live With You!

Max found the voice familiar. He look toward the source of the voice and saw a blonde haired girl coming out the Mission hall. Her hair were disheveled and clothes tattered, just like the group of disciples’ in front of him.

After seeing this girl, his anxiety vanished because he recognised her. It was Anna. However, Anna hadn’t seen him clearly because he was surrounded by her teammates.

The leader whose neck, Max had grabbed previously looked back towards Anna and then Max who was looking at her with a relieved expression. She then recalled that he was asking about her a while ago.

'So this b.a.s.t.a.r.d. thought that Anna was killed on the Mission and that's why he behaved like that.' She realised, however this didn't lessen the anger she felt for Max. She glared at Anna and said coldly "What took you so long? Your b.a.s.t.a.r.d. boyfriend here was attacking me without reason. Shouldn't you reign him in a little?"

"Boyfriend?" Anna looked at her confusedly and then saw Max looking at her. She was taken aback. She seemed to not hear her sarcasm and ran toward him and jumped into his arms in her excitement.

"Little Max, you are here. No, how are you here? Did you get selected in the recruitment?" She asked excitedly.

Seeing her face filled with bliss and hugging this unknown blue-haired guy, without any intention of letting go. The group had surprised expressions. They collectively looked toward one member of their group. He was looking at Max with such intense hate that people would think that Max must have killed his mother to receive such gaze.

He gnashed his teeth and asked "Anna, who is this guy? Didn't you hear, he attacked our group leader?"

Hearing the man, Anna let go of Max and became worried. She looked towards the leader of the group who was also staring at this scene a bit surprised and said "Leader Mei, this is my little brother, Max. That must have been some misunderstanding on his part. I hope you forgive him on my account."

Mei sneered and was about to lash out at him when she noticed the Emblem Max had on his chest, she froze in her place. Subconsciously her gaze also fell on Neer who was standing behind Max and seeing the emblem he had, her breathing almost stopped.

Seeing that Mei didn't say anything, the man glared at Max and spoke coldly "If he is your brother, I'll forgive him. However make sure he doesn't come-"

"Karon, Shut up!" Mei coldly interrupted him.

"Huh?" He and others in their group, even Anna was stunned by this. Karon's expression turned unpleasant being rebuked like this. However, what Mei said next surprised them even more.

She forced a smile and said "Oh, he is your little brother. I was wondering why someone was so anxious to see you. He must have heard what happened to our group. It's fine, no need to ask for forgiveness. I understand why he acted like that."

"What?" Anna almost shouted. She was familiar with Mei's character. She was someone who would seek revenge even at small grievances, let alone when someone dared to attack her. However seeing that she forget about this so easily, everyone,



including Karon looked at her weirdly. They then looked at Max to see what was the cause of this miraculous change.

They soon noticed Max's inner disciple and Neer's core disciple emblem, coupled with the burst of strength he showed by pinning her down, they understood her reason. However, Karon was still glaring at him.

"I shall not disturb you guys further. I'll go and rest." Mei excused herself and left in a hurry. Others also followed behind her. Karon also left reluctantly.

Karon caught up to her and asked in disgruntled tone "Mei, even if he was an inner disciple, he didn't seem too strong. Why do we have to let him off when we have four Two-star mages among us?"

Mei who had been suppressing her anger, snapped upon hearing his complain "You horny b.a.s.t.a.r.d., do you think I'm so weak that anyone could grab my neck and I'm unable to do anything? If you don't want Anna to stay close with that b.a.s.t.a.r.d go and fight him."

She then left in a huff. Leaving a stunned Karon. Others in the group also gave him disdainful looks and left.

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Anna was flabbergasted by this turn of events. She looked at Max wanting to ask what this was about, when she also noticed the emblem on his chest and exclaimed in shock "Ahh! You are an inner sector disciple. So that's why..." She realised why Mei chose to reconcile.

However, her cheerful face fell slightly at this and she subconsciously touched her emblem 'He must have Been recruited as an inner sector disciple while I'm still an outer sector disciple.'

Max noticed her mood becoming sad. Therefore, he changed the topic to divert her attention "Let's go. You must be feeling hungry, I'll treat you to some food."

"Okay."

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Max and Anna were sitting in the same inn where Max and Neer had eaten a while ago. Max had ordered the food for Anna while they talked.

When Anna heard that he was already a Two-star mage, she was very surprised. It's been only around two months when he was just a novice mage. This improvement was astonishing.

In the past when he was weak, he was always depressed that made her very upset for him and but she couldn't do anything more than accompany him whenever she had free time. Now that Max was already so strong and no longer depressed, it made her genuinely happy.

Max also found out that Anna was already a peak One-star mage and it was only a matter of time before she become a two-star mage. Therefore he offered to give her his mana stones to cultivate faster but Anna declined saying that he also needed them to cultivate. After Max insisted, she finally accepted twenty mana stones.

When he asked about the mission she went on, Anna told him that, to earn some mana stones she joined a group that had accepted a low-risk but high reward mission. The mission was to bring a low grade herb called green snake flower from the snake king valley. This valley was called this because a long time ago there was a King ranked snake beast.

The mission went well and they found many green snake flowers however, on their way back, they encountered a peak Two-star snake type beast. Three of their group members were killed. They barely manage to escape thanks to the combined efforts of the four two-star mages.

"If you need more mana stones to breakthrough to the Two-star realm, you can take mine." Max offered again. He didn't want her to endanger her life for some mana stones before she is strong enough to ensure her safety.

Hearing him offer his mana stones again she pouted cutely "I don't need more, I've thirty two including the twenty you gave me. They should be enough as I've to make only a small improvement to breakthrough."

She then remembered something and asked nervously "Max now that you are here and have become an inner sector disciple, can I live with you?"

"What?" Max was caught off guard by her question and almost spit out the herbal tea he was drinking.

## Chapter 116 Trade Peak

"You can, but does academy even allow this?" He asked although he wanted to ask her reason too.

Anna's face blossomed with smile hearing that he didn't even ask her reason and directly agreed. She nodded "Yes, the academy doesn't prohibit living with another disciple if he allows you to."

"If that's the case, you can live with me." Max smiled. He wouldn't refuse of course.

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After Anna had eaten her fill, Max accompanied her to her dorm to take her stuff but he realised that his help wasn't needed as Anna also had a spatial bag. She stored her things and walked out of her room with Max.

Just then a girl came out of the room beside Anna's with a boy. Their faces were red and breathing rough as if they had done some exhausting task. Max looked at them and smiled knowingly. Anna tugged on his arm after seeing them and walked faster.

The girl and boy had noticed them. The boy looked at Anna with a dreamy look. The girl slapped his back seeing this and then said to Anna "Haha Anna, it about time you got yourself a boyfriend. Aren't you going to introduce him to me?" Saying this she glanced at Max and was stunned seeing him and unconsciously mumbled "Too Handsome..." This time the guy slapped her but not on her back but her butt.

Anna had a disgusted look after seeing her staring at Max and almost drooling. She coldly said "You don't need to know him."

She then grabbed his hand and dragged him away. After walking for more than ten minutes, they arrived in front of Max's dorm room. Anna has calmed down by now and realised that she was still holding his arm. A faint blush crept up her beautiful face before she let go.

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When she let go of his hand, she heard him sigh, a disappointed sigh. She looked confusedly at him but he was already walking towards the door to open it.

"Let's go inside." After opening the door, he walked inside, Anna also followed.

She looked around the room and exclaimed "It's bigger than my room. So that's the benefit of being an inner disciple."

Max smiled wryly seeing her act all surprised just because it was two times bigger than her dorm room and thought 'Your room, back in the mansion is a lot bigger and beautiful than this hut.' However he didn't say anything because he had seen her dorm room which was only half of this room and mana was thinner there.

"Okay you rest here, I'm going out for a bit." Max said after seeing that only the small wooden bed enough only for one person.

"Where are you going? You are still new here. Let me go with you." Anna offered.

"It's fine. I'm going to find Neer. You can do whatever you want in the meantime " Max shook his head and walked out, closing the door behind him.

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Max walked on the streets towards the inner area of the 'town' where core disciples' live. In the western most part of the town was the outer and inner sector disciples' dormitories. Unlike them, core disciples didn't live in the dorm rooms but had small villas of their own. Mana density in these villas was more than five times higher.

However, they weren't allowed to let anyone who wasn't a core disciple to live with them. It was because the academy wanted to entice the rest of the disciples to work hard to become core disciples to enjoy the luxury they enjoyed.

Max arrived in front of a villa where Neer lived. Although it was small compared to other constructs, Max still found it amazing. On earth, only the wealthiest people could afford this type of villa.

Before Max could knock on the door, it opened by itself and Neer came out.

Seeing Max, he was surprised "Young master, you are here."

Max nodded "Are you going somewhere?"

"Yes, young master. I was going to the third peak to b- check the prices of the bed." Neer nodded.

"Okay let's go together. I'm here precisely because of this. Take your mana stones with you. I'll have to borrow yours as mine won't be enough to buy a good bed." Max said. Although he didn't want to use Neer's mana stones, now that Anna was going to live with him, he had to buy a comfortable bed.

"Don't worry young master. I already have them." Neer patted the his spatial bag on his waist with a smile.

After he became a core disciple, he was given one to carry important things with him. "Okay let's go then."

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The third peak was a dozen miles away from the main peak. To go from one peak to another, the academy had tamed flying hawks. However, this method was costly for even the inner disciples and for outer disciples normally it was impossible because, one way trip from first peak to third peak cost five mana stones.

They boarded a Two-star brown feathered hawk that could fly with 50 people. After flying a few minutes, they landed on the third peak, commonly known as trade peak.

This was called trade peak because this peak was only used for trade purposes. One can buy and sell anything here.

Many people from far away cities also comes here to trade. Disciples needed various types of things and they needed mana stones. So the trade in the markets established by the academies was profitable for everyone.

“Mana refining pills, only for two low grade mana stones.”

“Grade two magic artefacts at very low price.”

“Low grade, peak level spells that’ll make your strength grow exponentially. Only for 100 mana stones.”

“...”

Just as they landed, many voices selling their products reached their ears. People were selling many types of things. The atmosphere was very lively.

In every street, there were countless stalls and shops established. Many disciples were selling the things they didn’t need to earn some stone to buy something else or use them to cultivate.

Neer was looking around in a daze. He hadn’t seen so many valuable things in one place before.

“Do you know where can we buy a bed?” Max patted his shoulder and asked.

He came out of his daze and nodded “Y-Yes. We need to go to the furniture market of the Merchant Association. We can find every type of furniture there.”

They then found the furniture market and bought a bed, big enough for two people to sleep comfortably. It was very soft and comfortable but also very expensive. It cost them five hundred mana stones. However, Neer paid it without flinching.

Max could only sigh at this and decided to return him tenfold. After that Neer bought some pills useful for his cultivation, spending another 200 stones. Then they returned to the main peak.

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Knock! Knock!

After arriving at his dorm, he knocked on the door as it was closed from inside.

“Who is it?” Anna’s voice came from inside.

"It's me." replied.

Swoosh!

The door opened and Max was greeted by a wonderful scenery. He looked at Anna who only had a towel wrapped around her, her long tempting legs exposed, her golden hair dripping wet, in a daze.

"Were you taking a bath?" He asked, his gaze refusing to move from her wet body.

"What are you doing standing there? Come inside." Anna shouted in embarrassment after seeing him stare at her. She quickly ran toward the bathroom.

### Chapter 117 Sleeping Together

As he watched her run away like a rabbit, he felt something rising in the lower part of his body. Noticing this, he cursed inwardly 'F.u.c.k.!' and closed his his and took deep breaths to calm down. However as he closed his eyes, Anna's charming figure in towel with her golden hair dripping wet appeared in his mind.

Trying to dispel his thoughts, he walked toward one corner of the room and took out the newly bought bed from his inventory.

He then looked toward the wooden bed and his eyes sparkled 'I should put this bed away.' However, Just as he thought this , Anna came out of the bathroom, dressed in white pyjamas.

"Huh, Max where did this bed come from?" Her eyes twinkled upon seeing such a comfortable looking bed in front of her.

"I bought this as the wooden bed wasn't comfortable to have a good sleep." Max replied.

"You bought this? Isn't furniture here too costly? Where did you get that many mana stones? Did you borrow from someone?" Hearing his reply, Anna's tone became serious all of a sudden.

Max didn't understand what caused this change and nodded "Yeah. I borrowed from Neer-" However he was cut off mid sentence.

"Why did you borrow? How will you pay back now? You only get enough for you to cultivate." She walked up to him and shouted in panic. Her face showing a worried expression.

Seeing her freaking out, Max took a step forward and embraced her in his arms to calm her down and said "Don't worry it wasn't expensive and Neer owed me a favor so he

helped out. There is nothing to worry about.” He realised that she was worried because he won’t have enough stone to pay back the stones.

Anna was taken aback when he suddenly hugged her. She reflexively wanted move away from him but hearing his reply, her nerves calmed down and she stayed still.

The reason she became so anxious after hearing that he borrowed from someone, was because she had heard of many disciples who did the same and to earn and pay back the borrowed amount, they had to neglect their cultivation which caused their cultivation to stagnate for years. She didn’t want to something similar happen to him.

Seeing that she had calmed down, Max let go of her and smiled “By the way, you look cute in these pyjamas.”

Anna became self conscious and pouted “Because I was living alone previously, so I only wore pyjamas in my room. That’s why I don’t have anything else to wear. So don’t you dare to make fun of me.”

“Haha, I’m not making fun of you. You really do look cute.” Max laughed. He was saying the truth. She looked just like a cute doll.

“ ... ”

Max and Anna talked until night. When Max was going to take her out to eat, she told him not to and that she can make food here. So there was no need to waste mana stones on food.

Max agreed seeing that her expression that said ‘I won’t take a no for answer.’ Moreover, he didn’t have enough mana stones to eat daily in the inn. Academy would only give disciples monthly rations and they have to make their food by themselves or eat out where mana stones were needed.

After having dinner which was only boiled rice and one-star beast’s meat soup, both of them looked at the bed. They both wanted to sleep on the comfortable bed rather than on the hard wooden bed.

Max sighed “You can sleep on it, I’ll sleep-“

Anna shook her head and said “No. It’s big enough for both of us to sleep comfortably, no need to sleep on that wooden bed.”

“If you don’t have any problem with it, I’ll gladly do so.” Max agreed in a heartbeat.

Afterwards, they both took one side of the bed and laid down. However, neither of them fell asleep until half an hour later.

\*Rustle\*

'Hmm?' In the middle of the night, he felt a soft feeling on his back.

As he turned around, he found that Anna had come to his side. He looked at her, their faces were only one feet away. She was sleeping soundly with a serene look on her face. Her hair falling over her her face. She looked very beautiful even in her sleep.

He reached out his hand and put the stray hair behind her ear. As he gazed at her beautiful visage, he once again fell asleep.

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In the morning, Anna was the first one to wake up. As she woke up, she realised that a hand was on her waist.

'Huh?' she tilted her head upwards and saw Max sleeping soundly. She then realised that she was huddled in his embrace with her hands on his chest. She panicked but seeing that Max was sleeping peacefully, she calm down and didn't move.

'It's okay. We are siblings after all.' She thought and watched his sleeping face.

After a while, Max also woke up. He felt a soft body glued to his and he opened his eyes, he was greeted with a pair of beautiful eyes looking at him.

He greeted her without moving away "Good morning Anna".

Anna smiled "Good morning. Can I get up now?"

"Uh, yeah sure." Only then he moved his hand away from her waist.

They both washed up and got ready. Anna made breakfast for them and as they ate together, Max asked "Are you also going to the classes?" Normally only those who are new recruits, attend the classes while others like Anna cultivate and train by themselves utilising academy's resources.

"No, I'm going to train in the martial arena today. My fighting skills are still lacking so I have to work on them." Anna shook her head.

Max nodded. Academy also has martial arenas where disciples could spar to find out about their strengths and weaknesses and gain valuable combat experience.

"Okay, you take care of yourself and don't push yourself too hard. I'll join you after my classes are over." He said.



Although his way to gain strength was different from others and classes couldn't help him in this aspect, there were many things he needed to learn from them.

Moreover, from today onwards, their combat training was going to start where elders of academy will advise the disciples. It was very important for him as his combat experience was only basic.

"Oh so now you have become strong enough to advise me huh?" Anna pouted cutely. Just a few months ago, she was the one to train and advise him. However now their roles were reversed.

"Yep. So be careful okay." Max nodded, teasingly.

"Okay my lord. I'll be careful." Anna scoffed.

After they finished their meal, they went to different directions. Today Neer didn't come because he was going train in different area.

Like previous day, Max run into Flavia once again. After greeting each other, they walked together making people around them look on in envy.

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Today they were in the open ground. A middle-aged woman in white robes told them that they were going to fight one on one so she can grade them and teach them accordingly.

"First fight, Wille and Haory. Come forward." She called out.

A boy with yellowish hair and average build and a simple looking girl walked in open area.

Max looked at the girl and muttered "So she also joined Cloud academy."

### Chapter 118 Killing Intent

This simple looking girl was Haory, the sand girl who he fought against in second elimination round. She was strongest for he had to fight until now. So he had remembered her.

"Fight with all you got. I'll decide based on your performance if I should allow you to choose a spell from academy for free or not. Let the fight begin." The elder announced.

Hearing this Haory, Wille and rest of the disciples became excited. Everyone wanted a spell from the academy as their spell would undoubtedly be stronger than what they were using now.

Hoary was first to react, she chanted her spell and sand appeared around her. This time her spell took only half the time compared to what it took against Max because, this time the ground was not concrete like arena and it helped her conjure up sand from the ground faster.

Wille was an earth element user. He also chanted his spell and an earthen armour covered his body leaving only joints exposed as not to hinder his movements.

Everyone focused more after seeing this matchup. They wanted to see which element will prove to be stronger, Earth or sand.

Hoary chanted another spell and the sand around her took the shape of a giant hand and punched at Wille.

“Hah!”

Wille shouted and punched the ground, his mana poured in the ground and a giant earthen spike came out of ground and punctured the punch in mid-flight.

“Oh, he got a powerful spell.” Someone commented. *ovlxt.n&t*

“Yeah it’s powerful however, don’t you know that this sand girl’s strength doesn’t lie in her first attack but the following one.” Another one commented.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just then, more than a dozen one foot long sharp spikes shot out from the sandy hand and flew toward Wille, intent on turning him into a sieve.

Even after seeing this, Wille’s expression didn’t change much as he already expected it after watching her fight with Max.

He poured his mana into the ground once more and a two feet thick earth wall appeared in front of him.

Boom!

Sand spikes collided with the earth wall and drilled into it. However, they couldn’t pierce through completely.

After the spikes stopped, the earth wall retracted in the ground. However before it could completely disappear in the ground, three one-meter long earth spikes also shot out towards Haory.

“Whoa, casting two spells at the same time. This guy is surprisingly talented.”

“Tch, it’s not dual casting. After he casted that earth wall for defence, he quickly cast this spell to take her off guard. However, to do this in such a short time, he wasted a lot of his mana” The other guy judged.

“Even so, he is quite talented. Can you do the same even after wasting the same amount of Mana.” Another guy sneered.

“Yeah, you are right, I can’t do it. But I don’t think it’ll be enough to tak this sand girl down.”

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Although Haory was surprised as she didn’t expect him to be so decisive to not care about mana consumption to launch another attack right after, didn’t panic.

If it was before, she might have lost to this sudden attack but after tasting Max punch in the elimination round, she realised that she must have something to defend herself in unexpected situations. Therefore she had conjured up more sand than she normally would and kept one-fourth around her.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Six half a meter long sand spikes shot out from the sand around Haory and crashed into the incoming spikes and turned each other into dust.

After that a few more spikes shot out from the giant sand hand toward Wille.

Willie had exhausted almost all of his mana in his previous attacks as he was only in the initial stage of two-star realm and didn’t have high enough mana. Seeing that his final strike had been shot down and more were coming towards him, he raised his hand “I give up.”

Swoosh.

Just as he said this, the spikes turned to dust before they could pierce him. Haory then retracted her mana and let the sand merge back in the ground.

‘Such control.’ The elder was surprised to her control over her element. She then looked at Wille and said “You need to have more dynamic attacking pattern so you won’t need to squander your mana in a fight that might decide your life and death. However your talent is good and I like you calm temperament even in midst of battle, I’ll allow you to choose one lower-rank middle grade spell from the library.” Saying this she tossed a token with one line carved on it. “Show this to elder in charge of the academy’s library.

She then looked at Haory “Your performance was good and your elemental control is among the top of your realm. I’ll also allow you to choose one spell of the same grade

and get 50 more mana stones from the resource hall.” She then gave her two tokens that were to be used in library and resource hall respectively.

Seeing this everyone became even more excited. Although the spell reward was amazing and all, normally every disciple would get to choose a spell for free. Therefore, mana stones were much more lucrative to them.

“Next is Lacron and Max.” The elder announced.

Max was expecting his turn to be last like usual therefore he was sitting leisurely with Flavia. Hearing his name called out, he walked to the open area where previous fight was fought.

The other party was a boy, around 20+ years old. He was looking at Max with a murderous look on his face. Max frowned seeing this.

‘Does he have some enmity with me? I don’t think I’ve met this guy before.’ He wondered before his expression also became serious.

“Begin the battle!” The elder announced.

‘Huh?’ Max was focusing on Lacron when he suddenly vanished from his sight.

Flavia looked at this and mumbled “Such high agility! This is going to be a tough battle for you.” Without her knowing, her fists were clenched as if she was feeling worry. If someone saw this, they would think that she was someone very close to him.

Woosh!

Lacron appeared beside Max and used his hand as a blade to strike at his neck. Although it looked like a normal strike but he had used his wind element and formed a wind blade around his hand.

“Huh?” Elder frowned seeing this. She didn’t expect someone to use such deadly attack right at the start and from his demeanor, it didn’t seem like he was going to hold back.

However, just as she wanted to save Max. Max’s voice sounded. “So you are a wind user. No wonder you are this fast.” Saying this, he leaned to his other side to dodge and sent a powerful kick at Lacron’s abdomen.

Bang!

Lacron was sure that Max wouldn’t be able to dodge his strike however, when he did dodge it, he was stunned for a second and got hit by Max’s kick.

“Ugh!” He was heavily struck and was thrown more than ten meters away, spitting out blood. Haory saw this and her abdomen muscles contracted unconsciously.

Flavia stared at this scene wide eyes. She had watched him fight in the elimination rounds and he didn’t show that he has such fast reaction and speed. Although she already knew about his physical strength after watching his fight with Earth giant.

Not only Flavia, others who watched him fight previously thought that his agility was barely comparable to any average Two-star mage’s so they were surprised to see him dodge such a close strike.

Max didn’t stop after kicking him away and conjured a 200 mana point fireball and without hesitation, he shot it at Lacron who was still on the ground coughing up blood.

Max clearly felt his killing intent. If he couldn’t dodge his attack, his neck would have been sliced off.

So he wasn’t going to show mercy to him. Although he won’t be able to find out why he wanted to kill him, that wasn’t important anymore.

As for academy’s punishment, the elder must have noticed this and it shouldn’t be considered killing when they were already spar and in a spar, it was normal to be killed by mistake.

Lacron’s eyes widened seeing the fireball inching closer to him at a fast speed and he cursed inwardly ‘F.u.c.k.! I shouldn’t have tried to kill him.’ He could also see what Max was trying to do and why.

## Chapter 119 Comforting A Goddess

\*Whoosh\*

Just as he was about to lose hope, the elder appeared in front of him. She waved her hand at the incoming fireball and a mana ripple wrapped around it and extinguished it in a puff.

Sigh!

Both Lacron and Max sighed simultaneously. The only difference was that Lacron’s sigh was of relief while Max’s sigh was of regret mixed with slight relief.

Although Max wanted to kill him for trying to kill him, he was still not used to killing so he was inwardly relieved when the elder saved him.

Lacron stood up and looked fearfully at Max. He could imagine if elder wasn’t here or didn’t want to save him, what would happen to him. He clearly remembered when in the

elimination round, this very fireball turned a man with high earth defense into Ash. He was now regretting that he tried to kill him.

Max glared at him and was about to say something when the elder looked at them coldly and released her aura. She glared at them both and said "Don't you guys know the rule of no killing inside academy or do you take the rules as jokes huh? If you have such death grudge, you can go to the disciplinary hall and ask for permission for the fight to the death."

She then continued "This time I'm only giving you guys warning because both of you are guilty and no harm was done. However, if you do it again, I'll personally deal with you."

She then flicked two tokens at them and said "I will allow you to choose only one spell from the library as for the extra rewards, you can forget about it."

Under the pressure of her aura, Lacron was barely able to breathe and was sweating profusely while Max only felt slight discomfort because he has already 'endured' the Crimson monarch's and the white haired woman's aura pressure.

Although Schwartz helped him endure Crimson monarch's aura while the white haired woman didn't unleash hers at full strength, it was still stronger than the elder's who was only a three star mage and was holding back a bit.

After finishing her part, just as she was about to retract her aura, she noticed Max completely fine and frowned. 'How come he isn't affected by my aura? Does he have some artefacts in him?'

However seeing Lacron suffocating, she retracted her aura and said "Go now." *o v l x t . n E t*

It was as if Lacron was granted amnesty from certain death, he ran away, not wanting to stay near them. While clenching his jaws in anger and regret, he glared at a man standing among the disciples 'You bastard, I'll make you pay for setting me up.'

The man only looked at him coldly before shifting his gaze to Max who was walking towards Flavia. This man was none other than Dalton's trusted aid and servant, Barton who joined the Cloud Academy for the sake of killing Max.

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Max walked back after giving Lacron a last glance 'I'll take care of you after this.'

As he stood beside Flavia, he felt many prickling gazes at his back. Everyone was astounded by his performance so everyone was paying more attention to him. However, by now he has become used to such gazes and it didn't bother him much.

Flavia glanced at him and said in a bit self deprecating tone "I thought I knew how strong you were but you were still hiding your true strength huh!"

Max looked at her without saying anything.

He knew why everyone seemed to think that he was hiding his true strength. It was because when he fought against Haory, he could only use his attributes' at half of their potential.

After fighting in the recruitment and training by himself this past week, he now could better utilise the strength his attributes provided. That's why he was faster and stronger than before.

So everyone obviously thought that he was hiding as one could improve their physical strength in one week as much as him.

However he couldn't tell her this as no one was like him who had higher strength but not able to use it properly. If he told her this, she would treat it as a jock.

He smiled and said "It's not that I was hiding my strength but that I didn't need to fight with all I got. I'm sure you are the same right?"

Flavia looked at him for a moment and nodded. It was true that those like her, Dalton, Vincent etc didn't give it their all as their opponents weren't strong enough to force them to use their full power.

After Max and Lacron finished their fight, The elder called out more disciples to fight and gave them Library token and if she found someone outstanding, she would give them extra rewards.

"Flavia and Bartan come forward." The elder called out once more after the previous fight was completed.

Flavia calmly walked out to stand in the fighting ground. Bartan flinched upon hearing that he was going to fight against Flavia.

He was 24 years old now and as long as he could remember, he and his family worked for Daltons and were taken care of by them. So they were loyal to them.

Therefore, he was hesitant to fight the woman his lord was interested in but he also wanted to get one spell from academy as their spell would undoubtedly be stronger than what he has now and will make his strength grow.

Seeing him not come out, the elder frowned and shouted "Who is Bartan? Come here at once."

Seeing that Elder was getting angry, he sighed and walked out.

“Hmm?” After seeing him, Flavia raised an eyebrow as she recognised him and quickly understood why Dalton’s trusted man was in the same academy as him.

Realising this anger started boiling up inside her. ‘That guy dared to send his men to keep an eye on me? Who do he think I am, his slave?’

As she grew furious, the mana around her swirled intensely. She didn’t attack him yet just because elder hadn’t tell them to begin fighting.

The elder frowned seeing this while Bartan smiled wryly. She looked at Flavia and warned seriously “Let me remind you once again, killing is not allowed. Or you’ll be receive punishment worse than death. Understand?”

Flavia nodded “Yes elder.”

“Okay then. Start the fight.” Elder nodded seeing that she was able think clearly despite clearly being very angry.

Before Flavia could attack him, Bartan stepped forward and bowed “Mistress, I apologise in advance for fighting you. If it wasn’t because I also need another spell, I would’ve refrained from fighting you. However, don’t worry I won’t attack you.”

Bartan was serious when he said this and had no intention of mocking her. He knew Flavia was strong but not as strong as Dalton and he could hold his ground against Dalton.

“You b.a.s.t.a.r.d!” The way he addressed her and told that he won’t attack her, was her breaking point as she couldn’t endure anymore and cursed through clenched teeth.

Her mana swirled and three metal ball appeared before her and turned into sharp lances. Without waiting for him to get ready to fight, she shot the lances at him at very fast speed, almost equalling Samuel’s lightening arrow’s speed.

Seeing this, Bartan quickly chanted a spell and half a foot thick water barrier materialised around him. However, he didn’t stop there and chanted another spell rapidly.

“Water Serpents.”

Three water serpents came out of the water barrier and launched themselves at the lances.

Splash! Splash! Splash!



All three water serpents were pierced by the metal lances easily however, they reduced the speed of the lances by one-tenth.

Bang!

By the time, Flavia could use her mana to make their speed faster, the lances banged into the water barrier and pierced it but before they could reach Bartan, they stopped.

Flavia was stunned. This Lance attack was her one of the most powerful attacks and it was stopped so easily by a Lackey of Dalton.

Bartan didn't do anything apart from blocking her attack, and raised his hand and gave up. He felt like this was enough to show his strength to the elder.

Following this, elder gave them their library tokens and rewarded bartan with 200 mana stones while Flavia with 100. Although their fight only lasted a few seconds. As an experienced mage, she could gauge their strength easily.

However, Flavia wasn't focusing and her face was pale. Even after the she received her tokens and Bartan returned to his seat. She stood still in the middle of fight ground, dazed.

Seeing this, Max sighed and walked towards her and put his hand on her shoulder. "Don't be discouraged. If you had continued fighting, he would have lost. That's why he gave up. Believe in yourself."

Hearing his soft and comforting tone, she snapped out of her daze and fell in his embrace.

Max was stunned. He didn't expect her to do something like this in front of everybody.

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Just as he wanted to say something, she separated herself from him and said in a very feeble voice "Thank you!"

"It's fine. I'm here whenever you need me." He smiled and said "Let's go there, others are waiting for their turn to fight."

Flavia was dazed by his gentle demeanor that surfaced all of a sudden. Until now she only saw him as a playful and free person, but now seeing that how he comforted her, she felt warmth spread in her heart for the first time in a long while. She nodded and softly said "Un."

When the elder saw Flavia all shocked because she couldn't destroy Bartan's water barrier, she felt a bit bad for her as this could result in utter despair for her if she couldn't find her confidence again.

However, When Max came and comforted her, she sighed in relief. She looked at Max peculiarly and mumbled "What a lucky girl to have such a caring boyfriend."

She then shook her head and thought "But he is too reckless to try and kill a disciple in front of everyone. If he continue to be this reckless, he might prove to a Bane for her.'

Then a sudden thought came to her mind 'Maybe not. He isn't simple as he seemed to be able to endure my aura without any problem. Hm...' While looking at their backs, she fell in her own thoughts.

Haory who was standing among the disciples saw this and thought while her hand unconsciously touched her abdomen 'So you aren't not a bad guy...'

If Max could hear her thoughts now, he would be speechless and only one thought would come to his mind 'Women are strange creatures. That can't be understood by men'.

She seemed to have forgotten that he was the one who gave her that healing pill out of kindness. If he was a bad guy, would be care?

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The remaining fights continued until evening. When every fight was done and everyone was given their library tokens and extra rewards. The elder announced the end of today's class and that for the upcoming month, they will fight and train under the guidance of other elders.

Their 300+ disciples' class was going to be separated in six different section that six elders will take charge of.

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As they were returning to their dorms, Max was feeling excited because he will soon learn how to fight properly.

Flavia looked at him deep in his thoughts and gently tapped on his shoulder. Max focused and looked at her and asked "What is it Miss Flavia?"

"Sir Max, you should drop the honorifics and can directly call me Flavia. We are fr-friends now right?" She said a bit stuttering, while her eyes seemed to escape his gaze. This was a refreshing change to see as she always had that serious look on her face.

Seeing this Max rejoiced internally 'Finally, she is willing to become close with me, haha!' It's a male's nature to want to make any woman they find beautiful their own. Max wasn't any different, therefore he was happy seeing this.

The first time he saw her in the weapons' shop, he was charmed by her beauty. The only thought that came to his mind was to make her his. This was one of the reason why Max didn't care about Dalton's enmity and kept interacting with her.

"If that's the case, you also also do the same and call me Max." He nodded and then asked "So Flavia what is it that you want to say?"

For some reason, Flavia felt a bit happy hearing him call her name. She hesitantly said "As the elder said, our class will be divided in six sections. So I was thinking that we might not be in the same section. So will we be able to m-meet like this?"

After saying this she glanced at Max and saw him smiling weirdly, she panicked and hurriedly said "Please don't get me wrong, I'm only saying this be-because you're my only friend here."

After spending some time with him, she unconsciously started treating him as her spiritual support as he would always be with her when she felt like she was going to lose her way. Just like today and in the recruitment when he tried to motivate her.

Max smiled "Don't worry. Even if we are in the different sections, we are still in the same Academy. If you want, we can always meet." He then laughed "Who would be stupid enough to not want to spend time with such a gorgeous lady like you."

Flavia blushed hearing him call her gorgeous. Although he always praised her beauty, she didn't feel embarrassed like she did now. She knew that something changed inside her after meeting him however, she didn't think much about it because she liked this change.

"Okay, I'll be going now." She quickly walked away not wanting to show him her childish expression.

'Such an amazing woman...' Max thought as he watched her figure disappear from his sight.

Although he wanted her to become his woman, he also knew that she had some problems of her own to deal with, and that's why she was working so hard to become strong.

'I will be able to help her if she agrees to become my woman.' He thought. After the second awakening of his system, he knew that the woman he will have sex with, will also benefit and become strong. That will be beneficial for both of them as he also needed a lot of LPs right now.

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“Hey look, it’s that handsome guy from our class.”

“Hmm, he is alone right now, so should we try talking to him?”

“I don’t know, although we are also beautiful but we are nothing in front of that golden haired girl who he is always with.”

“...”

Just as Max was thinking how he should go about to get more LPs to improve, he heard a few girls stealing glances at him and whispering among themselves.

Although he shouldn’t be able to hear what they were talking about as he was only a two-star mage and they were quite far from him. However, he could now because of his high Intelligence attribute.

After he found that he has a system and saw different attributes, he guessed that Intelligence should be referring to his brain power or thought process etc.

But when he increased his intelligence to 50, he found that his brain power only increased slightly however, his other senses such as hearing, eyesight, mana affinity and even his intuition were heightened considerably.

His heightened senses were the main reason he could react in time when Lacron attacked him at such insane speed. Although his agility was also an important factor.

Max turned to look at them and licked his lips inwardly, ‘Until Flavia doesn’t comes around, these girls should be able to provide me with enough lust points.’

His lust was ignited after seeing that these girls wanted to get close to him.

However, before he could go and talk to them, he heard a complaining voice from behind him “I thought you were going to come and find me at the martial arena.”

He turned to look at a beauty who wasn’t lacking in any way compared to Flavia and had more seductive and innocent charm to her.

However, Max’s attention quickly shifted to her current appearance that look very Haggard. There were many cuts and bruises over her body. Her uniform was also tattered in many places.

He became worried and asked “What happened to you Anna? Didn’t I say that you shouldn’t push yourself too hard?”

Seeing the concern in his voice, Anna's face blossomed with a smile, and she giggled "It's normal to get some slight injuries while sparring. Hehe, You shouldn't worry so much about me."

Max smiled wryly seeing her expression that contradicted from what she said. Which made her appear cute and he ruffled her hair which were already messed up.

Anna smacked his hand away and pouted "I'm older than you. You shouldn't treat me like a kid."

"Okay okay!" Max raised his hand up in surrender and laughed.

Seeing that he wasn't taking her seriously, she wanted to rebuke him more but she noticed some girls looking at Max with shining eyes as if they wanted to devour him, she became irritated and grabbed his hand and said "Let's go, this place is infested with foxes."