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Chapter 2731

Elder Eliot snorted, ignoring Elder Rick's question.

However, this did not deter Elder Rick as he pursed his lips, looking like he suddenly thought about something. "That brat is the best candidate, but at the end of the day, he's just a sixth-grade alchemist, and he'll no doubt affect the team negatively. If he does, and even if our valley wins by then, he'd receive punishment. It's quite a pity, since Jackie is quite talented."

His snide remarks sounded harsh to the ear. Elder Rick had just so firmly said that he did not have a grudge against Jackie, yet he so openly said such things! No doubt was he a bitter person, through and through.

Elder Eliot felt a surge of rage in his heart. Just as he was about to shout and curse, however, he suddenly heard footsteps coming from the distance. All of the elders looked toward the source of the noise at the same time.

They saw Elder Maurice walking in with Mr. Zayne, both seemingly calm as they headed into the hall. Far behind them were Jackie and the others. At that moment, their expressions were incredibly serious, but Elder Maurice walked in with a stern look.

At that, Elder Turner and the others started to feel worried. Before Elder Maurice even arrived at the middle of the hall, Elder Turner had rushed up to greet them.

Elder Rick, Elder Eliot, and Elder Baggins walked away from their little debate at the corner.

Elder Maurice saluted Elder Turner before passing him the golden scroll in his hand. Everyone who saw it knew that it was the merit log Elder Maurice had prepared.

Everything that happened in the tournament was recorded in the scroll, as well as the evaluations on the three participants.

Elder Rick shot Jackie a venomous look the moment he arrived at the center of the hall. At the same time, Jackie looked his way, too.

Elder Rick snorted as he looked at Jackie confidently, his expression seemingly conveying that this was the day Jackie's life would end.

Elder Eliot looked at Jackie pitifully. Even if Jackie was talented, the main forces of the tournament were still seventh-grade alchemists. No matter how good he was, Jackie was still a sixth-grade alchemist.

Jackie was fated to fail the valley, no matter how hard he tried.

“Let’s not talk about anything else for now,” said Elder Turner anxiously. “Did you win?”

Even though Elder Turner seemed calm, he was, in fact, just as anxious as Elder Eliot and Elder Baggins were. He knew very well that Sky Peak Pavilion was not a part to scoff at they must have had a trump card.

He did not know if Elder Maurice and the others would be able to deal with it. If they lost the tournament, it would be a massive blow to Phoenix Valley. It was even possible that it would cause them to lose the battle against the Unbreaking Pavilion.

Elder Maurice sighed before he looked up and said, “We won!”

Those words felt like waves that splashed everyone, and the atmosphere inside the hall suddenly got livelier at Elder Maurice’s words.

Elder Turner breathed out a sigh of relief as he happily patted Elder Maurice on his shoulder. “Very good! Very well done!”

Elder Rick smiled. It went exactly as he thought it would.

There was no way Phoenix Valley could lose in the tournament. No matter what sort of trump card Sky Peak Pavilion had, Phoenix Valley would never take it lying down!

With that in mind, he turned and looked at Elder Baggins and Elder Eliot in disdain as he whispered, “I told you you were worrying too much, but you didn’t listen to me.”

After that, Elder Rick turned to look at Jackie once more, all too excited in wanting to see Jackie receive a hefty sentence. He wanted to see Jackie groveling on his knees, begging for mercy, yet would still face the repercussions of failing the team.

Even though he had used official matters for his revenge this time, so what? He accomplished his goals!

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After all, the winner of the tournament was Phoenix Valley. Even though Elder Rick was the one who recommended Jackie, Phoenix Valley suffered no losses.

Even if Elder Turner decided to pursue the matter, Elder Rick could push the responsibility aside by saying he just wanted to recommend the best candidate. Nothing could hinder him by then, but the same thing could not be said for Jackie.

Jackie had offended Elder Maurice, and with Jackie soiling the group’s results with his performance in the tournament, he would be punished. Elder Rick just needed to fan the flames by the side, and Jackie would suffer consequences he surely could not handle. He could even imagine Jackie being chased out of Phoenix Valley.

If Jackie was chased out of Phoenix Valley, Rick would have him assassinated. No matter how much potential Jackie has, he was nothing more than a vermin he disliked. He was, after all, a person that would rather kill his opponents than forgive them.

Jackie would not live another day, and he would make sure of that.

Elder Rick grinned maliciously at the thoughts and ideas that came swirling in his mind.

Elder Turner carefully read through the merit log and started to frown. It seemed like something had greatly angered him, much to Elder Rick's glee.

It had to be about Jackie's horrible performance. Elder Turner would not give Jackie any leeway when assigning the punishments, no doubt!

Thinking about that, Elder Rick looked at Jackie again.

However, he had his head down the whole time, not revealing his expression. It seemed like nothing around Jackie had anything to do with him at all. He could not help but feel his head thump at Jackie's calm expression.

At that moment, Elder Turner finally spoke, "Not bad! Still, it went much worse than I thought it would. Claude, do you have anything to say?"

Despite Elder Turner's words sounding polite, Claude's entire body shuddered.

Unlike Jackie, he had been in Phoenix Valley for a long time, and thus knew of the power Elder Turner held.

He also knew that Elder Turner was not someone who forgave any wrongdoings. Anyone who got to his seat would definitely not be simple characters.

Claude's whole body shuddered as he hurriedly knelt on the floor. "Elder Turner, I've done my best. I just never expected them to have a trump card to ruin our results!"

Claude's words caused confusion among the elders around them.

Since they won the tournament, should it not be Claude and Benedict being praised? Without the two of them leading the progress, how could they have won?

Moreover, why was Elder Turner talking to Claude in such an accusing tone?

Met with everyone's bewilderment, Elder Turner said, "I don't care about how hard you tried. I want you to tell me why you decided to go against Jackie during the tournament against Sky Peak Pavilion.

"You constantly caused trouble for Jackie, and you even helped outsiders ridicule him!"

Claude felt like a bucket of cold water had been thrown on his head, and he could not help but tremble. The consequences would come eventually, but Claude never expected

that Elder Turner would ask him something so direct in front of so many people.

If the question was purely about the results and him dragging the team down, Claude would have something to say, but Elder Turner had highlighted how he, Claude, had purposely made things difficult for Jackie.

To this, Claude suddenly had no idea what to say.

Only Elder Maurice and the others knew what Elder Turner was talking about. The other elders had their eyes widened in confusion. It was completely different from what they expected.

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What? Claude helped outsiders and joined them belittling Jackie? He was just there to fill up the numbers! Should they not be talking about how Jackie had soiled the valley's good name with his poor performance? Why was Elder Turner defending Jackie against Claude?

The elders were baffled by the sudden turn of events.

Meanwhile, Elder Rick's eyes widened as he stared at Elder Turner. He wanted to say something at that moment, and he even wanted to snatch the merit log from Elder Turner to see what had actually happened during the tournament.

Nonetheless, he knew that he would be overstepping his boundaries if he did that. With Elder Turner's temper, things would not go well for him. With that, Elder Rick swallowed his words.

Claude shivered as cold sweat started to form on his head, his eyes reddening in the process. He wanted to explain himself at that moment, but he did not have the words to do so, believing it would not be appropriate. He was worried that he would just make matters worse.

With that, the hall fell into silence.

Elder Turner let out a sneer as he coldly remarked, as though he was making a final judgment of Claude. "Do you have nothing to say for yourself? Well, I wouldn't know what to say, either. After all, nothing you did was right."

Claude could hear the anger in Elder Turner's words and quickly prostrated himself. He quickly crawled toward Elder Turner, crying as he did.

“I was triggered, but only at that moment! You can’t blame me for this... Jackie was the start of it all, not watching his words carefully, and that was why I fell out with him!

“It wasn’t what I wanted. I thought he’d” Elder Turner snapped, his lips fixed into a frown, “Shut up right now! These are all excuses. You’re just trying to push responsibility away from yourself.

“Elder Maurice had tried to stop you, but you never ceased with your words, and now you don’t want to accept the consequences. Do you think you can just do whatever you want?!”

The situation had exceeded the elders’ expectations. Elder Rick had been able to listen in quietly, but Elder Turner’s words that followed flabbergasted him entirely.

Why was Elder Turner defending Jackie? Even though they did not know what happened, they were no fools. If Jackie truly had besmirched Phoenix Valley’s name with his individual result, Elder Turner would not have berated Claude in front of everyone no matter what Claude did.

Elder Turner’s attitude was clearly not trying to brush things off, but instead to seek justice for Jackie.

Elder Rick could no longer sit still and watch.

He pretended to clear his throat. “Even though I don’t know what happened, I can’t just listen on silently. Claude doesn’t strike me as a person who’d act rashly. Didn’t he say that before? Jackie was the one who started everything, which is why Claude acted the way he did.”

Elder Rick’s words were not to help Claude, but to target Jackie instead. Nonetheless, Claude felt like he found a savior with the way Elder Rick had spoken.

He raised his voice and said, “Elder Rick is right; I didn’t intentionally say all of that! I just unwittingly revealed when Jackie entered Phoenix Valley. It was just then and acted impulsively.

“If Jackie had just been friendly with me from the start, nothing like that would’ve happened! After all, we’re both on the same side, so how could I betray him?”

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Elder Turner turned to glare at Rick, and this was the first time Elder Rick saw Elder Turner use such a merciless expression against him.

That look held a trace of warning as if Elder Rick would be punished on the spot if he continued to intervene.

Elder Turner's attitude shook Elder Rick of all his confidence.

Elder Turner shifted his gaze and raised his hand to call the deacons behind him.

"I don't want to listen to any more of your nonsense. You've already crossed the line with your antics. Bring him to the reflection hall. As for the punishment, I'll talk about it with the elders first."

A few deacons immediately pinned Claude down on the floor. Claude struggled as he continued to cry out, but the deacons stuffed a piece of cloth in his mouth, silencing him from the 'explanation' he tried to conjure, save only his muffled cries.

In a few moments, Claude was dragged away. Everyone else merely watched, not knowing what to say. Still, the other elders wanted to ask what Claude had done.

Why was the one punished not Jackie?

However, everyone could tell that Elder Turner was furious at that moment and thus kept their silence.

Benedict, who had been standing behind Claude, was scared, pale, and trembling entirely. Even though he did not reveal Jackie's origins in front of everyone in Sky Peak Pavilion, he could not deny that he had also joined in ridiculing Jackie.

After Claude was dealt with, he should be next.

Benedict felt like his breathing was starting to get erratic. He could faint at any moment.

Nonetheless, the one dealt with the worst mental blow was not Benedict.

It was Elder Rick.

At that moment, Jackie, who had been silent the whole time, suddenly raised his head and looked at Rick. "Elder Rick, aren't you disappointed? Why isn't Elder Turner punishing me for dragging the team down but dragging Claude away instead, you may ask?"

Elder Rick frowned and denied this comment, saying, "What are you saying? Why would I be disappointed?"

Jackie sported a small smirk as he answered, "You don't have to hide anything. Your grudge against me is quite public, so there's no need to act like it doesn't exist. I wasn't the one who wanted to participate in the tournament, but Elder Rick recommended me, insisting unceasingly."

The elder in question held his head high. "That's right-I was the one who recommended you. After all, the tournament has a lot of requirements. There's an age limit, as well as a restriction on outer valley alchemists. You fit all the requirements.

"Of course I recommended you. Even though you're a sixth-grade alchemist, I believed that you wouldn't drag the team down as long as you're willing to."

Jackie laughed as he looked at Elder Rick as if he was looking at a dead man. "You recommended me in hopes that Elder Turner would be punishing me. Don't talk as if you're thinking for the sake of Phoenix Valley. Back then, I didn't know how important the tournament was at all.

"The moment I understood how important it is, I realized that benefits were so important for you. You don't care about Phoenix Valley at all!"

Jackie raised his voice as he said that, revealing Elder Rick's inner thoughts.

The elder's face darkened as he immediately denied it.

"Don't think you can say whatever you want! Just because you're not punished, it doesn't mean you can insult me so brazenly!"

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However, the moment Elder Rick spoke, Elder Turner interjected, rebuking, "Jackie is right. You did all of that just to settle your grudges. After Elder Maurice investigated the matter, it's been proven that you did everything for that reason. Rick! How dare you!"

Elder Turner's tone sounded demanding, imposing; it was obvious just how angry he was. Elder Rick panicked at that moment, never expecting Elder Turner to point the gun at him so quickly.

The other elders were completely baffled by this, not knowing what was happening at all, especially with Elder Turner. Everything Elder Turner had done seemed to be for the sake of protecting Jackie, much to their confusion.

Why did he want to protect a sixth-grade alchemist? Was there something to Jackie that they did not know about?

Before anyone could voice their questions, Elder Turner said, "You know better than anyone what you've done. Don't even think about denying it.

"You never knew whether Jackie had the ability of a seventh-grade alchemist at all. Even though you didn't know it, you still recommended Jackie for the sake of humiliating him. As an Elder, don't you know how important the tournament is? For the sake of your revenge, you didn't care about anything else!"

Elder Rick trembled at Elder Turner's words. Judging by his behavior and words, Elder Turner was planning on punishing him!

At that moment, Elder Rick no longer cared about his dignity and immediately went down on his knees.

He raised his voice as he explained, "I didn't! I just felt like Jackie was suitable. Didn't we win this time? Phoenix Valley wasn't affected by this, which means that nothing is wrong with the recommendation!"

Elder Turner sneered. "No, there wasn't. It's good that you recommended Jackie; it's because of him that our valley has turned the tides in the tournament!"

After he said that, Elder Turner showed the merit log to all the other elders, letting the elders look at how the tournament went.

When everyone saw Sky Peak Pavilion's hidden trump card, they took a deep breath. After that, they saw Jackie turning the tables during the first round, pulling up the results of the other two with the highest scores present, winning the stage.

Even though they lost the second stage, Jackie was not the cause of it. Instead, Jackie's results were incredible.

When the third stage came, nothing unexpected and unsavory happened, and Jackie dominated the round.

After looking at everything, all the elders understood why Elder Turner had that attitude.

Heck, they would have done the same thing.

Jackie's talent was already able to compare with the top masters of the inner valley. He was even an excellent fighter.

He was practically a demon!

Elder Rick's eyes widened as he looked at the log, shaking his head vehemently. "Impossible! This can't be! He's a sixth grade alchemist, so why was he able to complete a thousand and two hundred pill runes?!"

"How could he remember and condense sixty ancient runes in such a short time? This doesn't make sense at all! He must've cheated, he had to!"

Elder Rick had cracked due to the pressure. He did not want to admit to Jackie's talent and face further consequences as well.

Meanwhile, Elder Baggins and Elder Eliot looked on quietly.

