

BloodLine 1011

Chapter 1011: First Outside Mission

From MC's Perspective:

About a few hours later,

I walked out of the essence chamber.

I have a feeling that it won't be long before I reach the Mid-Stage of SSS-ELITE Rank in Essence Cultivation.

The female warrior behind the desk looked at me with surprise.

Ignoring her, I started walking towards the exit.

The Training Courtyards were still occupied by warriors.

This time none of them stopped me.

After seeing me the place has become quiet.

Until I left the place.

No one spoke.

It also brought me a sigh of relief.

I don't want to fight against everyone the whole day.

About 20 minutes later,

I returned to my residence.

I immediately went to the bath to take a shower.

The bath lasted for 15 minutes.

Then I stepped out and changed into comfortable clothes.

Then I sat on the sofa leisurely to check the online news.

Suddenly, several unread messages caught my attention.

The messages were from none other than old man Daniel.

“What’s with him?” I uttered in surprise.

Then I opened the messages to read them.

A few minutes later,

My expression was filled with surprise.

Because I didn’t expect Ronnie Seth to be persistent with his efforts.

He wants to fight against me, again.

I really want to use my body strength.

But it's too early for me to expose the body cultivation.

If I can reach the Mid-Stage SSS-ELITE Rank in Essence Cultivation.

I will think about going back to the Virtual Training Lab.

Then I began to go through online news.

Most of the headlines in the Thunderflame Faction were about me.

While scrolling down, I spotted several hate posts.

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They are supporters of the Seniors.

The Top 10 Monster Hunting Squads have the following.

Those who were not selected in any of these squads were trying hard.

They want to get into one of the Monster Hunting Squads.

So I can understand why many of them are against me.

I ignored the post and continued to scroll down.

I don't know how long it has been.

I felt sleepy.

I stopped looking at the news and went to sleep.

The following day,

After getting ready, I left the residence.

I started walking towards the Task Hall.

Before I was worried about my lack of strength.

Now that my body strength has touched the Commander Rank.

I can take on some missions.

When I arrived at the Task Hall.

I noticed people were observing me again.

But none of them are looking for trouble.

Ignoring them, I walked up to the staff sitting behind the desk and inquired about the available missions.

The staff was familiar with Zack Lockwood because of the Virtual Training Task.

So she quickly showed the available task

[Escort Mission: The Star Main City is holding a monthly auction.

They require a warrior from Thunderflame Faction for their Escort Team.]

[Task: Join the escort team to safely transfer the goods to Main City Auction House from the warehouse.]

[Reward: 50 Mid Grade Lightning Essence Stones]

[Day: Today 11 a.m]

On the other hand, I started to go through the available.

Soon, an interesting mission drew my attention.

It's an escort mission.

When I read the escort mission.

I felt the mission difficulty was low.

It also gives me a chance to explore the Star Main City.

Especially the Monthly Auction.

I wonder what kind of items are auctioned here.

Since the mission is today.

I decided to leave right away after accepting it.

"I'll accept the escort mission," I said to the staff.

The staff is reading the mission.

Seeing that the warrior requirement was not mentioned.

She ignored it.

Then she registered the task.

Beep!

The next second, I received task details in my account.

Then I nodded to the staff before leaving the place.

While walking, I felt the multiple glares behind my back.

Shortly afterwards,

The warriors quickly went to the staff to ask about Zack Lockwood's task.

But She denied it.

According to the rules, the mission details were private.

Only the elders can take a look at it.

So, the warriors who were supporting the seniors left with disappointment.

Some of them don't want to cross the line.

They know that Zack Lockwood is a member of Golden Lightning Palace.

The Master of Palace, Elder Austin, doesn't like these things.

There are instances of people getting expelled because of attacking the same Faction Warriors.

On the other hand, I left the Thunderflame Faction Territory.

I only have one hour left before the mission starts.

So I don't have time to inform the Master in person.

I decided to send a message after reaching the Main City.

After coming to the Outer Hall, I started walking towards the Airfield.

Fortunately, the airfield was not far away.

I quickly reached the place in a few minutes.

Before selecting the flying vehicle, a warrior needs to register first.

So I walked to the administration office to see the staff.

The staff working inside was an old man.

He saw my I.D.

before registering the vehicle.

He told me that the vehicle would arrive shortly in front of the administration office.

Seeing that the transport service here is fast.

I feel better.

I don't have to wait for hours.

Not long after, a small four-wheeler landed on the ground.

The vehicle has two seats at the back.

A middle-aged man stepped out of the vehicle.

He immediately walked towards me.

"Did you book the flying car?" He asked.

"Yes, it's me," I said after I told the booking number.

He verified it.

Then I Walked to the car and went inside.

I sat on the window seat.

The middle-aged man didn't speak much.

He started the car right away.

The flying car rose gently from the ground.

After appearing in the mid-air, it started moving towards the main city.

I'm watching the view through the window.

I could see many high-rise buildings.

It shows that I hadn't walked around the outer hall that much.

It's the first time for me to go out alone after coming here.

I couldn't help but feel excited.

Chapter 1012: Star City (Mission)

From MC's Perspective:

The flying car then left the university and started moving towards the destination.

About 30 minutes later,

The flying car enters Star City.

From the window view, I couldn't see the end of the city.

The land size of the city is stretching endlessly.

There are many skyscrapers and tower buildings with different architectural designs.

I could see the different models of flying vehicles moving across the city.

The flying vehicles follow the route and move at a steady speed.

About 10 minutes later,

The flying car landed in front of a circular building.

It's the Main City Auction House.

"Young Warrior, we have arrived at the destination," The driver said.

I thanked him before stepping out of the car.

Then I started walking towards the auction building.

The driver then starts flying back to the University.

As I was walking close to the building, I realised how big the building was.

I guess the auction room would be massive.

Guests from many forces attend the auction.

When I reached the Gate.

I was stopped by the Guards.

Since I'm in uniform.

Their attitude was respectful.

Then I showed my I.D.

and explained the purpose.

After learning that I'm here for the escort mission.

One of them quickly contacted the person above them.

Shortly afterwards,

A middle-aged man with broad shoulders appeared.

He was dressed in a black suit.

Like a professional.

"Hello, my name is Rick.

I'm in charge of one of the escort teams here who posted a task in Thunderflame Faction," the middle-aged man said.

A look of understanding dawned on me.

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"So, there are other escort teams," I thought.

Then I replied, "Hi, I'm Zack Lockwood.

From the Star University's Thunderflame Faction."

The middle-aged man, Rick, was surprised.

He said, "So you are a rising new star.

I heard you have shocked everyone with your virtual duels."

A hint of disbelief appeared in my eyes.

I thought I was low-key here.

So what's happening here?

Rick noticed Zack Lockwood's expression.

He said, "Don't be surprised.

The overlord of this place is Star University.

So people living here are interested in warriors studying in the University as well.”

Sigh!

A sigh escaped from my mouth.

“It’s good to hear.

But can we talk about the mission?” I asked.

“Oh, of course.

Come with me,” Rick replied with a smile on his face.

Then he guided me to the office.

When we entered the building, I was amazed by the design and architecture.

It gives a luxurious look.

I couldn’t help but wonder about the ticket price for the seats here.

Shortly afterwards,

We arrived at his office.

Rick went to his main seat.

I sat opposite him.

Rick's face turned serious.

He takes a deep look at Zack.

But he couldn't see through his strength.

So his eyes flash with surprise again.

He then said, "It's time to talk about the mission.

There is a reason why I have posted the Task in the Thunderflame Faction.

Because the escort team under mine requires a strong attacker for the mission."

"Attacker for the mission?" I asked out of curiosity.

Rick said, "Yes, it's not an ordinary escort mission.

Every time before the auction.

The escort teams got attacked by unknown warriors several times."

"It happened whenever we escorted goods back to the auction building.

Each of the auction goods is a rare treasure.

They are expensive.”

“Even if one of the items goes missing, it would cost heavily for the auction house,” Rick added.

On the other hand, I furrowed my eyebrows.

Because it’s too hard to believe.

Crime is taking place in Star City.

I thought it was a crime area.

“Mr.

Rick, are you serious?”

“Who could attack the auction house’s escort teams?”

“Won’t these crimes damage the reputation of Star University?” I asked questions.

Rick revealed a bitter smile on his face.

He thinks that it’s the first time the young man has visited the city.

If he stays here for a few weeks, he will know what’s going on here.

“I can understand your questions.

But people causing problems are not outsiders.

Everyone is connected to Star University.”

“For example, the local families here compete with each other for business.

They do many shady things to put their opponent down.”

“Star University can’t actively punish these people.

As warriors from their families were studying in the Star University as well.”

“Some of them belong to the top 10 factions.

So the prestige of the top 10 factions echoes here as well.

When it comes to fighting between their own people.

Star University can do nothing much,” Rick said.

On the other hand, I felt my brain opened to new information.

Now I’m coming to understand why everyone is dying hard to join the factions.

Join any one of the university factors that can set a warrior life.

Especially if their families are living in this city.

Their name could act as a deterrent.

But what's with the auction house?

"So are you suspecting that the unknown attackers are from these families?" I asked.

Rick's eyes flash with approval.

"Young man, you spotted it correctly.

But the problem is we can't take any action against them even if we knew their identities."

"Because their heirs are members of the top 10 factions.

If you want to accuse the top 10 Faction members, then you have to face their main elders as well."

"It complicates a lot of things," Rick said with a sigh.

"This?" I don't know what to say.

Because these families are attacking the Star University resources.

Only the action can be taken from the top.

Not from the bottom like they are trying.

"I think now you have understood the problem," Rick asked.

"Yes," I replied.

Then I thought of something and asked, "What am I supposed to do if they attack me?"

Rick smiled and said, "That's why I posed the task in Thunderflame Faction.

Which is one of the top 10 Factions.

I doubt they dare to take action against you."

"This cunning man," My eyes flashes with a glint.

Chapter 1013: Escort Team

From MC's Perspective:

"So when does the mission start?" I asked.

"We are just waiting for you.

The escort team is resting in another room.

You can start the mission right away," Rick said.

Then he led me to a nearby room.

Where the Escort Team is waiting for me.

As I walked into the room, my gaze swept across the place.

There are exactly 9 people in the room.

Including me then it will be ten.

While I'm looking at them.

They were also sizing me up.

"Sergio, the young warrior's name is Zack Lockwood.

He is from the Thunderflame Faction of the Star University.

He will be your 10th member," Rick said with a smile.

"Thunderflame Faction," Everyone was taken aback by surprise.

The faction name is not new to them.

Some of the famous warriors are from the Top 10 Faction.

And the Thunderflame Faction is among the Top 10 Faction.

A tall middle-aged man steps forward.

His name is Sergio.

He is the Captain of the Escort Team.

He introduced himself to me.

In reply, I greeted him as well.

He then introduced his teammates.

But I'm not interested in knowing them.

I want to start the mission right away.

Rick said, "Since the introduction is done.

You guys can start the mission."

Sergio nodded his head and said, "Alright, everyone.

We will be going to the warehouse first to bring back the auction items."

"Everyone should keep an eye on the surroundings while travelling," He added.

Everyone agreed to do that.

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Then I nodded to Rick before leaving with the Team.

In the team, everyone appears to be enthusiastic.

They are eager to converse with me.

But I'm not in the mood to chat.

After walking out of the auction building, we went to the parking area.

Where I saw Sergio entering inside a huge truck.

It's not a flying vehicle.

But an on-road vehicle.

Looks like the warehouse must be located inside the city.

No wonder they choose this type of vehicle.

If it's a flying vehicle, then the vehicle would be exposed directly to the attackers.

With on-road Vehicles, we can choose to park in front of any building here.

One of the warriors went to the front.

The remaining warriors started entering inside the back of the truck.

Then I followed them to enter the back of the truck.

The Truck turned around and started moving towards the destination on the specified route.

"Zack Lockwood, is this your first time here?" A young male warrior asked.

"Yes," I replied.

"No wonder you seem a little tense.

Be relaxed.

The mission is difficult.

But I think there will be no life-threatening dangers,” The warrior said.

“Hmmm,” I responded before crossing my eyes.

The warrior’s smile disappeared.

He is actually a spy planted by the Hostile Family.

His job was to share the information regarding the departure of the escort team and the route.

Now, the team has departed.

He simply uses his sci-fi watch to send the news.

No doubt about him as everyone is viewing something on their sci-fi watch.

Sergio warned them to be alert.

Instead, they are being careless.

So much so they are unaware of the enemy present among their own team.

Meanwhile,

An attack from the Stanton Family is waiting on standby.

The Stanton Family is one of the top families in Star City.

Their direct descendants are members of the Top 10 Faction.

So they are not afraid of taking action against the Auction House.

At this moment, the Captain of this attack team receives a message from the spy.

After reading the message, his expression brightens.

He immediately said, "Get ready, the target team has departed."

The other warriors started to get ready.

They are going to use unconventional methods to damage the vehicle.

If they started to use elemental attacks, then the investigation team could easily find them.

At the same time, the Captain is informing the Stanton Family higher-ups.

Their target is auction goods.

So the Captain and his team can't afford to make any mistakes.

So he sent a message back to the spy.

He wants to know about the escort team's strength.

Meanwhile,

Inside the truck, everyone is talking and laughing.

The only serious person is Sergio.

He doesn't know what his teammates are doing.

The spy, who is chatting and laughing with others, receives a message from his sci-fi watch.

He casually takes a look at the message while chatting.

After reading the message, he realises that the attacking team wants to know about the Escort Team Strength.

He has collected details about the 8 Warriors.

But he doesn't know about the newcomer.

On the other hand, I'm listening to everyone's conversation while closing my eyes.

Suddenly, I felt an intense gaze on me.

I opened my eyes and looked at the person.

The person is none other than who spoke to me earlier.

The other person was startled upon seeing me.

“Was he trying to check my strength?” I thought.

“Zack Lockwood, if you don’t mind, can you tell me about your strength?” He asked.

His question attracted everyone’s attention.

The other members started looking at me.

“This guy?” My eyes flickered.

Because his gaze is making me uncomfortable.

What’s with him?

He is showing an impatient reaction.

Like he can’t wait to know about my strength.

To test his reaction, I replied by saying, “It’s a secret.”

Hearing that other warriors chuckled.

But his expression turned ugly for a second.

His eyes flash with anger for a second.

“Zack Lockwood, we are doing an important mission here.

So it’s necessary to know everyone’s strength,” He said.

Hearing that everyone's expression turned serious.

And no one questioned him.

Because his concerns were genuine.

The other teammates started asking me as well.

"Why are you so serious?"

"I'm an SSS-ELITE Rank," I replied.

"What?"

"SSS-ELITE Rank, you are weak," The warrior uttered in a serious voice.

He thought he was speaking to young talent who might be Commander Rank or General Rank Warrior.

The other teammates are in shock as well.

Chapter 1014: Warehouse

From MC's Perspective:

"We have no SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior in our team"

"Why did Mr.

Rick select you?"

“I hope you won’t cause any problems during the mission”

The tone of other teammates changes drastically.

Earlier, they were curious about the new team member from the Thunderflame Faction.

Which is a powerful faction among the top 10 Faction.

But their attitude changed 180° right now.

No one likes to have a burden on their team.

Especially during the mission which could be potentially dangerous.

On the other hand, the spy is having a hard time controlling his laughter.

He was hoping to find out the strength of the newcomer.

But he didn’t expect to hit a jackpot.

If the attack team takes out this person, then it will create confusion and chaos in the team.

So he immediately sent details to the attack team captain while others were discussing this seriously.

On the other hand, I tried to ignore everyone’s words.

Because the person named Rick knows my strength.

He is aware of my background and the virtual duels.

So he must have known about my SSS-ELITE Strength as well.

I closed my eyes and ignored everyone's complaints.

Meanwhile,

The Captain of the Stanton Family Attack Team receives the message back.

When he read the message.

A bright smile appeared on his face.

"Ha...Ha...Ha..," He laughed out loud.

The Team members were surprised as well.

He looks at everyone before saying, "Don't worry, this mission will be a piece of cake for us.

They are sending us weak lamb for slaughter."

The Captain then quickly shares the news with the higher-ups.

The higher-ups of the Stanton Family were elated by the news.

They were not afraid to kill someone from the Thunderflame Faction.

Only Mr.

Rick knows about Zack Lockwood's background.

Others have no clue about this.

The Stanton Family Captain didn't bother to ask about the name.

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Even the Stanton Family higher-ups were happy too early.

Which caused them to make serious mistakes.

They have ordered the Captain to attack the Thunderflame Faction Warrior of the Escort Team while they are returning from the warehouse.

Only then can they create commotion and loot the auction items.

The other top warrior families know about the monthly auction.

But this time the Stanton Family is only taking action against the Escort Team.

One hour later,

As they drive through a specific route.

It made them go around a few places before reaching the warehouse.

The Truck halted before the warehouse.

Escort Team Captain Sergio steps out of the vehicle.

He had no idea that one of his teammates was a spy.

There is already an ambush waiting for them somewhere.

After opening the back of the truck, the other teammates walked out as well.

The first thing they did was to reveal Zack Lockwood's strength to them.

Sergio was surprised as well.

His eyes flash with disappointment as well.

He thought the newcomer would be Commander Rank or General Rank Warrior.

Now that his strength is exposed.

He has to take care of himself.

If something happens to the newcomer, then he might be attacked.

He became irritated and said, "Welcome, follow me and don't leave my sight."

Hearing that, I sighed inwardly.

The teammates sneered.

They were happy that Captain Sergio was willing to carry the burden.

The spy's eyes flash with a glint.

"Sergio, no matter what happens today.

You are going to face misfortune," The spy thought.

Because he was sure that the attack team wouldn't miss the target today.

So, the killing of the newcomer is confirmed.

Which leaves the mission.

Whether the attacking team succeeds or fails, Sergio is going to face the wrath of the Thunderflame Faction.

Thinking about it he felt relieved.

He doesn't like being bossed around by someone all day long.

Maybe he could become the future Captain of the Escort Team.

Next, everyone entered the warehouse premises.

The warehouse is run by another administration team.

They have a Manager, staff, workers and security guards.

The place is installed with real-time cameras.

More than the auction building.

The warehouse has high-security measures.

When everyone walked to the main door.

They are welcomed by the manager and staff here.

Sergio spoke to them explaining about the mission.

The manager here is already aware of the monthly auction.

So, the goods for the monthly auction were packed and placed separately.

After entering inside, everyone followed the Manager to the storage area.

As I was following Sergio, I noticed the person who exposed my strength was reacting earlier.

“This guy...,” I muttered to myself.

“Either something is wrong with his mind, or he was planning something,” I thought.

Maybe I should be careful of him.

When we arrived at the storage area.

I could see many metallic containers everywhere.

On top of the container, everything was labelled.

You could see the name of the item.

The teammates started going around the containers.

Everyone wanted to see what rare items were placed inside.

Seeing that I followed them as well.

My gaze fell on a big container.

For a second, I thought some Artifacts must be placed inside.

I walked up to the container out of curiosity.

When my gaze fell on the label.

My heart skips a beat.

“Essence Stones of various elements.”

I looked at the label to make sure.

Seeing that it was what it exactly says.

My heartbeat started to race.

If this container has lightning essence stones.

Then it will be useful for my cultivation.

But it's a pity, I can't rob it.

Just as I was watching the container, someone touched my shoulder.

"Wow!"

"Zack, you have set your eyes on something precious," The spy said.

"It's nothing, I'm thinking about something else," I said to myself.

But the spy's eyes were sparkling.

He was marking things.

After leaving the place, he will send the information to the Attack Team Captain.

Sergio and the Manager were discussing.

They are checking the list of items.

The rest of the teammates were discussing the expensive auction items.

Chapter 1015: Attack (Escort Team)

From MC's Perspective:

After the name list checking was done, Sergio asked the Manager to load the goods.

He wants to take back the items to the auction house before it gets dark.

Hearing that the Manager acted.

The workers started loading the containers in the back of the truck.

The spy is sharing the update every now and then.

Sergio asked his teammates to gather in front of him.

He looked at everyone and said, "Listen, everyone, we don't know if there is any danger ahead or not.

So be careful.

If you find anything wrong, you should inform me right away."

"And you, Zack Lockwood, you are weakest here.

So you should stay behind us and assist us if anything happens," He added.

"Alright," I replied.

The Teammates sneered and laughed at me.

They are discussing about eating up my share.

I guess it's not easy to survive in the Star City if you are weaker.

Especially if you don't have any backing.

People will suffer.

About 20 minutes later,

All the goods were loaded in the back of the truck.

Sergio and the other two will drive a four-wheeler in front of the truck.

While others will be following the truck from another two Vehicles.

I don't know which vehicle I'm going to enter.

"Hey, newcomer, come with us," The spy said.

Hearing that I turned towards the nasty warrior who exposed my strength earlier.

Sergio is going with the other two.

The female warriors are going to one vehicle.

And I'm going to join the nasty warrior.

I didn't expect it would be him.

For this mission, I have to endure.

Because I have set my gaze on the container which contains essence stones.

I'm struggling inwardly to make decisions whether to rob or not.

"Hey, why are you spacing out?"

"Hop into the vehicle.

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We don't have all day for you," Another teammater shouted at me.

I nodded at them before getting into the back seat.

The nasty warrior sat opposite me.

The other warrior is going to drive the vehicle.

It's good that I made no effort to know these people's names.

Shortly afterwards,

All the four vehicles started moving towards the destination.

The spy once again sent the information of their departure.

Meanwhile,

The Stanton Family's Attack Team is waiting for the return route's confirmation.

Once the route is confirmed.

They can set ambush ready.

About 20 minutes later,

The Captain of the Attack Team got the confirmation.

Sergio had indeed changed the routine.

They are now going back on a different route.

The Captain thought of a brilliant plan.

It would take some time to reach the route.

Until then he needs someone to stop the movement of the truck.

He immediately thought of the spy.

The spy has a chance to create a commotion.

“Yes, I remember the spy mentioned the weakest warrior in the team.”

“SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior!”

“If he can kill the weak warrior, then it would cause commotion.

It will make the escort team captain stop the vehicle.”

“If he manages to injure a few more people, then we will be able to get in time,” Captain said to himself.

He then immediately sends the message to the spy.

On the other hand, the spy was taken aback by the news.

He didn’t expect the Stanton Family people to put this type of pressure on him.

They are making him take a huge risk.

The spy hesitated.

A small mistake could cost his life.

The Stanton Family Captain asked him to take care of the newcomer.

He can kill the newcomer easily.

But he is afraid to face Sergio.

That guy will definitely go for a kill.

A struggle appeared on his face.

At the same time, I saw something unbelievable.

The nasty warrior is trembling all of a sudden.

The change occurred when he saw something on his sci-fi watch.

“What happened to him?” I asked myself in my heart.

The spy then made a firm decision.

He will follow the order.

After reaching the ambush point, he will attack and kill the newcomer.

Then, he would try to injure others as much as possible.

He hoped that the Stanton Family Attack Team would reach the place sooner.

He got a sudden change of heart because of the Stanton Family.

They won't like to leave loose ends.

There will definitely be someone after him to take his life.

After calming his heart, he looks at the newcomer.

“Poor guy, he doesn't know what awaits him,” The spy thought.

About 20 minutes later,

When the Truck was a distance away from reaching the ambush point.

The spy acted.

His right palm was covered in the red flame instantly.

Boom!

He then drew a punch at the newcomer.

At the same time, I felt a sense of crisis.

Then I saw the nasty warrior's right palm covered in flames.

I immediately punched at him in response.

The fist was covered in purple lightning.

When the two of our fists come in contact with each other.

Boom!

An explosion occurs.

The spy was shocked to the core.

The purple lightning destroyed his right arm.

At the same time, the vehicle loses balance before crashing into the road.

The explosion noise reached others as well.

“What happened?” Sergio shouted.

Then he saw the last vehicle crash.

He doesn't know what's going on.

He then stopped the vehicle and decided to check on others.

Especially he knows that Zack Lockwood was from the Thunderflame Faction.

He had hoped nothing wrong would happen to him.

But his worst fear came true.

He doesn't want to get killed by the Thunderflame Faction Warriors.

At the same time, the other vehicles were stopped as well.

They are in complete shock as well.

Everyone went to check the crashed vehicle.

The spy's right arm was gone.

His eyes filled with disbelief.

He couldn't believe a weakest warrior took him down.

My eyes flashes with a murderous intent.

Chapter 1016: Power of purple lightning

From MC's Perspective:

"That damn b@stard!"

"I knew something was wrong with him," I cursed out loud.

Then, I crawled out of the damaged vehicle and saw the enemy was surrounded by other team members.

Captain Sergio walks up to him to discuss.

A sudden realization occurred to me.

"Don't get close to him.

He is the enemy," I shouted out loud.

But it was too late.

The person used his left hand, covered in flames, to hit Sergio.

Everyone was in disbelief.

They couldn't believe one of their team members was attacking the Captain.

Sergio was shocked as well.

He was at close quarters.

It's too late to dodge.

The opponent's flame fist struck his chest.

Sergio coughed up blood instantly.

He retreats backwards by holding the chest.

The other warriors came to realize.

They started attacking him.

Others went to check on Sergio.

Seeing that everything unfolds in a span of a few minutes.

I couldn't help but feel uneasy.

Something is up.

That nasty person won't show his true colours until there is some reason.

Boom!

The next second, I heard the sound of a vehicle nearing us.

I turned around to look in that direction.

A group of warriors wearing masks are approaching us.

“This....”

“It’s a robbery,” I uttered in a surprise.

But back at the back of my mind.

I know it could be an act of some warrior family.

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I should save the auction goods from the robbery.

Then I got up and started rushing towards the truck.

“Hey, newcomer, what are you doing?”

An escort team member shouted, seeing the newcomer acting on his own.

At the same time, the spy was half beaten to death.

He is lying unconscious from the combined attack of the escort team warriors.

The Stanton Family Attack Team Captain walked out of the vehicle.

He ordered the team to split.

Then he told the first team to kill the Escort Team Warriors.

The second team to rob the auction goods.

His order was fast.

The team quickly acted.

“Hmmm,” The Attack Team Captain saw their spy lying on the ground in a miserable state.

Seeing that, he smiled, but he never thought of saving him in this situation.

When he sees Captain Sergio in an injured state.

“Ha..Ha...Ha..., at least he carried out the order before going down,” He said with joyful laughter.

Now, he doesn't have to confront the Escort Team Captain with his full strength.

Then he counted the escort team warriors.

But one was missing.

“Hey, what about the weakest one?”

Did he kill him?”

The Captain said to himself.

“Captain, is someone blocking the path?” A warrior shouted.

Hearing that his gaze turned towards the goods truck.

He is someone standing there.

On the other hand, I saw a small group of 5 warriors coming towards me.

Their team got divided.

The other team is confronting the escort team members.

“Hey, who are you, kid?”

“Don’t block our path.

Otherwise, we will leave you dead here,” a muscle-headed warrior threatened.

Hearing that I didn’t react.

But I tried to see through your strength.

Five of them are Commander Rank Warrior.

If I use the purple lightning technique, I can take them down.

To do that, I have a suitable technique with me.

“Brother, this kid is bold.”

“We were not supposed to use our elements.

But we can use our brute strength to crush his bones.”

The attack team warriors said with laughter.

When they were a few steps away from me.

“Lightning Cage”

I used the new purple lightning technique given by Master Austin to me.

I raised my hand and channelled the purple essence according to the technique.

My entire forearm was covered in purple lightning in the blink of an eye.

The next second, a purple ball made of lightning bolts shot at the group of 5 warriors.

Boom!

This happened within seconds.

The purple lightning ball went across in a straight line before falling on the group of warriors.

Ka#boom!

The 5 Warriors were struck by the abnormal purple lightning.

Argh!

A heart-wrenching cry sounded.

Their entire body got paralyzed from top to bottom.

Not only that the abnormal temperature also burns their whole flesh.

The purple lightning is destroying their bodies.

This unbelievable scene was witnessed by everyone.

When they heard the heart-wrenching cry.

The Escort Team Warriors who were fighting the enemies are shocked.

So much so the attack team fighting against them stopped their attacks in shock as well.

Because another half of their team is getting destroyed right before their eyes.

“F@ck!”

“Is he the weakest one?”

“He is taking down the 5 Commander Rank Warriors solo”

“But we ridiculed him earlier.”

“Won’t he remember that?”

“Damn, it’s all because of the backstabbing b@stard.”

“He instigated all of us.”

“We should ask Captain Sergio to talk to him.”

But Captain Sergio was in disbelief as well.

He was ready to face off against the enemy team captain.

But he never expected to witness this unbelievable scene.

“I should have known.

Since I couldn’t sense his rank,” Sergio uttered with a bitter smile.

But this gives a second chance to the escort team to wipe out the enemy.

“Listen, everyone, half of their team is down.

Focus on eliminating the rest of them,” Sergio shouted, despite heavy injury on his chest.

The escort team members came back to realization.

“Captain Sergio is right!”

“We should eliminate these b@stards before apologizing to Zack Lockwood”

“Yeah, let’s go!”

The whole team reacted.

Which also put pressure on the Stanton Family Captain.

He was just watching the show.

But this turnaround caught him off guard.

Now he has to fight against escort team warriors.

“It’s over,” The Attack Team Captain muttered.

Instead of facing the escort team warriors, he started charging towards the goods truck.

He wants to open the skull of the warrior who just destroyed his team members.

On the other hand, once the attack was done.

The condition of the 5 Warriors was revealed.

Burnt smoke coming off their bodies.

They were roasted close to death.

“I overestimated these warriors.

They were nowhere near the strength of the Star University Warriors,” I said to myself.

Chapter 1017: Mission completed (Auction House)

From MC's Perspective:

Seeing that these 5 warriors won't survive, I have decided to complete the mission.

But I can't use the storage ring to collect these items.

If they had wanted to, they would have done it already.

Instead, they are using transport to collect the goods.

I guess some of the items can't be stored in the storage ring.

Maybe they don't have someone to entrust it to.

"You dare!"

I heard a loud shout.

Then I saw the enemy captain charging towards me.

He seems to be a General Rank Warrior.

If I'm not careful, he could injure me.

The Attack Team Captain used his elemental technique.

His body was covered with hard rocks in the blink of an eye.

If he slams into any building with this form, the building would easily collapse.

Right at them, the attack team captain wants to totally crash Lightning Warrior in front of him.

His actions alarmed others.

Especially Sergio knows that the enemy is General Rank.

There is a big gap between the Commander Rank and General Rank.

Not many could fight across at this stage.

So he sprinted towards Zack Lockwood despite his injuries.

On the other hand, when the enemy got closer to me.

I stood there to confront him.

When he saw me step away from reaching me with his rock body.

I used the lightning technique.

“Lightning Wheel”

A purple wheel appears around me.

The wheel is filled with lightning power.

The Captain ignored the sudden appearance of purple lightning in front of him.

He slammed his body into it.

Boom!

The purple wheel explodes, and the powerful lightning bolts strike the hard rock body.

So much so that impact force sent both of them flying in opposite directions.

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Crash!

I felt my mind go blank from the collision.

I didn't expect the brute power of General Rank Warrior would be this heavy.

If not for the purple lightning wheel, my body would be injured severely by the collision.

My Commander Rank's Body Strength also saved me from the impact.

On the other hand, the attack team captain was not in good shape either.

The hard rocks covering his front body were cracked.

Now, it's crumbling down into small pieces.

He felt paralysed and burnt at the same time.

His skin and flesh were scorched causing burnt injuries.

But this made the Captain more enraged.

“You b@stard!”

The Captain shouted before he started charging again.

“Where are you going?” Sergio asked from behind.

Seeing that the enemy is not listening.

He started attacking him.

So the fight between the two captains breaks out.

Meanwhile,

The situation already attracted the attention of locals and bystanders.

Earlier, there were not many people using this route.

Right now, many of them are gathered because of the commotion.

Seeing that the warriors are using elemental techniques in a public place, they get scared.

The news reached the Star City Authorities.

When they heard it was an incident involving the auction house building.

They immediately knew what was going on.

Because a similar incident occurred multiple times.

But both the parties involved are huge figures.

The authorities can't solve it without backing.

Even if they do something, people will be released later.

Then, they are the ones who are going to face the wrath of these people.

So, the authorities turned a blind eye to this.

They want to see which party wins first.

Special Route,

I slowly tried to get up despite feeling pain.

I got a new understanding of the General Rank Warrior.

I saw Sergio dealing damage to the enemy despite the injury.

I have decided to guard the truck.

On the other hand, the escort team members have successfully eliminated the enemies.

Only the attack team captain is standing.

Even his life was half-hanging.

Sergio was ruthless in his attacks.

About 20 minutes later,

The Attack Team Captain lost his life.

With his ending, the enemy team was completely wiped out.

Then I saw everyone coming towards me.

“Zack Lockwood, we apologise for our previous behaviour.”

“You saved our lives this time.”

“I didn’t expect a traitor to hide in our team.

We didn’t see that coming.”

“You are stronger than us.”

One by one, the warriors expressed their feelings.

I simply nodded at them without any smile.

I don't have any plans to make connections with them.

"Zack Lockwood, you did well.

Thank you for saving our lives," Sergio said in a serious tone.

"Don't mention it.

Can we continue the mission right now?" I asked.

The Escort Team members are embarrassed.

Sergio signed.

He didn't want to continue the topic anymore.

The mission needs to be completed first.

Then everyone entered the vehicle and truck.

They started driving back to the auction house building.

During the return journey, no one spoke.

Everyone is battered and bruised.

They wiped out a team sent by a hostile force.

They don't know whether the retaliation would occur.

About 30 minutes later,

The vehicle and the truck arrive in front of the Auction House Building.

Rick is standing there with the staff.

Seeing the truck has come unscathed.

He sighed in relief.

He then personally confirmed the number and safety of the goods.

Then he asked the staff to unload the auction goods and take them inside the building.

Even after entering the building, I spoke to no one.

At this time, everyone realised that I was no longer interested in having conversations with them.

Our small journey ended here.

Then I went to Rick's room.

I'm going to get a mission completion report.

When I entered the place, I saw him drinking water.

This guy must have worried more than anyone else.

“Zack Lockwood, please take a seat.”

“I heard what happened from Sergio.

They didn’t know about your real strength and spoke about you.

I apologise on behalf of them.”

“These guys are making a living because of this mission.

I hope you forgive them,” Rick said in a serious tone.

“Don’t worry, I have chosen to ignore it,” I said.

Chapter 1018: SSS-ELITE Mid Stage (Essence Breakthrough)

From MC’s Perspective:

“Can you give me the mission completion report?” I asked.

Rick nodded his head before giving me the letter.

I read the letter before deciding to leave the place.

“Alright, I’m leaving,” I said while standing up.

Rick was dumbfounded.

He didn’t know why the young man was in a hurry to leave.

I turned around to leave without speaking further.

After leaving the auction house building, I booked the air cab for the return.

Shortly afterwards,

When the air cab arrived.

I entered the vehicle.

The can rose from the ground and started moving towards Star University.

At the same time, Rick is speaking to Sergio and others.

“I hope that young man doesn’t harbor any grudges.

You guys were stupid.

He is a famous young warrior who can fight across ranks.”

“So when he accepted the mission.

I was happy.

So don’t go around making this kind of foolishness again,” Rick reprimanded everyone.

At this time, the escort warriors realised their mistake as well.

Hereafter, they are not going to judge anyone based on their appearance.

About 30 minutes later,

I returned to the Thunderflame Faction.

After submitting the mission completion report, I got the 50 Mid-Grade Lightning Essence Stones.

After a long time, a smile appeared on my face.

This mission has tested my nerves.

I was controlling myself from attacking others.

Then I started walking towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

On the way, I couldn't help but think about the free run given to these warrior families by the faction behind them.

So much so that the people behind the auction house building are helpless.

The mission was senseless from the beginning.

They have better methods to transport goods.

Yet they chose the old-fashioned method, which resulted in the loss of lives.

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Maybe I'm not aware of the politics between the families.

This could be a staged short fight between the forces.

I was excited about getting new experiences in the city.

But I returned with a headache.

Shortly afterwards,

I returned to the Golden Lightning Palace.

Master was nowhere to be found.

Seeing that he was not available.

I decided to go to the Essence Chamber to cultivate.

When I got there.

As usual, the members are doing their own training.

My appearance drew attention as usual.

I choose to ignore it.

Then, I entered the facility and chose one of the essential chambers to enter inside.

After entering inside, the door behind me shut automatically.

Then I activated the chamber.

A dense world of energy starts to fill in the room.

Seeing that, I walked to the middle of the platform.

Then I sat cross-legged on the ground.

I took one of the lightning essence stones and held it in my right palm.

Then I closed my eyes and started to run the lightning scripture.

Slowly, the lightning essence entered the body.

I started to guide the essence according to the scripture.

The lightning essence flows through my body.

After circulation, the refined essence enters the dantian.

Seeing that I continued the process.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

About a few hours later, when the last lightning essence stone was about to dry up.

I felt the presence of the barrier.

Which immediately brought a smile to my face.

After a long time, I got the breakthrough chance in my essence cultivation.

I don't want to end the practice.

So I decided to attack the barrier right away.

Outside,

A warrior monitoring the facility was surprised.

He realised Zack Lockwood was taking longer than expected.

If someone takes a longer time, then something must have happened.

Nobody practises inside the essence chamber.

It's for cultivation.

So the warrior immediately contacted Elder Austin and briefed him.

Austin, who had come back after work, saw this message.

He immediately went to the essence chamber facility.

He then checks the device's functionality from outside.

There is nothing wrong with going on inside Zack Lockwood's chamber.

The world's energy is in operation.

The world energy entering the chamber is slow.

But it was enough to tell that Zack Lockwood is cultivating.

A sudden realisation dawned upon Austin.

He knew Zack had a quick breakthrough in body cultivation.

Where his body was at Commanded Rank.

But essence cultivation was at an early stage of the SSS-ELITE Rank.

He thinks that Zack Lockwood got a breakthrough opportunity.

"You can leave.

I will stay here," Austin told the warrior.

When the warrior left.

He sat on the chair.

"The kid is growing beyond my imagination.

It feels like he will reach General Rank before other disciples return," Austin said to himself.

It's been some time since Zack Lockwood joined the University and the Thunderflame Faction.

Yet important faction warriors are doing missions outside.

Including the disciples of all main elders and the faction leader.

He asked the Faction Leader about collecting the dark liquid as an important resource.

But there is no response from him.

He doubts whether Dean would make a major decision for a single warrior.

If other Faction Warriors learn about this, then they will protest.

Meanwhile,

The return of Zack Lockwood was spread across the Thunderflame Faction.

Ever since Virtual Training Lab duels, people started keeping an eye on him.

Especially on his progress, knowing that he can defeat warriors across ranks.

It has made many people unsettled.

But they can't challenge a junior without a legitimate reason.

Inside the chamber,

A few hours later,

A crack started to appear on the barrier.

Seeing that I continued to bombard the barrier.

As time passes, the cracks start to spread across.

Click!

At one point, the whole barrier shattered.

A new profound energy starts to flow across my body.

The purple essence inside the dantian becomes more dark and powerful.

The purple lightning seed grew in size as well.

If you don't observe it carefully, you won't find it.

The power of purple lightning was abnormal, to begin with.

SSS-ELITE Mid Stage (Essence breakthrough)

It made the essence strength more powerful.

With this strength, I can be at ease facing seniors.

Then I continued the process to stabilizing the new stage.

Chapter 1019: New practise routine

From MC's Perspective:

After stabilizing the new strength, I opened my eyes.

Then I looked at my right palm.

When I channelled the purple lightning power.

A thick purple lightning covered my palm instantly.

The lightning bolt is more powerful than before.

I felt satisfied.

Then I started looking at my body condition.

A small layer of black impurities has covered the skin.

It immediately made me wonder how much impurities my physique still has.

Then I stood up and decided to leave.

I turned off the function before walking out of the essence chamber.

When I looked around.

I found Master Austin staring at me.

"Master, when did you come back?" I asked.

"You have reached mid-stage," Austin said with a smile.

He felt Zack's foundation was stable and strong.

He saw the small changes in the purple lightning seed as well.

"I have been trying hard for a long time.

Now, I have reached it," I replied.

"Good, you can go back to your residence.

I will see you in the morning," Austin said.

I nodded to him before leaving the Golden Lightning Palace.

Shortly afterwards,

I returned to the residence.

After entering the room, I quickly went to take a bath.

I started enjoying the cold shower.

The impurities slowly disappeared from my body.

I feel immense strength coursing through my body.

But I know it's just a feeling you get after every breakthrough.

About 15 minutes later,

I walked out of the bath and changed into comfortable clothes.

Then I sat on the sofa and started pondering my next plan.

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The Star City Mission didn't well as I expected.

It was largely due to the escort mission this time.

But somewhere in my heart, I feel adequate.

The Strength of the Commander Rank is still weak in front of the General Rank Warrior.

Fortunately, I didn't come across a Black Mark Warrior and above.

If these top families started using their powerhouse in the political battle.

Then, the entire Star City would have been ruined.

So I'm thinking about focusing on improving the strength.

Rather than going outside to explore.

Back in the Army Federation, the inner post has a channels to several secret lands.

You can use teleportation travel.

But here is the concept of the secret land.

It's like an unexplored new continent.

I think only Black Mark Warriors and above are capable of doing solo missions.

For me, there is still time left before reaching that level.

After some time, I decided to focus on isolated training.

Instead of going to the Golden Lightning Palace, I go to the Healing Palace.

There will be no one to disturb me.

After deciding what to do, I went to sleep.

The following day,

I arrived at the Healing Palace.

The door opened, and I walked inside directly.

Then, I found quite a number of female warriors chatting and laughing.

Their laughter echoed the whole place.

My appearance caused commotion.

“Hey, what is he doing here?”

“Was he injured?”

“I didn’t hear any of his recent duels.”

The female warriors discussed this in a low tone.

On the other hand, my mouth twitches, hearing their voices.

I didn’t make many scenes before turning around to leave.

Finally, I changed my mind and decided to find some closed-door training facilities in the outer hall.

I didn’t waste any time.

When I stepped out of the Thunderflame Faction and started roaming in the different training facilities.

These warriors got scared.

They thought some bad guy came to harass then

Only after a certain revelation, they found that person is none other than Zack Lockwood, the Thunderflame Faction Disciple.

About 20 minutes later,

I have finally come to a place.

Where you will be given a room to stay inside and practise for some time.

At this time, no one can think that Zack Lockwood will be staying there for a long time.

The staff guided me to the empty room.

After entering inside, I started checking the door.

Seeing that the entire room was Fortified with walls.

I sighed inwardly.

Hereafter, I can train with peace of mind.

I took the black sword out and looked at the target dummies in front of me.

“Sword Divide”

I executed the technique by charging the black sword with the purple lightning.

The black blade flickered with a purple lightning power in the blink of an eye.

Ka#boom!

A powerful purple beam was released from the sword.

The purple beam went across in a straight line line before striking the puppet.

Boom!

The puppet was shredded into pieces.

Seeing that, I started to practise the sword divide technique for long hours.

I wanted to improve the release time.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

I have completely immersed myself in practising the sword movement.

About one hour later,

I changed the technique and started practising the Lightning Cage Technique.

I still have issues with control and release time in this technique.

As long as I improve these two things, I can have a better arsenal in my hands.

With this technique, I can injure a group of people at the same time.

So I focus on improving this skill.

Meanwhile,

Austin in the Golden Lightning Palace is waiting for Zack Lockwood.

“What’s the kid is doing?” Austin asked himself.

Swoosh!

He vanished from the spot.

Then he started moving towards the residence.

After appearing above the residence, he called Zack Lockwood.

When the call was connected.

He was able to learn that the kid was practising in the Outer Hall.

About a few hours later,

I walked out of the isolated training room.

Other warriors are training inside.

But there was no sound whatsoever that could be heard outside.

Then I started walking back to the Thunderflame Faction.

Fortunately, no one recognised me.

Otherwise, with the fame I got from the Virtual Duels.

The Faction Warriors might want to test me in real.

A few minutes later,

I left the Outer Hall and got closer to the Thunderflame Faction.

Chapter 1020: Challenging Ronnie Seth again

From MC's Perspective:

When I returned to my residence.

I immediately went to the bath to take a shower.

The bath lasted for 25 minutes.

Then I changed into comfortable clothes before going to sleep.

The following day,

I went to the Golden Lightning Palace as usual.

Then I met with Master Austin as usual.

After discussing it with him, he agreed to the idea of isolated training.

More importantly, he doesn't want to see any fights between the Faction Members.

So I left the Thunderflame Faction and went to the Outer Hall's Training Facility.

After none of their isolated training room, I devoted myself to improving my skills further.

On the other hand, the nearby faction warriors recognised the new face this time.

It's difficult for any unknown warriors to use the Outer Hall Facility.

Because people will know.

So after recognising Zack Lockwood, they were shocked.

They didn't expect one of the rising warriors to use the Outer Hall Facility.

Because the Top 10 Factions are known for having advanced facilities built for their faction members.

They even have facilities not available in the Outer Hall.

All of that is for growing the next generation of talented warriors.

So these warriors were surprised by seeing Zack Lockwood.

At the same time, this information has the potential for gossip news.

It was a well-known fact that there were people who wanted to fight against Zack Lockwood.

Because Zack Lockwood has surprised everyone in the virtual duels.

Surprising, including the main elders of the top faction.

As the time passes, the news starts to spread across the Outer Hall.

When the warriors came to know.

They started spreading the news back to their faction warriors as well.

So the crowd starts to gather in the Outer Hall Training Facility.

But the staff here were first to hear the news.

So they quickly blocked a large number of people from entering.

Because the available training facilities were being used by the warriors.

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Unless someone finishes their training, the next warrior cannot enter.

On the other hand, Ronnie Seth was in the Dark Variant Faction.

He was about to ask for the mission.

But someone told him about Zack Lockwood.

Knowing that Zack Lockwood has come out of his territory.

Ronnie Seth's eyes flash with a glint.

He got his first defeat at the hands of Zack Lockwood.

Then he was able to defeat Zack Lockwood's avatar after some improvement.

But the avatars in the Virtual Duels are different.

It's difficult to judge whether the Avatar's strength is the actual strength of the warrior.

At that old man, Daniel told him that Zack Lockwood's yet to use his full strength.

He suspects that Zack Lockwood has a variety of lightning skills.

That's why he didn't feel any satisfaction after that win.

Even their faction's main elders had the same opinion.

Virtual duels are not the way to judge warriors' strength.

If he could win against Zack Lockwood in a real duel, then the main elders will be impressed.

When their two factions are fighting against each other secretly.

Ronnie Seth immediately left the place.

He then walked out of the Territory of the Dark Variant Faction and went to the Outer Hall Training Facility.

Not only him, but the other interested warriors are also going there for fun.

The Two Bloodline Faction's Warriors were able to defeat the Virtual Avatars.

So their faction members didn't take it seriously.

Only Ronnie Seth knows the importance of a fellow lightning warrior.

Time passed,

At noon, I walked out of the isolated training room.

Then I decided to leave the place.

But I was shocked by the scene in front of me.

There are many warriors around me.

They have surrounded the place.

“What’s going on?” I asked myself.

“Zack Lockwood, I was able to meet you again,” Ronnie Seth walked out of the crowd.

My eyes flash with a surprise.

Then a look of understanding dawned on me.

The thing that I was afraid of occurring inside the Thunderflame Faction has happened here.

“Are you here for the challenge?” I asked.

Ronnie Seth’s eyes sparkle.

“You spoke my mind.

I wanted to test your real skills,” Ronnie said.

Gasp!

The warriors around us exclaimed.

It’s not like they don’t know about this.

Everyone has gathered here for the same reason.

They want to see a fight.

I sighed inwardly.

This time I can’t escape.

I have to reply under the watchful eyes of Outer Hall Warriors.

“Alright, I will see you in the Outer Hall Arena next morning,” I replied.

“Are you serious?”

“Then I’m going to register our duel,” Ronnie Seth said.

I nodded to him.

“Wow!”

“We are going to see Arena Duel tomorrow”

“Let’s go Ronnie Seth”

“Zack Lockwood!”

“Two rising stars will fight against each other tomorrow ”

“Thunderflame Faction vs Dark Variant Faction”

People around us started celebrating.

They have started making headlines for tomorrow’s duels.

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, I left the place.

On the other hand, the staff who were watching this immediately informed the Outer Hall Elders.

Because this is big news.

Mostly, the top 10 Faction warriors won’t appear outside.

Especially since they don’t use the Other Hall Facilities.

But this time two top 10 Faction warriors were spotted in the Outer Hall.

Unlike normal duels held on fighting platforms.

The Arena Duel is different.

It's like an official match-up.

Unless there is a competition no one uses the place.

If anyone wants to fight inside the arena, they have to book in prior.

So that the arrangements can be made.

Since Zack Lockwood and Ronnie Seth were from the Top Faction.

Their words were taken seriously.

If it was a verbal spout between average warriors, no one would take them seriously.

So the word starts to spread across the outer hall and the factions.

About 25 minutes later,

I returned to the residence.

I knew the consequences of my words.

But I want to test the effect of the Lightning Cage Technique.

So tomorrow's duel will be the testing ground.