

BloodLine 1041

Chapter 1041: SSS-ELITE Rank Peak Stage (Essence Breakthrough)

Weeks passed.

All others who had wanted to watch the drama unfold were left disappointed.

Especially Ed Conrad, who was the reason behind the rumors, was even more pissed off.

The Blazing Fire Faction Warriors were tired after waiting for so many days.

They had thought some incident would occur in a day or two.

But to their surprise, Zack Lockwood had never left the Thunderflame Faction territory.

The Warriors who had agreed to fight against Zack Lockwood left disappointed as well.

As the days passed, everyone let go of Zack Lockwood and started to focus on their work.

Even Ed Conrad took on a mission a few days later and left the University.

The arrival of his two senior sisters had given him pressure.

Ed Conrad had decided to improve his strength so that he wouldn't feel pressure from his senior sisters and brothers anymore.

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From MC's Perspective:

After knowing that Ed Conrad had left the University to undertake an outside mission, I finally returned to the Golden Lightning Palace to continue both my cultivation and skill training.

Master Austin is not in the residence at this moment, so I started walking straight toward the essence chamber.

On the way, I came across the members who were training hard.

My appearance garnered some attention.

Compared to before, no one was staring at me for long.

Everyone was quite used to my presence.

Then I went to the essence chamber.

After nodding at the warrior who was in charge here, I moved to use the available essence chamber.

Creak!

After entering the chamber, I went to the console to turn on the chamber function.

The door behind me shut automatically.

Buzz!

When the chamber was activated, the world energy started to pour in from the inlet.

In a couple of seconds, the world energy filled the whole room.

My eyes flickered.

It had been a few days since I had felt the barrier to the Peak Stage of SSS-ELITE Rank.

That's why I had been staying inside the Thunderflame Faction.

Once I reached the Peak Stage of SSS-ELITE Rank, my purple lightning element would become even more powerful.

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After gaining some clarity, I entered the platform and sat cross-legged on the ground.

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

The rune in my consciousness began to flicker.

As time passed, the purple energy from the surroundings started to enter my body.

When enough energy entered my body, I began to guide the energy according to the purple lightning method.

The purple energy coursed through my body.

After a few circulations, I again felt the barrier.

Seeing that, the barrier became more apparent.

When I tried to repeat the process, it became difficult to circulate.

But I knew it was a crucial step.

I continued to push forward.

The energy rushed forward to attack the barrier.

At first, the barrier remained intact like in previous days.

After several continuous attempts, a crack started to appear in the barrier.

As time passed, the crack began to expand.

Feeling that, I knew it was the right moment to advance.

So I kept pushing forward.

Click!

Breakthrough!

At one point, the barrier shattered completely.

Like a floodgate had opened, the energy rushed forward.

SSS-ELITE Rank – Peak Stage

My whole body leveled up.

Starting from the purple essence inside the dantian, it became denser and more powerful.

The essence breakthrough caused a chain reaction.

The other parts of my body were strengthened as well, starting from bones, flesh, and inner organs.

Everything improved.

I have a feeling that it would help me touch the next barrier in body cultivation as well.

About one hour later,

The improvement came to an end, and I was able to stabilize the new profound strength.

Then I opened my eyes and glanced at my body.

A small layer of back sticky fluid covered the skin's surface.

Seeing that, I wasn't surprised.

I could feel more energy in my muscles compared to before.

Now, I had a guess that my purple lightning could hurt the General Rank Warriors.

But to verify, I have to fight against them for real.

Thunder!

I raised my hand.

A cracking purple arc appeared around my fist.

This was simple manipulation of elements without the usage of any technique.

But this was enough to injure many people of the same rank.

Then I spent a few more minutes checking my condition.

After doing that, I stood up and decided to leave.

About 20 minutes later,

I returned to the residence and went to take a bath.

The bath lasted for 25 minutes.

After coming out of the bath, I changed into new clothes.

I felt refreshed.

I sat on the sofa, leaned back leisurely, and started to think about the next course of action.

Each breakthrough is difficult and takes more time than the previous one.

I don't know how long it would take me to break through to reach the Commander Rank in Essence Cultivation.

If there is an opportunity, I can shorten the time period.

Before the appearance of my senior brothers and sisters, I was quite complacent.

After their appearance, I realized I was the weakest among them.

Even the 5th and 4th Disciples of Master are Black Mark Warriors.

I knew the strength of my 2nd Senior Sister Leah; she is a Gold Mark Warrior.

Which means the 3rd Disciple is likely to be a Silver Mark Warrior.

When it comes to the 1st Disciple, I can only imagine.

Above the Gold Mark Rank is the Purple Rank.

If the 1st Disciple's strength is Purple Mark Rank, then his strength is similar to that of the Master.

Such a person can kill me easily.

Already, Ed Conrad showed clear hostility towards me.

The Senior Sisters are genuine.

I sense no malice from them.

But it can't be said the same for others.

I'm hoping that the 3rd and 1st Disciples are good people.

After pushing down these distracting thoughts, I started to focus my mind on something else.

Chapter 1042: A chance?

From MC's Perspective:

The following day,

I left the residence and went to the Outer Hall to test my new strength.

When I arrived at the training area, I saw warriors going about their business.

I glanced at them before finding an available practice room.

I walked into the room and selected the metallic puppet to appear on the console.

The platform opened up, and a human-height metallic puppet appeared above.

When the platform closed, it was time to attack the puppet.

Instead of releasing any lightning technique, I walked up to the puppet.

A purple lightning arc appeared around my fist.

A cracking sound could be heard faintly.

I raised my hand and touched the metallic puppet's chest with a lightning palm.

Blast!

The purple lightning blasted away the metallic puppet.

The upper part of the metallic puppet was destroyed.

Seeing that, my eyes gleamed with excitement.

The metallic puppets were made of special materials.

It's not easy for an average SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior to blow it up with one strike, especially without using any lightning technique.

"I don't know how the General Rank Warriors would react to my purple lightning," I muttered to myself.

Then I remembered a warrior from the Blazing Fire Faction wanted to go against me.

Should I accept their challenge?

A quick gleam appeared in my eyes.

"Why do I feel that it will happen soon?" Shaking my head, I pushed aside these thoughts.

Then I moved on to practice my lightning skills.

Time passed.

In the evening, I left the Outer Hall training area and returned to the residence quietly.

Surprisingly, no one recognized me today, and it seems people still think I'm training inside the Thunderflame Faction Territory.

The next day, I woke up and continued the same routine.

My training went well.

But the good things didn't last long; my whereabouts were leaked on the morning of the third day.

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But I ignored the outside noise and locked myself inside the puppet practice room.

Meanwhile,

David Leavy, the Black Mark Warrior from the Blazing Fire Faction, quickly learned the news.

After hearing the good news, he couldn't sit still.

He quickly informed his faction's outer hall warriors.

There were warriors who were patiently waiting to challenge Zack Lockwood.

Their actions garnered attention only for two days, but it disappeared later.

Now, Zack Lockwood was seen back at the Outer Hall's training area.

These people didn't want to let go of this opportunity.

They immediately left their Blazing Fire Faction Territory and went to the Outer Hall Area.

The news had reached other warriors in the Outer Hall as well.

Soon, a crowd began to form at the Outer Hall Training Area.

The Outer Hall Elders were quickly notified.

The Outer Hall, which had been quiet for many days, was now once again becoming tense because of Zack Lockwood.

The Outer Hall Elders were getting headaches.

They could scold others, but they couldn't punish or do anything against faction warriors.

Especially if the warriors were from the top 10 factions, they didn't dare to say anything.

When it came to them, they could only watch the drama unfold from the sidelines.

About 25 minutes later,

The training area was crowded with people.

Among them, the Blazing Fire Faction's warriors were present as well.

They were able to collect information that Zack Lockwood had currently locked himself inside the puppet practice room.

Even if someone wanted to disturb him from outside, Zack Lockwood couldn't hear them.

He would be staying inside until his practice session was over.

After knowing this, the warriors felt frustration.

The others who didn't have anything to do with this started posting the news online.

The Thunderflame Faction rarely had any troublemakers like Zack Lockwood.

So the online post quickly garnered attention.

Very quickly, the members inside other top 10 factions were able to learn this news.

Especially those who were below the Black Mark Warrior Rank saw the news.

For them, Zack Lockwood was a top genius.

He had already proven himself in virtual duels, including his duel against Ronnie Seth, and later, Zack Lockwood's actions inside the Outer Hall Area's forest.

The medium and small-sized factions' warriors looked up to Zack Lockwood.

One person was creating a headache for others.

Apart from his serious training, he rarely made appearances outside.

At this point in time, many people had dug up Zack Lockwood's details.

Apart from the confidential background information, these warriors were able to learn about Zack Lockwood's serious routine.

Zack Lockwood had no friends.

Apart from going to start city one time for a mission, he had been training inside the University.

Such dedication was seen rarely among the warriors of the same rank.

Even some of the main elders in the top factions were impressed.

But they didn't know about Zack Lockwood's real identity.

If they learned that Zack Lockwood was originally the 6th disciple of Elder Austin, the other main elders' disciples would turn up to challenge him.

Time passed.

"Lightning Finger!"

A purple lightning beam was released from the top of my forefinger and shot at the metallic puppet.

Boom!

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

Blast!

The next second, the purple lightning caused the metallic puppet to explode.

Compared to before, the damage was higher.

Even lower metallic body parts were destroyed into pieces.

If it had been an actual human warrior, the place would have become a bloody scene.

I felt inner satisfaction.

I'm now more confident in dealing with the General Rank Warriors.

Time passed.

Right at evening, I stopped practicing and decided to leave.

I went to the console and deactivated the function.

Creak!

The door opened up.

I walked out of the puppet practice room.

The next second, I found various strong gazes on me.

I stood speechless and looked at my surroundings.

The crowd of warriors was looking at me directly, as if they had been waiting for me since morning.

A look of realization dawned on me.

“It’s time to fight,” I said in my heart.

Chapter 1043: Part 1: True Strength revealed

From MC’s Perspective:

I saw everyone was happy to see me.

The warriors in front of me had a fiery glint in their eyes.

My gaze immediately fell on their badges.

They were from the Blazing Fire Faction.

“Zack Lockwood!”

“You can’t escape today.

We have been waiting for you since morning,” a Blazing Fire Faction Warrior stepped forward and said.

I turned towards him and saw that he was a General Rank Warrior.

A quick gleam flashed in my eyes.

I was looking for a General Warrior to fight.

Now, he has come.

I had made up my mind to fight against him.

“Do you want to fight against me?” I asked.

Gasp!

A collective gasp sounded.

The people who were gathered here wanted to see the fight.

“Yes, I’m here to fight against you,” the warrior replied with a smile on his face.

He never thought that things would go smoothly.

“Okay, let’s fight.

We will exchange a few moves to decide the winner,” I said to him.

The warrior was stunned.

Then he nodded his head in agreement.

All he wanted was to fight.

The venue didn’t matter to him.

The crowd quickly vacated the open space in the middle of the training area.

Then we walked to the middle and stood opposite each other.

“How do we decide the winner?” the warrior asked.

I smiled and answered, “The one who is unable to continue fight will be the loser.”

Cheer!

The warriors around us began cheering.

Even the outer hall elders who were watching from a distance came forward to control the crowd.

A fight between the Top 10 Factions was about to happen.

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One of them was a General Rank Warrior from the Blazing Fire Faction, and the other was the new rising star Zack Lockwood from the Thunderflame Faction.

While most of them were thrilled for this duel, a few others noticed the significance.

They knew that Zack Lockwood was an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior.

Not everyone could fight against a General Rank Warrior at this stage.

But the opposing General Rank Warrior was no average warrior.

He was one of the geniuses from the Blazing Fire Faction.

The people who knew about this couldn't sit calmly.

They focused their entire attention on the duel.

At the same time, people took out their devices to start streaming live.

On the other hand, just as I was looking for the referee, an Outer Hall Elder appeared from somewhere.

“Can I supervise the duel?” the elder asked.

“Okay,” I replied.

The opponent was okay with it as well.

At least in this way, no one could stop the duel.

Boom!

When the duel started, the opponent raised his hand to attack.

His right fist was covered with a sharp wind element.

An attack from it could shred body parts.

On the other hand, I saw that the opponent didn’t use his wind element technique.

Rather, he was using simple manipulation to attack me.

“It’s inevitable; today my strength is going to be revealed to everyone,” I said in my heart.

Crack!

The next second, purple lightning covered my right fist as well.

The opponent was startled by that.

But he didn't stop dashing towards me.

When the opponent was a step away, I drew my punch to meet his fist.

Boom!

Both of our fists came into contact with each other.

The next second, an explosion occurred.

I felt a powerful recoil effect.

The force pushed me a couple of steps backward.

At the same time, I felt the sharp wind's cutting power hitting my right hand.

The pain was so intense that I gritted my teeth in anger.

It felt like my right hand skin was being cut by the sharp winds.

On the other hand, the General Rank Warrior was forced to retreat a few steps backward.

There was clear shock and disbelief on his face.

Gasp!

A loud gasp sounded from the surrounding warriors as well.

Everyone's face was filled with horror and shock.

They were looking at the General Rank Warrior, especially their gazes locked onto his right hand.

The General Rank Warrior looked at his own right hand.

His entire right hand was scorched.

Some parts of the skin were bleeding.

Argh!

Only then did a heart-wrenching cry escape his mouth.

The other Blazing Fire Faction Warriors looked at each other in shock.

When they turned towards Zack, their eyes flashed with fear.

On the other hand, I felt good.

The breakthrough had completely increased the strength of the purple lightning.

Not only that, I could feel the improved power of the growth-type purple lightning seed.

When I raised my head and looked at others, I could see shock on everyone's faces.

The other Blazing Fire Faction Warriors were showing different reactions.

Then I turned towards the General Rank Warrior in front of me.

Despite feeling the injuries on my right hand, I was ready to continue the fight.

The General Rank Warrior's heart was in turmoil.

He felt the gazes of everyone on him.

He felt immense shame.

He had lost face because of that cry earlier.

He saw that Zack Lockwood was injured as well.

But compared to him, his injury was serious.

He was still feeling the burning of his right hand flesh.

The pain from his bones was also driving him crazy.

Right now, he wanted to visit the infirmary immediately for treatment.

But he was struggling.

If he went like that, then the remaining shame would follow him.

So he directed his anger towards the opponent and readied to use the wind element technique.

Even with his burnt right hand, he executed the technique.

Boom!

A whirlwind appeared around the General Rank Warrior, forcing everyone to retreat.

The warrior could feel the threat from the wind element around him.

Swoosh!

The next second, the General Rank Warrior dashed towards Zack Lockwood.

He appeared in front of him in the blink of an eye.

Dashing while his body was covered with a powerful wind element was a dangerous move.

Chapter 1044: Part: 2 True Strength revealed

From MC's Perspective:

Looking at the dangerous move, a sense of crisis hit me.

At the same time, the Outer Hall Elder was alarmed.

He felt the Blazing Fire Faction Warrior's attack was too strong.

Zack Lockwood had chances of getting injured.

He didn't know what happened earlier, but he doubted whether Zack Lockwood could escape this time.

So he was ready to step in and save Zack Lockwood.

The General Rank Warrior grinned.

He couldn't wait to see the injured body of Zack Lockwood.

He was pissed off by him.

"Lightning Wheel."

When the attack got closer, I released the lightning technique.

A purple lightning wheel appeared around me.

The wheel was beaming with energy.

The lightning energy was powerful and destructive.

Right at this moment, the General Rank Warrior collided with the purple lightning wheel, with his sharp cutting whirlwind surrounding him.

Ka-boom!

A powerful, loud explosion occurred.

The elemental collision had a great impact, sending both warriors flying backward.

My body was impacted by the remaining powerful wind element.

The purple lightning was able to block most of the wind element.

The remaining leftover power caused the injury.

My body landed close to the edge.

I was feeling unbearable pain all over my body, like small ants were cutting my flesh and skin.

It was just leftover wind element power.

If I had faced the full power of the General Rank Wind Element, I would have received serious injuries to my body.

Argh!

The next second, a heart-wrenching cry attracted my attention.

Then I saw the opponent rolling on the ground in pain.

He looked completely scorched by the purple lightning.

The hair and skin from head to body had burn injuries.

Blood was coming out from some parts.

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If not treated carefully, he would suffer serious damage to his foundation.

My condition was better than the opponent's.

And my guess turned out to be right.

The purple lightning had become powerful after the breakthrough.

It could even handle the powerful move from the General Rank Warrior.

Which meant I could walk sideways in the Outer Hall Area without worry.

After thinking about it, I couldn't help but smile.

Then I slowly tried to get up.

Gasp!

A collective loud gasp sounded.

The noise was louder than before.

Everyone was standing in disbelief and total shock.

What they saw was a General Rank Warrior flung by an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior?

It was a total humiliation!

The Outer Hall Elder came out of the shock as well.

He didn't know how to describe the scene, but he quickly collected his thoughts.

Right now he was acting as an umpire as well.

Swoosh!

The next second, he appeared right next to the Warrior.

He noticed the smell of smoke coming from the burn injuries.

The Blazing Fire Faction Warrior surprised him.

According to his department, he should have been a fire element warrior.

So what about the wind element?

The Outer Hall Elder was confused.

Then he heard comments from his fellow members.

"This di@khead should have used the fire element from the beginning.

Why did he use the wind element?"

"He might have wanted to show off his dual element."

"F@ck!"

“Not only did he lose, but we also lost face for our Blazing Fire Faction.”

The Outer Hall Elder was surprised to hear those comments.

Now he understood what was going on.

He must have wanted to defeat Zack Lockwood by using his second element.

Instead, he was defeated in the end.

The Outer Hall Elder then saw that the warrior had fallen unconscious.

He got up and looked at everyone before saying, “The winner is Zack Lockwood.”

Cheer!

Gasp!

A loud cheer and gasps sounded at the same time.

Zack Lockwood had shocked everyone.

The other Blazing Fire Faction members left the place immediately as a face-saving action.

The Outer Hall then picked up the warrior to take him to the infirmary.

At the same time, I felt happy.

The power of the lightning wheel had surprised him as well.

It was getting better and better.

As long as my purple lightning element was powerful, the effect of the technique would be stronger.

After pushing down these unnecessary thoughts, I left the place.

Fortunately, no one swarmed me.

About 20 minutes later,

I returned to my residence inside the Thunderflame Faction.

The first thing I did was sit cross-legged on the ground and start running the ancient healing method.

I had been practicing this ancient healing method quite hard.

Already, there were benefits in curing internal injuries.

I wanted to see whether it could do something about the external skin injuries.

Meanwhile,

The news about the General Rank Warrior reached the ears of others in the Blazing Fire Faction, including David Leavy, who was patiently waiting for the news.

But after hearing the news, his expression changed.

His face was filled with horror and disbelief.

He couldn't believe what he was hearing right now.

"How is this possible?" David Leavy questioned himself.

He stood up and left the inner hall.

He was heading toward the Blazing Fire Faction to verify the news.

Shortly afterwards,

He came to the Blazing Fire Faction.

He saw the faces of the warriors who were passing by.

Everyone was discussing the same thing with complicated expressions.

David quickly went to the main area where the warriors usually gathered to talk.

When he got here, he saw a crowd already gathered there.

Then someone recognized him.

"The Senior is here!"

"Senior!"

David looked at everyone before asking, "What's going on?"

Hearing that, the warriors who had gone with the General Rank Warrior recounted the duel to him.

About a few minutes later,

David Leavy and others who were hearing it for the first time were shocked.

David Leavy finally came to terms with it.

Now he understood why Ed Conrad spoke like that.

Zack Lockwood's strength was not exaggerated.

Other warriors were equally dumbfounded as well.

At the same time, the news spread across the Outer Hall Area as well.

Even the Outer Hall Elders were speaking to their colleagues.

Chapter 1045: Strength exposed

From MC's Perspective:

Time passed.

After a few hours of practicing the ancient healing method, the skin injuries that I had suffered were cured.

It felt amazing.

Now I understood why the main elder Ann had insisted I get started with this technique.

It's really wonderful.

It's protecting me from getting serious injuries.

Then I looked at my skin, seeing that it was fine.

I stood up and went to the bath.

The bath lasted for 20 minutes.

Then I walked out and changed into comfortable clothes.

I moved to the sofa and sat on it.

I doubted the duel outcome must have spread across the University as a whole.

If not at least, the Thunderflame Faction and Blazing Fire Faction Warriors must have heard about it.

I began to access the online site.

Then I saw many media posts trending online.

One of them immediately caught my attention.

Seeing that, I opened the post to read it.

As I expected, the speculation about my real strength had started piquing the curiosity of interested people.

How could a SSS-ELITE Warrior defeat a General Rank Warrior?

I guess people who read it must be wondering right now.

Since the duel was fought using essence cultivation, no one could see through my cultivation.

Because the ring I was wearing could block the prying eyes of others.

Even if they had doubts, they could only point to the purple lightning element of mine.

I don't know how certain someone will react to this.

The person is none other than Ed Conrad.

From here on, he won't send any Black Flame Palace Warriors after me.

Even those two who had troubled me at that time would think twice before fighting against me.

My mouth curves into an arc.

Meanwhile,

The news was discussed by the Thunderflame Faction Warriors as well.

Those who heard the news were shocked.

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The first one to get a huge shock was none other than the staff in charge of the central training facility before.

Not long ago, he had informed Zack about the Black Flame Palace Warrior.

Now hearing the news about this General Rank Warrior's defeat, he was in disbelief.

Because the General Rank Warrior is not an ordinary warrior.

Right now, he is watching the short video online.

He can see that the General Rank Warrior is from the Blazing Fire Faction.

It's one of the top 10 Factions in the University.

He had heard that the Blazing Fire Faction Warriors were causing some trouble for them recently.

This defeat was a befitting reply to them.

On the other hand, the Golden Lightning Palace Warriors are petrified upon hearing the news.

They don't have any goodwill toward Zack Lockwood.

More importantly, they are supporters of the 5th Disciple of Main Elder Austin, Ed Conrad.

This news has caused them to burn with shame.

They had been troubling Zack Lockwood by complaining to Ed Conrad and talking behind his back.

Now the people who had done it started to feel fear.

Some of the warriors discussed with each other and decided to meet Ed Conrad.

He is a shield for them.

As long as Ed Conrad steps forward and is willing to protect them from Zack Lockwood.

Then they can resume their work in relaxation.

At the same time, Ed Conrad, who is in the Inner Hall at this time, heard the news.

He is in a bad mood from the beginning.

Now his mood has worsened again.

“What’s going on?” Ed Conrad touched his forehead.

It’s unbelievable to hear this.

Can someone fight across two ranks and defeat the warriors in the end?

That too, a General Rank Warrior from one of the top 10 factions, the Blazing Fire Faction.

Ed Conrad didn’t know what to say.

His junior brother really has surprises stored for him.

Even if the General Rank Warrior can't defeat his junior brother, he has to believe that his junior brother is talented and strong.

No wonder Zack Lockwood was accepted as the 6th Disciple by his master.

But Ed Conrad was confused by Zack Lockwood's abnormal strength.

It's not easy to fight across ranks.

He frowned.

He couldn't find anything suspicious.

But if he knew that Master Austin had given a growth-type lightning seed to Zack Lockwood, he would be shocked to the core.

Meanwhile,

Inside the Black Flame Palace, Main Elder Leola returned to her residence after a long mission.

The first thing she did was to hear the latest news from one of her members.

A few minutes later,

She raised her eyebrows in surprise.

Almost all the recent incidents were related to Elder Austin's 6th disciple, Zack Lockwood.

She was surprised to hear that Zack Lockwood was able to achieve so much in a few months.

These feats were even better than her own disciples.

Then the female member suddenly talked about the Blazing Fire Faction's General Rank Warrior's defeat at the hands of Zack Lockwood.

"General Rank," her eyes flashed with surprise.

Then she once again asked the female member whether the news was true or not.

When the female member confirmed the news, Elder Leola was surprised again.

Then she seemed to remember something.

"Growth-type lightning seed," she said in her heart.

The purple lightning seed is suitable for a purple lightning warrior.

Zack Lockwood can truly fully utilize the power of the lightning seed, so she was not surprised.

At the same time, she thought about the Blazing Fire Faction's unfavorable actions against the Thunderflame Faction.

She didn't know what happened to them.

They didn't do anything against the Blazing Fire Faction.

Their rival had always been the Dark Variant Faction.

She couldn't help but doubt whether the Dark Variant Faction was behind the change in attitude of the Blazing Fire Faction.

If they didn't solve this problem quickly, then they might have to pay a high price in the future.

After gaining some clarity, she decided to talk to the other Main Elders.

If the Main Elders can convince their faction leader, then he will take quick action to resolve this problem.

Chapter 1046: The calm before the hurricane

Blazing Fire Faction:

The Faction Leader Elmer Maddox heard the news.

He was shocked and utterly disappointed by the result.

What's more, he was taken aback by Zack Lockwood's strength.

This was not the first time he had heard the name.

Not long ago, the kid had beaten their warriors, and they had suffered serious injuries.

Now this has happened again.

He knew that the previous incident had been caused by their warriors first, so he wanted to know who was behind this incident.

If it was Zack Lockwood, then he wouldn't mind having a meeting with Faction Leader Clifford.

Already, there were skirmishes going on between their two factions.

He hadn't given any orders; rather, some of the main elders were making decisions without his permission.

Since this incident had occurred, he decided to address everything in the meeting.

First, he sent orders to investigate the incident.

Then he called for a meeting the next day.

Meanwhile,

Brody and his team members learned the news.

They were a bit late to learn the news, but they couldn't hold their laughter right after.

Brody had predicted everything, but to think their General Rank Warrior had been defeated so easily they were shocked.

There was duel footage trending online.

When the group watched the footage, they seemed to understand something.

The General Rank Warrior who lost was a dual-element warrior.

His powerful element was fire.

Instead of using that, he used the wind element against Zack Lockwood, which showed he had underestimated his opponent from the beginning.

So there was no excuse for the General Rank Warrior.

But they were still shocked by Zack Lockwood's strength.

They thought this was Zack Lockwood's real strength, and their General Rank Warrior had exposed it to the world.

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From MC's Perspective:

The following day,

After getting ready, I left the residence with an expectation.

I believed that the attitude of the warriors in the Golden Lightning Palace would change.

On the way, I came across other warriors who took the time to look at me before leaving.

I ignored their gazes and resumed walking.

Shortly afterwards,

I reached the Golden Lightning Palace.

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The door opened automatically.

Then I entered the area.

The first thing that caught my attention was the warriors coming and going.

They saw me first before rushing to inform others.

I smiled at them before heading to the Master's residence.

I reached the place and walked up to the door.

But the door was closed.

I tried to open it, but I found it was no use.

"Master is not here.

He has gone for the meeting."

A voice sounded from behind.

Hearing that, my eyes turned cold before returning to normal.

The person who said the words was none other than Ed Conrad.

I turned around with a neutral expression on my face and greeted him.

“Senior brother, what are you doing here?” I asked.

“Nothing, I just saw you trying to open the door, so I came to remind you,” Ed Conrad replied with a smile.

Like he had done nothing and yesterday’s incident was not related to him.

“Oh, thanks, brother.

I’ll come later then,” I replied before trying to walk past him.

Ed Conrad’s eyes flashed with killing intent for a second.

On the other hand, I felt someone squeeze my heart for a second.

My eyes flashed with fear.

The next second, my heart exploded with anger.

I knew who it was.

But without turning back, I continued walking.

Ed Conrad controlled his rage.

This was not a suitable time or place for him to act.

His expression turned ugly.

He couldn't help but consider that his junior brother had found out his ill intentions.

It was impossible for him to reconcile hereafter and ask for forgiveness.

"Junior brother, since things have come to this, I'm going to leak your identity," Ed thought.

He had already got the right person in his mind.

I walked out of the Golden Lightning Palace and started heading toward the central area facilities.

I was thinking about going to the Healing Palace to meet Master Ann.

Because I had made great improvements by practicing the ancient healing method.

It helped me recover from serious injuries within a day.

On the other hand, I guessed it was not the same for the General Rank Warrior who fought with me.

He must still be lying in his bed and getting treatment because the injuries caused by the purple lightning were not ordinary injuries.

They were severe burn injuries.

They could damage a warrior's foundation if they were not careful.

But thanks to the ancient healing method, I was able to save myself.

I reached the place and was immediately greeted by hundreds of curious gazes.

More than a hundred warriors had gathered here.

“Ha...

Ha...

Ha...”

“I knew you would win!”

A familiar voice sounded.

Hearing that, my mouth twitched because the voice came from the staff who had reminded me about the threat earlier.

The staff walked out of the crowd and came to me.

“Why is everyone here?”

“It’s time for me to practice.

I don’t want any disturbance here,” I said to him.

Gasp!

A small exclamation sounded because everyone could hear my voice.

“Oh.”

“Don’t worry, they have come to take a look at you.”

The staff said with a smile.

Hearing that, I shook my head.

This was not the right time to attract hatred.

Already someone had shown his killing intent a few minutes ago.

I didn’t know what other tricks Ed Conrad had.

I didn’t want to be taken aback by surprise.

So I decisively left the spot and went to the training room.

The warriors gathered here saw Zack Lockwood, but they failed to interact with him.

They could only leave the place with disappointment.

Among them were warriors from the Golden Lightning Palace who had sought help from Ed Conrad.

Looking at Zack Lockwood, their fear worsened.

Talented and strong warriors were valued by the Faction Leader and Main Elders.

They feared that Zack Lockwood would be able to get a disciple position from the Main Elder.

If that happened, then they were done for.

So these people quickly left the place and headed toward the Golden Lightning Palace.

Chapter 1047: Ed Conrad revealed the truth

From MC's Perspective:

In the training room, I started practicing my skills again.

I can't put my entire focus on the purple lightning.

The purple lightning is too strong.

But the combination of lightning techniques is equally important.

Both of them combined can deliver a powerful blow to the opponent.

So, I intended to make the lightning skills stronger as well.

Meanwhile,

A group of people met with Ed Conrad and voiced their concerns.

To their queries, he answered them one by one and assured them that Zack Lockwood wouldn't be able to do anything.

Everyone left after receiving assurance.

At the same time, Ed received the call he had been waiting for.

"He is back.

Let's not waste any more time," he spoke to himself.

Then he quickly left the place.

Earlier, he had gone to the Inner Hall once, but the person was not there.

Now that the person has returned, he is going to leak Zack Lockwood's details.

Shortly afterward,

He arrived at the Inner Hall.

After going deep inside, he reached his own place where his friends used to talk and gather.

One more person appeared.

The person was none other than David Leavy, the Blazing Fire Faction Warrior.

"Why did you ask me to come?"

"Are you going to make fun of me?" David Leavy asked with dissatisfaction.

"Oh, you are misunderstanding me.

I'm just curious about your faction's reaction to my junior brother."

"My junior brother was unusually strong for his age and warrior rank," Ed Conrad said with a smile.

“Yeah, he was too strong.

Everyone was taken aback by him.

Even the main elders are alarmed,” David replied enthusiastically.

But just as he continued to speak, his mind jolted awake all of a sudden.

His expression changed, as if he had heard something unbelievable.

He turned toward Ed Conrad and asked, “What did you say?”

“Me?

What?”

“About my junior brother?” Ed Conrad asked.

“What are you bluffing about?”

“Aren’t they an ordinary faction member?” David asked.

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“Zack Lockwood is my junior brother.

He is the 6th Disciple of my Master Austin,” Ed Conrad spilled the beans.

Gasp!

David Leavy's jaw dropped.

Others were not here; they were the only ones present.

Otherwise, everyone would have been shocked to hear the news.

"No wonder he was abnormal.

It's normal for him to be someone's disciple.

It turns out he is the 6th Disciple of Master Austin."

"It's not unfair for our General Rank Warrior to lose against him," David added.

He then gave a deep look toward Ed Conrad before leaving the place in a hurry.

He didn't know Ed Conrad's intentions in telling him this news.

But he didn't care.

The news was too shocking.

He couldn't keep it to himself.

"Ha...

Ha...

Ha....”

“Junior brother, your life won’t be normal hereafter.”

“Like other disciples, you will have to face threats as well.”

Ed Conrad said to him with a joyful laugh.

It was as if he couldn’t wait to witness the misery of his junior brother.

Meanwhile,

David Leavy returned to the Blazing Fire Faction Territory in a hurry.

Since he is a Black Mark Warrior and a warrior from the Inner Hall, he could contact the Main Elders directly.

He contacted someone who had taught him and told the news.

The news was so earth-shattering that the Main Elder on the call repeatedly asked for confirmation.

David Leavy told him it was spilled by none other than Ed Conrad, the 5th Disciple of Elder Austin.

After learning this, the Main Elder was silent before praising David for sharing the information.

On the other hand, the Blazing Fire Faction was divided.

The Faction Leader, Elmer Maddox, was level-headed and a clear thinker.

He wouldn't take any unnecessary actions.

But right now, the situation was such that the Main Elders were acting on their own.

They were not informing or reporting their actions to the Faction Leader.

It was not done by one but many.

But everyone's intention was the same, which was to promote the Blazing Fire Faction.

They were not the reserved type like their Faction Leader Elder Maddox.

They were warmongers like the Dark Variant Faction.

The Dark Variant Faction was feared and respected by the other top ten factions as well.

The other factions were strong too.

But their warriors didn't engage in everyday fighting.

Right now, one such main elder heard the news from David Leavy.

His view was opposite to that of their own Faction Leader.

Already, everyone was on high alert, especially elders like them.

The Faction Elders had called for a high-level meeting for tomorrow.

He knew it was all because of David Leavy's actions, which had caused a confrontation between their General Rank Warrior and Zack Lockwood.

Since he had heard the news, he planned to use it to save himself in tomorrow's meeting.

Thunderflame Faction:

The Main Elders were all gathered as well.

This was because of Elder Leola.

The Faction Leader, Clifford, had yet to arrive.

"Elder Leola, what have you called us here for?" Austin asked.

Elder Ann and Elder Cathy were present as well.

Elder Leola replied, "Well, it's about the Blazing Fire Faction."

"Blazing Fire Faction," Austin said in surprise.

Then he seemed to think of something important.

"Was it about my disciple?" Austin asked.

He knew his disciple had encountered their warriors almost twice now.

"You could say that.

The Blazing Fire Faction is becoming like the Dark Variant Faction.

Their warriors are confronting ours in various places,” she said.

Hearing that, the faces of the other elders turned serious.

Austin couldn’t deny it.

He thought there was something wrong with the Blazing Fire Faction as well.

He had been planning to talk about this topic later.

But he didn’t expect Elder Leola to call for this emergency meeting.

Swoosh!

The next second, the Faction Leader Clifford entered the room.

After seeing him, everyone greeted him.

Clifford nodded at the others before sitting in his main chair.

He then looked at Austin first before saying, “Austin, your 6th disciple is getting famous.

He created a record, so to speak.”

Chapter 1048: Part 1: Meeting (Elders)

Meeting,

Faction Leader Clifford praised Zack Lockwood.

He heard about that kid's deeds.

He was genuinely impressed.

Austin was happy to hear the Faction Leaders praise, so he smiled in response.

"Faction Leader, did you forget something?"

Zack Lockwood is my disciple as well," Elder Ann interjected.

"Of course, it's just that he defeated others using his lightning element.

So I immediately thought of Austin.

But I heard he has been using central facilities to practice your healing method."

"I'm looking forward to seeing the results," Clifford said.

Only after hearing that did Elder Ann's eyebrows ease down.

Clifford has eyes and ears all over the Thunderflame Faction.

He was even aware of the trouble faced by Zack Lockwood.

There are other warriors who are against Zack Lockwood, but he doubts this will be the case when Zack's identity is known.

After clearing his thoughts, he looked at the others before his gaze fell on Leola.

“Elder Leola, what’s this meeting all about?” he asked.

Hearing that, Leola didn’t waste time.

She started presenting the facts.

About 15 minutes later,

She finished explaining everything.

Everyone’s expressions were serious.

Austin, Ann, Cathy, and Leola looked at Faction Leader Clifford.

But Clifford’s expression was the same.

It didn’t change, as if he knew something beforehand.

“Faction Leader,” Leola wanted to say something.

But the old man raised his hand to stop her from continuing.

“I’m aware.

But these were all individual actions of the Main Elders in the Blazing Fire Faction.

Some of them are clearly against Elmer.”

"If Elmer takes any serious action, then it would affect their faction's standing among the top 10," Clifford slowly started to explain.

"It's not a secret anymore.

Others know it as well, including the Dean of our Star University.

It's just that everyone is waiting to see what Elmer will do."

"If the Elder chooses to listen to the Main Elders, then we should treat them as enemies as well.

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But I don't think he will do that," he added.

Then only did the Main Elders receive some clarification.

They didn't expect that the Main Elders were so bold in the Blazing Fire Faction.

Even they couldn't think like that.

There is a difference between a Purple Mark Rank and a Half-step Red Mark Rank.

A single Half-step Red Mark Warrior can easily kill many Purple Mark Warriors.

So the opposing Main Elders in the Blazing Fire Faction are lunatics.

Then they talked about a few other topics before the meeting came to an end.

Main Elder Leola's concern was not over.

She disliked the wait-and-watch attitude.

So she ordered Black Flame Palace members to stay away from the Blazing Fire Faction's warriors.

Other Main Elders did the same, including Austin.

He thought it was best to avoid unnecessary fights.

Their hands were already full when it came to dealing with the Dark Variant Faction.

They didn't want to fight another one, especially considering the current situation.

Time passed,

Ed Conrad had been patiently waiting in his room, but he heard no news from the Blazing Fire Faction.

He thought David Leavy would bring the news right away.

But he didn't know what was taking so long for David Leavy to do it.

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The following day,

Blazing Fire Faction:

Faction Leader Elmer Maddox was sitting in the main seat.

The other Main Elders were seated as well.

Elmer had received the information from yesterday's investigation.

His gaze was directed at the young man standing in the middle of the hall while the rest of the Elders' gazes were directed at him.

The young man was none other than David Leavy.

"Your name is David Leavy, right?" Elmer asked.

His words fell like a thunderclap in David Leavy's ears.

His heart was in turmoil.

He quickly calmed himself before answering the question, "Yes, Faction Leader.

It's me."

"Do you know what you have done?"

"We don't have any ill relationship with the Thunderflame Faction."

"There is no need to fight against their warriors, especially inside the campus.

I'm wondering who told you to do it," Elmer asked.

Not only was the question directed at him, but at others as well.

David Leavy shuddered.

He felt the question was an accusation.

He thought Zack Lockwood was an ordinary member like them.

He didn't expect the implications would be this big.

"Faction Leader, it was a fight between faction members.

It was not a big deal," one of the Main Elders said.

He was none other than the one to whom David Leavy had disclosed Zack Lockwood's identity.

The Main Elder was dressed in a uniform with the Blazing Fire crest.

He was an old man with short white hair.

There was a little bald spot on top of his head.

He had a crooked tooth.

The whole person looked uncivilized, but he was highly respected among the Main Elders here.

His name was Zander Lamb.

David Leavy gulped his saliva in fear upon hearing him.

“Zander,” Elmer’s eyes narrowed.

Because Zander was at the forefront in opposing him.

Elder Zander saw that the Faction Leader was looking at him.

“Faction Leader, I was not wrong.

It was a fight among the Star University warriors.

We shouldn’t stop them from having competition.”

“Otherwise, they would face difficulties outside, especially when fighting against other forces.

Am I right, fellow Elders?” Zander asked.

“Yes, Faction Leader.

Elder Zander’s reasoning is good to consider.”

“Elder Zander seems to be right.”

“We shouldn’t back away from any fight.”

“We are as competitive as the other top 10 factions.”

One after another, the other Main Elders voiced their support for Elder Zander.

The rest of them remained silent.

They could see that the Faction Leader was angry.

Some of these opposing Main Elders were pulling the tiger's tail.

It was a risky act.

It wouldn't take much time for their leader to take them down.

Zander was happy with the response.

He cracked a grin.

His crooked teeth were visible.

Elmer said, "It's good to have competitiveness.

But you are sending a General Rank Warrior against an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior."

"Should I send a Silver Mark Warrior to fight against you?"

His question was directed at everyone again.

But David Leavy trembled in fear once more.

He didn't know what was going on here.

What type of meeting was taking place?

The Main Elders were having a death wish.

He didn't want to go down with them.

Chapter 1049: Part 2: Meeting (Elders)

Meeting:

Old man Zander said, "Faction Leader, you are missing something.

The SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior who defeated our General Rank Warrior was not an ordinary member of the Thunderflame Faction."

Quiet!

The place quieted down.

This was the second time he interrupted Elmer's speech.

The Main Elders were tense, including those who supported old man Zander's words.

The supporters thought that old man Zander was going to anger the Faction Leader for sure.

Then the Faction Leader might take his anger out on them.

Elmer Maddox, in his main seat, showed a neutral reaction.

But his heart was boiling with anger.

This time he might attack old man Zander for real.

If he didn't come up with a suitable reason once again.

David Leavy felt close to death.

He had decided not to try something similar again.

Hereafter, he would mind his own business.

Especially after knowing Zack Lockwood's identity, he was even more certain not to cross paths with Zack Lockwood again.

Unknowingly, he had caused a big problem for Zack Lockwood.

Now this old man knew the truth.

He feared that he might get implicated in this matter.

Old man Zander realized that the Faction Leader was angry.

He said, "That kid Zack Lockwood's real identity is something else.

He is the 6th Disciple of Main Elder Austin."

Boom!

Like a thunderclap, it fell on everyone's heads.

The news shook them to the core.

Even Elmer Maddox, who was going to berate Zander Lamb, was quiet all of a sudden.

The Main Elders began discussing in a low tone.

The identity of the disciple was different.

It involved many benefits.

It started from getting eligible for selecting a suitable Inheritance after reaching the Peak of the General Rank.

Usually, the warrior with disciple status was given preference.

If a warrior selected a better Inheritance, he had more chances of reaching the Red Mark Rank in the future.

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For example, all the faction leaders had selected powerful Inheritances after reaching the Peak of the General Rank.

David Leavy's heart skipped a beat.

He feared that he was going to die.

The cunning old man was going to sell him out.

If he didn't die here, then he might die outside.

If the Thunderflame Faction learned this, then they would send someone after him.

David Leavy's body trembled once again in fear.

"How did you know?" Elmer asked.

Even he was unaware of such news.

More importantly, if the Thunderflame Faction kept silent, it was impossible for others to know about this.

"Who leaked it?" he asked the question in his heart.

Old man Zander smiled before his gaze turned toward David Leavy.

"David, why don't you speak?"

"The Faction Leader won't punish you," Zander said.

Hearing that, David cursed in his heart.

He found everyone's gaze was on him, including the gaze of the faction leader.

David Leavy then started to tell everything.

It was Ed Conrad, the 5th Disciple of Elder Austin, who broke the news to him.

Gasp!

Hearing that, collective gasps sounded inside the meeting room.

Everyone was surprised to hear that there was infighting among Elder Austin's Disciples.

It was good news for them.

The Thunderflame Faction was already strong.

It could easily be counted among the top 3.

Now, they have one more promising talent.

He had more chances of reaching the Red Mark Rank in the future.

Such a threat should not be kept.

Even though the warrior was from their own Star University.

Everyone turned towards the Faction Leader Elmer Maddox.

They wanted to know what decision he was going to make.

This was not about the duel's result anymore.

It was going to be their attitude towards Austin's 6th Disciple, who seemed to have more potential than the other 5 Disciples.

Old man Zander was smiling ear to ear.

He escaped the disaster just like that.

Even his previous mistakes wouldn't attract attention hereafter.

They had a new elephant in the hall to focus on.

Elmer took a breath before saying, "If the news is true, then do you think our dean doesn't know about it?"

"I guess it must be Dean Jerome's suggestion to keep that kid's information confidential," he added.

Gasp!

This time, some of them took a cold breath of air.

If the dean knew about this, then there was no point in discussing it.

It could be said that Zack Lockwood had the protection of Dean Jerome.

Old man Zander's face turned ugly.

To be honest, he hadn't thought about this before.

He was more eager to use this information as a trump card that he had even forgotten to think about this.

When it came to Dean Jerome, old man Zander's eyes flashed with fear.

Half-step Red Mark Warriors could kill him with a snap of their fingers.

Dean Jerome was a real Red Mark Warrior.

It was easy for the other party to kill him just like that.

He was like the other main elders.

If he crossed any line, Dean Jerome might not hesitate to kill him.

Faction Leader Elmer saw the change in reaction on everyone's faces.

They were scared.

When he turned towards old man Zander, he saw the old man was wiping his cold sweat.

He couldn't help but laugh out loud in his heart.

He was looking for a way to silence old man Zander and some other main elders who were against him.

But he didn't expect old man Zander himself to help him.

He had to thank the Thunderflame Faction for this.

But he knew this news would be leaked to other factions in one way or another.

Before anything bad happened, he decided to tell the news to the Faction Leader Clifford.

"Alright, since the dean did not disclose the news, it's better for us to keep it that way.

If anyone leaks the news, then they will have to face the wrath of the dean.”

“Even if the person is a main elder, no one can save them,” Elmer said in a serious tone.

His last words were directed at old man Zander.

Hearing that, the faces of others turned ugly.

No one had the courage to do it.

Chapter 1050: Part 1: Austin’s anger

Meeting:

Blazing Fire Faction,

Faction Leader Elmer Maddox’s words have warned everyone.

Hereafter, they won’t dare to have any second thoughts.

With that, the meeting came to an end as well.

Everyone left, including the Main Elder Zander Lamb.

The Inner Hall Warrior, David Leavy, sighed in relief.

He had escaped a great disaster.

The Faction Leader just gave him a slight warning.

Hereafter, he will be minding his own business.

He is not going to share the news with others.

Even if the person is old man Zander, he quickly left the faction and went to the inner hall.

On the other hand, Zander Lamb was having troubling thoughts.

The Faction Leader's warning echoed in his mind.

But there is still a rebellious thought in his mind telling him to expose the news.

If he leaks the news of Zack Lockwood to others, especially to the Dark Variant Faction, he will not only gain benefits, but the Faction Leader Elmer will face the pressure as well.

He will have to change his pessimistic thoughts.

But the only problem he faced was Dean Jerome.

If Dean Jerome decides to kill him for this, then he won't be able to escape.

So, with that confusion, he went back to his place.

Meanwhile,

Faction Leader Elmer Maddox is contacting the Faction Leader Clifford.

He is going to tell him about the Zack Lockwood identity leak.

When the call was connected, Faction Leader Clifford thought it was just a casual conversation.

But when he heard Elmer's words, old man Clifford was dumbfounded.

A huge shock was written on his face.

Zack's information was confidential.

No one knew about this.

Then how come the leader of the Blazing Fire Faction knows?

But when he continued to listen, he came to know that the identity was leaked by none other than the 5th Disciple of Main Elder Austin.

That kid's name was Ed Conrad.

Old man Clifford was pissed off.

He thanked the Faction Leader Elmer before ending the call.

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Old man Clifford had just ended the meeting, but he didn't expect to hear this shocking news.

"Austin's 5th Disciple is rotten to the core," Clifford said in a dissatisfied tone.

A hint of anger appeared in his eyes.

He immediately called for another main elders meeting.

It's the first time in a long period that two important meetings are taking place in a single day.

Shortly afterward,

Everyone arrived at the main meeting hall.

Doubt and surprise were written all over their faces.

They had just left after completing the previous meeting.

They had discussed everything, but they were surprised by the Faction Leader's second call.

One by one, they sat in their seats.

"Elder Austin, do you know anything?" Leola asked.

"No, I'm just surprised like you guys," Austin replied.

"I guess it must be something important.

Otherwise, he wouldn't arrange a second meeting within a day," Ann said from the side.

Hearing that, everyone agreed with her.

"It must be something important.

But I don't know what happened?" Cathy asked out of curiosity.

"Let's wait for him to come," Ann said.

Swoosh!

The next second, old man Clifford appeared.

He sat back in his seat and looked at everyone.

Especially, he looked at Austin with anger.

Leola and others were surprised.

They could clearly see that the Faction Leader was showing his anger towards Austin.

Cathy and Ann looked at each other in disbelief.

Austin frowned.

He could sense the anger as well.

It hadn't happened before.

He couldn't even remember when was the last time he made him angry.

"Faction Leader, what happened?" Austin asked.

Old man Clifford was controlling his anger.

Looking at Austin's face, he sighed inwardly.

He realized that even Austin didn't know well about his disciple.

"Austin, this time you made a huge mistake," Clifford said.

Hearing that, the others were shocked as well.

Leola squinted her eyes before asking, "Faction Leader, what happened?"

"Yes, Faction Leader.

Tell us what happened?" Ann asked as well.

Even Cathy voiced out, "Faction Leader, Elder Austin is a responsible person.

I doubt whether he made any mistake."

Sigh!

Hearing everyone's words, old man Clifford sighed again.

He said, "Zack Lockwood's identity was leaked.

I just had a conversation with Faction Leader Elmer.

He knows that Zack is your 6th disciple."

Gasp!

His words fell like a thunderclap.

Everyone was shocked.

This was a well-kept secret.

Even their faction members didn't know about Zack Lockwood's identity.

Austin's heart was in turmoil.

How could this be possible?

If it was Zack who broke the news, he could understand.

Apart from him, no one could leak the news.

To think that the Blazing Fire Faction Leader knew about this, he must have learned from other sources.

It's not Zack Lockwood but who?

He got closer to the truth within seconds.

On the other hand, Leola was shocked as well.

They had had a discussion about the Blazing Fire Faction in the previous meeting.

Now the same Blazing Fire Faction has caused this problem.

She didn't know what to say.

Main Elder Ann was worried.

She feared that it might trouble Zack Lockwood.

"Faction Leader, tell us what happened?" Ann asked.

Cathy showed concern as well.

Though Zack Lockwood was not her disciple, he was still a promising talent from the faction.

There was no rival for him in his rank in the Outer Hall.

Old man Clifford then said, "You will be shocked.

So listen carefully.

Someone told the Blazing Fire Faction's Black Mark Warrior in the Inner Hall."

"That certain someone is none other than your 5th Disciple Ed Conrad.

He revealed the well-kept secret.

Didn't you tell him not to tell others?" he added.

Boom!

A powerful coercion was released from Austin's body.

He couldn't control his anger.

The next second, the rest of the elders withstood and dismissed the coercion.

Austin's heart was turbulent.

He was in disbelief.

This was a great betrayal to him.

None of his disciples had done anything like this.

He had never expected Ed Conrad to do this.

He knew there were contradictions between him and Zack.