

BloodLine 1051

Chapter 1051: Part 2: Austin's anger

Meeting Hall:

Elder Leola, Ann, and Cathy were all taken aback.

They looked at each other's faces in disbelief, shock and confusion clearly written on their expressions.

"How come Elder Austin's disciple can do that?" Leola asked.

Elder Ann and Cathy turned towards Faction Leader old man Clifford, sharing the same question on their minds.

Clifford sighed inwardly.

He then saw Austin's sad look, and his eyes flashed with a glint.

He had expected Austin to argue against him.

Seeing him this calm, he thought Austin might have known something.

He simply said, "If you don't believe me, just look at him."

Hearing that, Elder Leola and the others turned towards Elder Austin.

They saw how he was surprisingly calm, unlike his earlier outburst.

He appeared to accept the statement.

“Elder Austin, say something?” Elder Ann asked this time.

Since Zack Lockwood was her disciple as well, she found it difficult to accept that Austin’s fifth disciple was threatening Zack Lockwood.

Austin heard her question.

He sighed inwardly and took a deep breath before saying, “I think it’s true.

Ed and Zack have some issues with each other.

I had thought it was just a minor conflict.”

“But I never expected Ed Conrad to do something like this,” he added further.

Elder Ann’s eyes flashed with anger.

Now that the truth had come out, she had a lot more to say.

“Elder Austin, I think it’s safe for Zack to train in the Healing Palace.

The Golden Lightning Palace is not safe anymore.”

“Ed Conrad is a Black Mark Warrior.

Zack is an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior.

Imagine if he decides to do something to Zack outside the campus walls.”

“No one would suspect anything.

Fortunately, we caught him before such things could take place,” she added.

“What’s with your student Ed Conrad?”

“He was not like this before,” Elder Leola commented.

“Ed Conrad has surprised everyone.

We select people carefully before making them disciples.

Ed Conrad’s real intentions were deeply hidden,” Cathy commented.

It’s not like this hadn’t happened before.

They had heard of other factions experiencing similar issues.

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Some of their disciples had turned rebel, attacking faction warriors in the process.

“I guess it all started because of me.

I have constantly praised Zack before others, including other disciples.

My second and fourth disciples interacted well with Zack.”

“They had no jealousy or hostility.

But I have failed to see through my fifth disciple,” Austin admitted his mistake.

“So, what are you going to do next?” old man Clifford asked.

It was certainly impossible for them not to do anything.

Elder Leola, Ann, and Cathy showed worried expressions.

The status of the disciples was different from ordinary members; they were the main assets of the university, destined to become the next main elders and faction leaders.

Austin’s eyes flickered.

He was worried that severe punishment might lead to unwanted results.

He could guess that Leah and Lola wouldn’t react much, but the reactions of the first and third disciples might be different.

Phew!

He took a deep breath before saying, “Faction Leader, I think it’s best to send him away to the main battle zone.”

Gasp!

Leola and the others were quite shocked.

Even old man Clifford was surprised.

This idea was not less than a death sentence for Ed Conrad.

The Battle Zone might seem like a fighting ground, but the enemy they were fighting against was actually different.

“Are you sure about sending him out there?” Clifford asked.

Austin’s eyes turned serious.

He nodded to him.

“Okay,” After saying that, old man Clifford summoned Ed Conrad.

He wanted him to come to the meeting hall as soon as possible.

Then old man turned his gaze towards the others.

He said, “You guys should monitor your disciples as well.

We can’t just blindly trust everyone.”

Leola, Ann, and Cathy didn’t refute.

They were aware of Austin’s judgment skills.

Even he had been fooled by his fifth disciple.

They decided to keep a strict watch on their disciples as well.

Meanwhile,

A few minutes ago,

Ed Conrad was in the Inner Hall.

He had been practicing hard.

At the same time, he anticipated the good news spreading across the university.

He had already told David Leavy about Zack Lockwood.

He didn't know why the other party was taking time to spread the news, but he was not worried.

He thought sooner or later he would hear the good news.

Buzz!

The next second, a text made his body freeze.

The person who sent the message was none other than Faction Leader Clifford.

"Why is he summoning me?" Ed Conrad asked himself.

But he did not have time to dwell on this matter.

The Faction Leader wanted him to be present there right away, so he stopped practicing and went to freshen up.

About 10 minutes later,

Ed Conrad arrived at the meeting hall.

He didn't have any clues about what the summoning was for, but he could guess that it was something important.

Otherwise, they wouldn't have called him here.

When he entered the hall, he saw all the main elders seated there, including his own master.

But Master Austin was looking at him with an unkind gaze.

Ed Conrad's heart skipped a beat.

"Does he know?" Ed Conrad asked himself in his heart.

The next second, he removed that possibility from his mind.

Currently, the Blazing Fire Faction was acting like the Dark Variant Faction, opposing and fighting against them.

Their warriors were taking the initiative to attack the Thunderflame Faction warriors.

So he thought it was impossible for David Leavy to sell him out.

Austin noticed that his fifth disciple was not even reacting; he was behaving as if everything was normal.

Austin couldn't help but admit his vision was poor.

Leola, Ann, and Cathy were showing serious expressions on their faces.

They were not smiling.

The Faction Leader Clifford's eyes were cold.

Ed Conrad noticed everyone's expressions.

He was starting to panic.

"Ed Conrad, we have assigned an important mission for you," old man Clifford went straight to the point.

Chapter 1052: Disciple identity will be disclosed

Meeting Hall:

"Mission," Ed uttered in surprise.

"Yes, you need to go to the main battle zone.

Strong Black Mark Warriors from our university are needed there.

From our faction, we have decided to send you," Old Man Clifford said.

Hearing that, Ed Conrad shuddered.

He was not naive.

He knew the dangers of the battle zone.

It's a place where they fight against foreign creatures of unknown origin.

Normally, disciple-status warriors were not sent there unless there was a dire situation.

As far as he knew, there was no such case.

He hadn't heard any rumors regarding that.

He remained silent.

He felt something suspicious.

There was no need for him to go there.

His master was silent as well, which meant his master agreed to the old man's proposal, but why?

Several questions plagued his mind.

But this was not the time to dwell on this matter.

He could not even refute it right now.

This was decided from the beginning.

These were the Faction Leader's final words.

“Alright, I’m leaving right away,” Ed Conrad replied.

He gave up struggling.

He had been to the battle zone before.

He would find a way to survive there.

Also, he would try to find out the reason behind the forceful mission.

“Good, you can go now,” Old Man Clifford said.

Ed Conrad nodded to him before nodding at his master and the rest of the elders one by one before leaving.

When he was gone from the place, Clifford asked, “Do you think he can survive that place?”

“He has been there already.

It’s up to him whether he wants to survive or not,” Austin said in a normal tone.

“Now, there is one more thing to decide,” Leola said to everyone.

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Hearing that, others turned towards her.

“Since Zack Lockwood’s identity was leaked, it will be a matter of time before others learn about this, including the Dark Variant Faction.”

“Before it happens, I think it’s best to announce it ourselves right now.

People might think Zack’s win against the General Rank Warrior has given him this opportunity.”

“We can take advantage of it; no one will find it suspicious.

There is no point in hiding it forever,” Leola added further.

“What do you think, Elder Ann?” Clifford asked her.

“I agree as well.

It will prevent others from calculating against Zack using the same method,” Ann replied.

“I think fewer people will target Zack directly.

On the other hand, we have to be careful of schemes and traps from other factions,” Cathy said from the side.

“Austin, what do you say?” Clifford asked Austin.

Austin fell into contemplation.

He didn’t know how Zack Lockwood would react.

He thought that Zack Lockwood didn’t know about Ed Conrad’s betrayal.

“What’s bothering you?” Leola asked.

"I think we should ask for Zack Lockwood's opinion directly.

If he is okay with it, then it's fine," Austin replied.

Old Man Clifford frowned.

Then he thought of something important before agreeing with it.

Then he sent a text to Zack Lockwood as well.

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From MC's Perspective:

In the training room, I received a text message asking me to come to the Meeting Hall right away.

For a second, I looked at the message in a daze.

Because I recognized the person who sent me the message.

It was not my Master Austin.

The contact number was new.

Then I collected my thoughts before going to freshen up.

About 20 minutes later, I reached the Meeting Hall.

I remembered coming here on the first day of joining the university.

Then a second time for the secret land mission.

Now I was here again.

I didn't know what this was about.

I couldn't help but think about the Blazing Fire Faction.

It had to be them.

Their General Rank Warrior was defeated at my hands.

They must have felt embarrassed.

Right now, they wanted to create some problems.

I pushed down these thoughts before going inside.

As I entered the main hall, I immediately saw all the main elders, including my master and the old man sitting in the main seat.

At this time, everyone looked at Zack with kind eyes.

There was a small smile on everyone's face.

Austin was sighing again, but he felt his 6th disciple had a good character.

He was strong as well.

Old Man Clifford smiled and said, "Zack Lockwood, we have decided to announce your identity as Elder Austin's 6th disciple to the outside world."

Hearing that, I was startled.

This came out of nowhere and took me by surprise.

Why all of a sudden?

A look of confusion could be seen on my face.

Austin struggled with his expression.

He could see that Zack had doubts.

But he didn't know whether it was good to inform him or not.

If Zack sought revenge, it could turn ugly.

"Zack, we are doing this for your own good.

Lately, the internal fighting between the factions has increased.

We foresee more infighting in the coming days."

"You have already shown your strength.

More and more people will come to challenge you.

If your identity is known, then the numbers will be drastically reduced.”

“Only the disciples of other elders will come to you,” Old Man Clifford said.

Hearing that, I felt relaxed.

My heart was at peace.

I understood that this was the result of my win against the General Rank Warrior.

“Okay,” I replied.

“Good, you can go back now.

The news will be officially released shortly,” Old Man Clifford said.

Hearing that, I nodded at him and my teacher before leaving.

But in my heart, I still had lingering doubts.

“Was it because of my win against the General Rank Warrior?” I asked myself.

Old Man Clifford sighed inwardly.

“Now it has been decided.

I’ll inform Dean Jerome.

He will put out the statement.

Hereafter, not only Star University, but other universities and forces will learn this news," Clifford said.

Then they spoke about a few other things before ending the meeting.

Austin was mentally tired.

He needed some time to get back to his usual self.

Chapter 1053: Part 1: The disciple's status was made public

From MC's Perspective:

After getting out of bed, I immediately recalled yesterday's meeting.

I don't know whether my identity was announced or not.

So I immediately checked the online site.

Then I began to go through the trending topics.

I saw articles in my name appearing one by one in the news feed.

"It's over," I uttered.

From here on, the perception of the people will change.

Those who interacted with me casually earlier won't be able to act normally.

And those who showed ill intentions towards me will live in fear.

Then I checked the news release date and spotted something more important.

The news was actually released by Dean Jerome.

He made an official announcement about my disciple status.

The letter was released during the meeting.

Only after that did these people start to make articles.

Sigh!

I let out a sigh.

Since it's done, there is no point in dwelling on it.

Then I started my morning routine.

Meanwhile,

The outside world is not calm.

People are showing various reactions on campus; more importantly, in various factions, the news swept them away by storm.

The announcement has had a significant effect outside the campus as well.

The whole Tier-4 region took notice of it.

The Purple Mark Warrior is already among the cream of the crop.

A disciple of such a warrior is an important person as well.

Various forces recorded the information on Zack Lockwood to avoid offending the other party in the future.

Especially the other five universities recorded the name of Zack Lockwood.

Their main elders are also Purple Mark Warriors.

It's natural for them to observe the disciples of the main elders of other universities.

And Star University is the strongest among them.

So any news coming from there is considered important.

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Among the five universities, one took the matter seriously.

The university is none other than Dark Shadow University.

When they learned that Austin's disciple was recruited from the inner region,

The main elders of Dark Shadow University dug up some information.

They discovered that Zack Lockwood had a feud with Blood Shadow Force,

Which is a branch of Dark Shadow University in the inner post region.

The reason for the feud was recorded clearly as well.

It was because of their motto regarding their incomplete mission.

Whenever there is a high-stakes mission, they use their top talents to complete it.

In most cases, the mission involved assassination.

They were able to ascertain that Zack Lockwood was the target of one such mission.

The former branch head, Rupert, failed in the mission.

Because of that, they had to label the mission as incomplete.

Subsequently, the former branch made several reattempts, but they ended in failure as well.

In the end, they discovered that Star University recruited Zack Lockwood at that time.

So it was impossible to continue the mission.

Later, Rupert was removed from his post and was ordered to complete the incomplete mission as punishment.

To this day, Rupert's whereabouts are unknown.

It was recorded that Rupert had an encounter with one of their core disciples.

Rupert was beaten badly, and later, he fled the scene.

His whereabouts were confirmed to be unknown.

The main elders of Dark Shadow University were disturbed by such a revelation.

It was full of twists and turns.

It can be said that there is no turning back.

They did so much that it's normal for Zack Lockwood to have resentment towards them.

Now that he has become the disciple of Purple Mark Warrior Austin,

They don't believe there will be any threat in the future.

There is a possibility of revenge from Zack Lockwood and Purple Mark Warrior Austin.

The main elders of Dark Shadow University have decided to report this to the Dean of Dark Shadow University.

The Dean of Dark Shadow University is Toby, the Red Mark Warrior, like the Dean of other universities.

However, he is older than Dean Jerome of Star University.

When the group of main elders requested to meet him regarding an urgent issue, he allowed them to come to the meeting hall.

A few minutes later,

Old man Toby, dressed in dark clothes and wearing the insignia of Dark Shadow University, is seated in the main seat, while all other main elders are seated below.

Everyone had serious expressions on their faces.

Dean Toby took time to observe their expressions.

All the main elders were silent.

They wouldn't speak before the dean spoke first.

"What's the issue?" Old man Toby asked.

His deep voice resonated in everyone's ears.

Then one of the main elders stood up from his seat and began to explain.

About 25 minutes later,

Dean Toby's old eyes flickered.

Now he knew what had happened.

He also asked some probing questions for fact-checking.

It was their fault.

They shouldn't have touched a core member of the Federation in the inner post region.

Everyone knows that the Federation in the inner post region has close ties with Star University.

But the former branch head went on to try several assassination attempts on the target, Zack Lockwood.

The target survived and joined Star University.

Now he has become the disciple of a Purple Mark Warrior.

That Purple Mark Warrior is also a famous lightning warrior in the whole Tier-4 region.

Their ThunderFlame Faction is also one of the top 10 factions in Star University.

Old man Toby clearly attributed this failure to the former branch head, Rupert.

"Where is that trash?" he asked.

The main elders immediately knew the dean was asking about the former branch head Rupert.

But his whereabouts were unknown.

"Dean, he is missing," one of the main elders said.

"Pass an order.

I want him dead.

Let's resolve that issue with Star University," Old man Toby said after giving it some thought.

The main elders seated below were all surprised.

Old man Toby then added further, "Don't forget about our real enemies.

We need more talented and powerful warriors."

"It's just a mistake made by the former branch head.

There is no need for us to continue the incomplete mission," he added.

Hearing that, everyone had looks of understanding on their faces.

Chapter 1054: Part 2: The disciple's status was made public

Star University:

The official statement released by Dean Jerome has sent shockwaves across various factions.

Whenever anything related to factions occurs, it attracts a lot of attention.

This time, Zack Lockwood's selection as a disciple of Main Elder Austin has surprised everyone because Zack Lockwood is still in the Outer Hall.

There are people in the Inner Hall and Core Hall waiting for such opportunities, but this opportunity has landed with Zack Lockwood.

So the news has caused various people to dig up information about Zack Lockwood, especially the warriors from the Inner Hall and Core Hall.

In the Outer Hall, the warriors are not surprised by the news at all.

Just not long ago, Zack Lockwood had defeated a General Rank Warrior from the Blazing Fire Faction, which is one of the top 10 factions.

Zack Lockwood defeated him by fighting across two ranks, which itself was an amazing feat.

So the current news didn't shock them much.

But these Outer Hall warriors are curious about Zack Lockwood's master.

When they learned that Main Elder Austin is a powerful lightning warrior, everyone was further convinced.

Zack Lockwood has already shown the abnormal power of his purple lightning to others.

They assumed it might be the reason Main Elder Austin accepted him as a disciple.

This began to be widely believed by everyone.

It was also what the Faction Leader and Main Elders of the Thunderflame Faction wanted.

On the other hand, when the news reached the ears of the Blazing Fire Faction, people were shocked to the core, especially those who were planning to seek revenge on Zack Lockwood.

This news came as a deterrent to them.

They immediately removed such negative thoughts from their minds.

Even David Leavy, who heard the news, decided not to leave the faction territory for a couple of weeks.

He had already heard the news from Ed Conrad when it was discussed during the meeting.

He had decided to stay low-key.

Now that the news has gone public, he decides to hide for a while.

At the same time, the old man Zander Lamb, the main elder of the Blazing Fire Faction, was shocked.

He had two thoughts about how to deal with the matter.

He had been troubled about whether to share the news with others or not.

Now that the Dean himself has announced it, he pushed down all these thoughts.

He doesn't want to die, so he decides to mind his own business hereafter.

He has also decided to stop opposing their Faction Leader Elmer Maddox as well.

Since the Dean made the news public, he thinks this matter is inseparable from the Faction Leader, which further led him to give up his rebellious thoughts.

In the Dark Variant Faction, the news swept across everyone like a storm.

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The warriors were already making comparisons between Ronnie Seth and Zack Lockwood.

But Zack Lockwood's recent feats made the warriors give up the comparisons.

Zack Lockwood was a member of the Thunderflame Faction to begin with.

Then Zack Lockwood has no rival in the Outer Hall.

Whether it's a virtual duel or an arena fight, no one is a real threat to Zack Lockwood.

So these warriors quickly accepted the news.

Even the Main Elders of the Dark Variant Faction weren't surprised by the news.

They had already marked the name of Zack Lockwood as a potential threat.

Now, because of his identity, the threat level has increased further.

Earlier, the main elders here assumed that Zack Lockwood had the potential to reach Purple Mark Rank.

But hereafter, they were sure that Main Elder Austin would invest heavily in Zack Lockwood.

At the same time, when Ronnie Seth heard the news, he was happy, but he felt complicated emotions as well.

He was a lightning warrior too.

But his development seems to be a slow growth compared to Zack Lockwood.

Now that Zack Lockwood has gained disciple status, he thinks Zack will become a Black Mark Warrior soon.

But Ronnie Seth didn't give up completely.

He was definitely better than other strong warriors, so he is going to put more effort into his own growth.

The Two Bloodline Factions were taken aback by surprise.

They have also been monitoring the growth of Zack Lockwood.

The main elders of these factions were shocked by Zack Lockwood's latest feat against the Blazing Fire Faction.

They have yet to discuss it fully.

Now that this news has been released, the development is happening too fast.

But if they had learned that Zack Lockwood was a disciple from day one, they would be shocked to the core.

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From MC's Perspective:

After getting ready, I left the residence.

Then I saw people gathered in front of my residence.

No doubt everyone was waiting for me.

I even saw the staff working at the central training facility.

I nodded to him before leaving the place.

I quickly moved away from the crowd and started heading to the Golden Lightning Palace.

“Zack Lockwood has become Main Elder’s disciple now.”

“His status is different than before.”

“If I had known earlier, I would have spoken to him.”

“It’s bad we are too late.”

These warriors discussed in a low tone.

Among the central training facility staff, he was the happiest person right now.

He had helped Zack Lockwood before, so their relationship was better.

He believes if any problem occurs in the future, he can seek help from Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, while walking, I came across other warriors as well.

They looked at me with different gazes.

Some of their gazes showed envy, while others showed fear.

But everyone saw me going towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

Shortly afterward,

I arrived at the Golden Lightning Palace.

My mouth curved into an arc.

The members used to treat me differently before.

I wondered what their reaction would be right now.

More importantly, I wanted to see the reaction of Ed Conrad.

He had taken advantage of the situation earlier.

Now that my disciple status was known, he couldn't play any tricks.

Creak!

The gate opened automatically.

Chapter 1055: Rupert's fate

From MC's Perspective:

I walked in and found that the place was empty.

There was no sign of warriors.

Out of curiosity, I started walking towards the training courtyard.

When I got there, I saw the place was empty.

No one was here.

This place used to be filled with members training all day.

“What happened?” I asked myself.

Then I pushed down these thoughts before walking towards Master Austin’s residence.

When I got there, I knocked on the door.

Creak!

Master Austin then opened the door and invited me inside.

“Take a seat,” Austin said.

Hearing that, I sat on the sofa and looked at him.

There were many questions plaguing my mind.

I wanted to know what happened.

“Master, what’s going on?” I asked.

“Do you really want to know the reason?” Austin asked.

Earlier, he had thought about hiding the information.

But now he thought it was better to let Zack Lockwood know what had happened behind his back.

I nodded my head in reply.

Austin then started to tell me what had gone on during their meeting.

At first, my expression was calm, but as time passed, I learned that the mastermind was none other than Ed Conrad.

A few minutes later,

“I never expected my 5th Disciple to be like this.

He was ordered to go to the battle zone as punishment since the crime was exposed.

He left right after that,” Austin said in a calm tone.

But I could tell that the battle zone was not an ordinary place.

They were sending someone there as punishment.

The name suggested some battle was going on.

“Are we in some kind of war against another university?” I asked myself in my heart.

Austin saw through his disciple's thoughts.

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"I know what you are thinking.

But I can't tell you right now.

It's for your own good.

When you become a Black Mark Warrior Rank, you will naturally be able to learn a lot of secrets," Austin said.

Hearing that, I nodded my head.

Then we spoke about a few other things before I left the residence.

I reached the essence chamber and finally saw someone.

The female member was startled upon seeing me.

She was in charge here.

Then I asked her about the available essence chamber rooms.

"All the chambers are free," she replied, looking at me strangely.

I knew what that gaze meant.

It had something to do with me.

I guessed these people would return after a couple of days.

So I chose one of the chambers before entering inside.

The door behind me closed automatically.

Then I activated the chamber and sat cross-legged on the platform.

The chamber filled with world energy in a few minutes.

I started running the lightning method.

Since my identity was made public, I guessed that from here on, my opponents would be the disciples of the main elders from other factions.

Their combat strength must be higher, unlike the warriors I had faced before.

They might fight across ranks.

So I decided to focus on reaching the Commander Rank in Essence Cultivation as soon as possible.

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Meanwhile,

Rupert, who had recovered from his injuries, resumed his journey to Star City.

He didn't know that his timing was bad.

He was sure of finding Zack Lockwood and killing him.

Only then could he regain his lost post.

At the same time, there were warriors dispatched by Dark Shadow University who were looking for his whereabouts.

Time passed.

He was able to book a flying car in the nearest town.

But he came across the Dark Shadow University warriors.

Upon seeing them, his eyes flashed with anger.

He couldn't help but remember that core member who thrashed him.

But he knew there were hundreds of warriors in Dark Shadow University.

It was stupidity to show his anger right now.

So he hopped inside the vehicle when it came.

Then he told the driver to go to the border.

There were transport ways where one could go to the territory of other forces.

Usually, it involved thorough inspection.

He was not afraid of that.

His record was clear.

About 4 hours later,

He reached the border town.

He paid the fare before going to the crossing area.

He had decided to manually cross the border first before reaching the next town.

He came to the spot and saw the huge line.

He picked one of the lines and stood behind the last person.

The next territory belonged to another force.

He needed to cross 2 more borders before reaching the territory of Star University.

Thinking about the fare expenses, he felt a headache.

But it couldn't be helped.

The injury had cost him a lot of money and time.

At any cost, he needed to complete the mission.

Time passed.

One after another, the people crossed the border after the inspection.

When it was his turn, he showed the ID of Dark Shadow University.

The guard showed respect upon seeing the ID and allowed Rupert to enter.

But what Rupert didn't know was that his ID was marked.

Soon, people in Dark Shadow University would know about this inspection.

About a few minutes later,

Rupert successfully crossed the border.

He heaved a sigh of relief.

He didn't know why he felt threatened in the Dark Shadow University territory.

On the other hand, the teams looking for Rupert received news from the border.

Someone checked the database and found Rupert had left not long ago.

These teams immediately left the place.

Days passed.

Rupert eventually reached Star City.

The Dark Shadow University warriors also followed his tracks to reach Star City.

These Dark Shadow University warriors had been updating the information back to their main elders.

From the information, the main elders were able to determine that Rupert was looking for a way to complete the mission.

This immediately alarmed them.

Dean Toby ordered them to eliminate the person before he did something.

If they delay any longer, it might cause some serious consequences.

Meanwhile,

Rupert didn't know what was happening behind him.

He entered the city leisurely and started looking for a rented house.

He had many things to do.

After finding the rented house, he needed to gather information about Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, the Dark Shadow University warriors entered the city following his trail.

Rupert was still wearing the sci-fi watch given to him by Dark Shadow University.

Earlier, these warriors had trouble cracking it.

Not long after, they were able to locate him.

But in Star University, they couldn't act boldly.

If the Star University warriors learned about them, it would become difficult to explain.

It didn't take long for Rupert to find the rented house because he had offered a huge amount of money.

After finding a place to stay, he decided to rest.

In the middle of the night, Rupert opened his eyes.

He got out of bed and left the house through the window.

During the day when he was house hunting, he had noticed people stalking him.

He wanted to see whether it was his imagination or not.

Time passed.

About an hour later, a few shadows barged into his house.

Rupert was watching this from the rooftop of another building.

His back went cold.

He couldn't recall offending anyone recently.

He had been low-key in his actions.

He frowned.

He saw those shadows in his room.

In the blink of an eye, they left his room as well.

He had definitely seen this before.

“Those shadows?” Rupert said.

Those were rare techniques.

They could only be found in Dark Shadow University.

The more he thought about it, the more it felt right.

Those were obviously the techniques of Dark Shadow University.

Rupert didn’t know what was going on.

He hadn’t offended any warriors from Dark Shadow University.

He broke out in a cold sweat.

The Dark Shadow University warriors then left the place.

Rupert didn't want to return.

He decided to stay on the rooftop.

Time passed.

Not long after, the Dark Shadow University warriors found Rupert's location using the tracker.

They discovered that his current location was not far from the rented house.

Rupert was awake.

He didn't go back to sleep at all.

The appearance of the Dark Shadow University warriors had shocked him.

He feared that they might come back again.

Swoosh!

Just as he was wondering, a few shadows appeared on the rooftop as well.

Rupert's eyes turned cold.

He decided to talk to them to check whether it was a misunderstanding or not.

The Dark Shadow University warriors didn't talk.

They charged towards him to attack.

Rupert's eyes turned cold.

A dark blade aimed at his head.

Rupert took out his weapon to block it.

Clang!

A metallic collision noise sounded.

When he just blocked one, another warrior's weapon struck him from behind.

Boom!

Rupert took the direct hit.

He was pushed backward.

Shadows encircled him.

More than 5 warriors had surrounded him.

"It's a team," Rupert uttered in a shock.

Chapter 1056: Mellow Cafe

Star City:

"Why are you guys attacking me?" Rupert shouted at them.

But Dark Shadow University's Warriors didn't spare a glance at him and continued their attack.

Rupert had realized something was wrong.

It doesn't seem to be arranged by the core disciple he had feud with.

Since he didn't know what was going on, he decided to save his life first.

Swoosh!

He immediately fled the scene.

The warriors were taken aback.

They had received a clear order to eliminate this person.

So they started chasing him.

At nighttime, a couple of shadows were chasing down a single person.

Star City is a developed city.

There are areas where businesses run all day and night.

Rupert, who was running, knew how these people operate.

It's illegal to carry out a killing mission in someone else's territory.

Star University and Dark Shadow University are not best friends to begin with, so he was able to figure out that these warriors had come without getting permission.

Now, he was going to use this to save his life.

While running, he spotted many shops operating at nighttime as well.

His gaze swept across a high-end luxurious coffee shop.

It's a high-story building showcasing advanced architecture.

[Mellow Cafe]

Rupert's eyes lit up.

He immediately crossed the road in the blink of an eye before entering the place.

The staff and customers outside were startled.

Rupert immediately released a small coercion of a Golden Mark Warrior before dismissing it.

The customers and the staff felt terror for a couple of seconds before gasping for breath.

"I apologize, everyone, for startling you.

I'm a visitor here.

I heard about this famous coffee.

So I wanted to have coffee before leaving the city in a few hours,” Rupert said in a genuine tone.

Hearing that, the staff and customers heaved a sigh of relief.

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But they were not surprised; from time to time, they got to see overly enthusiastic customers.

But this time, the customer turned out to be an outsider with Golden Mark Warrior strength.

So everyone was respectful and didn’t dare to offend him.

Rupert sighed inwardly.

He was almost close to causing a scene.

If it happened, it might attract the attention of the authorities, which he didn’t want to happen yet.

He wanted to figure out the motives of these people who were after him.

On the other hand, the Dark Shadow University Warriors were watching everything secretly.

They were given orders to kill the target without exposing themselves.

They were doing unauthorized activity on someone else’s territory.

“Let’s inform the elders first,” the Captain of the Team said.

His words calmed everyone down.

Then he contacted the elders and told them what was going on.

Rupert, the former head of the Blood Shadow Force, had numerous life-and-death experiences compared to their team.

Besides, the person knew how to save himself even in this situation.

The Main Elders, who heard it, weren't surprised.

If the person was not remarkable, then he wouldn't have become Head of their Branch Force.

The Main Elders then told them to lurk inside the city and continue watching over Rupert.

But they were only allowed to return after the completion of the mission.

After ending the call, the Captain informed everyone.

This mission was going to be challenging for them, but they were ready to continue it.

Time passed,

Until the morning sunrise, Rupert stayed inside the coffee shop.

Then he left and returned to his rented house.

The stuff inside the rented house was broken.

He couldn't leave this place like that.

His enemies had found out about this place.

But he didn't see them after entering the coffee shop.

There was no sign of them whatsoever.

Rupert was not a fool; he knew the specialty of the Dark Shadow University Warriors.

They were experts in using dark and shadow techniques.

Since there were shops open all day and night, he had decided to spend nighttime in a similar place.

Right now, he had decided to contact the elder who had assigned him the mission.

He wanted to know what was going on.

It's an undeniable fact that these people are Dark Shadow University Warriors.

It's just that he wanted to know who had sent them.

But he failed to connect with the Elder.

It left him with frustration since he couldn't reach out for help.

He could only do his best to survive in this city.

All of his ill-fated time started because of one young man.

That young man is none other than Zack Lockwood.

Now he deeply regrets it.

He shouldn't have trusted the Eclipse Academy Supreme Elder back then.

Sigh!

He sighed and began to rest in the room.

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From MC's Perspective:

I left the residence as usual on time.

Then I started walking towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

Yesterday, the members weren't there.

I wondered whether anyone had returned today.

With a smile on my face, I continued walking.

Shortly afterwards,

I arrived at the place.

The gate opened automatically before I entered.

I strolled towards Master Austin's residence.

When I got here, I saw someone else coming out.

"Ah, junior brother.

You are here!"

"I have some important events to attend.

I hope my younger brother can help me with something," Lola Garvin asked.

"Senior Sister, what is it?" I asked, looking at the black-haired woman in front of me.

I was surprised to see her.

I had thought both Senior Sisters left for the mission.

"Good, Master told me to bring this package to some address in Star City.

I can't go right now because of the event."

"I hope you can help me with this," Lola asked in a pitiful tone.

But it was obviously acting.

"Okay," I replied.

I knew she was acting, but it wouldn't hurt me to help her.

Then I received the package.

It was a brown box.

I put it inside the storage ring and looked at her.

"Address?" I asked.

"It's 24 East Street, Star Complex.

You can submit the package in their Admin office.

The sender is our master," she said.

"Okay, I'll be leaving," I said to her.

"Thank you, junior brother," Lola said.

I nodded to her before leaving.

After leaving the Golden Lightning Palace, I started going towards the exit.

"I didn't expect to return to Star University so soon after that awful mission," I said in my heart.

About 10 minutes later,

I arrived at the Transport Facility.

Then I booked an aircab.

There was no shortage of cabs here.

After getting inside the cab, I sat comfortably in the back seat.

Then I told the driver about the destination: it was the address given by Senior Sister Lola.

The driver nodded his head.

He seemed to know about the Star Complex.

From the name, I guessed it was something to do with the University.

The cab driver then started the vehicle.

Swoosh!

The cab slowly rose above the ground and appeared in mid-air.

Then it began moving towards the destination.

There were other cabs passing by, some coming in and others going out.

Looking at the passing vehicles, I realized I should come out to enjoy myself from time to time.

Now, my identity was made public.

I doubted there would be any direct attack on me in broad daylight.

I continued to enjoy the view through the window.

About 25 minutes later,

The aircab reached close to the destination.

I felt the air traffic in the middle of the city was high.

We wasted 5 minutes in traffic itself.

Fortunately, it was morning.

Then the driver reminded me of the destination.

I saw a massive circular building with a huge name board on top of it. The name was Star Complex.

The driver landed the aircab in front of the building entrance.

The driver deducted less than a few points for the fare since I used the Airport Transport Facility.

I could either use points or actual money.

I didn't know what the procedures were and how long it would take, so I told the cab driver not to wait for me.

If there were other Star University students in the vicinity, they could use the cab.

I started walking towards the massive gate.

Since I was wearing the Star University uniform and Thunderflame Faction's crest, the guards recognized them.

One of them asked me the purpose of my visit as a procedure.

Then I told him I had come here to submit the package and asked them for directions to the admin office.

The guard didn't ask anything further and opened the gate.

I nodded at him before entering.

The admin office was on the first floor, like other places.

I didn't know what was going on here, but I thought it was something related to goods.

With curiosity, I continued walking toward the admin office.

Shortly afterwards,

I arrived at the entrance of the main building.

The glass door opened automatically.

I stepped inside and noticed this whole place was the admin office.

Chapter 1057: Rupert attacked me with a coercion

From MC's Perspective:

After entering, I looked around before finding the front desk.

I walked up to the place and talked to the staff.

The staff was respectful upon seeing my Thunderflame Faction crest.

He then proceeded to check something on the virtual screen.

I took out the package from the storage ring and placed the brown box on the desk.

The staff then saw the package requested by someone important.

The sender's name was mentioned as well.

The staff then collected the brown box before giving me a receipt.

The receipt was confirmation of submitting the package at the admin office.

Things went smoothly, better than I had expected.

So I turned around to leave.

Shortly afterward,

I walked out of the main gate after nodding at the guards.

Then I came to the footpath and started to check whether any aircab was available.

Meanwhile,

A few minutes ago,

Rupert came to the Mellow Cafe again.

Strangely, the cafe is located in front of the Star Complex Building.

Rupert was paranoid right now.

After spending some time in the rented house, he once again returned here.

The staff knew he was a Gold Mark Warrior, so they acted respectfully, not wanting to offend him.

This brought some peace to Rupert.

He didn't go upstairs.

Rather, he sat in a chair placed near the entrance.

There were a couple of people enjoying drinks while taking in the view of the street.

The staff then came to ask for his order.

He then ordered a drink.

The staff returned with the drink shortly after.

Then he began to enjoy it.

While enjoying his drink, he turned towards the street to watch the passing vehicles and people walking on the footpath.

As he observed everyone, his gaze fell on a young man.

Upon seeing the young man's face, Rupert's pupils shrank.

His heart set off storms.

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How could he forget this person?

His face was etched in his mind.

"Zack Lockwood," he gritted his teeth in anger.

He didn't expect to find him here.

If he could kill this person, then all of his misery would end.

He could then go back to the Dark Shadow University.

If they knew he succeeded in completing the incomplete mission, they would provide him with good resources and grant him a position.

Rupert's lost eyes gained hope.

He then decided to confirm whether Zack Lockwood had come alone or not.

On the other hand, I booked an aircab.

It was a University cab.

I hoped the driver would arrive soon.

A few minutes later,

Rupert placed the glass on the desk before standing up.

He could see that there was no one accompanying Zack Lockwood.

Which meant the kid had come out alone.

He walked to the footpath.

His eyes flashed with a glint.

He saw that Zack Lockwood was wearing the uniform.

He needed to be careful in his attack.

After the attack, he had to leave the place.

With a plan in mind, he crossed the road and started approaching Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, I was waiting for the aircab to arrive.

All of a sudden, a sense of crisis grabbed my heart.

I looked around and found a middle-aged man coming in my direction.

But his eyes never left me.

As he came closer, my senses screamed at me.

There were only a few hundred meters between us.

Swoosh!

“Lightning Phantom Technique!”

A thick purple lightning covered both of my legs in the blink of an eye.

The next second, I rushed back to the Star Complex without turning back.

Boom!

The area behind the footpath exploded under the attack of Rupert.

He didn’t expect Zack Lockwood to sense the danger.

Seeing that Zack Lockwood was trying to escape into the building, he gave chase.

In a few steps, he crossed a few hundred meters.

Then he saw Zack Lockwood running towards the huge front gate.

He released a Golden Mark Warrior Rank coercion.

Boom!

The coercion burst out and spread across the place in the blink of an eye.

On the other hand, my senses were heightened.

Just as I was getting close to the gate, I felt a tingling sensation in my back, but I didn't stop.

"Lightning Wheel!"

I released the lightning wheel in desperation.

A purple lightning wheel appeared around me.

Boom!

The next second, a powerful coercion struck me and sent me flying forward like a broken kite.

The lightning wheel disappeared into nothingness under the powerful coercion.

The front gate was blown away by the coercion.

The front gate guards turned to blood paste on the spot.

Alarm!

The next moment, an alarm went off.

A loud sound echoed across the massive Star Complex building.

Rupert was taken aback by the alarming sound.

He thought it was just a commercial building.

Then his gaze fell on the building name board.

“Star Complex,” Rupert’s face turned ugly.

The name itself indicated that it was connected to Star University.

He thought if it was a Star University complex building, then there must be Gold Mark and Silver Mark Warriors inside.

He decided to leave the place.

Before leaving, he saw Zack Lockwood lying in a pool of his own blood.

Regret flashed through his eyes.

He couldn’t confirm whether Zack Lockwood was dead or not.

Swoosh!

He then fled from the scene.

The Mellow Cafe patrons were terrified.

The customers near the counter witnessed the whole thing.

Some of the staff were petrified after seeing the attack.

Earlier, a few of them had kept an eye on the Gold Mark Warrior.

But they never expected him to go out and attack a Star University student.

Everyone here recognized the uniform of Star University.

More importantly, the building in front of them was a commercial building owned by Star University itself.

The staff knew the attacker had introduced himself as an outsider last night.

Now that things had come to this, they decided to inform their owner.

At the same time, Dark Shadow University Warriors were on the spot as well.

They didn't know about the incomplete mission.

They thought Rupert had left after attacking an innocent Star University Warrior who was not even a Black Mark Warrior.

Because everyone saw the Star University student being thrown away by the coercion like a broken kite.

On the other hand, I was feeling dizzy.

Before my eyes, debris flew across the place.

I felt my mind sinking into darkness.

I felt no strength in my body.

Like cracks in a porcelain vase, I sensed my body was heavily damaged.

The last thing I remember before losing consciousness was falling to the ground right before the entrance to the admin office.

This all happened within seconds.

The alarm had caused warriors to appear outside.

Especially the Inner Hall, Core Hall Warriors, and Elders were taken aback by the alarm.

In the admin office, all the staff were petrified.

The front gate was not far from them.

When the gate exploded, they saw someone smash into the concrete floor right outside the admin office.

The staff who handled the package request earlier caught a glimpse of the person.

But they were afraid to come out.

After a few seconds, the staff noticed there were no further attacks.

Only the alarm continued to sound.

The staff then mustered up the courage to step out.

Then he recognized the person lying in the pool of blood.

“Contact the healing elder.

A Thunderflame Faction member was attacked,” the staff shouted.

Hearing that, the other staff inside were shocked.

They immediately contacted the healing elder and his assistant in the Star Complex building.

Swoosh!

The next second, several shadows appeared near the front gate.

They were all Black Mark, Gold Mark, and Silver Mark Warriors.

Among them was an Outer Hall Elder.

They were confused by the situation.

They saw the damaged front gate and the blood pool of two guards.

Then they noticed a few people surrounding an injured warrior.

These warriors then came to check on the injured warrior.

The Gold Mark and Silver Mark Warriors didn't recognize him.

But the Outer Hall Elder recognized the face.

"Zack Lockwood!" he shouted out loud.

Which immediately surprised the warriors standing near him.

The Black Mark Warriors present were all taken aback by the name.

Because Dean Jerome of Star University released an official statement saying that Thunderflame Faction Main Elder Austin had accepted his 6th Disciple.

His name was Zack Lockwood.

The Gold Mark and Silver Mark Warriors were still clueless since they had just returned from their mission.

The admin staff were all scared.

They hadn't expected someone to recognize the injured person.

"Any Silver Mark Warriors here?"

Take him to Star University as soon as possible.

He is the 6th Disciple of Main Elder Austin from the Thunderflame Faction,” the Outer Hall Elder revealed the identity.

Boom!

Everyone felt like a hammer had struck their heads.

The faces of everyone gathered here changed drastically.

Especially the admin staff, they remembered the announcement from yesterday.

They didn’t expect the person lying here was Master Austin’s 6th Disciple.

Chapter 1058: Old man Lorenzo

Before the Silver Mark Warriors standing there could reach, a figure wearing a white coat appeared.

He was the Elder who does healing and appeared to be an old man over sixty.

Seeing him, everyone retreated backward, allowing him to treat the injured.

The old man quickly checked Zack Lockwood’s body before pouring an expensive potion into his mouth.

After doing that, he quickly stopped the bleeding in Zack Lockwood’s body using the healing element.

This all happened within a few minutes.

The old man successfully completed the emergency treatment, but this was not enough.

He knew that the young man had suffered internal injuries as well.

That's why he poured the powerful potion into the young man's mouth.

The old man then turned around and looked at the others.

"I'm taking him back to the University.

Inform his faction members," After saying that, the old man picked up Zack Lockwood and left the place.

Swoosh!

The people saw the old man disappear the next second.

The Silver Mark Warriors realized that the old man was a Purple Mark Warrior.

Maybe he was the only Purple Mark Warrior present in the Star Complex.

The Outer Hall Elder then reacted.

He picked up his device and started calling the known Thunderflame Faction Warriors.

If one of them knew, they would inform the others quickly.

On the other hand, the other warriors who were standing started posting the incident online since they had learned the identity of the injured warrior.

They revealed his name and faction as well.

By this time, the staff working in the Mellow Cafe came to inform them about the attacker.

After learning that the attacker was an outsider but a Gold Mark Warrior, the other warriors once again took their devices out and started posting news online.

[Unknown suspected Gold Mark Warrior attacked Thunderflame Faction's Main Elder's Disciple!]

[Zack Lockwood was ATTACKED!]

[Outsider tried to assassinate Zack Lockwood!]

[Are outside forces showing their fangs?]

Various headlines appeared online.

Meanwhile,

In the Thunderflame Faction, before the Outer Hall Elder's messenger could inform them, many people saw the posts online because it quickly gained attention within a few minutes.

Everyone was shocked to the core, especially the warriors in the Thunderflame Faction, who were even more taken aback.

They refused to believe it even after seeing the views.

They thought someone was spreading malicious rumors.

Not even two days had passed since the official announcement, yet suspicious and evil rumors began spreading across the campus.

Leah Downing and Lola Garvin were not together.

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Lola was in the Inner Hall, attending an important event.

Similarly,

Leah Downing was in the Legacy Hall.

She was using the Legacy Hall's Training Facility and had no idea what was going on outside.

As time passed, the messenger sent by the Outer Hall Elder informed the Elders in the Thunderflame Faction.

They were not the Main Elders but were next to them.

They were in charge of a Medium-Sized Monster Hunting Faction.

When the Elders heard the news, they were in disbelief.

But the messenger was a member of their own Thunderflame Faction.

He once again informed them that the Outer Hall Elder called him to convey the news to others and that the Outer Hall Elder was on his way here.

Only then did they realize the seriousness of the matter.

The next second, everyone left their palace and went to the Golden Lightning Palace to inform.

There were four white-haired Elders.

When they came to the Golden Lightning Palace, they saw a crowd gathered in front of Main Elder Austin's residence.

"What are you doing here?" one of the Elders asked.

The warriors gathered here were members of the Golden Lightning Palace.

They also saw the malicious posts online and had come here to complain about it.

But Main Elder Austin was not present.

"Elder, we are waiting for the Main Elder," one of the members said.

"He is not here," the Elder was shocked.

The other three looked at each other.

"Let's go and see, Elder Ann," one of the Elders reminded.

Swoosh!

Then they quickly left the place.

The members were confused.

They found that the three Elders were tense and worried about the rumors.

No one wanted to believe this was true news.

Shortly afterward,

The four Elders arrived at the Healing Palace.

They saw female warriors in the garden practicing their skills.

“Where is Main Elder Ann?” the Elder asked again.

“She is here,” one of the female members said.

Hearing that, the four Elders sighed in relief.

They quickly reached her residence and knocked on the front door.

Creak!

The door opened, and a slightly older middle-aged woman appeared.

She looked at the four Elders in surprise.

Normally, these Elders wouldn’t appear unless something important was happening.

“What happened?” she asked.

“Main Elder, it’s an emergency.

A foreign Gold Mark Warrior attacked Main Elder Austin's 6th Disciple, Zack Lockwood," the Elder said.

Boom!

Ann felt as if a thunderclap struck her head.

She looked at them in disbelief.

The outside world only knew Zack Lockwood as Austin's 6th Disciple, but she was Zack Lockwood's Master as well.

In a few seconds, she controlled her emotions; not a small coercion leaked from her body, which showed her mastery over her elements and emotions.

"Where is he?" Ann asked.

"He was taken to the University infirmary for treatment.

It appears Elder Lorenzo brought him to the infirmary," the Elder said.

"Let's go," After saying that, she used her flight ability to walk in mid-air.

She then started moving at fast speed toward the infirmary.

The four Elders followed her from behind.

The infirmary was located in a separate place.

It was not close to any of the Halls.

A few minutes later,

Ann appeared at the entrance of the massive circular building.

Many healers were working there.

It was also a place of study for the healing faction.

She then entered the place and walked into the building.

The staff and healers there quickly recognized her.

She was also one of the Elders there but only came for important treatments.

The rest of the time, she taught her other disciples and members at the Healing Palace.

“Where is Elder Lorenzo?” she asked.

Hearing that, the nearest healer standing next to her responded, “Elder, I know.

I’ll take you there.”

By this time, the four Elders had reached the place as well.

Then the five of them started following the healer.

Compared to the other Halls, the Healers and staff working there trusted the online news because they saw Elder Lorenzo bringing someone injured not long ago.

Shortly afterward,

They arrived at the emergency room.

Currently, the room was not allowed to be entered by unauthorized people.

This meant Elder Lorenzo was treating Zack Lockwood inside the room.

“You guys wait outside and try to inform others,” After saying that, Ann took out her card to scan.

Creak!

She was an Elder here; she could enter the room during any treatment.

She walked inside as the door behind her closed automatically.

Then she saw her disciple Zack Lockwood lying on the treatment bed.

His physique was a mess, covered in blood.

Old man Lorenzo saw Ann and sighed in relief.

He had just brought Zack Lockwood here.

After finishing the setup for treatment, he had tried to use a syringe filled with numbing liquid, but the syringe needle was broken.

Just as he was contemplating, he saw her coming.

“Thank goodness, Elder Ann, you are here!”

“This young man has suffered serious injuries.

When I tried to use the syringe, the needle was broken,” the old man said.

Hearing that, Ann’s expression changed drastically.

She remembered Zack Lockwood’s three elements.

No one knew about them except for the Dean, Faction Elder, and Main Elders.

It was kept secret from the official statement as well.

“Elder Lorenzo, thanks for your help.

From here on, I will look after him,” Ann said.

Hearing that, the old man was stunned.

He immediately realized Elder Ann was from the Thunderflame Faction as well.

A foreign Gold Mark Warrior attacked this young man; perhaps she wanted to get information from him.

“Since you are an Elder of the Thunderflame Faction, you should take care of him.

His life is saved, but if you need my help, call me,” After saying that, Lorenzo left.

Ann sighed in relief.

She didn’t know whether Lorenzo had seen Zack’s elements or not, but right now she thought it was important to treat Zack Lockwood’s internal injuries.

She saw how the outer injury was cured by Lorenzo.

“Maybe he didn’t see his three elements,” she thought.

She then placed both palms on Zack Lockwood’s chest and started using healing energy.

On the other hand, Lorenzo walked out.

He saw the four Elders standing outside.

“Don’t worry; there is no life-threatening danger to that kid.

According to the witnesses, the young man was hit hard by Gold Mark Coercion.”

“If it was a real Gold Mark Rank attack, the young man would have died on the spot.

But still, it’s not less than a miracle, right now.”

“Even the Gold Mark Rank Coercion can kill warriors below Black Mark Rank, yet the young man survived that,” Old man Lorenzo said in a surprised tone.

Chapter 1059: Calming mind pearl

From MC's Perspective:

Infirmery:

Main Elder Ann is continuously using the healing energy to cure the broken bones.

While doing that, she is checking whether the foundation was damaged.

Fortunately, she didn't see any sign of damage.

She knows Zack Lockwood is cultivating both body and essence.

The body method is a rare blood method.

It could be called the bone method as well.

Even they failed to figure out its origin.

Because of this blood method, his bones have become strong.

If not for the blood method, the bones would have been crushed into pieces.

Zack Lockwood would have died on the spot.

Zack Lockwood's survival can be called a miracle.

She heard the details from the elders.

Zack Lockwood was attacked by a coercion.

But he was already far away from the attacker at that time.

As a result, he had suffered serious injuries to his bones and internal organs.

Nothing happened to the dantian.

Otherwise, the purple seed would have destroyed Zack Lockwood then and there.

Thinking about it, her eyes flash with fear.

This time it was a close call.

She doesn't know who the attacker was.

If a Gold Mark Warrior was left behind, he might try to attempt it again in the future.

They can't leave such a threat behind.

She then immediately sent a message to the other Main Elders.

It would be hard for other members and elders to contact them.

But if there was a message between the Main Elders, then the Main Elders would definitely read it.

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Somewhere,

Main Elder Austin went to another territory.

He was not even inside the Star University Territory.

After telling Lola Garvin to deliver the package, he had left.

Right now, he was inside a hotel room.

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He saw the message from Main Elder Ann.

After reading the message, he couldn't show any reaction for a second.

Because it felt difficult to comprehend.

The whole Tier-4 Region knew at this point that Zack Lockwood was his 6th Disciple.

No one would dare to attack Zack.

Especially the top forces know that the real enemies are different.

They won't do something like this to kill the geniuses of other forces.

If everyone starts operating like that, then there would be no one left to leave an Inheritance behind.

They would have lost to foreign enemies long ago.

Austin calmed down his turbulent heart.

If he shows his emotions right now, then the whole hotel would blow into pieces.

He doesn't want to draw attention to himself, especially when on a mission in foreign territory.

Austin then sent a reply to Elder Ann.

Though it was stated that Zack Lockwood was fine.

He wants to know more, especially about the foundation.

Damaging one's foundation is similar to crippling a warrior.

If such a thing happened, then they have to find extremely rare resources to cure the damaged foundation.

Shortly afterwards,

He received a reply back.

After reading the message, he felt relaxed.

He felt life had returned.

It hadn't been that long since he accepted Zack Lockwood as his disciple.

So he doesn't want anything bad to happen to him.

"I don't know who attacked him.

Was it my enemy or someone else?" Austin's eyes flickered.

Because it was made public that Zack Lockwood was his disciple only.

But in reality, Zack Lockwood was a disciple of both Master Ann and him.

So he thinks if it's an enemy, it must be related to him.

If not, then the matter could be related to internal politics.

The possible suspects are the Dark Variant Faction and the Blazing Fire Faction.

Those things he can only find out after going back to the Unknown.

Right now he has a mission to complete.

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Star University:

Rupert immediately vacates the rented house.

He started fleeing towards the border.

He was even scared to use the main teleportation platform.

"When did he become a disciple of a Purple Mark Warrior?" While fleeing, he said to himself.

After attacking Zack Lockwood, he returned to the rented house.

But shortly afterward, he found this breaking news online.

The breaking news was about Zack Lockwood.

It was reported in the media that Zack Lockwood had gone to the Star Complex for a task.

While leaving the building, he was attacked by a foreign Gold Mark Warrior.

He had thought nobody saw him, let alone finding out his identity.

But on the news, it was reported that the staff of Mellow Cafe sold him out.

His eyes flashed with regret.

He almost forgot about the people in the Mellow Cafe.

More importantly, he never thought his attack would fail.

It was not even a proper elemental technique, but a simple release of coercion.

But still, it was enough to kill warriors below the Black Mark Rank.

But the media reported that rescue arrived on time to save Zack Lockwood's life.

He couldn't even believe anything at this time.

He doesn't know whether the University is hiding the matter about Zack Lockwood's death.

Because it's impossible to survive that attack.

He had even seen that kid lying in a pool of his own blood.

All of his bones would have been pulverized.

Then how can someone survive from that state?

Since he couldn't tell whether the online news was true or not, he decided to flee.

More importantly, he knows that Dark Shadow University Warriors are after his life.

So he has all the more reason to escape from this place.

On the other hand, the Dark Shadow University Warriors were following him from behind.

But Rupert has yet to find them.

The Dark Shadow University Warriors had reported Rupert's latest deed back to the Main Elders.

The Main Elders were shocked.

They hadn't expected Rupert to reach Star University.

More importantly, he was able to find Zack Lockwood and then attack him.

The warriors told them what they saw.

Zack Lockwood was seen lying in his own pool of blood.

They had the same idea as Rupert.

It's impossible for anyone to survive that attack.

Especially for someone below the Black Mark Rank.

The Main Elders and the Dark Shadow University Warriors thought Star University was keeping the matter hidden.

They didn't want to report the death of Zack Lockwood yet.

Especially after they figured out the identity of the killer.

It was confirmed that the identity belonged to a foreign Gold Mark Warrior.

The Dark Shadow University Main Elder ordered their warriors to return right away.

But they were also told to eliminate Rupert if possible.

Nobody knows the minds of Star University.

Even if the matter is unrelated to their Dark Shadow University, it's necessary for them to kill Rupert.

If he was left alive, Star University might purposely connect the incident to Dark Shadow University, and they might use that chance to gain benefits.

The Main Elders don't want to see that happen.

Dean Toby has already given clear instructions.

They were supposed to eliminate Rupert long ago, especially before he had a chance to enter Star University Territory.

Now, they don't want to miss such a chance again.

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Star University, Infirmary:

The Main Elders Leola and Cathy arrived at the infirmary.

They saw the four legacy elders standing guard.

Upon seeing the main elders, the elders became respectful.

Leola and Cathy nodded at them before walking into the treatment room.

The door behind them shut automatically.

Elder Ann was already inside, watching Zack Lockwood's recovery.

At this time, Zack Lockwood's body was clear.

There was no blood on his body.

Except for a green-colored liquid that has covered his whole body.

It's the healing element of Elder Ann.

"How is he doing?" Elder Leola asked.

"He was so close to death this time.

Thanks to his weird body method, which focuses on strengthening bones, he was able to save himself from the coercion."

"Otherwise, the coercion would have pulverized his bones," Ann replied in a solemn tone.

"I think Zack Lockwood is the first one in history to have such a record.

I don't think there would be anyone with a similar feat," Cathy said.

"Yes, don't forget about the bloodline warriors," Leola said.

"Ahh!"

"You are right.

I guess the two Blood Factions might be interested in knowing how Zack Lockwood survived," Cathy said.

"Hmmm, before that we have to find the killer and the forces behind it," Leola said in a cold tone.

"Elder Ann, did he say anything?" Leola asked while observing Zack Lockwood on the treatment bed.

“Sigh!”

“He has yet to regain his consciousness.

I don’t know whether his mind is fine.

I didn’t find any injuries,” Ann answered.

“If his mind was hurt, then it would become difficult to recover.

But there are necessary resources available.”

“I have this one with me.

It’s called a calming mind pearl.

Put it in his palm, and the special energy coming from it will heal any mind injuries.” After saying that, Leola gave a white-colored pearl.

Seeing that, Ann was surprised because it was a purple rank resource.

“Thanks,” Ann said.

“You have helped me many times.

Don’t forget you saved the lives of my personal disciples as well.

So don’t mention it,” Leola said.

“Elder Leola is right.

Zack Lockwood is your disciple as well.

So treat him without thinking too much,” Cathy said.

Ann nodded before accepting the pearl.

She then placed it in Zack’s right hand palm.

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From MC’s Perspective:

My mind becomes clear.

I’m feeling a cooling sensation.

But this cooling sensation is not bad.

It relieves the headache and heaviness.

Outside,

“His eyebrows moved.

The calming mind pearl is working,” Cathy said with a smile.

“Yes, it’s working,” Ann showed a relieved smile.

“What a kid!

He escaped a great disaster.

I’m going outside to find some clues.

If he wakes up, call me,” Elder Leola said.

“Wait, I’m coming as well.

I heard the attacker was a foreigner.

I’m going to the border to get intel,” Cathy said.

Her eyes flashed with a cunning glint.

Everyone has their methods and connections.

It won’t be long before they find out the truth.

“Okay,” Ann said.

If not for the treatment, she would have gone as well.

Both the Main Elders left.

But before leaving, they told the legacy elders outside to go back to the Thunderflame Faction to maintain order.

Since no main elders are inside the faction, the members might cause problems.

The Four Elders then left the infirmary.

Meanwhile,

Lola Garvin stepped out of the inner hall on her way to the Thunderflame Faction.

But on the way, she found people discussing something seriously.

It usually happens when there is an incident.

She doesn't remember anything happening recently.

With doubt, she returns to the Thunderflame Faction.

Shortly afterwards,

She arrived at the Golden Lightning Palace.

"I don't know whether my junior brother delivered the package or not," she mumbled.

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Just as she went to check on Master Austin's residence, she found a crowd gathered in front of the residence.

"What's going on here?" she asked in a cold tone.

Her voice sounded like a thunderclap in everyone's ears.

"Ah, Senior sister has returned!"

"Sister Lola is back!"

The members delightedly shouted.

Lola frowned.

She looked at their over-enthusiastic behavior.

Some showed concern, while others were showing happiness for her arrival.

"Tell me what happened?"

"Did the master give you punishment?" she asked jokingly.

Hearing that, the members looked at each other in surprise.

One female member stepped forward.

She asked, "Sister Lola, so the rumors were false.

No wonder you seem normal."

"What normal?"

"What rumor?" Lola asked again.

The female member was taken aback.

She then said, "Sister Lola, didn't you see the news?"

"A foreign Gold Mark Warrior attacked Senior brother Zack Lockwood with coercion.

Senior brother was hit hard."

"It was reported that he was taken to the infirmary by a healing elder," she added.

Boom!

Lola stood dumbstruck.

She felt as if someone struck her heart with a hammer.

How could such news be a rumor?

If it was reported in the news, don't the reporters value their lives?

Her eyes swept across everyone.

She thought the members had understood the truth as well.

But they were refusing to believe it.

Sigh!

A sigh escaped her mouth.

“Wait for me here.

I’ll come back,” she said before leaving the place.

She was going to the infirmary.

The truth can be found out there.

It didn’t take long for her to arrive.

She then immediately asked about her junior brother at the reception desk.

The staff immediately replied and told her the room number.

Lola’s expression finally crumbled.

She felt emotions like a building crashing down.

She immediately rushed towards the treatment room.

When she arrived, she saw the room was partly opened.

She then opened the door to enter.

Her gaze immediately fell on Zack Lockwood on the bed and Main Elder Ann next to him.

“Junior brother,” she called out the next moment.

“Quiet,” Ann said.

Her words immediately silenced her.

Lola rushed to his side and saw his body covered in green slime.

“Main Elder Ann, what happened?” she asked in a worried tone.

“It appears that you got the news late,” Ann remarked.

“So the rumors are true,” Lola muttered.

“It’s true.

The reporters won’t bet on their lives,” Ann replied.

“Don’t worry, he is fine.

It will take him a couple of days to fully recover,” she added.

Lola was surprised.

She knew that her junior brother was hit hard by the coercion.

Then how come there were no visible serious injuries?

Her junior brother’s physique was healthy and fine.

Ann saw through her thoughts.

“Don’t think too much.

His bones and internal organs were almost smashed.

I used expensive treasures to heal his serious injuries,” Ann said.

Her words were partly true.

She didn’t know whether Austin’s other disciple knew about Zack Lockwood’s three elements.

The three elements were Zack Lockwood’s lifesaving key.

She didn’t want to tell her right now.

A look of understanding dawned on Lola.

She thought Main Elder Ann must have used rich resources.

“Thank you, Elder Ann,” Lola said.

Ann chuckled.

She knew that other disciples were unaware of Zack Lockwood’s full identity.

“Alright, you can go back.

I heard there is a commotion in the Thunderflame Faction.

Go and stop the members from acting out,” Ann said.

“Okay,” Lola replied.

Her voice was low.

She left the infirmary right away.

On her way back, she started feeling guilty.

If she had not told her junior brother about the delivery, he would not have gone.

But fortunately, her junior brother was safe.

Thinking about the killer, her anger flared up.

No one dares to touch their Star University Warriors.

Forget about the Thunderflame Faction, which is one of the top 10 factions.

This time, a foreign Gold Mark Warrior had crossed the line.

After going back, she decided to inform her Elder sister Leah.

Time passed,

At this time, the news was spreading across Star University.

The news was even verified to be true as well.

The other factions were unsure earlier, so they personally confirmed the news.

Zack Lockwood was undergoing treatment in the infirmary.

It immediately shocked everyone.

They got the ins and outs of the incident.

A foreign Gold Mark Warrior attacked Zack Lockwood in their Star City, right in front of the Star Complex Building.

The faction leaders were surprised.

They didn't know how to react to this incident.

The factions suspected that the incident was related to the Dark Variant Faction and the Blazing Fire Faction.

Because such an attack occurred right after Zack Lockwood's identity was announced by Dean Jerome himself.

This was not only hitting the face of Thunderflame Faction but also disrespecting their Dean Jerome as well.

The other factions were gloating.

The Thunderflame Faction and the Dark Variant Faction were considered strong among the top 10 factions.

The other factions thought that rivalry was going to reach its dead end.

Hereafter, the warriors of these factions would go against each other for a kill.

If the strength of the two factions dropped down, then the other top factions would find their ranks increasing.

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Virtual Training Lab:

Old Man Daniel and other staff were wearing heavy expressions on their faces.

They had received confirmation of the news as well.

The reports were not reporting fake news but truth.

Zack Lockwood was indeed attacked by a foreigner.

“To think that kid was attacked by an enemy right after he was accepted by a Purple Mark Elder,” Old Man Daniel thought to himself.

He showed complicated emotions as well.

According to the news, Zack had survived.

But it was not reported whether his foundation was okay.

It was not easy to survive the coercion of a Gold Mark Warrior, let alone remain unscathed without hurting the foundation.

He was already thinking of helping that kid.

He started to collect information about foundation cures.

There are methods to cure foundation injuries.

But each one of them was expensive, without a doubt.

Creak!

Suddenly, a young man walked into the room.

The young man was none other than Ronnie Seth from the Dark Variant Faction.

"Kid, what are you doing here?" Old Man Daniel asked.

"Elder, are the rumors going around real?" Ronnie asked in a worrisome tone.

Hearing that, Old Man Daniel's eyes flickered.

He was even wondering whether it was the work of a hostile faction, especially the Dark Variant Faction, who had a deadly feud with the Thunderflame Faction.

But looking at Ronnie Seth's face, he sighed.

"Kid, you are in the wrong faction," he thought to himself.

"It's not a rumor; it's the truth.

Zack Lockwood was attacked by a Gold Mark Warrior using coercion," Old Man Daniel said.

"Then how could he survive?" Ronnie Seth asked.

Hearing that, Old Man Daniel almost choked on his words.

"Kid, are you happy or not?" he asked.

Ronnie Seth replied, "I'm happy, of course.

But it's hard to believe the news.

One thing is getting attacked by a Gold Mark Warrior, especially since Zack Lockwood was under the Black Mark Warrior rank."

"But he survived the attack as well," he added in a trembling tone.

"Kid, it was just coercion, not a real elemental attack.

Otherwise, he would have been killed on the spot," Old Man Daniel replied.

"Anyhow, I have this feeling that he is stronger than before.

If he decides to come here to the Virtual Training Lab, it would be good," Ronnie Seth said with a smile.