

BloodLine 1091

Chapter 1091: Part 1: Soul Calming Liquid

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the essence chamber, I have spent 30 minutes trying to understand what's going on.

I have also found some information about the challenger.

"That guy is already old.

Why is he challenging me?" I said in my heart.

The warrior Stephen appears to be low-key.

I haven't offended anyone before.

Clearly, it's a sign of the Dark Variant Faction targeting me.

I don't know whether it's the decision of the warriors out there or if they are following the orders of the main elders.

My eyes flickered.

Even though Master didn't say anything about the faction rivalry, after reading articles, I learned more about it.

The faction rivalry is such that even the Dean won't care or intervene.

Even if I had shown my three elemental talents and comprehension skills, he wouldn't bother to save me if I were dragged into the faction rivalry.

From these articles, I also learned some ugly truths.

Many geniuses before me had died due to the faction rivalry.

Each faction had lost talented warriors because of this rivalry.

I don't know why everyone is following this practice.

Clearly, people are being pushed to fight against one another.

I closed the articles and fell into contemplation.

Like the articles speculate, I don't have a chance of winning at all.

This guy Stephen, I don't know how many years older he is than me, but he wants to fight me.

His mastery over the skills is better than mine.

Even with my abnormal purple lightning, I don't know if there are chances.

I sighed.

After contemplating for a few minutes, I decided to ignore the challenge.

If I accepted his challenge, it would be a clear sign of entering into the faction rivalry.

With my current strength, it's foolish to attract such danger to myself.

If I wanted to stay out of the faction rivalry, then I should ignore the outside noise and accusations.

Then I calmed my heart and closed my eyes.

I resumed my attention to practicing the ancient healing method.

Time passed.

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When it was evening, I stopped practicing the blood element method.

Then I went to the console to turn off the function.

A few minutes later,

I walked out of the chamber and started walking through the courtyard.

The warriors showed complex emotions towards me.

This time, I understood their gazes.

But I didn't respond.

I acted like I didn't know anything.

Soon, I returned to my residence.

The first thing I did was take a bath.

After bathing, I changed into comfortable clothes before lying on the bed.

I turned off the incoming messages and closed my eyes.

I'm sure my unresponsiveness to the challenge must have caused others to write more articles about me.

If I were at Peak Stage General, I would have accepted the challenge from the old senior.

But I'm an Early General Rank.

At my stage, accepting such a challenge would be self-destructive.

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The following day,

I got out of bed.

After completing my morning routine, I began to get ready.

Shortly afterward,

I left the residence and started walking towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

On the way, I came across other warriors.

The number of warriors on the footpath was larger than before.

I guess people have come here to see me.

But no one has the guts to ask me any questions.

Ignoring them, I continued walking.

Soon, I reached the Golden Lightning Palace.

After entering, I didn't go to Master Austin's residence to meet him.

Instead, I went straight to the essence chamber.

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Virtual Training Lab:

A few hours later,

Old Man Daniel was with his staff, discussing the challenge matter.

Creak!

Ronnie Seth made a sudden appearance, startling them.

Old Man Daniel revealed a bitter smile before saying, "Kid, I will say it again.

You have joined the wrong faction.”

Ronnie Seth sat in the chair, revealing a bitter smile on his face.

“You could tell by yourself.

Your faction is targeting Zack Lockwood.

It’s about the faction rivalry,” he added.

The staff around him showed complex expressions.

They were used to the news of the faction rivalry.

But Ronnie Seth is young; he still doesn’t know many details.

He said, “I also read about the faction rivalry.

But I don’t understand the need for it.

Clearly, many talented warriors have died in such fights.”

“Dean seems to be okay with it,” he added.

Hearing that, Old Man Daniel’s face turned ugly.

He didn’t want to reveal such confidential information.

The main condition for warriors to know confidential news was that they should become Black Mark Warriors first.

“If you become a Black Mark Warrior and enter the Inner Hall, many of your doubts will be cleared,” Old Man Daniel said.

“There is a lot of time available for that.

But I don’t know whether Zack is going to accept the duel or not.

As far as I know, he won’t be afraid to accept any challenge.”

“He trusts in his powerful purple lightning.

He must be thinking it could hurt Senior Stephen,” Ronnie said in a grave tone.

“Wow, you have done your homework.

Indeed, Zack’s purple lightning is powerful.

It gives him a chance to fight across ranks.”

“But this tactic won’t work here.

Stephen is someone who has mastered his dark elemental control.

His dark elemental techniques and skills are scary as well,” Old Man Daniel said.

Hearing that, Ronnie Seth frowned.

He had heard about this from internal discussions as well.

This time, Zack had no chance of winning against Senior Stephen.

“Let’s hope that kid won’t accept this challenge.

Otherwise, he will be dragged into the faction rivalry,” Old Man Daniel said.

“I know,” Ronnie Seth replied.

He had no friends from other factions.

Zack Lockwood was the first one.

But he happened to be from their enemy faction as well.

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Dark Variant Faction:

The main elders of the faction had gathered here again.

Each of them was tense.

They didn’t know how many times they had been summoned because of that kid named Zack Lockwood.

At this time, even the main elders were angrier with Zack Lockwood for no apparent reason.

Shortly afterward,

The Faction Leader Vince came.

He sat in his seat.

As usual, he swept his gaze across the others, and the main elders lowered their heads.

They could tell that their faction leader was not in a good mood again.

“Harumph!”

Old Man Vince snorted before saying, “Clearly, there was no good news today either.”

One of the main elders stepped forward and said, “According to intel, Zack Lockwood has been using the Essence Chamber all day.”

“No one has seen him go anywhere else,” he added.

“It must be that old man and others have convinced that kid to stay indoors.

But I doubt that kid can stay indoors forever,” Vince commented.

Then he asked, “Does anyone have a good idea?”

Hearing that, all the main elders sighed in relief.

They thought they would get scolded badly.

Seeing that they had the opportunity to make a good impression.

They started to brainstorm.

Old Man Vince decided to give them some time.

He clearly knew old man Clifford and others wouldn't let that kid go outside.

Unless that kid comes out himself, his plan won't succeed.

About 30 minutes later,

One of the female elders stepped forward.

"Faction Leader, why don't we use the same tactics again?

Previously, the kid accepted the challenge because of the Purple Lightning Sacred Fruit."

"If we place another item for a bet this time, he would be tempted for sure," she added.

Hearing that, everyone around her thought it was a good idea.

"Hmmm," Old Man Vince nodded.

He thought it was a useful idea.

Only something like the Purple Lightning Sacred Fruit would be able to lure that kid out.

But he didn't know what item to place for the bet.

He had one sacred fruit before, and he had used it.

He looked at the others and asked, "Do we have any item worth similar to the Purple Lightning Sacred Fruit?"

The main elders started looking at each other.

The sacred fruit is not ordinary; it can only be found in the big secret lands.

Suddenly, the same female elder said, "Faction Leader, there is a similar item.

But it's a rare fruit not known to others."

Hearing that, the main elders turned towards her.

Old Man Vince raised his head and asked, "What is it?"

"Soul Calming liquid," she said.

Gasp!

Everyone sucked in a cold breath of air.

Even Old Man Vince was taken aback.

He knew about the Soul Calming liquid.

It's one of the rare treasures used to treat the soul injuries of Black Mark Warriors and above.

“How can you suggest that item?”

“Even a purple mark rank warrior would be tempted.”

“No, suggest something else.”

“We don’t have that many in our inventory.”

Some of the main elders immediately refuted her.

They had already given up the Purple Lightning Sacred Fruit.

They didn’t want to give another one.

Chapter 1092: Part 2: Soul Calming Liquid

Dark Variant Faction:

The Main Elders are looking at their Faction Leader for an answer.

The Soul Calming Liquid treasure is rare.

If one of them is injured in the future, they could use it to save that person.

Old man Vince knows that everyone is looking at him, but he is weighing his options.

There are other treasures that can be given, but they won’t tempt that kid, let alone the Thunderflame Faction.

Right now, he wants to tempt the Thunderflame Faction's higher-ups.

Last time, they were tempted by the offer of the Purple Lightning Sacred Fruit.

It's a rare treasure suitable only for purple lightning warriors.

That kid happened to be one at that time.

He doubts whether the Thunderflame Faction has one in their inventory.

So this time, he wants to catch them off guard as well.

He thinks the Soul Calming Liquid will be the perfect bait.

He then turns towards the main elders who suggested this.

He says, "We will go with it.

The Soul Calming Liquid will be the perfect bait for them.

So spread the news that the winner will get the Soul Calming Liquid."

Gasp!

Some of the elders suck in a cold breath of air.

They are taken aback by the surprise.

They are not impressed.

"Faction Leader, please consider once again!"

"Yes, Faction Leader.

It's a rare treasure," one of the Main Elders says.

Old man Vince sweeps his gaze across everyone.

He says, "No matter what, we should drag that kid into the faction war.

Zack Lockwood has the potential to become a Purple Mark Warrior."

"I don't want to see that happen," he adds.

Hearing that, everyone becomes silent.

They can't make a decision on the Faction War since their Faction Leader has decided to drag that kid into it.

They can only support his decision.

"Alright, spread the word.

They better take the bait this time," Vince says to everyone.

He doesn't want to resort to cruel methods yet.

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If Zack Lockwood goes outside, he may think about other options.

Since that kid is inside the campus, he can only play by the book.

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Dean's Office:

It didn't take long for the news to spread.

Dean Jerome was in his office when he heard the news as well.

His eyes flickered.

He thought about Zack Lockwood.

"His potential is high.

If he becomes a Purple Mark Warrior in the future, he may go to other places," Jerome said to himself.

If the Tier-4 Inner Region heard his words right now, they would be shocked to the core.

The other places in his words hide many secrets.

He then thought of the faction war.

The faction war is something he promoted.

So many warriors have died during the faction war, but the people who survived have become powerful warriors.

Most of them hold the position of Main Elders in different factions.

They have gone through the same killing, sweat, and blood.

It will be the same for Zack Lockwood.

But considering his three elemental powers and superb aptitude, he decides to save that kid when necessary.

If old man Vince were to hear this, he would be shocked to the core.

He didn't want this kind of support.

If he had known this before, he would have regretted it deeply.

But it was too late.

He had already thrown the bait.

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Meanwhile,

The news started to spread across the campus again.

The students were shocked because of the bet item.

It was betting again.

They had seen it in the previous duel where Zack Lockwood had won the sacred fruit.

It was the same betting match offered by the Dark Variant Faction.

People with brains understood that the Dark Variant Faction is using their tricks to lure out Zack Lockwood.

As long as Zack Lockwood accepts the duel, they could see another betting duel.

But this time, not many are optimistic.

Overwhelmingly, people felt that the Dark Variant Faction is bullying Zack Lockwood.

So not many people are slandering Zack Lockwood.

Except for the warriors from other top 10 factions who are engaging in negative activities.

The rest of them are supporting Zack Lockwood in this challenge.

When the Outer Hall Elders came to know about the bet items, they were shocked to the core.

The warriors below the Black Mark Rank are not familiar with the treasure Soul Calming Liquid, but they knew about it.

So they couldn't hide their shock.

They don't know what the Thunderflame Faction Warriors would do.

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Thunderflame Faction:

Inside the faction leader's office, the Faction Leader Clifford was enraged.

"This bastard," he muttered under his breath.

This time, he raised the threat level of the Dark Variant Faction to high.

Now he was sure that Vince would do everything to eliminate that kid.

The attitude shown by the Dark Variant Faction's Leader takes him back down memory lane.

There were times when talented warriors had given up their lives in the faction war.

Some of them were specifically targeted by the Dark Variant Faction.

When he heard the bet was the Soul Calming Liquid, he knew the matter was serious.

The other factions must have learned by now how sinister Vince is.

"No, I should stop that kid," After saying that, he disappeared from the spot.

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From MC's Perspective:

Golden Lightning Palace:

The Faction Leader Clifford arrived above the Golden Lightning Palace.

He is looking down below where everyone is practicing.

Then his gaze falls on the essence chamber.

He knows Zack Lockwood is training inside.

He then looks at the residence of Austin.

Just before he could notify his arrival, he saw Austin coming towards him.

Both of them stand in mid-air and look at each other.

"Faction Leader, did you hear?" Austin asks in a solemn tone.

Old man Clifford nods to him.

"Looks like Vince has picked Zack Lockwood as a target.

His intentions were clear with the bet," Clifford says.

"Even if Zack escapes the current challenge, he might face threats outside," he adds.

"Leader, you might not know, but Zack has faced threats from the Black Mark Warriors," Austin reveals the truth.

“What?” Old man Clifford is taken aback.

Then he thinks of something before asking, “Is it about Zack’s last mission?”

“Yes,” After saying that, Austin starts to tell the whole story.

A few minutes later,

The face of old man Clifford changes.

He had read the reports.

He had thought it was just some criminals and arrogant rich kids causing the problem.

Now that he has seen Vince’s plan, he thinks it might be connected to Vince.

How could Zack Lockwood’s whereabouts have been leaked?

Especially him carrying the sacred fruit?

That was not the truth.

But apart from him and the main elders, nobody knows about the sacred fruit.

Until today, Zack Lockwood’s breakthrough had been kept secret.

“Austin, it looks like we need to give that kid more safety items,” Old man Clifford says.

“My disciple already has the ring of the Red Mark Warrior,” Austin replies.

Old man Clifford shakes his head before saying, “It can only save him three times.

Do you want him to use it against Black Mark Warriors?”

Austin sighs.

He understands the seriousness of the matter.

There will be more people after his disciple’s life, especially after the Dark Variant Faction Leader showed his fangs.

“Leader, what to do?” Austin asks.

“Weapon Artifact,” Old man Clifford utters.

“He is already at General Rank.

He can use a Weapon Artifact.

With that, he can even kill Black Mark Warriors,” he adds.

“Okay, I will go around the friendly territories to buy a suitable weapon for Zack,” Austin replies.

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Inside the essence chamber:

I started practicing the blood element method.

The blood rune in my consciousness starts to flicker.

Slowly, the blood energy from the world energy gets separated.

It starts to float towards me.

When enough blood energy enters my body, I start to guide the energy according to the blood element method.

The red blood energy starts to course through my veins.

The General Rank body of mine was capable of handling the domineering energy of the blood.

Shortly afterward,

The red blood light appears above the bloodstream.

It starts to convert the blood energy into mysterious white energies.

These mysterious white energies enter my skeleton.

The next second, inhuman pain assaults me.

Even after breaking through to General Rank, this one thing is common: it is the heart-wrenching pain.

I grit my teeth and continue to repeat the process.

The mysterious white energies vanish into the red blood skeleton.

Time passes.

By the evening, I walk out again.

The next second, I'm seeing the Master and the Faction Leader standing before me.

I greet both of them immediately.

"Zack, how is your practice going?" Faction Leader Clifford asks.

"It's going well," I reply with a smile.

"Good.

Zack, did you hear about the challenge?"

"What do you think?" Old man Clifford asks.

"I'm going to lose.

No doubt about it.

It's an unfair challenge to begin with," I reply.

"This?" Austin is surprised.

He didn't expect his disciple to be this decisive.

“Good.

But did you hear the latest news?” Old man Clifford asks.

“What now?” I blurt out.

Chapter 1093: Tactics Fails!

From MC’s Perspective:

Old man Clifford was amused by Zack Lockwood’s reaction.

He said, “The Dark Variant Faction released a new statement.

They have proposed a betting match again.

This time the bet is the Soul Calming Liquid.”

“It can cure soul injuries of Black Mark Warriors and above,” he added.

Hearing that, my eyes flashed with a glint.

I have soul techniques as well.

So far, I have yet to come across anything that threatens my soul.

“Should I go for it?” I asked in my heart.

Then I immediately shook my head.

“Faction Leader, I don’t want to take the risk,” I replied straightforwardly.

Even though I know the reward is tempting, life is more important.

Clearly, the Dark Variant Faction has the idea of killing me.

So I won’t give them any chance.

“You are clever.

I thought you would be tempted,” Clifford said with a smile.

“You can rest assured.

As long as you stay inside the Thunderflame Faction, no matter what tactics the opponent uses, they won’t be able to succeed,” he added.

At this time, Austin added by saying, “Zack, your first priority is to reach the Peak Stage of the General Rank.”

“Don’t think about other matters,” he added.

Hearing that, I nodded my head.

Then we talked about a few other things before both the Master and Faction Leader disappeared from the spot.

About a few minutes later,

I returned to the residence.

But the things said by the Faction Leader were still in my head.

I didn't expect the Dark Variant Faction to use the same tactics again.

Last time, it was Ronnie Seth.

So I had agreed to help with the duel.

But this time it was Senior Stephen.

No matter what they do, I won't fall for their trick.

Meanwhile,

The whole of Star University is waiting for Zack Lockwood's response.

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They don't know whether Zack Lockwood would agree to the duel.

Now, the warriors who didn't know about the Soul Calming Liquid earlier were able to find out about it because of the bet.

Everyone was tempted by the reward.

People were already kind of jealous that Zack Lockwood was able to get sacred fruit before.

Now he is getting one more chance as well.

They couldn't help but feel even more envy.

But they didn't know that Zack Lockwood wouldn't be accepting the challenge duel.

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The following day,

Virtual Training Lab:

Old Man Daniel and his staff entered their lab.

But they were all constantly discussing the bet.

"Soul Calming Liquid, huh?"

"The Dark Variant Faction is really daring," Old Man Daniel said to himself.

When he heard the news yesterday, he was shocked as well.

But he knew that Thunderflame Faction members wouldn't fall for this trick again.

There is a huge power gap between Zack Lockwood and Stephen.

He hopes that Zack Lockwood will focus on his training rather than responding to provocations.

The staff who were discussing thought the same as well.

The actions of the Dark Variant Faction had angered many people.

But for the top 10 factions, they were quite used to it.

They didn't care about the duel.

Each faction has their own rival.

Only the best warrior can get all the resources.

For someone to become the best warrior, they have to come out alive every time there is a faction war.

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Thunderflame Faction:

I walked out of the residence.

As usual, I started walking towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

On the way, I came across other warriors.

Upon seeing me, they nodded at me.

I nodded to them with a smile.

I felt the members were starting to become sympathetic towards me.

A few minutes later,

I entered the Golden Lightning Palace.

I went straight towards the essence chamber.

The other members were taken aback by such a carefree attitude.

They thought Zack Lockwood really wasn't interested in the bet.

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Outer Hall:

Hidden Ace Stephen started doing his daily training.

He couldn't help but think about the duel bet.

His mood worsened.

He sat on the long bench before touching his forehead.

He never expected the Dark Variant Faction's higher-ups to be this cruel, so much so that they had offered the Soul Calming Liquid as a reward for the winner.

When he first heard about it, he was shocked to the core.

So much so, he was tempted by it.

But later, he cooled down his head.

He knew the Thunderflame Faction's Elders must be angry.

So far, he hadn't attracted any hatred.

But if he went against Zack Lockwood voluntarily, then there is a possibility that the Thunderflame Faction would target him.

He knows about the faction war as well.

So he has decided to stay low-key.

As long as Zack Lockwood accepts the duel, then it's fine.

He would fight on behalf of the Dark Variant Faction.

But he won't go voluntarily looking for him.

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Dark Shadow University:

The Dark Shadow University is keenly following the movements of major forces, especially at the university level organization.

In recent days, the factions in the Dark Shadow University are getting to know about the Star University's situation after learning that the faction war is going to take place there.

The Dark Shadow University has decided to start their own faction war as well.

The higher-ups who knew about Zack Lockwood were in a worse mood.

The Star University Dean, Jerome, is demanding answers from them.

Ever since that incident, they couldn't contact Rupert, as if he had disappeared or was killed by someone.

Their shadow warriors returned from Star University as well.

But the higher-ups who were related to his failure were all demoted.

If they had succeeded in capturing Rupert earlier, they wouldn't have ended up in this situation.

Not only have they disappointed their dean, but they have also angered the Dean of Star University.

In such situations, hearing the news about Zack Lockwood didn't make them feel good.

Some still harbored ill intentions towards Zack Lockwood.

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Star University:

A few weeks passed just like that, and the Dark Variant Faction's tactics ended in failure.

There was no response to Stephen's challenge letter.

Slowly, everyone forgot about the challenge.

But the Dark Variant Faction is still waiting for the right opportunity.

As long as Zack Lockwood leaves Star University, they would do something.

But others forgot about it and went back to their business.

Even the other top 10 factions forgot about it.

Especially their warriors who were involved in slandering Zack Lockwood online.

They stopped their activities and went back to continue their training.

Thunderflame Faction:

The following day,

I went to the Golden Lightning Palace.

The first thing I did was visit Master Austin's residence.

I have been staying inside the Thunderflame Faction for the past few weeks.

I think it's time for me to go out.

Creak!

"Zack, come inside," Master Austin greeted me as I entered.

Hearing that, I walked inside his house.

“Take a seat,” Austin said.

Hearing that, I sat in the chair.

Then I asked, “Master, it’s been a few weeks.

I think it’s time for me to go out and do missions.”

Austin was not surprised.

Rather, he and the other main elders were impressed by Zack Lockwood’s patience.

He had continued to stay inside the Thunderflame Faction for a few weeks.

So much so that people had forgotten about Stephen’s challenge.

“Zack, let me get permission from the Faction Leader first,” Austin said.

I nodded to him.

Then he contacted the Faction Leader right away.

A few minutes later,

“He allowed you to leave.

But he wants you to make sure of your safety preparations,” After saying that, he took out a brand new sword sheathed in the scabbard.

“It’s a Grade-9 Weapon Artifact.

With this, you can even injure a Black Mark Warrior,” he added.

On the other hand, my heart raced.

It’s the first time for me to see a Grade-9 Artifact.

But I already have a sword with me.

Then I decided to accept his gift.

They bought it for my safety.

I accepted the gift before storing it inside the storage ring.

Then I thanked Master Austin.

I know how expensive a Grade-9 Artifact is.

It must be made by a master smith.

“So what type of mission do you want to do?” Austin asked.

“Master, this time, I want to do a mission where the location is not our territory,” I replied.

Austin's eyes flickered.

He had to say he was surprised by the daring choice of his disciple.

If he faces any danger inside their territory, then they can rescue him faster.

But it can't be said for foreign territory.

At the same time, he sees the cons of it.

If Zack Lockwood enters foreign territory, it would be difficult for the Dark Variant Faction to do something to him.

So his disciple has more chances of survival in foreign territory than in their own territory.

"Zack, it's not like people don't visit other territories.

We have visitors from other territories as well.

Instead of staying low-key, you should show your identity there."

"In that way, no one will target you," Austin said.

Hearing that, I was surprised.

I thought he would advise me to stay low-key.

Chapter 1094: Shadow City mission

From MC's Perspective:

I spoke a lot about the mission before leaving the master's residence.

Then I arrived at the mission hall.

The warriors were surprised upon seeing me.

I nodded to them before walking towards the digital screen.

Then I started browsing the mission list.

There were many local missions.

But I was looking forward to the outside territory mission.

Not long after, a good mission caught my eye.

[Mission: Collect secret box from the Shadow City Auction House.]

[Location: Shadow City, the Shadow University Territory.]

Seeing that, my eyes flickered.

I know about the Shadow University because of them; I was close to facing death.

The Blood Shadow Force was part of them.

People say dangerous places might be the safest places.

If I go to Shadow City to retrieve the item, no one would find me.

A firm glint flashed in my eyes.

I had decided to take the mission.

Then I looked at the staff before telling her about it.

The staff was shocked.

He was a fellow warrior as well.

“I don’t want you to leak the news.

Otherwise, you will face the wrath of the master,” I said to the staff.

The staff broke out in a cold sweat.

The next second, he firmly nodded his head.

Then, under my gaze, he registered my name for the mission and sent the mission details to my account.

I glanced at him.

I thought of something important.

Already, there were a lot of eyes watching us right now.

Once I left this place, there were chances for others to get information from him.

“You should go to the Golden Lightning Palace right away.

Otherwise, you will be captured by other faction warriors,” I said to him.

Hearing that, the staff hesitated before nodding his head.

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He was not naive.

He could understand the seriousness as well.

He was aware that people were after Zack Lockwood.

Because Zack Lockwood had not accepted the challenge duel posted by the hidden ace, Stephen.

“I’m leaving now.” After saying that, the staff left the place.

Seeing that, I sighed inwardly.

Then I left the mission hall.

About 25 minutes later,

I came to the Star University transport area.

Last time, I had used an aircraft for travel.

This time, I wanted the pilot to drop me at Star City.

From there, I'll start the mission.

After gaining some clarity, I went to the office and booked an aircraft.

Not long after, the pilot came.

I told him my destination.

Swoosh!

Shortly afterward,

A blue mid-size aircraft left the airspace of Star University.

Meanwhile,

Many eyes were watching the movements of Zack Lockwood, especially when he exited the Thunderflame Faction a couple of minutes ago.

They had started spying on him.

Seeing Zack Lockwood leaving the city on an aircraft, they immediately shared the news with their higher-ups.

It didn't take long for the news to reach the Dark Variant Faction.

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Dark Variant Faction:

The Faction Leader, Vince, who was in seclusion right now, was disturbed by the emergency news.

He had entered seclusion when his plan had failed.

He had instructed the main elders to inform him when the kid left the Thunderflame Faction.

Now seeing that people were calling for him, Old Vince immediately thought of Zack Lockwood.

“Kid, no one will save you this time,” his eyes flashed with murderous intent.

That kid had face-slapped him by not accepting the challenge earlier.

His anger was sky-high at that time, but he had controlled it and then entered seclusion.

Now he got another chance again.

Since he had made the kid a target, he wouldn't let him live until his plan succeeded.

Shortly afterward,

He arrived at the meeting hall where all the main elders were already seated.

Upon seeing him, everyone stood up to greet him.

Old man Vince ignored everyone and sat in the main chair.

“Looks like you have all enjoyed my absence,” his cold gaze swept across everyone inside the main hall.

He had shown his intentions of eliminating that kid, but no one had come up with a suitable solution so far.

From the beginning, he was the one making any plans.

Last time, someone suggested the Soul Calming Liquid, but it ended in failure as well.

The main elders were alarmed inside.

They had been hearing the mocking from other factions ever since their plan failed.

Now that their leader had come, they wanted to eliminate the threat.

“Where is that kid?” Old man Vince asked.

One of the main elders stepped forward and briefed him on the whole situation.

“That kid must have gone outside for the mission.

To think he forgot the threat he was facing.

He is underestimating us,” Old man Vince said with anger.

“Did any of you find out about the mission?” he asked.

“We have tried to contact the mission hall staff, but he was hiding inside the Golden Lightning Palace,” the brown-haired main elder said.

“Then he must be the one who assigned the mission.

What about the tail?

Is anyone tailing that aircraft?” he asked.

“Faction Leader, our faction members are tailing him.

He can’t escape from our grasp,” the main elder answered.

“Finally, there are good things happening,” Old man Vince thought to himself.

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The other factions got wind of it as well, but no one was willing to interfere between the Thunderflame Faction and the Dark Variant Faction.

Dean Jerome learned the news immediately when Zack Lockwood registered his name for the mission.

Jerome viewed the mission details.

He was taken aback by Zack Lockwood’s guts.

He too understood that a dangerous place was the safest place.

The people who were after Zack Lockwood’s life wouldn’t guess that place.

He then blocked the mission information.

No one could view it except him.

Even the main elders of the Thunderflame Faction had to get permission first.

But Austin was able to learn the news from the staff.

Dean Jerome didn't stop there.

He dispatched a Purple Mark Warrior to secretly protect Zack Lockwood.

If old man Vince learned of it, he would have regretted it.

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Star City:

Time passed.

The blue aircraft dropped me at Star City.

I immediately went to the nearest hotel to stay.

I had to think of a plan before going to the border.

I'm sure hostile people might have figured out my departure.

After coming to the hotel, I booked a room for a two-day stay.

Shortly afterward,

After entering the room, I lay on the bed and started thinking about the plan.

If I travel in broad daylight, then people can easily find me.

So I thought it best to leave at night.

Before that, I wanted to see who the warriors were after my life.

Meanwhile,

The Purple Mark Guard hid in the shadows.

He was at the same hotel as Zack Lockwood, having followed the blue aircraft secretly.

Dean Jerome had given him clear orders: he should kill Black Mark Warriors and above who were going to attack Zack Lockwood during his mission journey.

On the other hand, the faction members of the Dark Variant Faction found out where Zack Lockwood's hotel was as well.

It was easy for them to find out after asking around.

After learning of Zack Lockwood's hotel, they didn't go inside to confront him.

Instead, they informed the situation back to their higher-ups.

Inside the Dark Variant Faction, the main elders received updates from their faction members.

More than one faction member was watching Zack Lockwood's hotel.

The main elder learned the news.

"Faction Leader, Zack Lockwood is currently staying in the hotel," the main elder said.

Hearing that, old man Vince was pleased in his heart.

"Good," he uttered.

"We have to be careful not to deal with him inside Star City," old man Vince said.

He knew that the Thunderflame Faction might be aware of their actions as well.

"Let's see where he goes.

Once we find out his mission location, then we can deal with him," old man Vince added.

"Faction Leader, why don't we send General Rank Warriors to test Zack Lockwood?" the main elder suggested.

Hearing that, old man Vince raised his eyebrows in surprise.

He thought about it before nodding to him.

The main elder smiled before ordering the faction members to test Zack Lockwood.

The Dark Variant Faction Warriors who were staying near the hotel received the news.

They became excited.

They were waiting for Zack Lockwood to come out of the hotel.

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Time passed.

When it was night, I exited the hotel room and went to the first floor to leave.

Shortly afterward,

I stepped out of the hotel and reached the street.

Just as I was looking for a way to leave, I felt many piercing gazes on me at night.

“What’s going on?” I asked in my heart.

Soon, I figured out that the warriors in disguise might be from different factions.

My expression changes drastically.

I don’t know whether there are Black Mark Warriors here.

Chapter 1095: The Force (Black Airship)

From MC’s Perspective:

After sensing that people were after me, I continued to walk on.

My destination was the transportation area.

I was going to hire a person to drop me at the border.

Swoosh!

At the same time, the people who were waiting for Zack Lockwood to appear immediately moved in front of him and blocked his path.

I paused my footsteps and found that disguised warriors were using black lightning.

I immediately thought of the Dark Variant Faction.

Apart from them, no one recruits the Dark Lightning Warriors.

Then I started to control the purple lightning outside my body.

Boom!

A purple lightning bolt covered my body.

Seeing this, the warriors felt threatened.

They were General Rank Warriors.

Despite that, they were feeling pressure from the purple lightning.

“Attack him!”

“He won’t be able to block our combined attack!”

One of them shouted.

The next second, everyone sprinted towards Zack Lockwood to attack.

From the void, the Purple Mark Guard was watching the whole scene.

His eyes flashed with a cold glint.

Among the ambush team, he didn’t see any Black Mark Warrior or above.

So he decided not to intervene.

At the same time, he could see many eyes watching from the shadows.

“Eyeliners of the top 10 factions,” he muttered to himself.

The influence of the top 10 factions is huge.

He even spotted the Thunderflame Faction’s miscellaneous elder.

Most of the miscellaneous elders of the factions are stationed at Star City.

They won’t enter the faction unless there is a situation or they are called upon.

Boom!

I drew a punch at the nearest warrior.

My fist struck his chest.

The purple lightning electrocuted him before his body was sent flying back.

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Boom!

A similar thing happened with the others.

One after another, the Dark Variant Faction's warriors were beaten down horribly.

The abnormal purple lightning paralyzed them.

They were unable to fight properly.

In the blink of an eye, these General Rank Warriors ended up in a miserable condition.

Swoosh!

After beating everyone down, I left the place.

Then I started rushing towards the transportation area.

The people who were watching from the shadows were taken aback.

They couldn't believe their own eyes.

Zack Lockwood fought against many General Rank Warriors at the same time and was able to defeat them easily in the end.

It was shocking news to everyone.

Though the hidden ace Stephen was considered strong and invisible, there wasn't a significant gap between him and Zack Lockwood.

Yet Zack Lockwood was able to defeat them easily.

Wouldn't it mean he could defeat the hidden ace as well?

The eyeliners left the place, including the miscellaneous elder of the Thunderflame Faction.

He was going to report it to the Faction Leader.

Swoosh!

The Purple Mark Guard was surprised.

He could guess that Zack Lockwood's purple lightning was extremely destructive and powerful.

In the same rank, it's difficult for other elements to suppress the purple lightning.

So Zack Lockwood technically had no rivals in the General Rank.

Now he realized why Dean Jerome asked him to protect Zack Lockwood secretly.

Dean Jerome's care told him that Zack Lockwood had the potential to become a Red Mark Warrior.

Shortly afterwards,

I arrived at the transportation area.

Surprisingly, the area was more crowded than usual.

There were many people who liked to travel at night rather than during the daytime.

I swept my gaze across the place before finding the office.

Then I went to the office to collect information and spoke to one of the staff inside.

"You want to go to the Shadow University Border?" an old man asked.

"Yes," I replied.

"There are no aircraft available because every aircraft was booked for tonight.

But you can avail of the airship service.

It's just a one-day trip to reach the border."

"You will reach the border by tomorrow night," the old man added.

Hearing that, I thought for a moment before nodding to him.

I believed that the hostile warriors wouldn't dare to attack the passenger airship.

They could block or attack an aircraft, as they had done to me during the previous trip.

But I doubted it would be the case if I was on the airship.

Then I bought the airship ticket from the staff and went to the airship called "Force."

Shortly afterwards,

I arrived in front of the black airship over 100 ft in length.

The deck could accommodate 100 people easily.

So I went forward and showed my ticket to the manager.

The manager then allowed me to enter.

I walked past them before entering the deck.

I could see many others standing and talking as well.

My appearance attracted attention, but no one had seen my face before, so they minded their own business after glancing at me.

I smiled inwardly before standing in the right corner.

I couldn't help but feel hungry right now.

Though it was unintentional to select the airship for travel.

But I was looking forward to seeing the territory under Star University.

I could also get information from others by interacting with them.

At the same time, the Purple Mark Guard arrived as well.

Seeing that Zack Lockwood had chosen the airship for travel, his eyes flashed with appreciation.

Because Star University has strict rules for passenger transport.

No matter who they are, they can't attack public transport vehicles like airships.

Whereas Star University turns a blind eye to aircraft attacks.

When it comes to airships, they won't remain silent because airships carry more passengers.

Any attack on them would destroy the reputation of Star University.

Thereafter, the public wouldn't feel safe traveling using their transport vehicles.

So the Purple Mark Guard felt that Zack Lockwood's choice was wise.

Even if someone dared to attack the airship during their travel, he would kill them on the spot.

Apart from protecting Zack Lockwood, he had to protect innocent people if something bad happened.

One hour later,

The black airship called “Force” began to depart.

It slowly rose above the ground and appeared in the midair shortly afterwards.

I felt the cold wind brushing against my face.

I was feeling good.

At the same time, I activated my perceptual ability.

The things happening around me wouldn’t escape my eyes.

There were more than 100 people on this huge deck.

Their strength varied from Commander Rank to Black Mark Warrior.

I could see why Silver Mark Warriors and above were not here.

Because their personal wealth must be huge.

They could afford to buy their own aircraft.

The black airship turned around and started to move towards its destination.

About 10 minutes later,

It left the airspace of Star City.

Meanwhile,

The beaten warriors reported their defeat to the higher-ups.

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The following day,

Dark Variant Faction:

The Faction Leader Vince entered the meeting hall.

He saw that the faces of the main elders were not looking good.

He could already guess the result.

Before losing his cool, he sat in the main seat and looked at the others.

"Tell me what happened?" Old man Vince asked.

The main elders looked at each other.

No one wanted to step forward and convey the bad news.

"You'd better tell me before I find out myself," Old man Vince asked again.

At this time, the main elders were scared shitless.

A middle-aged man said, "Faction Leader, our General Rank Warriors were defeated by that kid last night."

“Oh,” Old man Vince raised his eyebrows in surprise.

He was sure that kid had risen to the General Rank by consuming the Sacred Fruit.

On top of that, the kid was a talented lightning warrior.

So he could understand their warriors’ defeat.

“It’s just a defeat, so what?”

“Did you guys find out his mission location?” Old man Vince asked.

Hearing that, the main elders sighed in relief.

They thought their Faction Leader had expected the result.

But they didn’t know it was the middle-aged man’s fault for not explaining things carefully.

He hadn’t mentioned that the General Rank Warriors were defeated within minutes.

On top of that, Zack Lockwood didn’t use any purple lightning techniques.

The middle-aged man once again opened his mouth.

“Faction Leader, we found out that the kid boarded a passenger airship last night,” the middle-aged man said.

“Airship?”

The Faction Leader Vince was surprised again.

He thought someone had recommended that kid to board the airship.

He knew that no one could target a passenger airship.

If anything like that happened, it would piss off Dean Jerome.

“What a cunning kid!”

“Let someone follow the airship.

As long as the kid lands at his destination, we will have our chance then,” Old man Vince said.

The middle-aged man agreed.

The other main elders were satisfied as well.

On the other hand, the Dark Variant Faction General Rank Warriors’ loss was spread to other factions as well.

Because all the top 10 factions’ eyeliners had seen it.

They were able to gauge the strength of Zack Lockwood.

They didn’t see much difference between hidden ace Stephen and Zack Lockwood.

Chapter 1096: Greed brings out trouble!

Thunderflame Faction:

The Faction Leader Clifford and the main elders have gathered inside the meeting hall.

Old man Clifford looked at the others before saying, "It appears that kid has managed to escape the blockade."

"Fortunately, there was no Black Mark Warrior or above who hindered him.

Otherwise, it would have become troublesome," Austin said with a sigh.

He was most worried about the Black Mark Warriors and above.

"The Dark Variant Faction Leader is not stupid.

He knows that Dean Jerome must be watching everything.

So he has not shown any tails so far."

"But it will be different if he leaves the territory," Old man Clifford added.

Hearing that, others showed some emotions as well.

They too have disciples.

But they are not being targeted by a top 10 Faction.

Austin's expression was particularly dark as he thought of something.

Clifford noticed his change in expression.

He asked, "Austin, what happened?"

Austin replied, "I had tried to view Zack Lockwood's mission.

But I was unable to do it.

Someone has blocked the access."

"What?" Main Elder Leola blurted out.

Main Elders Cathy and Ann's expressions were not different.

They knew it was impossible for someone to block a Main Elder's access unless the Dean had done it personally.

Clifford sighed inwardly.

He was worried that Dean Jerome wouldn't be paying attention to Zack because of the Faction War.

But he was wrong.

Dean Jerome is paying attention.

Otherwise, he wouldn't block the mission content.

He can let go of his hanging heart right now.

“Zack Lockwood is someone with three elemental talents.

So it was normal for Dean Jerome to break his own rules,” he thought to himself.

Looking at the confused expressions of everyone, he said, “It must be Dean.

Apart from him, no one can do it.”

Hearing that, others nodded their heads as well.

Only Dean Jerome has such power and authority.

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“How are we going to rescue him?”

“If he finds himself in trouble,” Austin asked.

“I have faith in Dean.

He must have thought it through,” Clifford said.

Then they changed the topic and started discussing other issues.

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From MC’s Perspective:

Inside the Force Airship, I was sitting inside a small cabin.

There are six more people with me.

Everyone is discussing something, but no one bothered me.

On the other hand, the people sitting inside the small cabin are trying to see through each other.

But they were unable to see through the young man.

Not one but everyone's senses were blocked.

It only happens when someone is stronger than them or when someone is carrying a treasure.

The eyes of a few people flashed with greed.

Instead of disturbing the young man, they informed the people behind them.

The Force Airship belongs to Star City.

Star City belongs to Star University.

So they can't target the passenger inside.

If they do, not only would their families die, but the forces behind them would be destroyed as well.

So they are being careful not to disturb the young man.

The Purple Mark Guard who is hidden in the void has noticed everything.

But he ignored it.

If someone comes to seek their death, he won't mind granting their wish.

As time passes, the Black Airship is steadily moving through the clouds.

From time to time, it comes across other air vehicles.

But none of them hindered the Black Airship.

That's why people have immense trust in the Force Airship.

No one dared to attack them.

Meanwhile,

People who were noticing the strangeness of Zack Lockwood were increasing in number.

Everyone had tried to probe him, but they all ended up in failure.

Soon, it became a common topic among the passengers.

But no one was ready to take action inside the airship.

But they had all notified the forces behind them.

If the person lands at his destination, then they will inform their forces to catch him.

On the other hand, I opened my eyes.

As I was going around the deck, I was able to notice the change in the attitude of the people.

Their gazes were filled with greed and envy.

Even some looked towards me with sympathy.

I don't know why I feel it's something to do with the ring.

It can block the sense of prying people.

But it can't be helped.

So I ignored everyone's gazes.

I started to enjoy the passing view.

"Young brother, what's your name?"

"Where are you going?"

A middle-aged woman over forty walked up to me.

I immediately felt a sense of danger.

She is definitely a Black Mark Warrior.

If it were a Silver Mark Warrior, the pressure would have been huge.

"I don't want any trouble.

But trouble comes finding me," I said in my heart.

Then I ignored her before going back to the small cabin.

The middle-aged woman's face turned red with shame.

Among all, she was the first one to initiate conversation.

She thought the young man would spill all of his secrets.

But to her surprise, the young man ignored her.

The people around her controlled their laughter.

Seeing that, she felt as if her face was being slapped.

"Damn you!"

"Let's see where you're going to depart," she said before leaving the spot.

The Purple Mark Warrior hidden in the void shook his head.

He could already predict that many Black Warriors were going to die in his hands.

Time passed in the blink of an eye.

When it was evening, the climate changed all of a sudden.

It was a sign of a brewing storm.

The Black Airship Captain decided to land the Airship at the nearest city.

Seeing that, many warriors supported the decision.

They didn't want to get caught up in the storms.

Some storms are so powerful that they can destroy modern airships.

When the Captain was ready to land the Airship, I walked out of the cabin and looked at the outside scenario.

The warriors were smiling ear to ear upon seeing me.

Especially the middle-aged woman who was showing all her white teeth.

I'm not afraid of them.

I have the Red Mark Warrior ring with me.

As long as someone stands out, he would be the first one to die.

"Hmmm, the young man is going to die."

"I have already informed my men.

They are waiting for me in the next city.

Once the kid leaves the airship, we will capture him.”

One of the fat middle-aged men dressed in green warrior clothing spoke.

He was one of the people who were eyeing Zack Lockwood.

So he was glad that the storm came at the right time.

Otherwise, the competition would have increased.

Some of the passengers’ men are on the way.

They wouldn’t be able to catch up on time.

So this storm gives an opportunity to others.

On the other hand, I saw the Airship entering the airspace of a city.

My eyes flickered.

This city view tells me that it was not bigger than Central Fort City.

This city is small and has a smaller population.

At the same time, I felt someone was staring at me continuously.

Now, I think it’s not one but many people, as if they are waiting to attack me.

Thunder!

A cracking thunderous noise sounded in the sky.

The sky is becoming dark.

In the blink of an eye, heavy rain starts pouring down.

Finally, the black airship landed on the platform before it was too late.

Seeing that, my mouth curved into an arc.

The Black Airship Captain walked out.

He told others to take a break first.

The passengers left one after another.

But they were all glancing at me before leaving the place.

A quick gleam flashed in my eyes.

If I step out or leave the airship area, I know what will happen to me.

So I decided to stay here on the deck.

Swoosh!

The Purple Mark Warrior hidden in the void stepped out.

Still, people can't see him.

"Hmmm," the Purple Mark Warrior raised his eyebrows in surprise.

Because he found so many people coming toward the airship.

Among them, there are Black Mark Warriors and Silver Mark Warriors.

He could tell that these warriors were coming to target Zack Lockwood because he had heard their conversations.

Swoosh!

In the blink of an eye, more than 20 Warriors appeared in front of the Airship.

A sense of crisis hit me all of a sudden.

When I turned around, I saw more than 20 unknown people standing outside the airship.

Everyone's gazes were all on me.

My heart turned cold.

At this time, the Black Airship Captain noticed the people as well.

"Who are you people?"

"This is Star City Airship.

If you create any problems, you will face consequences,” the Captain threatened.

Hearing that, the faces of the people outside changed drastically.

“Ha...Ha...Ha...”

“Captain of the Black Airship, you have misunderstood us.

We are not here for you.

We have come here to invite the young man to a banquet,” a gray-haired elder said.

His crooked teeth showed he had no good intentions.

The Captain then turned towards the young man who was standing alone.

Chapter 1097: Purple Mark Guard takes action!

From MC’s Perspective:

I looked at the uninvited people.

My eyes flashed with a cold glint.

Most of the people were Black Mark Warriors and above.

I could tell that it was the work of the greedy passengers.

But I’m not worried.

They will attack me if I take a step outside the black airship.

They won't have the guts to attack the Star City Airship.

Then I looked at the Captain and said, "Captain, ignore them."

After saying that, I walked back to the small cabin.

I saw that the Captain of the Airship understood something before returning to his place.

The people standing outside were enraged.

"How dare he?" a gray-haired elder said with anger.

"He...

He...

He..."

"That kid didn't fall for your trick," an elder from another force mocked him.

The other warriors had a similar reaction as well.

Why do people travel on the Star City Airship?

Because they knew no one would attack them.

It's the same situation happening right now.

These people understood that.

"I say we should attack him.

Nobody knows about our identity," a middle-aged woman walked in this time.

She was the same person who spoke to Zack Lockwood earlier.

Hearing that, everyone's face changed drastically.

"Who are you?"

"Are you mad?"

"Do you want Star University to bury us?"

Some knowledgeable guys scolded her.

The middle-aged woman ignored everyone and turned toward the gray-haired elder.

"That young man is carrying a powerful treasure.

If you don't act now, you won't get any chance."

"There are more people coming to get this treasure.

If you delay any longer, then the competition will increase," she said with a beautiful voice.

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Hearing that, everyone couldn't help but wonder.

"This?" The people who mocked earlier were also shocked.

"She is right.

If you don't have the courage to fight for the treasure, you are not a warrior," a fat middle-aged man joined in.

Seeing his words, everyone's face changed drastically.

This person's voice sounded right.

When would warriors get a chance to get treasure?

Unless they come across an opportunity.

Right now, it happens to be one of their chances.

"I'm getting old.

I have no future ahead.

I'm ready to risk everything to get the treasure," the gray-haired old man said.

Hearing that, the faces of other people changed drastically.

Especially those who were at the Silver Mark Warrior Rank.

It's easy to become a Silver Mark Warrior.

If they took one wrong step here, not only would they die, but the family behind them would face the same tragedy.

As time passed, the discussion grew heated.

They didn't have all day to make a decision.

They were doing this right now because of the storm and heavy rain.

It would take time for the sky to clear up.

Before that, they had time for decision-making.

Inside the cabin, I noticed that people were still refusing to leave.

My heart turned cold.

If I had the same warrior rank as them, then I would have beaten them down already.

It's that people are greedy for resources.

They are targeting me.

I know if I reveal my identity, they would stop their activities immediately.

But I don't want to do that.

I experienced the threat last time.

Last time, the Black Mark Warriors were close to fighting against me.

If it had happened, I would have ended up crippled.

Then I removed those thoughts.

I knew these people wouldn't attack the airship.

So I decided not to leave.

But things would become troublesome once I landed at the border.

"Should I tell the master?" I asked myself.

Then I thought it over before calling him.

Since no one was here, I could speak freely to the master.

Outside,

The Purple Mark Guard was watching everything.

He was furious.

He thought people would respect the Star City Airship.

But they were discussing attacking the airship right now.

If he wanted, he could have killed everyone.

But he wanted to see who else was joining the fun.

As time passed, the heavy rain started to decrease.

These people had less time to make decisions.

The fat middle-aged man and the middle-aged woman fanned the flames.

But no one was ready to make the final decision.

Because one mistake would cost their lives and the lives of the forces behind them.

At this time, the gray-haired old man completely lost it.

He was at the Peak Stage of Black Mark Warrior.

He didn't know what type of treasure that young man was carrying.

If he got the chance to extend his lifespan by selling the treasure, then he was ready to attack the airship.

Boom!

All of a sudden, he released a flame technique.

A massive red flame ball illuminated the surroundings.

Seeing that, others were alarmed.

The flame ball then shot at the airship.

In the blink of an eye, the flame ball reached the airship.

But before it could touch the airship frame, it was blocked by the magic formations.

Boom!

The flame ball was instantly destroyed by the magic formations.

The remaining flame elements scattered in the air.

Meanwhile,

I was on a virtual call with the master.

The sudden attack startled me.

“What’s going on?” Austin asked on the call.

“Someone is attacking the Star City Airship,” I replied in a solemn tone.

“What?” Austin blurted out.

He was sure that no one would attack the Star City Airship.

But what was going on right now?

“It’s the same people.

I guess greed has clouded their brains,” I said.

“But thanks to the formation, the airship is fine now,” I added.

“Don’t leave the airship.

If you go outside, they will attack you.

Tell me the city name; I’ll order the City Officials there,” Austin said.

Hearing that, I told him the city name before ending the call.

I knew that City Officials were working in the city as well.

The strongest would be at least a Silver Mark Warrior.

Boom!

Before others could react fully, the gray-haired old man attacked the formation again.

“Old man, what are you doing?”

“He is determined to get the treasure.”

“Let’s attack the airship together.”

“Otherwise, we will get nothing.”

The fat middle-aged man shouted.

“I’m going to attack!

The treasure is mine.

No one else can take it,” the middle-aged woman shouted.

Hearing that, the faces of others changed drastically.

Boom!

One after another, the warriors started to attack the airship.

Greed had blinded their eyes.

The Captain inside the airship was shocked to the core.

He didn’t expect the young man could attract so many criminals.

Everyone had lost their minds because of the young man.

It was the first time for him to face this kind of situation.

He didn't know what to do.

Suddenly, he thought of something before calling the emergency number.

It belonged to the Transportation Office located in Star City.

Outside,

Boom!

People were attacking the airship like crazy.

The Purple Mark Guard was pissed off.

He was looking at everyone before confirming their faces.

He didn't want to expose himself.

But he didn't have a choice right now.

Swoosh!

He appeared outside.

The next second, his coercion immediately landed on the people one by one.

AAaahhhh!

People started to scream.

The gray-haired old man was the first one to scream.

His eyes and nose were bleeding.

It was happening the same with others.

“You dared to attack the Star City Airship!”

“All of you are going to die now.”

The Purple Mark Warrior’s words reached everyone’s ears.

It felt like a thunderclap for them.

Everyone’s face changed drastically.

“It’s over!”

“The City Lord has found us!”

“He is a Purple Mark Warrior.”

“We can’t escape!”

“Damn you, old man!”

People started to scream and cry.

Puchak!

The gray-haired old man's eyes filled with horror.

He regretted it deeply.

He forgot that there was City Administration in this city.

The Captain must have contacted him.

Before he could think further, his body exploded into pieces.

The ground was dyed with blood.

Seeing that, the faces of others changed.

They wanted to flee.

But their bodies were frozen like statues.

In the blink of an eye, their bodies burst into pieces like watermelons.

The fat middle-aged man who instigated the attack earlier suffered the same fate as well.

The middle-aged woman was fleeing in fear.

But she was locked up by the pressure the next second.

“No, I don’t want to die,” she screamed out loud.

Boom!

Her body exploded into pieces.

In the blink of an eye, the whole place was clean.

Those who had released their elemental attack on the airship were all dead.

Swoosh!

The next second, the Purple Mark Guard disappeared from the spot and hid in the void.

People had mistaken him for the City Lord before dying.

The Captain inside the airship let go of his hanging heart.

He was surprised by the City Lord’s fast response.

He had just reported to the office.

But the City Lord came to save them in a few seconds.

Chapter 1098: Border City

From MC’s Perspective:

Inside the Airship, I sucked a cold breath of air.

Everyone was killed within minutes.

Who did it?

Was it someone from the City Administration?

I felt the response was too fast.

Some of them were Black Mark Warriors and Silver Mark Warriors.

They were crushed to death.

All of a sudden, I'm feeling powerless.

If the rescue had not arrived, then I would have been forced to use the Red Mark Warrior ring.

Suddenly, I thought of something.

I think it's better to leave the Airship right now.

Otherwise, the people will know my identity.

If not, the border location would be crowded with people.

The Force Airship is going to attract attention because of this incident.

Swoosh!

Then I decisively left the Airship.

The captain was unaware of it.

A few minutes later,

A few more shadows appeared here.

They are the warriors from the City administration.

Seeing that place was dyed red.

Everyone's face was written with horror.

Because they could smell the blood.

"What happened?"

"Did someone come before us?" A Silver Mark Warrior raised the question.

Because he was asked to come here because of the order from above.

The rest of them came because of Star City's Transportation Office call.

They exchanged looks before going to the Airship.

They immediately saw the Captain of the Airship.

They started to get details from it.

About 20 minutes later,

Everyone's face was changed drastically.

Because they are able to know the real incident.

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The passengers came with the backup to capture a single warrior.

In the end, they attacked the airship.

Before it was too late someone came to rescue the airship.

That warrior had killed everyone on the spot including the Black and Silver Mark Warriors.

The officials couldn't help but be shocked to the core.

Because none of them are Purple Mark Warriors.

Only Purple Mark Warrior can kill Silver Mark Warrior within minutes.

Otherwise, the duel would have extended further.

The officials came to the conclusion that someone passing by had intervened to save the Star City Airship.

The person must be someone from Star University.

After the discussion, they returned to the city administration building.

Meanwhile,

I was able to hire a pilot who owns a medium sized aircraft.

He had agreed to drop me at the border area.

Swoosh!

Shortly afterwards, the aircraft left the city and started flying towards the border.

The pilot was clueless about the incident that took place in the city.

But I think it will be a matter of time before everyone knows about it.

Then I sent a text message to the Master saying that I'm fine.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

The news about the Force Airship Attack started to spread like wildfire.

Because the Star City's Transportation Office has released a statement regarding this incident.

They are going to do an investigation to find the criminals who attacked their Star City Airship.

Not only that, they are also going to eliminate the backers behind them.

The Transportation Office is going to check their office footage as well.

Then it would be easier for them to find the criminal sooner.

The news was like a thunderclap fell into the ears of locals.

For decades, no one had dared to do this kind of crime.

The locals are taken aback.

The Warrior families and influential organisations are started to check whether any of their members were on the Force Airship.

If they have participated in the attack, then they are going to face destruction soon.

So there is a state of panic among the warrior families and organisations located in the Star University Territory.

It didn't take long for the news to reach Star University as well.

When the warriors learned it.

They thought it was a prank.

Then they came to realise that people have attacked the Star City Airship.

It was the same as hitting the face of Star University.

But the information was not fully published.

They don't know why the Star City Airship was attacked.

Then who saved the Airship?

It was unclear.

Meanwhile,

Dean Jerome knows about it.

He had learned from the Purple Mark Guard.

All of this attack was because of the Red Mark Warrior's Ring that Zack was wearing.

People had mistook it for a treasure.

Now they have ended up losing their lives.

He also knows that Zack Lockwood had left the airship.

Now he is traveling on a mid-sized aircraft.

The Purple Mark Guard is reporting to him from time to time.

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A day later,

The medium sized aircraft reached the shadow university border.

The border city was huge with vast land.

There are many high rise buildings and transport areas inside the city.

Since it's a border city.

A major trade happens from here.

The city is bustling with people.

The medium sized aircraft entered the city space and landed at the transportation area.

Shortly afterwards,

I exited the aircraft.

Then I paid the fare to the pilot before leaving the Transportation Area.

Not long after, I came to the store.

I started to buy necessary items.

I don't know about the Shadow University and their territories.

Since it's a border city, I think the information collected here is better than Star City.

So I requested information about Shadow University and their cities.

The staff was not surprised.

There are many customers who came with the same requests as well.

So he went back to collect information.

About a few minutes later,

The staff came with books in his hands.

This small book was easy to handle.

Once you read it completely.

You can burn the book.

I bought a small book from a customer.

Then I left the store and decided to enter the inn.

I found a nearby inn and entered inside.

There are all types of warriors.

Most of them were wearing adventurers' clothes.

They don't seem to be from a big organisation.

I cast a glance at them before asking about the room rent.

On the other hand, a few warriors paid attention to the young warrior.

Most of the young warriors usually came out for the experiences.

They came out together with their protectors.

But this time, they saw a young lamb without a protector.

Some of the warriors' eyes flashes with greed.

Because they tried to probe the young warrior.

They found nothing.

"We got a fat sheep!"

"Don't go anywhere!"

"If the young man leaves, we will hunt him down."

The adventurers discussed among themselves.

They might be adventurers.

But they are criminals as well.

Inside the room,

I started to check the room.

The room was ordinary with basic facilities.

But it was enough for me to spend a few hours of time.

After reading the intel book, I will enter Shadow University.

Then I sat on the chair and took the intel book to read it.

Time passed,

The Shadow University seems to have more cities under them than the Star City.

But his goal was Shadow City.

Once he gets the item from the Auction House.

He can return to Star City.

The following day,

After getting ready, I left the inn and got ready to go to Shadow University.

But I found a few warriors following me not long after.

At first I thought it was a coincidence.

But when I started walking further, I noticed that an exact number of people are following me.

Seeing that my eyes turned cold.

It's a big city.

You can't even find a narrow alley.

Everywhere is a busy street crowded with people.

If I want to deal with them, then I have to leave the city.

"What to do?" I asked myself.

But not long after, I found a private area with a lot of land.

To see such an area in the middle of the city surprised me greatly.

Then I activated the perceptual ability.

The scene around me came into my mind.

I noticed that warriors' strength is below the Black Mark Rank.

After confirming that I have decided to attack them.

Quickly, I entered the private land.

Seeing that not many people here in the broad daylight.

My eyes flashes with doubt.

I don't know whether there will be any trouble fighting here.

But I thought about my own identity.

I'm a disciple of Purple Mark Warrior.

So there won't be any problem.

So I have decided to attack them.

Swoosh!

Not long after, five warriors appeared.

My gaze immediately landed on the commander rank warrior first.

"Lightning Finger Technique"

I released purple lightning technique.

A purple lightning released from the finger and shot at the warrior.

The warriors sneered.

They thought it was a normal attack.

In the blink of an eye, the faces of the commander rank warrior changes drastically.

His face filled with terror.

Boom!

The purple lightning tore through his body and killed him in the spot.

Seeing that other warriors were shocked to the core.

They tried to flee.

Chapter 1099: Shadow University's Border City

From MC's Perspective;

"Lightning Finger Technique"

The purple lightning struck the bodies of others who were fleeing.

Pfff!

In the blink of an eye, everyone was electrocuted.

Their internal organs were all damaged.

They died on the spot.

"Phew!"

I heaved a sigh of relief.

Then I left the private property right away.

On the other hand, the Purple Mark Guard took away the corpses and erased the traces.

From then on, no one could find anything there.

He then saw that Zack Lockwood was heading toward the Teleportation Platform.

He decided to go there before him.

Once he arrived at the Shadow University border, he could follow Zack Lockwood then.

Swoosh!

So he disappeared from the spot.

About 10 minutes later,

I arrived at the Teleportation Platform.

But the place was filled with people.

There were two sets of crowds.

One set of the crowd was waiting to enter.

The other set was coming from the Teleportation Platform.

They must be coming from Shadow University.

I don't know why I still felt uneasy even after leaving the Force Airship.

If I wanted to pinpoint the problem, the Dark Variant Faction came to mind.

I thought they must be looking for me.

I had failed their plan twice.

I doubted they would let me go just like that.

Meanwhile,

The Guards working inside the Teleportation Platform were warriors from Star University.

They had simply become old and exhausted their potential.

They had chosen to work here as guards.

One of them had also retired from the top 10 Faction, which is called the Dark Variant Faction.

That person was an old man with a sickly appearance.

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His guard uniform made him more intimidating.

The others stayed away from him.

If the public wanted any help, they asked others.

At that time, he was standing alone, leaning against a wall.

Beep!

Suddenly, he received a call from a familiar person.

The familiar person was none other than the Miscellaneous Elder of the Dark Variant Faction.

Seeing that he attended the call, he wore a serious expression on his face.

“Ben, are you there?” a voice sounded from the other side.

“Yes, Elder.

It’s me,” the sickly person replied.

“Good, I have a job for you.

I will send a picture of a warrior and his name.

If he uses the Teleportation Platform, inform me right away.

But don’t tell others,” the Elder said.

Hearing that, the sickly person immediately agreed to help.

When the call ended, his expression became rosy.

He was worried about his income, but he hadn't expected to hear such good news right now.

He then moved forward to do his job.

Upon seeing him, the other guards were surprised as well.

He usually didn't work.

Now seeing him, the guards looked at each other.

"I'm going to take my turn now," Ben said.

Hearing that, the others agreed.

They knew that the sick old man was a former member of the Dark Variant Faction, so they had no choice but to let him do what he wanted.

Time passed,

On the other hand, I found there were only a few people in front of me.

Soon, it would be my turn.

It didn't take long before my turn came.

There were guards before me who conducted verification.

Upon seeing me, I noticed one of the old man's expressions contorted.

He seemed to show killing intent toward me.

"What's wrong?" I asked in my heart.

"Next," Ben uttered.

Hearing that, my heart raced.

I realized something was wrong.

But this was not the place to ponder, so I stepped inside the platform.

Swoosh!

The next second, the teleportation platform was activated.

I disappeared from the spot.

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Shadow University Border City:

When I opened my eyes, I found myself inside another building.

Here, the guards were wearing different clothes.

I showed my ID card before walking out of the place.

When I came to the street, I noticed it was another big city.

The first thing I did was look for the transportation area.

I needed to go to Shadow City.

I didn't know how long it would take me to reach there.

About 20 minutes later,

I stepped out of the transportation area and booked a room inside a famous inn.

Unfortunately, there was no direct transport service available to Shadow City from here.

They didn't have similar airship facilities run by University Administration.

Rather, the Shadow University advocated more killing and plundering.

The people living here were casual about it.

They even advised me not to travel alone because they were sure that someone had already marked me.

"What kind of place is this?" I asked myself.

I'm on an official trip.

How can these people target me?

Inside the room, I couldn't help but speak to myself.

A few minutes later,

I calmed my heart.

I understood it was a new place and a new environment.

I should have expected it.

But it couldn't be helped.

I had to take risks from now on.

If I came across any Black Mark Warrior or above, then I had to use the Red Mark Warrior ring.

Meanwhile,

The inn owner was a fat middle-aged man.

He used to be a warrior of the Dark Shadow University.

After retiring, he settled down here, but he also shared information.

Right now, an outsider was staying in his inn.

He didn't know whether to call him stupid or not because most outsiders wouldn't stay in the border city for a second.

They knew that killing and plundering were common inside the Border City.

No one would come for help because it was considered legal.

But there were conditions.

They were only allowed to target outsiders.

The fat middle-aged man was excited.

So far, he hadn't told others.

But he knew people must have spotted the outsider already.

He could see the trespassers were already eyeing his inn.

"I don't know what's the strength of the outsider.

I hope he is not a Black Mark Warrior or above," the fat middle-aged man said to himself.

Because he was a Black Mark Warrior, but he didn't think he could take down another Black Mark Warrior alone.

If the outsider was a Silver Mark Warrior, he would request help from others.

After coming up with a plan, he decided to strike up a conversation with the outsider.

At the same time, there were locals who were keeping an eye on the fat middle-aged man's inn.

Meanwhile,

Inside the room, I was ready to contact my master.

Knock!

Suddenly, I heard knocking on the door.

“Who is it?” I uttered.

Then I stood up and walked up to the door to open it.

Creak!

I saw the inn owner standing outside.

“Do you need something?” I asked him.

The fat middle-aged man was smiling ear to ear.

At the same time, he was trying to probe the outsider.

But he found his senses were all blocked.

“What’s going on?” the fat middle-aged man muttered to himself.

On the other hand, I understood what the middle-aged man was trying to do.

My heart skipped a beat.

At the same time, the Purple Mark Warrior was standing inside the void.

He came before Zack Lockwood and saw that Zack Lockwood encountered another trouble.

He sighed to himself.

He could see that Zack Lockwood had come here unprepared.

The rules of Star University and Dark Shadow University were different.

He knew that killing and plundering here were common.

He wanted to see how Zack Lockwood handled the problem.

Meanwhile,

The fat middle-aged man was shocked to the core.

He didn't know what was going on.

He was trying to probe the outsider, but he failed.

"Was it a treasure?" he asked himself.

Then he thought of something, and his eyes flashed with greed.

He looked at the young man in front of him like a fat lamb.

“What do you want?” I asked.

I could tell that the inn owner was thinking of something bad.

He had malicious intentions.

“Don’t tell me he has plans to attack me right away,” I asked in my heart.

Then I thought of something before saying, “My friends are on the way.

I hope the inn owner can provide me with available rooms.”

Hearing that, the fat middle-aged man was shocked.

For a second, he thought of attacking the outsider.

He was sure that the outsider was carrying some kind of treasure with him.

“Okay, I’ll check the rooms,” After saying that, the fat middle-aged man left.

The next moment, I felt a huge sense of crisis.

After leaving the forest, I had actually entered a tiger’s den.

Why didn’t my master warn me about this?

Did he forget?

Maybe he misunderstood that I had done my research.

I didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

My situation was dire now.

Using this opportunity, I should leave.

Then I left the room without further thinking.

I noticed that the inn owner was not behind the counter.

There was some other staff working.

Seeing that, I immediately tried to leave the place.

Chapter 1100: Intel was shared!

From MC's Perspective:

Shadow Border City:

I left the inn and started moving towards the exit.

Not long after, I felt many shadows following me.

Feeling a sense of crisis, I didn't know how many of them were Black Mark Warriors and above.

I started running towards the exit.

As time passed, I noticed one of them getting closer.

At that moment, those who passed by began to feel alarmed as well.

I continued to flee without looking back.

At the same time, the Purple Mark Guard, who was hidden in the void, took action.

He locked onto the Black Mark and above Warriors who were chasing down Zack Lockwood.

These warriors found themselves frozen like statues on the spot, their faces filled with horror.

They had been chasing down a fat lamb, but what had happened now?

Everyone was terrified in their hearts.

They quickly realized that the outsider had a protector secretly following him.

They were just praying in their hearts to survive at this moment.

As time passed, I noticed that the people had stopped following me.

My eyes flashed with surprise, but I didn't stop running.

Soon, I reached the gate of the border city and left through it.

About 30 minutes later,

I arrived at the vast bushland.

There were no buildings in this place, except for the huge yellow road leading somewhere.

Seeing this, I started to walk along the yellow road.

I didn't know what to do.

I had encountered such a problem.

Should I call the Master?

After looking around, I spotted a huge shadowy tree in the distance.

Seeing that, I rushed towards it.

When I reached the spot, I stood under the tree's shade and contacted Master Austin.

Buzz!

Shortly afterwards,

His projection appeared above the watch.

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"Zack, where are you?" Austin asked.

Hearing that, I began to recount the events to Master.

About 10 minutes later,

“Just stay where you are.

I’ll contact my connection to help you out.

He may arrive to pick you up and drop you off at Shadow City,” Austin said on the call.

Hearing that, I felt relieved inside.

It was a good thing to call Master.

Then I shared my location before ending the call.

On the other hand, the Purple Mark Guard had heard everything.

He was glad to know that Austin was checking on his disciple.

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Inside the Thunderflame Faction:

Austin sighed internally.

He felt sad that his disciple was facing threat after threat.

He had thought his disciple was prepared.

Now he was being chased by Black Mark Warriors.

He wasn't worried because Zack was wearing a Red Mark Warrior Ring.

But it had only three chances.

If it was used up, then it would be troublesome.

So he immediately made a call to someone he knew.

About 10 minutes later,

He ended the call.

His friend was living at Dark Shadow University.

He would be sending his men to save Zack Lockwood.

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Shadow Border City:

Time passed.

From time to time, I saw many vehicles flying in the air.

They were heading towards their destinations, but none of them spotted me.

Since my master had told me to wait, I had no other choice than to stay put, even if it took many hours for help to arrive.

When daylight was gone and nighttime had come, I still decided to stay awake the entire night.

Meanwhile,

The border city was not normal.

The Black Mark Warriors and above, who had been locked up by powerful warriors, managed to survive in the end.

However, after that, they stopped targeting outsiders.

They decided to act only after confirming whether the outsiders were coming with their protectors or not.

They had already learned a hard lesson.

From other victims, they came to know that even some of the Silver Mark Warriors had been frozen like statues.

This terrified them.

The Black Mark Warriors had thought they were targeted by the Silver Mark Warrior.

But the Silver Mark Warriors revealed a horrible truth: they were, in fact, targeted by Purple Mark Warrior.

Hearing this, the Black Mark Warriors were further petrified.

Not an ordinary warrior could afford a Purple Mark Warrior as a protector.

The fat lamb they had targeted must have a significant identity.

So they quickly shared the news with others.

Even the fat inn owner learned about it.

The news shook his heart, but fortunately, he hadn't attacked the target.

He felt glad that he had been able to save his life from the Purple Mark Warrior.

Suddenly, he thought of something.

"I should inform the higher-ups," the fat middle-aged man said to himself.

His job was to relay important information to the higher-ups.

This news was top-tier intel.

He couldn't wait to inform them, so he made a call to the anonymous number.

When the staff picked up the call, the fat middle-aged man shared the news about the outsider with a Purple Mark protector.

The staff listening to the news was shocked to the core.

He suspected whether other forces had sent people to carry out secret operations.

The fat middle-aged man also mentioned that he couldn't see through the outsider's strength.

He suspected him of carrying a treasure.

The staff noted the information as well.

After ending the call, the fat middle-aged man sighed to himself.

He was now looking forward to the reward.

Though he was unable to get anything from the outsider, he believed this news would bring him huge resources.

He couldn't help but wonder about the outsider's identity.

Not only him, but the other warriors in the border city were also wondering about the identity, as they had shared the information with a third party.

It wouldn't be long before the main elders of Dark Shadow University learned about this news.

Then they would take some serious action.

The Purple Mark Warriors wouldn't leave their territory unless it was for something important.

So the news might come as an intrusion to the Main Elders of the Dark Shadow University.