

BloodLine 1131

Chapter 1131: Craig and Gareth!

From MC's Perspective:

Looking at the ice covering my body, I felt it was important to make a decision. According to the Faction Leader, there is no need to take this duel seriously.

Since he has a way to force me, I can only allow him so that he can participate in the duel tomorrow.

Boom!

A flash of purple lightning appeared before my eyes, shattering and destroying the ice blocks.

Gasp!

The warriors around the platform cheered, especially the warriors from the Ice and Fire Palace.

"He went easy on him," Bethany said in her heart.

"He...He...He... The Faction Leader's scolding worked on him," Riley laughed in his heart.

Everyone could see the result. It happened because of the Faction Leader's scolding.

"Cough!"

Faction Leader Clifford coughed to draw attention. He was impressed by the warrior named Craig and thought that the Ice and Fire Palace got a decent warrior this time.

“Craig is the winner of the duel!”

“Who is going to come next?” he said.

Hearing that, Craig smiled before exiting the duel platform.

The main elders all had smiles on their faces. The event was going well so far. The top warriors had been selected without a doubt, but they still wanted to see if anyone was hidden among their warriors.

Swoosh!

A person hurriedly entered the platform. He was not that great, but he had the strength of Mid-Stage General Rank.

Gasp!

“Gareth!”

“What is he up to?”

“He doesn’t belong to any of the palaces. He is like our general member!”

The warriors exclaimed in surprise. Those who knew him were discussing in low tones. But this time, everyone was disappointed. Even the Peak General Stage Warriors felt the difficulty.

Then how could a Mid General Rank Warrior force Zack Lockwood? Everyone was chatting and laughing.

But the burly warrior was indifferent to everyone’s conversation.

I walked up to the previous position and looked at the warrior in front of me. Everyone was making fun of him, but I could feel the fighting intent in his eyes.

He really wanted to defeat me so that he could join the others.

Meanwhile,

Faction Leader Clifford and the main elders were all surprised. They thought someone from their palace would show up again.

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But they never expected someone from the General to appear. It's not that they were weak, but their benefits were weaker compared to the palace members.

So there was a difference in strength between them, naturally.

"What's his name?" Clifford asked.

The main elders didn't know about him either.

Swoosh!

An elder made an appearance. He was a purple mark warrior, among the elders who took care of the general members.

He and others had been watching the duel from a distance. Upon hearing the Faction Leader's question, he arrived.

"Leader, his name is Gareth. He has defeated a few palace members of the Elemental Faction," he revealed the news.

“Oh,” Clifford raised his eyebrows in surprise.

He thought the warrior named Gareth was a hidden gem.

“It’s not a bad record. It’s not easy to defeat palace members. Why haven’t I heard of him before?” Austin asked.

“It’s good that warriors are showing up instead of hiding. We can discuss their matters later,” Leola said from the side.

The other main elders agreed. They wanted to see more warriors who were hidden deeply.

“Start the duel!”

Clifford’s voice reached everyone’s ears.

Inside the platform, Gareth smiled. He could hear the conversation between the elders. Now he thought it was the right time to show his edge.

Swoosh!

He rushed out toward Zack Lockwood to attack. He was not using any elemental moves. From his burly body, it was evident to others.

They immediately thought Gareth was going to try out his brute strength.

Meanwhile,

My mouth curved into an arc. I didn't know why, but I felt something strange about my opponent's body. I could feel a reaction from my red bones. It was reacting to something.

It hadn't happened before, so I started to observe Gareth's movements with my perception.

Swoosh!

Gareth moved forward with a furious punch. His fist movement was creating a tearing sound in the air.

Seeing that, I decided to block the blow with my bare hands.

Boom!

When I blocked his fist, I immediately felt the recoil force. The shockwave swept away the surroundings. I remained standing in the same spot.

Meanwhile, Gareth widened his eyes in disbelief. He knew about his own body strength. How could a Lightning Warrior stop him?

Boom!

He then began to throw continuous punches at me.

At the same time, I was using my perception to deflect his blows. While doing that, I was beginning to understand brute strength.

The conclusion made my heart stir. If I was right, this guy was practicing a body method as well. His blows were really carrying weight beyond his rank.

If it were others, their bones would have broken, but I was different. Even without using the red blood energy, I could defeat him. But it would expose my body strength as well.

Boom!

A purple lightning flash appeared before my eyes. A tiny bolt struck his fist.

Argh!

A muffled grunt escaped Gareth's mouth before he stopped attacking.

But the purple lightning made him forget about the pain. He showed a gleeful smile on his face and didn't even think anything strange about Zack Lockwood's abnormal body strength.

Zack Lockwood had blocked his fist just like that. Gareth didn't have time to think about this at all; his attention shifted to the balcony.

"Gareth wins the duel," Faction Leader Clifford said with a smile.

The other members had knowing smiles on their faces. They knew why Zack Lockwood had stopped attacking and revealed a purple lightning.

Gasp!

The warriors below were dumbfounded. It was much earlier than before. They thought Zack Lockwood gave up sooner.

Even Riley, Bethany, and Craig were stunned. They understood Zack Lockwood's mindset by now. As long as they could prove themselves, he would give up.

But they didn't see anything extraordinary in Gareth, who was a Mid-Stage General Rank Warrior.

The warriors around the platform were discussing it as well.

Only the Purple Mark Elder had a smile on his face. He knew about Gareth's strength. Gareth exited the platform without looking at Zack Lockwood.

Looking at his back, I didn't know what to say. I had underestimated the Thunderflame Faction. There were strong warriors lurking here.

These people were in the same category as the hidden ace Stephen of the Dark Variant Faction. But these warriors didn't have titles.

But Stephen had one. I wondered what made him deserving of that title. A hint of seriousness flashed in my eyes.

"Another surprise," Leola commented.

"I wonder if his element and body method are one," Austin added.

"It must be his opportunity. It's good that our faction has such lucky warriors," Clifford said with a smile.

He was worried about tomorrow's matchup. Other than Zack Lockwood, he had no hope for the others, but he had changed his mind.

The four new warriors had brightened his mood.

"Let's continue with the duel," Clifford said.

Time passed.

After Gareth, a few more warriors went to challenge, but they were all defeated by Zack Lockwood. It didn't take long for the challenges to come to an end.

“Zack, Riley, Bethany, Craig, and Gareth. Five of you will participate in tomorrow’s event. Go and take rest,” Clifford said.

Hearing that, I nodded before leaving the place. There were still injuries on my skin.

I decided to heal myself first. There was no need to look for healers. The ancient healing method would do the trick.

A few minutes later,

I returned to my residence. The Faction Leader and main elders had gone to the main hall for discussion. The appearance of four new warriors had surprised everyone.

Because they were not the disciples of the main elders. Among the main elders’ disciples, I was the one below the Black Mark Rank.

I couldn’t help but wonder. If our faction had such hidden warriors, then what about other factions? Especially the Dark Variant Faction. They must have more.

I already knew about Ronnie Seth and hidden ace Stephen. It would be interesting if they had more warriors like them.

Then I began to ponder about the Bloodline Factions. I had had the least interactions with the warriors from the two Bloodline Factions.

They had never bothered me. But that doesn’t mean I would go easy on them. Normally, the bloodline warriors should be stronger than everyone.

They got their power from the Bloodline. But the Thunderflame Faction and the Dark Variant Faction were getting the limelight.

I wondered whether they were deliberately hiding their edge. More importantly, there were other medium and small-sized factions.

These factions were formed by strong warriors. Even their backgrounds were not comparable to the top 10 factions. They must have one or two strong warriors below the Black Mark Warrior.

I believe everything will be revealed tomorrow.

After gaining some clarity, I decided to take some rest.

Meanwhile,

The news began to spread across the whole Thunderflame Faction. Even those who were in isolated training learned about it.

Chapter 1132: Factions' selection ended!

Star University:

While the Thunderflame Faction's selection has come to an end, the selection for the other top 10 Factions is still taking place, just like the warriors hidden in the Thunderflame Faction.

Many strong warriors are using this opportunity to rise up, not only in the top 10 Factions. This situation is occurring even in the medium and small-sized factions, where new warriors are showing their faces.

It's ultimately good for Star University. Dean Jerome is overseeing everything. After learning about the number of strong warriors below Black Mark Rank, he was impressed.

That's why he usually doesn't stop the competition between the different factions. Only in a competitive atmosphere can strong warriors rise up.

He believes that after tomorrow's selection, a team of powerful warriors below Black Mark Rank will be ready. He wonders about the results from other universities, as they too have strong backgrounds.

He just hopes that the rift in the sky leads to a new secret land and not the old one, because the old one has more dangers. It was largely unexplored.

Each time the restrictions for entrance vary, but the strength of the monsters living inside won't change. They would roam freely around the secret land.

A hint of seriousness flashed in Jerome's eyes. He just hopes their team would return unharmed and with benefits.

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From MC's Perspective:

The following day,

After getting out of bed, I started my morning routine. It didn't take long for me to complete the work. Then I began to think about my strength.

I'm still one step away from reaching the peak stage. If I have Peak Stage General Rank Strength, then it will give me more confidence.

But it's a pity that I can't practice today. The selection event is important, and I'm looking forward to seeing the strong warriors from other factions.

About an hour later,

I got ready and went to the main hall upon receiving the call. When I entered the main hall, I saw Senior Riley, Bethany, Craig, and Gareth. Everyone had arrived before me.

Upon sensing my presence, they looked at me. I nodded to them in response.

Swoosh!

Shortly afterward,

The Main Elders appeared, followed by the Faction Leader Clifford. His gaze fell on everyone before revealing a smile on his face.

"Yesterday, warriors like you appeared in all other factions. It was as if everyone was waiting for this day," Clifford said.

"I hope you can take part in the final team. The details about the secret land are unknown, but only by going through danger can you attain opportunities. So don't miss the chance," he added.

Hearing that, my eyes gleamed with excitement. I felt like this secret land was tailor-made for me since no Black Mark Warrior or above can enter.

Then I'm basically invisible among the other warriors.

"Let's go to the duel arena," he said before disappearing.

The main elders vanished as well. Then we left the main hall and started heading toward the outer hall. On the way, no one uttered a single word.

Everyone's expression was serious. My heart wanted to speak to them, but I stopped myself from doing so. Everyone has their own preparations and calculations.

I thought there was no need to disturb them. When we reached the outer hall, I saw many warriors coming from all the paths.

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Everyone was heading toward the duel arena. Upon seeing us, a commotion occurred, especially since I felt the gazes of many people.

Previously, I had defeated opponents from the Elemental Faction. I was already foreseeing that people would challenge me. A smile curved my mouth at the thought.

I ignored the gazes and started following the group. Soon, we arrived at the magnificent building—it was the massive structure of the duel arena.

Last time, I fought against Ronnie Seth at this place. Then we entered the office. The staff saw us and led us to another hall.

It was a massive hall where all of us would be present. When the match-up was called, we should enter the platform to fight.

Then I saw two massive glass rooms on the second floor. One was for the main elders of all the factions, and the other was for the Faction leaders.

The staff was explaining things to everyone.

Gasp!

Some of us couldn't help but take in a cold breath of air. It was already a miracle for everyone to gather in one place, especially the Dark Variant Faction and Thunderflame Faction.

I hoped the main elders from both factions wouldn't fight against each other.

"Zack Lockwood, others will be coming here. It's forbidden to fight; otherwise, you will be disqualified," the staff said before leaving.

Hearing that, I was left speechless. Then I realized it must be because of the Elemental Faction.

“Senior brother Zack, the Elemental Faction guys might cause problems,” Riley said to me.

I raised my eyebrows in surprise. I thought no one would speak, but he initiated the conversation. It was surprising, so I decided to respond.

“I don’t think there will be any strong warriors from their faction,” I replied casually.

Bethany, Craig, and Gareth weren’t surprised by the answer; they had watched those footage online.

Even Riley thought the same. Zack Lockwood’s strength was already too strong for them, so the defeat of the Elemental Faction was not unjust.

“You are wrong!”

“You have defeated only average guys,” a voice came from behind.

Hearing that, I turned around and saw a group of five people with the Blazing Flame Crest walking into the room.

My eyes turned solemn because I had never seen them before.

“Senior brothers and sisters, do you guys know them?” I asked.

Riley recognized the speaker but didn’t know the others. Similarly, Gareth didn’t know anyone, but Bethany and Craig recognized each.

“Henry, your mouth is as sharp as ever,” Riley said.

“Oh, it’s you. You have made into the team as well. It seems the Thunderflame Faction doesn’t have anyone apart from him,” Harry said with a chuckle.

“Henry,” I thought to myself.

I felt strong pressure from the guy. He is Peak Stage General, and his strength should not be lower than Riley’s and the others’.

But the way he spoke suggested he had defeated Senior Brother Riley before; I didn’t want to inquire about it.

Henry sneered after seeing his old friend remain silent. He then turned towards Zack Lockwood and walked up to him.

Seeing that, the expressions of Riley and the others changed. They wanted to stop him, but they were blocked by the warriors behind Henry.

On the other hand, I looked at everything with mild amusement. Even the actions of the Thunderflame Faction members surprised me.

“Do they still underestimate me?” I thought.

“I know you have defeated Elemental Faction warriors and damaged our reputation. If there is a chance, I will fight against you,” Henry said angrily, as if fire were going to come from his nostrils.

“We will see,” I replied.

“Harumph,” Henry snorted before turning around to leave.

He was going to stand away from them.

Riley and the others sighed in relief. I felt disappointed after looking at their actions.

Then I turned towards the wide window and started looking at the scenes outside.

Not long after, another team of five members entered the room. They were warriors from the Cutting Silver Faction.

Upon seeing the Thunderflame Faction, their expressions changed drastically. They were about to walk toward them but stopped after seeing Zack Lockwood.

Henry saw this scene, and his mouth curved into an arc.

He then said, "I didn't expect warriors from Cutting Silver to arrive so soon."

Hearing that, they turned towards Henry and his group. They started walking toward them.

On the other hand, I shook my head. It didn't take long for the other Elemental Factions to arrive here one by one. Everyone didn't forget to shoot a glance at me.

They didn't hide their hostility. They openly discussed eliminating the Thunderflame Faction warriors.

I told Senior Riley and the others to remain silent.

A few minutes later,

Another team walked into the room. They were from the Dark Variant Faction. The person leading them was none other than Hidden Ace Stephen. Ronnie Seth was among their team as well.

My eyes flashed with a gleam.

Stephen stopped and looked at everyone before finding the Thunderflame Faction. When he saw Zack Lockwood, he revealed a smile on his face.

He then turned around and started walking up to him.

Quiet!

The whole place grew quiet. Even the Elemental Faction's team had stopped their discussion. They turned towards the Dark Variant Faction and the Thunderflame Faction.

They knew that among the faction rivalries, the rivalry between the Dark Variant and Thunderflame Factions was high.

Stephen stood opposite Zack Lockwood.

"I have long waited to fight against you. But you had rejected my previous challenge. This time you can't say no," Stephen said.

Hearing that, I sighed inwardly.

"If there is a match-up, I will fight," I replied.

"Good," Stephen uttered before returning to his group.

Chapter 1133: 90 Warriors!

From MC's Perspective:

Duel arena,

Not long after the Dark Variant Faction, people from the Bloodline Factions walked into the room. Their appearance caused an unknown silence.

The faces of the Bloodline Faction warriors were new, even to the hidden ace, Stephen, who had never seen these people before.

“The two Bloodline Factions are hidden deeply,” Stephen said to himself.

His muttering was low, but it reached the ears of others present.

On the other hand, my eyes turned solemn. I never expected Stephen to praise anyone. Then my gaze fell on the Bloodline warriors.

They were giving off strong pressure, but I was confident about my purple lightning.

Due to the growth of the purple lightning seed, the power of Purple Lightning had become powerful as well.

“I want to see who can stand against my purple lightning,” I said in my heart.

Time passed.

The room was filled with all the factions’ teams, including the medium and small factions. Though they were not comparable to the top 10 factions, they deserved a fair chance to participate in this duel.

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Outside,

The Outer Hall Warriors filled the arena. The seats were filled on all four sides. In one viewing block, the faction leaders were waiting for Dean Jerome to arrive.

In another viewing block, the main elders were waiting. If Dean Jerome didn't appear on time, there was going to be a fight.

"Austin, your disciple is overbearing. I want to see whether your disciple can survive today," one of the main elders of the Cutting Silver Faction mocked him.

Ever since they had gathered here, everyone had been fighting with their eyes. No one wanted to trigger a fight. Otherwise, the whole place would be destroyed.

Today was an important event. Even Dean Jerome was going to come. So they had to be patient. Yet one of them exploded.

"What do you mean?" Austin turned around and asked.

Main Elder Leola and others turned to face the Cutting Silver Faction members.

"Harumph!"

"I mean your disciple Zack Lockwood is going to suffer. Weapons have no eyes. No one can tell what's going to happen today," the flat-nosed main elder said.

Hearing that, Austin's heart boiled with anger. He knew these people would say something.

"Calm down!"

"The Elemental Faction's disciples were beaten badly previously. It's going to happen again," Leola said to Austin.

"You," hearing that flat-nosed main elder wanted to say something, but he stopped after seeing Main Elder Leola.

She was one of the strongest Purple Mark Elders. She could defeat him easily. So he shut his mouth. The other main elder of the Cutting Silver Faction remained silent as well.

Elder Leola had deterred everyone because no one wanted to get burned by her black flames.

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Seeing that everyone quieted down, she returned to her position. Austin sighed before joining the group. He didn't know when he had become nice.

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Dean Jerome arrived at the duel arena a few minutes later. He appeared in the sky, standing in mid-air for everyone to see.

Gasp!

The Outer Hall warriors seated in their seats began to cheer. Since the dean had arrived, the competition was going to start officially.

Jerome swept his eyes across everyone, including the two viewing blocks, before disappearing from the spot and appearing before the viewing block of the faction leaders.

He then walked into the room. All the faction leaders welcomed him. He nodded to everyone before looking towards the duel platform.

"We can start the duel," Jerome said.

Hearing that, the oldest Purple Mark Elder decided to become the referee for this duel.

The old man left the room and appeared on the duel platform. Everyone's gaze fell on him. He had a bald head and a long white beard.

But he was wearing the uniform of a Purple Mark Elder, so no one underestimated him.

Right now, this scene was being played on the big screens and live-streamed as well. Those who couldn't make it to the duel arena could watch from their digital devices.

The warriors in the audience area could watch on the big screens.

The old man said, "Today is an important day. We are going to finalize the names of the 30 warriors."

"These 30 warriors will represent our Star University. They will enter the secret land to explore," he added.

Cheers!

Hearing that, the warriors exclaimed in surprise. They started to cheer. Everyone knew about the secret land, but no one talked about it openly.

Now that the elder had spoken directly, they couldn't hide their surprise.

The old man then said, "Right now, 18 teams have been selected from different factions, totaling 90 warriors."

"The selection will conclude after 2 rounds of duels."

"In the first round, 60 warriors will be selected. 30 warriors will be eliminated."

"In the second round, which is the last round, 30 warriors will be selected and the losers will be eliminated."

“So right now, each warrior is going to fight two duels. If they want to make it into the final team, they have to win both duels,” the old man said.

His voice reached everyone’s ears. The Outer Hall Warriors sucked in a cold breath of air. The difficulty was high; they couldn’t lose a single duel.

Even the warriors inside the waiting room were dumbfounded. Because these 90 warriors were not ordinary warriors; they were the best of the best. They were selected after internal filtering.

Most of them were senior warriors who had waited long for this opportunity. They couldn’t waste such an opportunity to enter the secret land. The secret land was crucial for them.

Inside the room, I sighed inwardly. I didn’t know whether my senior brothers and sisters could make it. It was going to be tough competition.

I thought the duel rules would be different, but I never expected them to be so straightforward. There was a possibility of encountering both strong and weak warriors in both rounds.

Those who were going to match up against weak warriors would be lucky.

Chapter 1134: Part 1: Zack vs Edmond

From MC’s Perspective:

“I’m looking forward to meeting a strong warrior. I hope the event won’t disappoint me,” I said in my heart.

Outside,

“Let’s start the duel!”

“The match will be random! The first round starts now!”

The old man said in a deep voice. His voice reached everyone’s ears.

Cheers!

The audience erupted with loud cheers. The Outer Hall Warriors made up the most numbers. At this moment, their noise was loud.

At the same time, the matchups began to appear on the big screen. There were 90 warriors. Their images with names were constantly appearing on the screen one by one.

Finally, the matchup stopped at two names.

[Thunderflame Faction: Zack Lockwood]

[Monster Bloodline Faction: Edmond]

When the two images and names appeared on the screen,

Cheers!

The Outer Hall Warriors began to cheer once again. This time they were cheering for Zack Lockwood. They didn’t know about the Edmond guy.

But everyone thought he was another hidden warrior like Stephen. Yet people were shouting because of Zack Lockwood. This one guy had previously thrashed Elemental Warriors.

Though the matchup was not against an Elemental Warrior, the warriors were interested in this matchup as well. No one had seen Zack Lockwood fighting against Bloodline Factions before.

Because there was no conflict previously, many of them wanted to see this type of match. Seeing it finally taking place, the Outer Hall Warriors were thrilled.

The Thunderflame Faction Warriors started cheering more. They would get to see the true extent of Zack Lockwood's strength.

Yesterday, they had only witnessed a restricted strength of Zack Lockwood. Here they knew they were going to see the full elemental power of Zack Lockwood.

Inside the room, I was dumbfounded. I had never thought I would be the first one. Riley, Bethany, Craig, and Gareth cheered me on. They knew I was going to win anyway.

So their expressions were relaxed. I nodded to them before leaving the room.

Edmond talked to his team before leaving the room as well. The Monster Bloodline Faction Warriors were serious. They never expected one of them to fight against Zack Lockwood.

They knew about Zack Lockwood's strength. A ruthless figure; only a powerful warrior could stop Zack Lockwood. But Edmond was not easy as well.

The Monster Bloodline Warriors team looked at each other. They were not going to discuss Edmond's strength here.

Meanwhile,

We appeared outside at the same time. Under the loud cheers of the people, we started walking towards the platform.

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Viewing bloc 1:

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"Clifford, this kid is going to fight first. What do you think?" Dean Jerome asked.

Hearing that, Oldman Clifford was speechless. He thought Dean Jerome was teasing him. Because it was not hidden. Everyone knew about Zack Lockwood's strength.

Only the core secrets were guarded, such as triple elements and the purple seed. If the news were leaked, then Zack Lockwood would have faced death threats on a daily basis.

"Dean, you knew everything. Then why are you making fun of me? The duel would be easy for the kid, Zack Lockwood," Clifford said.

"Harumph," a cold snort came from behind.

Oldman Clifford was stunned. Then he realized who the person was.

"Faction Leader Bethany," Oldman Clifford said.

"Dean, our faction warrior is a hidden gem. He will surprise everyone. Especially, he will surprise that kid," Bethany said with a smile.

Beside her stood Francesca Ball, the faction leader of the Human Ancestor Bloodline Faction. Right now, her gaze was on Zack Lockwood.

She once again felt a mysterious connection upon seeing Zack Lockwood. But she didn't know why. She had even searched her family's study room for answers. But she didn't find one.

But she was sure that there was something important hidden. If she failed to find out, she thought there would be a huge loss.

Dean Jerome uttered, "Yes, the kid Edmond is not ordinary."

Because he had already read the information about the 90 warriors. So he knew about Edmond as well.

Oldman Clifford's eyes flickered. He didn't expect Zack Lockwood's opponent to be formidable as well. Then he relaxed after thinking about Zack Lockwood's purple lightning.

No one had forced Zack Lockwood to be serious last night. He didn't think Edmond could defeat Zack Lockwood.

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Inside the platform, we stood opposite each other. I had never thought my first opponent would be a Bloodline warrior.

"Interesting," my mouth curved into an arc.

Swoosh!

The old man landed on the platform near us.

He said, "I'll make the rules clear. Killing is not allowed."

"The use of external things is not allowed, like artifacts, herbs, and forbidden liquids," the old man said in a serious tone.

Feeling the tense pressure from the old man, I nodded to him. Edmond nodded to him as well.

Edmond is a blonde-haired warrior over 6ft tall. His physique is well-toned and tanned. From the outside, people would suspect whether he is a Bloodline warrior or not.

Since he is a Bloodline warrior from the Monster Bloodline Faction, I'm eager to see his bloodline ability.

"Okay, ready for the duel!"

The old man said before activating the barrier. The barrier started to cover the whole platform. He appeared outside. He didn't think the two warriors would go for a kill.

So he thought the barrier was enough to stop their elemental attacks from spreading outside.

"Start the duel!"

When the barrier covered the platform, the old man shouted.

Boom!

Edmond erupted with great speed. In the next second, he darted towards Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, the opponent's action surprised me. I thought he would use his bloodline ability straight away. But I was wrong.

He planned to test each other's strength with brute force.

So I chose to do the same. Even if there is danger, I can still turn things around.

In the blink of an eye, Edmond appeared before my eyes. Then he used his fist to throw a punch.

Boom!

When the fist was close to my face, I simply blocked the punch using my palm. The shock force spread across the platform, hitting the barrier.

Chapter 1135: Part 2: Zack vs Edmond

From MC's Perspective:

Edmond's eyes widened in disbelief. He saw his punch was easily caught by Zack Lockwood. He couldn't believe it.

Swoosh!

The next second, he leaped backward and retreated to his previous position.

Gasp!

The crowd erupted with noise. They knew both warriors were testing each other's strength. The testing was not over.

They thought they would use their real techniques after exchanging a few moves with each other. Now everyone's eyes were glued to the duel platform.

Edmond's expression was serious. He started to think. He was a General Rank Peak Stage Warrior. As a bloodline warrior, his physique was stronger than that of elemental warriors.

So he couldn't believe how Zack Lockwood caught his punch. It was a duel between the Thunderflame Faction and the Monster Bloodline Faction. So he was not going to give up easily.

Swoosh!

He once again bolted toward his opponent without using the movement technique. In the blink of an eye, he reached Zack Lockwood.

This time he was targeting Zack Lockwood's face. Just as he got closer, he raised his leg to kick. The kick contained brute force.

If any other warrior received this kick, their bones would be hurt. He thought Zack Lockwood's bones would break.

On the other hand, my perception was active. The opponent's movements were crystal clear in my eyes. As his kick was coming at my face, I used my right hand to catch his leg.

Boom!

A shock force swept across the platform. Edmond once again had a dumbfounded look on his face. His expression changed drastically.

He couldn't believe his attack was caught again. He tried to withdraw his leg, but he couldn't do it. Zack Lockwood had caught his leg very firmly.

On the other hand, my mouth curled into an arc. If I wanted, I could use the purple lightning element to electrocute him. But that would be too easy.

I wanted to establish the prestige of the Thunderflame Faction. Only with a clear one-sided victory could I establish that prestige.

So I tightened my grip on his leg.

Argh!

A muffled grunt escaped Edmond's mouth. He didn't expect Zack Lockwood's brute strength to be stronger. He knew it was difficult to move without using his bloodline power.

A firm glint appeared in his eyes.

Boom!

He activated his bloodline power. Green lightning covered his body.

At the same time, a flash of green lightning appeared before my eyes.

Whack!

I kicked his abdomen with my left leg. The next second, his body flew backward before hitting the ground.

Gasp!

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The whole crowd exclaimed in surprise. Once again they witnessed Zack Lockwood's strength. He was handling the bloodline warrior with ease.

Edmond was trying to get up. He was feeling pain all over his body. He couldn't believe he was kicked away just like that.

After struggling a bit, he stood up and turned toward Zack Lockwood.

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Viewing block:

“There is no suspense in the duel,” Dean Jerome said with a smile.

He knew the true strength of Zack Lockwood. If Zack Lockwood had used the blood element, then the opponents would have been dead.

Right now, he saw through Zack Lockwood’s thoughts. He thought that Zack Lockwood was trying to establish the prestige of the Thunderflame Faction.

“Ha...Ha...Ha..., this kid should end the duel right now,” Oldman Clifford said with a joyful laugh.

Hearing that, the other faction leaders showed envy. They knew that Zack Lockwood had been talented from the beginning. They were aware that Zack Lockwood’s purple lightning was known for being abnormally strong.

“Harumph,” Bethany Sutton snorted again.

She didn’t expect such a scene. She never thought Zack Lockwood’s strength would be this strong. Normally, the physique of bloodline warriors was strong.

The physique of the warrior who had a monster bloodline was especially strong. But here, they were seeing something different.

“Zack Lockwood,” Bethany uttered. Her eyes showed interest.

Behind her, Francesca Ball’s eyes revealed a curious gaze as well. She found Zack Lockwood’s body to be stronger than usual.

At the same time, the Dark Variant Faction’s Leader was not reacting at all. He didn’t know what to do. If he showed even a little bit of killing intent, then Dean Jerome would know immediately.

But he had to admit that the strength shown by the kid was amazing. He didn’t know whether Stephen could match it. He still believed Stephen had the edge over Zack Lockwood.

Stephen had been practicing his skills for at least a few years.

He thought Stephen could win against Zack Lockwood. But he couldn't say this openly.

Meanwhile,

Inside the duel platform, Edmond decided to use his Bloodline Lightning.

Boom!

Green lightning exploded under his feet.

Swoosh!

Like a fast flash green bolt, he disappeared from his place. Then he started bolting towards Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, I was observing the opponent's movements with concentration. I could see the flash of green lightning.

I didn't expect that the power of the bloodline warrior was green lightning. My eyes gleamed with curiosity. I wondered what the attribute of this green lightning was.

Boom!

Before I could think further, the opponent released a flash of a green bolt toward me. Seeing that, I decided to face it head-on.

Boom!

I used my right hand to block it. The next second, the green bolt struck my palm. I felt a burning sensation, like ants biting into my flesh.

But it was not powerful enough to defeat me. The next second, I covered my right palm with purple lightning.

Edmond's face showed horror. He was shocked by Zack Lockwood's nonchalant reaction. Clearly, he was not affected by his green lightning.

If it were anyone else, they would have been paralyzed on the floor.

Whack!

I struck my purple lightning fist at the opponent's chest.

Pfff!

Edmond coughed up blood. His body was sent flying back. He then smashed into the floor. This all happened within seconds.

Gasp!

Another loud gasp sounded on the platform. The outer hall warriors clearly knew the result now. Edmond was making futile attempts.

Zack Lockwood was playing with him. The bloodline warriors felt that Edmond was going to lose.

Chapter 1136: Overprotective Bethany!

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the platform, the opponent was trying every method to deal with me. But his green lightning was not hurting me at all.

I started to feel bored. I thought I should end the duel. If I made it too cruel, then the bloodline warriors might attack other members if they matched against each other.

Boom!

So I struck my fist at the opponent's abdomen. Edmond's eyes widened in pain. His body flew backward before hitting the barrier.

Edmond fainted on the spot. This time, he was not getting up. Seeing that everyone confirmed that Edmond had fainted.

The Old Man appeared and lifted the barrier. The barrier started to retract.

Gasp!

The crowd exclaimed in surprise. They thought Zack Lockwood would play around a little. But they didn't expect him to land a decisive blow in the end.

When the barrier was gone, the Old Man appeared inside and rushed to the side of Edmond. After confirming that he had fainted, he turned towards the crowd.

He said, "Zack Lockwood is the winner. He has passed to the next round."

Cheers!

The crowd erupted in cheer. The outer hall warriors were overjoyed. They thought Zack Lockwood had kept the reputation of a fierce warrior.

He had beaten down the elemental warriors previously. Now he had taken down the Bloodline warrior as well.

As long as he could beat down the warrior with human ancestral bloodline, then he would break all the records.

On the other hand, I smiled after seeing the applause and cheers. Then I looked at Edmond before turning around to leave.

If I had used the purple lightning technique, then this guy would have been dead straight away. I shook my head before starting to go back to the room.

Then someone from the infirmary team picked up Edmond and took him to the infirmary.

Shortly afterwards,

I returned to the gathering room. Then I found many gazes on me. Most of their gazes were filled with fear and respect.

Earlier, it used to be envy and curiosity. Now that they had seen my strength, they would be afraid of me from now on.

“Senior brother, you are amazing!”

“You have shocked everyone!”

“I don’t think anyone can defeat you here.”

“You are hiding deeply.”

Riley, Bethany, Craig, and Gareth started to express their opinions. Hearing that, I nodded to them.

Their conversation reached the ears of others. The Elemental Faction Warriors showed complex emotions. They felt glad that they hadn't fought against Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, the Monster Bloodline Warriors were hiding their faces. Edmond was the strongest among them. Yet he was beaten like that. Their confidence was hit right now.

But they too knew that not everyone was as monstrous as Zack Lockwood.

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"How is he this strong?" Stephen thought to himself.

He had watched the duel as well. He had noticed every detail he could. All he could ascertain was that Zack Lockwood's physique was strong.

So far, only the Bloodline warriors were known for having strong physiques. Yet he saw Zack Lockwood's physique to be just as strong.

That's why he was confused. He didn't know what was going on. Earlier, he had been confident about facing Zack Lockwood.

Now, after knowing about Zack Lockwood's purple lightning and his physique, he was starting to lose confidence.

At the same time, Ronnie Seth sighed inwardly. He saw the duel between Zack Lockwood and Edmond. He was truly shocked by the strength of Zack Lockwood.

Not long ago, he had defeated him in the duel. Now he couldn't say that he could do it again. He didn't know what had happened that increased the strength of Zack Lockwood.

All he could think about was the purple lightning. He knew the purple lightning of Zack Lockwood was strong from the beginning. If he had used the purple lightning, then Edmond would have been seriously injured.

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Viewing Block 1:

"As expected, he won the duel. I can be at ease knowing that other University's warriors are going to suffer at his hands," Dean Jerome said with a smile.

He didn't mind the last attack of Zack Lockwood since he knew Zack's real strength. He knew that Zack Lockwood was lenient.

"Dean, this kid is vicious. Why don't we disqualify him?" A female voice sounded.

Hearing that, Old Man Clifford was stunned. He was happy that Dean was praising Zack Lockwood. But he didn't expect Zack Lockwood's method to offend her.

The person who was speaking was none other than Bethany Sutton. She was the faction leader of the Monster Bloodline Faction.

Hearing her outburst, other faction leaders showed interested looks. But no one was going to comment.

From the small conversations here, everyone understood that Dean Jerome was supporting Zack Lockwood. So they were not going to make a self-goal by commenting against Zack Lockwood.

Dean Jerome smiled, and he was not angry after hearing her.

"Faction Leader Bethany, you should know that other university's warriors aren't going to follow rules and ethics."

“As far as I know, that kid is already lenient. If he had wanted, he could have used his purple lightning. Edmond can’t withstand that power. He was saved from injury, so you should be thankful,” Dean Jerome said to her.

Hearing that, Bethany became speechless. She didn’t know how to refute the dean. She had just spoken her mind.

Francesca Ball calmed her friend. She could understand that there was nothing wrong with her friend’s statement.

She had also seen the duel. Zack Lockwood was arrogant, but he didn’t injure Edmond. So she could say that her friend was overprotective.

Gasp!

Faction Leader Vince sucked in a cold breath of air. He felt glad that he made the right decision by stopping his actions against Zack Lockwood.

If he had done anything wrong against the kid, then he would have suffered right now.

Dean Jerome’s eyes flickered.

“If you don’t understand anything, then you can understand after seeing his next duel,” Jerome said.

“I apologize,” Bethany said in a low tone.

Jerome waved his hand before turning to look at the duel platform.

Seeing that, Bethany sighed in relief.

Chapter 1137: Part 1: Zack vs Stephen

From MC's Perspective:

Time passed.

Inside the room, one after another, the warriors left for their match. Eventually, it was the members' turn. Senior Riley went to the duel platform. He fought against the blazing flame elemental faction warrior and defeated him.

As time passed, it was the turn of the other members. But they lost their duels, one after another. It was a great shock. I didn't expect them to lose, but their opponents were full of trickery.

Especially Bethany and Craig matched up against the Dark Variant Faction. Their opponents were extremely strong. After fighting for an hour, they lost the duel. Lastly, Gareth lost the duel against the Human Bloodline Faction warrior.

The power shown by the Human Bloodline warrior shocked me as well. I had decided to use purple lightning against him if I faced him in the next round.

As time passed, the first round came to an end. The promising warriors from other factions advanced to the next round as well.

For example, Stephen and Ronnie Seth from the Dark Variant Faction advanced to the next round. Similarly, some of the talented warriors advanced to the next round as well.

Now, the sky had turned dark. It was nighttime. I thought that the second round would be held tomorrow, but to my surprise, no one left.

The Old Man was still standing outside the platform.

"The first round is over. The 60 warriors have advanced to the next round. It was Dean's order that the second round will start in 30 minutes."

“Those who advanced can stay in the room, and those who lost their duel should leave right away,” the Old Man’s voice reached everyone’s ears.

Gasp!

In the room, a small commotion occurred. The Thunderflame Faction members left the room. Only Senior Riley and I remained. Similarly, Stephen and Ronnie Seth from the Dark Variant Faction remained.

A few small and medium-sized factions completely lost their duels. Only the top 10 factions had at least one member standing.

The atmosphere was tense inside the room, especially with the hidden tension between the top 10 factions. I felt many gazes on me. I could tell that most of the warriors were wary of me.

Most of their gazes were filled with fear. Likely, they didn’t want to encounter me in the duel.

Time passed.

The 30-minute break was over.

Cheers!

The crowd erupted with loud cheers. They couldn’t wait for the second round to begin. The warriors were excited; most of the fan-favorite warriors were selected for the second round.

Zack Lockwood’s name especially gained more attention. They wanted to see whether Zack Lockwood could repeat the same method in the second round.

The Old Man appeared again. He looked around the arena before saying, “The second round starts!”

“Those whose images appear on the screen should step forward,” he added.

Cheers!

The outer hall warriors erupted in cheers again.

Next, the pictures started flashing on the screen. Finally, the first matchup was revealed. When everyone saw the matchup...

Gasp!

They sucked in a cold breath of air because the matchup was between Zack Lockwood and Stephen.

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"It's Zack Lockwood again!"

"The hidden ace Stephen is going to fight him!"

"He had challenged Zack Lockwood previously. Now his wish has come true."

"What is Zack Lockwood going to do?"

The outer hall warriors began their discussion. They didn't expect the challenge to appear again.

Gasp!

Inside the room, the warriors exclaimed in surprise. My mouth curved into an arc. If it was before, I would have hesitated, but not now.

I would show the power of the purple lightning to everyone.

Then I found Stephen's gaze on me. Our eyes met.

"Last time, you ignored the duel. But this time, you are trapped. Let's see how you are going to win against me," Stephen said in a cold tone.

Hearing that, I smiled at him before leaving the room. I didn't want to waste time talking. Stephen cracked a grin before leaving the room.

From the beginning to end, Senior Riley didn't say anything. He knew about Zack Lockwood's strength. He thought as long as Zack Lockwood used his purple lightning, the opponent would lose the fight.

A quick gleam flashed in Ronnie Seth's eyes. He had failed to strike up a conversation with Zack Lockwood. Because of Stephen's presence, he couldn't do anything.

Already, there were people who thought he was friends with Zack Lockwood, but that wasn't true. He thought of Zack Lockwood as a rival.

Meanwhile,

We arrived at the duel platform. I entered the platform and stood in my spot. Stephen stood opposite me.

Buzz!

The barrier began to cover the platform. I could tell that everyone was looking forward to the duel.

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Viewing bloc 1:

"This kid has got first turn again. I wonder how long that Stephen kid can stick around," Dean Jerome uttered.

Gasp!

Hearing that, some of the faction leaders were taken aback. They couldn't help but look at Faction Leader Vince. Old Man Vince felt everyone's gaze but didn't react.

He had already decided not to comment against Dean Jerome, so he continued to stay silent. But others were not willing to.

"Vince, what are you thinking?" Jerome asked.

Hearing that, Old Man Vince shuddered. He immediately turned toward Dean Jerome.

"What's on your mind?" Jerome asked.

"Dean, I think both have fair chances," Vince replied.

The next second, he cursed himself.

"Oh," Jerome uttered.

"Clifford, what do you think?" Jerome asked.

Old Man Clifford was stunned. He didn't expect Dean to turn to him.

He said, "Dean, I think that kid Zack is going to win. He hasn't shown his full strength yet."

“Harumph,” Old Man Vince snorted. His eyes flashed with disdain. He had confidence in Stephen because he was an old student who had been practicing for years. His skills must be top-notch.

He didn’t believe that kid Zack Lockwood could withstand the attack from Stephen. So he believes Stephen is going to win the duel.

Chapter 1138: Part 2: Zack vs Stephen

From MC’s Perspective:

Inside the platform, we both were staring at each other.

Buzz!

The barrier started to cover the platform. The cheering noise coming from outside stopped.

When the barrier had covered the platform completely, the old man standing outside said, “Start the duel!”

Boom!

A purple lightning flash occurred before me. Stephen covered his fists with gray lightning and bolted towards me with unimaginable speed.

The lightning bolt flashes caused the shock wave to spread across the platform.

On the other hand, my perception was active. I could watch his every movement. I never expected Stephen’s lightning to be a gray variant.

I was eager to test his lightning. The next second, I covered both of my fists with purple lightning.

Swoosh!

In the blink of an eye, he came closer to me with a wide grin on his face. Just as he was about to draw a punch at me,

I raised my fist to meet his. When both of our fists came into contact with each other,

Boom!

His gray lightning was instantly crushed. The next second, the purple lightning rampaged through his right arm.

Argh!

Stephen let out a cry. His whole right arm was burned. The abnormal purple lightning had damaged his bones and flesh. Burnt flesh and white bones were visible.

Horror was written in Stephen's eyes. He couldn't believe what was happening to him. He had never felt this level of powerful lightning before.

Swoosh!

The next second, he used a movement technique. The gray lightning covered his legs. In the blink of an eye, he returned to his previous position.

His entire arm was dripping with blood. He should be admitting defeat right now. But Stephen was in shock. He was looking at Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, my mouth curved into an arc. I didn't want the duel to end easily. But it was a pity that my purple lightning had already damaged his right arm.

I wanted to see whether he had the guts to fight against me using his left arm.

Meanwhile,

Gasp!

A loud exclamation erupted outside. The Outer Hall warriors were in shock. Most of the warriors widened their eyes in disbelief.

They couldn't trust their eyes right now. The hidden ace had suffered injuries in one move. The people who were in greater shock right now were the Dark Variant Faction Warriors.

They knew how strong their seniors were. Yet he was injured like this. The warriors gathered in the room were in a state of panic.

Earlier, they were afraid of Zack Lockwood because of his reputation. But right now they could clearly see they should be more afraid.

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If Zack Lockwood can handle their senior warrior like this, then what about them?

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Viewing Block 1:

"This kid wants to end the duel in a few moves. Why is he in a hurry?" Dean Jerome commented.

Gasp!

A surprised gasp escaped from a few faction leaders' mouths.

The faction leader of the Thunderflame Faction, the old man Clifford, was grinning ear to ear. He thought the kid Zack Lockwood would take the duel to the end.

But he didn't expect the kid to be serious from the first move.

The Dark Variant Faction Leader Vince's eyes were almost popping out. He knew about Stephen. His gray lightning was not ordinary lightning. It was better than Ronnie Seth's black lightning.

Shouldn't it withstand that kid's purple lightning? What's going on? The old man Vince was dumbfounded. He was processing things in his mind.

In Particular, he recalled how the purple lightning extinguished the gray lightning upon contact.

His throat was dry. He turned towards Dean Jerome, ignoring old man Clifford.

"Dean, what's going on?" Vince asked.

Hearing that, others perked up their ears. Because the visuals were frightening. Everyone knew Zack Lockwood was a genius warrior. But they were still underestimating the kid.

Bethany closed her mouth. She had thought that kid purposely harmed her faction's warrior. But right now she removed her previous displeasure.

If this level of purple lightning was used in the previous duel, then Edmond would have almost died.

Francesca Ball's eyes showed curiosity. She wondered how this kid's lightning could be this powerful. She knew there were variants among the elements.

They could be powerful or weak depending on the variant's attributes. She could tell that Zack Lockwood's purple lightning held more destructive power.

Old man Clifford couldn't stop smiling. He could feel envious gazes from people behind his back. He knew what their reaction would be if they learned that the kid had a purple lightning seed with him.

But it was impossible to reveal. He knew even Dean Jerome couldn't reveal this secret.

Dean Jerome let out a chuckle.

"Why are you guys looking at me?"

"This kid is strong. That's why his lightning is powerful. Don't forget that purple lightning is destructive in nature."

"How can other variants withstand it?" Jerome added.

Hearing that, everyone became silent. Even the Faction Leader Vince stopped asking further questions.

Clifford shook his head. He knew this would happen. But he knew this was not the main secret. This kid had two other elements that were equally powerful.

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Viewing Block 2:

Gasp!

The Main Elders of all the factions were taken aback by the scene. The Main Elders of the Dark Variant Faction were especially dumbfounded.

Stephen was known to be stronger under the Black Mark Rank. Yet he was injured in one move. What more, everyone witnessed the destructive power of the purple lightning.

“Ha...Ha...Ha...,” Austin let out a joyful laugh, which irked many main elders in the room. The other main elders of the Thunderflame Faction had smiles on their faces.

Because they had known it from the beginning. They just thought Zack would take it to the end.

Austin suspected something must have happened in between. He thought Stephen might have angered his disciple, which made him use purple lightning from the get-go.

Now it was up to the opponent kid to decide whether to continue or not. If he continues, then his other arm will be damaged. Zack Lockwood is the clear winner right now.

Chapter 1139: One sided show!

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the platform, Stephen's eyes turned cold. He couldn't handle this humiliation. He forgot about his injured right arm.

“Argh!”

He shouted out loud before dashing towards Zack Lockwood. His left arm was covered with thick gray lightning. He had concentrated more lightning into his arm, making the lightning more threatening.

Boom!

A shock wave appeared as he erupted from his place. In a flash, he was before Zack Lockwood. He drew a massive punch to attack. This time he was not holding back. The gray-colored lightning made a thunderclap sound.

On the other hand, I simply covered my right fist with purple lightning. I added a little more purple lightning upon seeing the dark and gray lightning coming my way.

Boom!

I took a step forward to meet his fist. When both of our fists made contact,

Crack!

His left arm bent at a right angle. The purple lightning crushed the gray lightning and made it disappear. Stephen lost his voice. The purple lightning almost numbed him.

He staggered backward before collapsing on the ground.

“AAaaaahhh!”

The next second, the long-lost pain assaulted his senses. The pain was more terrible than before.

Now both of his arms were damaged. He was lying on the ground like a beaten, miserable dog. The overwhelming power of Zack Lockwood shattered his confidence.

The inhuman pain made it impossible for him to think.

“Zack Lockwood is the winner,” the old man standing outside said with complicated emotions, as he found the condition of the hidden ace Stephen miserable.

Hereafter, no one would address him with the title.

Gasp!

The outer hall warriors outside took a sharp breath. Stephen was injured in a similar move. Yet this time, his left arm was damaged.

The outer hall warriors took time to process it. So much so, they forgot to cheer for Zack Lockwood. There was only pin-drop silence in the whole stadium.

Even the Black Mark Warriors who were watching the live stream found it unbelievable. Who was Zack Lockwood? How could he have such power?

The senior students suppressed their power to gain a powerful inheritance. Yet their techniques were top-notch as they put more hours into honing their skills.

Here was Stephen, one such person. But before he could use his powerful lightning techniques, both of his arms were disabled.

"No," Stephen uttered before fainting on the spot. He wanted to participate in the secret land exploration to find powerful inheritance.

It's a pity that he had met Zack Lockwood. His journey was cut short. Now he would be bedridden. Unless he recovers to his peak, it's impossible for him to think about inheritances.

Buzz!

The barrier started to come down. The noise coming from outside began to increase. On the platform, my mouth curved into an arc.

I don't know whether I have exposed myself, but I'm feeling good right now, so I don't care. I remember how the Dark Variant Faction boasted about his strength.

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Now that he was beaten to such a state, I doubt there would be another person like him. I cast a glance at Stephen before turning around to leave.

Cheers!

The next second, the crowd erupted with loud cheers. Only after seeing Zack Lockwood did they recover their thoughts and find that Stephen was beaten miserably.

Inside the room, no one was willing to make a sound. Ronnie took a sharp breath. He removed his idea of comparison between himself and Zack Lockwood.

Zack Lockwood had clearly displayed overwhelming power. They just used brute force to fight. Stephen didn't have a chance to use his techniques at all. He fainted before he could do that.

If he had forcibly used his techniques, then his injuries would have worsened.

The other warriors had clear shock on their faces. Before the duel, they knew both of them were stronger warriors. Yet they saw that Zack Lockwood was way stronger than Stephen. There was no comparison at all.

They wondered who made his name famous. The Dark Variant Faction and their supporters were hiding their faces. They felt humiliation for Stephen.

No one was going to act against Zack Lockwood hereafter, especially those who were below Black Mark Warrior. They were simply weak. They could only wait for Zack Lockwood to accept the inheritance to enter the Inner Hall.

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Viewing Block:

“Dean, this kid’s actions were too much. There is no need to go to such lengths,” faction leader Vince asked in a loud voice.

For a second, he forgot that he was speaking to the Dean of Star University, the real Red Mark Warrior, an existence who could kill him with ease.

The faces of the other faction leaders changed drastically. They too found the condition of Stephen to be pitiful. But how could they speak right now?

They knew Dean Jerome favored Zack Lockwood, so they remained silent.

“What are you doing?” Only old man Clifford asked.

He noticed that Vince had lost his composure.

“Enough,” a thunderous voice sounded.

Jerome spoke in a low tone, yet his deep and authoritative voice caused their blood to drain from their faces.

Old man Vince’s eyes reddened in anger. His whole body was trembling. He knew that if he spoke one more word, he could die.

Jerome turned around. His icy cold gaze swept across everyone. Then his cold gaze fell on Vince.

“Do you think I don’t know about your actions?” he asked.

Hearing that, old man Vince shuddered in fear. He took a few steps backward. He could tell that the Dean was pissed off. He cursed himself for his sudden outburst.

The other faction leaders were shocked to the core.

Old man Clifford was dumbfounded. He couldn't believe his own eyes.

"I underestimated Dean's support for Zack Lockwood," Clifford thought. He decided to take care of that kid more.

Bethany Sutton, Francesca Ball, and Elmer Maddox showed disbelief. Especially, the Blazing Flame Faction Leader Elmer Maddox was even more shocked.

He could tell that something had happened that he wasn't aware of. The other faction leaders were thinking the same.

They decided to warn their faction members not to target Zack Lockwood anymore. They even decided to warn their Inner Hall Black Mark Warriors.

Chapter 1140: Dangers of the secret land

From MC's Perspective:

I returned to the gathering room. I could see the gazes of everyone were different than before.

This time there were no emotions of jealousy and envy. Instead, there was more fear and respect.

I liked this type of emotion. From now on, they won't dare to trouble me, even if their elders instigate them.

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Viewing Block 1:

Dean Jerome gave one last glance at Vince and the others before turning back to watch the duel. Vince was like a frightened chick. He stood last.

Though the dean didn't elaborate further, everyone understood that the Faction Leader had done something to anger him.

Vince knew about it as well, so he remained silent. He had realized the seriousness of the matter. If he crossed the line one more time, then the dean would kill him for sure.

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Time passed.

The second round of the selection event was reaching its end. The selection of the final 30 warriors was about to be over. Almost all the famous warriors had been selected.

There were some surprises, such as Hidden Ace Stephen and a few other titled warriors. From now on, no one would call them by their titles.

Soon, the duel came to an end at night. The 30 genius warriors were selected from all the factions. They were going to represent Star University to enter the secret land.

The old man was standing outside the platform.

"Quiet," he said.

His voice silenced the whole place. The Outer Hall warriors who were ready to leave returned to their seats. They could see that the old man was going to make some announcements.

"The warriors who were selected, come to the platform," the old man said.

Hearing that, everyone's gaze fell towards the gathering room.

Inside the room, I found everyone's gaze on me after hearing the old man's words. I immediately realized they wanted me to lead. So I nodded to them before turning around to leave.

From the Dark Variant Faction, only Ronnie Seth was selected.

Everyone then started following Zack to leave the room. Then they came to the platform. All the 30 warriors stood on the platform in line.

All the Outer Hall warriors looked at them.

The old man nodded his head before saying, "Let's welcome our dean here."

Gasp!

The next second, the warriors exclaimed. Not many had seen the dean despite studying here for many years.

Swoosh!

Dean Jerome appeared in the sky. He was standing in mid-air. Upon seeing him, everyone became quiet.

Jeremy nodded to everyone. He was impressed with the event. All the top warriors had been selected.

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He said, "You have all shown your strength. But remember, in the secret land, there are no rules. Killings are allowed there. So be careful when exploring the place."

"I'm going to reward those who perform well, so do your best to collect as many resources as possible," he added.

Hearing that, the 30 warriors let out a cheer.

Swoosh!

Dean Jerome nodded before leaving the place.

“You guys can go back to your faction,” the old man said before leaving.

At the same time, I started walking back to the Thunderflame Faction. Soon, I reached there.

Before I could go back to my residence, Master Austin asked me to visit the Main Hall. Hearing that, I turned around and strode towards the Main Hall. On the way, the warriors nodded to me.

I could see respect in their eyes. Even the senior warriors had a better attitude toward me. Soon, I reached the Main Hall.

I saw all the main elders gathered there, including the main elder Rosie. In the main seat, the Faction Leader Clifford was seated.

Upon seeing me, everyone had smiles on their faces.

“Zack Lockwood, you have done well. Even Dean Jerome was impressed with your duel,” Clifford said with a smile.

The other main elders were smiling. Austin noticed the expressions of the other main elders.

He said, “Zack, you have no idea. The other main elders are jealous today.”

“They are regretting that they don’t have such a disciple in their faction,” he added.

Hearing that, I didn't know what to say, but I thanked the main elders. If it weren't for their constant support, I wouldn't have come this far.

"Zack, the next thing is important. You have experience exploring the secret land in our Star University. But this secret land is dangerous."

"We don't know whether the rift in the sky leads to an old or new secret land," Clifford said in a serious tone.

Now the faces of the other main elders were serious as well. The topic of the secret land was extremely important.

The main elders here had their own experiences as well.

Who among them had not explored the secret land and walked out safely in the end?

On the other hand, I had a premonition that this secret land was extremely important to me. I didn't know why, but I had decided to take this challenge seriously.

"Zack, listen to me carefully. If it's a big and old secret land, then you have to be cautious. The old secret lands are filled with not only resources but deadly monsters as well."

"Some of the monsters are extremely evil. They could treat incoming warriors as food," Clifford said.

Hearing that, my expression turned serious for a moment. It was not like I didn't know about the secret land; I had encountered dangers before.

So what's new with this secret land? A frown appeared on my face.

Clifford saw through my thoughts.

He said, "I can guess what you are thinking. The old secret land is powerful."

He added, "But some of the monsters there have the strength of Black Mark Warriors and above. So you must be vigilant. Don't go anywhere near the forbidden places."

A strong fear rose in my heart. I thought there would be monsters below the Black Mark Rank. I didn't expect there to be monsters above Class 10. Then I had to be careful.