

BloodLine 1221

Chapter 1221: Breathing space

From MC's Perspective:

I continued to wait at the entrance. But I found there was no sign of the duel coming to an end so soon. My fear is that foreign humanoid creatures might barge into the camp.

Because nothing is stopping them. They were literally awaiting orders inside the passage. Then I collected my thoughts and started to practise the method of a sealing force.

When it comes to defeating the humanoid creatures. The sealing force plays a huge role. If it weren't for the ancient sealing force, it would have become impossible for me to kill them.

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Meanwhile,

Assistant Estella gives her all in her fight against the humanoid foreign creature. Like Zack Lockwood, she has an ancient inheritance as well.

Because of it, she could fight head-to-head against the foreign humanoid creature.

Not only her, but the Senior Mark Warriors with Ancient Inheritance powers were able to keep the foreign humanoid creature at bay.

It's difficult for the foreign humanoid creatures to defeat them. Unless the foreign creatures get further instructions from the higher-ups, they can only maintain their current position.

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Outside:

Everyone was in panic. Especially Thomas, who has sent Zack Lockwood to the cave structure. Though it was the entirely personal decision of Zack Lockwood.

Thomas thinks that he influenced Zack Lockwood to make such a decision. He doesn't know whether Zack is alive or not. He knows Zack Lockwood is a disciple of Main Elder Austin.

If something happens to Zack Lockwood, then he doesn't know what would happen to him either.

"Hey, do you think he will be fine?" The female warrior who raised questions to Zack Lockwood earlier asked Thomas.

Hearing that Thomas got angry. It was the woman who suspected Zack Lockwood as a coward. But then everyone had seen Zack Lockwood going to the cave structure.

"Are you happy right now?" Thomas asked her.

The female warrior was stunned. She knows what he meant. She saw Zack Lockwood entering the cave structure earlier as well.

She was feeling guilty. That's why she has asked the question.

"I'm sorry. I didn't know he was this courageous despite being the newcomer," The female warrior admitted her mistake.

"There is no point in asking forgiveness from me. Ask Zack Lockwood personally later," Thomas said to her.

Hearing that the female warrior has become quiet.

Not only her, but also the other person who had the wrong opinion about Zack Lockwood earlier became quiet as well.

Unlike the female warrior, they didn't openly show their hostility earlier.

But now they are silently hoping for Zack Lockwood's safe return.

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Supervisor office:

Time passed,

The casualty begins to occur inside the cave structure. A 50 Silver Mark Warriors entered earlier. Now their counting began to decrease.

Yet the battle continues to happen. It doesn't stop. Bobby is nervously tapping the desk with his forefinger. He is nervously sitting behind the desk.

He doesn't know what's going on inside the cave structure. Only the battle comes to an end. He can start counting the casualties.

He knows there are Silver Mark Warriors who have ancient inheritance powers. But there are others with ordinary Inheritance as well.

He doesn't know what's going on with them.

Buzz!

It didn't take long for the alarm to sound again. Hearing that Bobby stood up from the chair in relief. He knows that they don't have much time.

Swoosh!

He went outside to activate the teleportation platform. The black mark warriors who were sitting down in fear were easier. They started to cheer.

"Silence!"

"Get ready, one by one, to enter the teleportation platform," Bobby said in a serious tone.

His voice reached everyone's ears.

Hearing that Thomas was happy. But he immediately thought of Zack Lockwood. He started panicking. He knows the Supervisor is a Gold Mark Warrior.

It's against the rules for someone with a Black Mark level to enter the battlefield of the Silver Mark level.

Not only him, but the female warrior and a few other Black Mark Warriors started to think about Zack Lockwood as well.

On the other hand, the remaining Black Mark Warriors began to stand in line. The Teleportation in front of them was activated.

As long as they could step inside, they would reach Star University.

Supervisor Bobby's eyes were scanning the Black Mark Warriors. He knows the number of survivors. As he continued to observe everyone, he suddenly thought of Zack Lockwood.

His mind went blank for a second. Because he didn't see Zack Lockwood. Then he started to observe the warriors again.

But Zack Lockwood was nowhere to be seen. He was sure that he had asked Estella to monitor Zack Lockwood. Now that she had entered the cave structure earlier.

He didn't know what was up with Zack Lockwood so far.

"Where is Zack Lockwood?" Bobby asked in a loud tone.

This time he was angry. His voice reached everyone's ears and conveyed the same meaning as well.

The Black Mark Warriors, who were standing in line, were shocked to the core. Most of them had seen Zack Lockwood going to the cave structure earlier.

They also knew it was against the rules. But none of them had stopped Zack Lockwood due to their earlier resentment in their heart.

But Zack Lockwood's courage made them feel ashamed.

Bobby, who has been observing everyone's reaction, felt something was wrong.

At this time, a loud voice sounded.

"I'm here!"

Hearing that, everyone turned in the direction of the voice. Then they saw the person coming towards them was none other than Zack Lockwood.

Thomas smiled in relief. He felt a huge weight lifted off his shoulders. The female warrior who had badmouthed him earlier felt relieved as well.

The few other warriors who hoped for Zack Lockwood's safe return were smiling as well.

Bobby saw Zack Lockwood coming from the cave structure. He felt his mind was turned upside down. He had thought of the possibility.

But right now, he needs to send them away.

"Get back in line to enter the Teleportation platform," Bobby said to Zack Lockwood.

At the same time, I heard his words. I nodded to him before joining with Senior Thomas again.

Chapter 1222: Returned to the campus

From MC's Perspective:

One by one the Black Mark Warriors stepped inside the teleportation platform.

On the other hand, the Silver Mark Warriors who survived exited the cave structures. Among them, Estella was present as well.

She quickly comes to the teleportation area and sees everyone leaving through the teleportation platform.

She heaved a sigh of relief. She was worried that the Black Mark Warriors would be forced to participate in the battle.

Supervisor Bobby saw her as well. He immediately gave her instructions. Since then, Camp 424 has changed to Silver Mark Camp.

They need Silver Mark Warriors and Gold Mark Seniors. The next Supervisor would be a Purple Mark Warrior.

The total replacement needed to be done sooner. Especially, before the next battle starts. They have less time.

Estella's expression was serious. She knew that foreign humanoid creatures were waiting for the orders.

If they had received the order, they would have already barged into their camp. They are just a step away from the bloodbath.

Estella then recovered her thoughts and started to do her work. She is in communication with the staff at the Star University.

On the other hand, I'm chatting with the female warrior who had slandered me earlier. She was apologetic for her actions.

Not only her. A few more warriors came to me and expressed their sorrow. I was surprised by their sudden change of heart.

Then Senior Thomas filled me in on the details. After knowing that they had seen me entering the cave structure, a look of understanding dawned on me.

I wonder what their reaction would be if they knew I had killed the foreign humanoid creatures again. But I'm not planning on revealing the truth right now.

Soon, it's our turn. The female warrior stepped inside and disappeared from our sight. The other warriors began to step in.

I slowly turned around and looked in the direction of the cab's structures. I knew the strength of the foreign humanoid creatures.

It's not easy to kill them. Even with the help of the Ancient Inheritance Force, it took me great effort to defeat them.

I don't know what they will do.

"What are you doing?" Thomas asked.

"Nothing, senior. Let's go back to our university," I replied.

Thomas then turned around and stepped inside the platform.

Next, it was my turn. I collected my thoughts and stepped inside the teleportation platform.

Swoosh!

The next second, I disappeared from the spot.

Supervisor Bobby saw Zack Lockwood disappear inside the teleportation platform. He put his heart at ease.

He doesn't know what the kid has done inside the cave structure at the last moment.

But fortunately, nothing bad happened in the end.

Swoosh!

On the other hand, I opened my eyes and found myself standing in an open, vast land. In front of me, Senior Thomas and others are checking out the place.

My eyes flickered with understanding.

Last time, the Purple Mark Guard brought me to a secret place. We are in a similar place as well.

Then we started looking around the place. I guess there is no need to inform the officials. Someone must be coming to take us.

It didn't take long for the huge aircraft to appear. The big aircraft can hold everyone. When the aircraft landed on the ground.

Creak!

The cabin door opens up.

The next second, a few Inner Hall Elders stopped out. Then they asked everyone to enter. The Black Mark Warriors began to enter the aircraft one by one.

The female warrior and Thomas walked inside. Seeing that I entered the cabin room. The Inner Hall Elders saw Zack Lockwood as well.

They recognised him. Seeing that Zack Lockwood was able to return safely. They were surprised inwardly.

They knew that Dean Jerome must have sent him to warrior camp. But they didn't know it was Camp 424.

Shortly afterwards,

The aircraft began to depart. It started flying towards Star University. Inside the cabin, the BlackMark Warriors were all happy.

They were able to survive without getting harmed. From time to time, they looked in the direction of Zack Lockwood.

Everyone had seen him going inside the cave structure. At that time, they didn't ask. But they were curious right now.

They were wondering what Zack Lockwood had seen inside the cave structure. But they saw him talking to Thomas and others.

So they were quiet.

Time passed,

They reached Star City an hour later. I saw the huge Star City through the window. I began to appreciate the peace more.

It was a really tense atmosphere inside the camp 424. Since there is no threat here. My senses were calm right now.

The aircraft flies over the star city. Everyone in the city can see the massive aircraft.

The experienced warriors realised that the aircraft was bringing discharged warriors.

Soon, the massive aircraft reaches Star City. The aircraft's arrival was felt by the faction leaders and the elders.

But they didn't react much. Because it was the daily routine. From time to time, there would be aircraft bringing warriors to the camp.

The faction leaders and the elders didn't know that it was Zack Lockwood who was coming.

The aircraft then lands in the parking area. When it touches the ground.

Creak!

The cabin door opens up. The elders stepped out. Followed by the Black Mark Warriors who walked out of the cabin one by one.

Finally, it was us. The female warrior and Senior Thomas exited. Then I stepped outside. Looking at the campus, I felt it was good to be back.

"Don't go anywhere. Dean Jerome wants to talk to you."

A deep male voice reached my ears. Hearing that I was stunned. Because I recognised this voice. The voice belongs to the Purple Mark Guard.

"Is he here?" I asked myself.

Then I looked around and found out that he was nowhere to be seen. I realised he must be hidden.

The Inner Hall Elders left. Before leaving for some reason, they all looked at me. Then the Black Mark Warriors started leaving as well.

Chapter 1223: Good sleep!

From MC's Perspective:

When everyone was gone. I waited for the Purple Make Guard to appear. Not long after, a masked man appeared in front of me.

"It's good that you are safe," The purple mark guard said.

Hearing that I replied, "Camp 424 is under attack. They need Silver Mark Warriors."

"We know. Now come with me to meet the Dean," After saying that the Purple Mark Guard grabbed the shoulder of Zack Lockwood.

Then he took Zack Lockwood towards the Dean's office. It didn't take long for them to arrive at the place. They walked inside the office.

Dean Jerome is sitting behind the desk. He saw Zack Lockwood. Seeing that Zack Lockwood was fine. He sighed inwardly.

He was worried that Zack Lockwood might have been caught between the foreign humanoid creatures' attack. He then asked Zack Lockwood to sit first.

Hearing that I sat opposite him.

"Tell me about your experiences there," Jerome asked.

Seeing that Dean Jerome wanted to know the truth. He started to tell the details. From the beginning to the end, he tells him about his experience.

But for some reason, I hid the truth of eliminating the foreign humanoid creatures. Instead, I told him that I was injured.

A few minutes later,

Jerome fell into deep thought. He didn't judge that kid. He thinks that the kid's words were true. Even with Ancient Inheritance, it's not easy to kill the foreign humanoid creature.

But you can survive the attacks. He also thinks Zack got recently promoted. He still needs time to understand the Ancient Inheritances.

Because he knows Zack has bloodline inheritance as well. As long as Zack makes progress in both inheritances, then he can easily take down strong enemies.

"Alright, you can go back to your place. Hereafter, you will focus on improving your strength. You must have gained some understanding about the foreign creatures."

"It's up to you to make the preparations," Dean Jerome said.

He then signalled Purple Mark Guard to drop Zack at his place.

On the other hand, I didn't expect the Dean to completely believe my words. But he did it. I don't know why I felt it was not good to share your true strength with anyone.

Then I stood up and exited with the Purple Mark Guard. The Purple Mark Guard then took me to the Thunderflame Faction.

He directly drops me in front of my residence. I thanked him. The purple mark guard then left the place. My gaze turned towards the residence.

"I'm going to have a good sleep," I muttered to myself.

Then I walked into the residence. I locked the door. The first thing I did was to go to bed to lie down. I forgot about the outside world and began to take a nap.

Outside,

The other Black Mark Warriors of the Thunderflame Faction were reporting to their Main Elders. Including Thomas. He had thought Zack Lockwood would have already returned to the room.

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Meanwhile,

The faction leaders saw the return of the Black Mark Warriors from Camp 424. The first thing they did was to get the report.

But quickly reports have sent a cold shiver down the spines. They never expected Black Mark Warriors Camp to become Silver Mark Warrior Camp.

The warriors who have returned were not returned for the break time. Rather than they were survivors. Camp 424 is not a place for them.

The Faction Leaders immediately thought of Dean Jerome. They knew only that the Dean was aware of it.

It didn't take long for them to get the orders from the Dean. All the Factions have to send selected Silver Mark Warriors to Camp 424.

The total required number is 160. Along with the 50 Gold Mark Seniors. Dean Jerome is discussing replacing Bobby as well.

In his position, a Purple Mark Warrior needed to be here.

The Star University, which was quiet for some time, has become noisy. The inner hall has become a mess.

The warriors started to have fears and doubts. They didn't know whether it was one such unique situation. If the other Black Mark Warriors Camp becomes Silver Mark Warriors Camp.

Then it would be disastrous for them. But the Inner Hall Elders were calming down the situation. Amidst all of it, they have forgotten about Zack Lockwood.

Nobody knows Zack Lockwood has come back as well. Those who knew about it didn't discuss it. Because they had much more serious issues before them.

Whereas the Faction leaders were all busy selecting the Silver Mark Warriors for transfer.

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Thunderflame Faction:

Time passed,

The next morning, I got out of bed. Then I began to notice my condition. My body and mind were fresh and calm compared to before.

The atmosphere inside the camp put me on edge at all times. But here I'm feeling free. Then I started doing the morning routine.

An hour later,

When I was ready, I left the residence. I started going towards the Golden Lightning Palace to meet my master. I wonder what they did during my absence.

As I was walking along the footpath, I came across other members who were surprised upon seeing me.

"Hey, isn't he Zack Lockwood?"

"He is back!"

Two male black mark warriors discussed. I nodded to them before continuing walking along the path. Soon, I came to the Golden Lightning Palace.

Upon entering, I met with other members. They were taken aback by surprise as well. Then I went to the Master's residence to see him.

But when I got there, I found his room was locked. He was not here. My eyes flash with confusion.

He won't leave the Faction unless he is summoned by the Faction Leader or the Dean.

Then I turned around and exited the Golden Lightning Palace. I started going towards the Healing Palace. I still have Master Ann to meet. Maybe she knows.

If not for Master Ann's healing technique, I wouldn't have healed faster. She will definitely inquire about the progress of the healing technique.

Chapter 1224: Inner Hall alarmed again!

From MC's Perspective:

Healing Palace:

Soon, I reached the healing palace. I walked into the place and came across the members practising there. They were all surprised upon seeing me.

I nodded to them before going towards Master Ann's residence. When I got there. I informed her. Then I got permission to enter.

Creak!

I opened the door and walked into the room. Then I saw master Ann sitting on the sofa. Upon seeing me, she asked me to sit.

I sat opposite her on the sofa.

"I didn't expect you to return so soon. Don't tell me you were sent to Camp424," Ann asked with worry.

At the time, everyone knew what happened with Camp 424. It has become Silver Mark Warrior Camp now.

Hearing that I realised she knew about it. So there is no point in hiding it. I nodded to her.

Ann was shocked to the core. She didn't expect Zack Lockwood to be involved in such dangerous circumstances.

"It's good that you have returned safely. The warrior camps are a difficult place. You will never know what will happen there," Ann said.

"Since you have spent time in the camp. Did you fight against the foreign humanoid creatures?" Ann asked out of curiosity.

She wanted to change the topic as well.

Hearing that, I told her a few things, except for the foreign humanoid creatures.

A few minutes later,

"It's good that you didn't come across those things. The humanoid creatures have the strength of Silver Make Warriors."

"They can boost their strength as well. You have an ancient Inheritance power. You can fight against them."

"But be prepared before facing that creature," Ann said in a grave tone.

I nodded to her. But I have something else in my heart. I had already seen their fighting patterns. As long as you don't give them a chance to retaliate, you can defeat them.

Then Ann shifted to the main topic. She has asked about the progress of the Ancient Healing Technique.

Hearing that I smiled and showed her the healing force. It was purer and powerful than before. The ancient healing technique is wonderful for it, my injuries would have been worsened.

"Alright, since you are back. What are your plans?" She asked.

"I'm going to focus on improving my skills. Then to have a deeper understanding of the inheritance power," I replied.

"Good, but don't think about others. There might be people wanting to challenge you. During your absence, the inner hall was quiet."

"I think it will change today," Ann said with a smile.

I don't know what to say. Then I asked her about Master Austin. Then I learned from her that he had left for some important work.

A few minutes later,

I exited the healing place and started walking towards the exit. I'm planning on training at the inner hall facility.

By this time, the news of my return has spread across the Thunderflame Faction. The warriors who were passing by gave me a surprised look.

Soon, I reached the exit and walked out of the Thunderflame Faction Territory. My eyes wander around the place.

No one is here. So I started going to the Inner Hall. It didn't take long for me to get there. Upon arriving there, I tried to enter.

The warriors there were surprised upon seeing me.

"Zack Lockwood, what are you doing here?" One of the Black Mark Warriors asked.

"Why would I be here?" I asked back before striding towards the training facility.

The warriors looked at each other's faces.

"He is back. Let's inform others," The warrior uttered. Then they shared the message with others.

A few minutes later,

I reached the training facility. I entered and saw the warriors were from different factions training inside.

Quiet!

My arrival has caused sudden quietness. Everyone stopped talking and they were looking at me.

"Zack Lockwood," One of them gritted his teeth. He is from the Elemental Faction.

"Didn't expect you to survive from the camp," Another warrior said.

"Don't think you are going to have fun here. We are not going to let you have peace time," an elemental warrior said.

The warriors from other factions are showing their hostility. I smiled at their response before going towards the practice room.

I came to the last and picked up a large training room. I went inside and locked the door.

Meanwhile,

The warriors looked at each other's faces. A sinister plan is in the making.

"He is here. Let's call veteran warriors. Anyone among the top 50 can take down this kid," an Elemental warrior said.

Hearing that everyone fell into contemplation. Because each hall has a strong list of strong. The Inner Hall has this list as well.

Suddenly, the mention of the inner hall's strong list has caused commotion. Everyone present there started talking about it as well.

Because someone must be interested in fighting against Zack Lockwood. No one has defeated Zack Lockwood so far.

Especially, since Zack Lockwood has joined the Inner Hall. He has been dominant. Which was hated by many people.

They knew the record of Zack Lockwood's doing in the outer hall. They don't want him to repeat the same things here.

It would be embarrassing for them. They have decided to spread the news as well. For example, Zack Lockwood is back.

But he has become more arrogant. He thinks no one can defeat him.

These kinds of inflammatory posts started appearing online. Those with discerning eyes can tell that someone is intentionally flaming it.

Meanwhile,

Ronnie Seth and others who knew Zack Lockwood in person saw the news. They were dumbfounded. They didn't know that Zack Lockwood had returned.

Yet the people have started posting such news. Ronnie Seth touched his forehead. During Zack Lockwood's absence, he had a great time.

He was practising in peace. He was minding his own business. Now he thinks that the inner hall would be a mess again.

At the same time, Ronnie Seth had the idea of fighting against Zack Lockwood. He didn't have any fight after becoming the Black Mark Warrior.

Chapter 1225: New notification!

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the training room, I have decided to practise the various attack techniques. I wanted to improve in all skills.

So, I started practising it from the "Sword Divide" skill. I have also noticed that the black sword of mine was not suitable for the sword attack anymore.

I need another brand new sword capable of withstanding the lightning force. Right now, I have decided to use it until it breaks apart.

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Meanwhile,

The various Elemental Factions have heard of Zack Lockwood as well. Especially those who had returned from Camp 424 have revealed everything.

It's just that these people have revealed a bad side. Whether their Black Mark Warriors were bullied by Zack Lockwood there.

Upon hearing that the faces of veteran warriors change. They didn't expect Zack Lockwood to appear there and bully their people.

These old and veteran warriors felt the necessity to teach a lesson to Zack Lockwood. But the young ones are hesitant.

No one has the confidence to take down Zack Lockwood. Zack Lockwood was dominant in the Outer Hall. Now he was trying to be dominant in the Inner Hall as well.

If the older warriors don't do anything, then it would be embarrassing. Then their seniors from the core hall might punish them.

Suddenly, a group of old warriors gathered and decided to face Zack Lockwood. They were betting on their experiences.

All of their skills were honed over decades. With their inherited force, they can exhibit a strong force.

They are from different elemental factions. Since it's an issue related to their inner hall. They don't want to involve their faction alone.

Otherwise, the Thunderflame Faction might seek trouble from their Elemental Factions. They knew that their factions were weak in comparison to the Thunderflame Faction.

Shortly afterwards,

The group of six warriors started going to the training facility. They knew that Zack Lockwood was training there.

At the same time, the bloodline factions' warriors were dissatisfied with Zack Lockwood as well. But no one was planning to take action.

Because everyone is thinking that Dark Variant Faction would do something.

But they didn't know that the Dark Variant Faction's warriors were watching in silence.

The Dark Variant Faction's warriors are yet to receive orders from their main elders. The main elders can't make a decision without the Faction Leader.

But the old man Vince is in retreat. He won't appear anytime soon outside.

Soon, the group of six warriors reached the Training Facility. When they walked inside. The other warriors immediately told what happened.

They were able to know Zack Lockwood is practising inside the last training room. Unfortunately, they can't break down the door to go inside.

It's against the rules. So they have decided to wait here. After knowing that old seniors are here to teach the lesson to that b@stard.

The warriors all rejoiced. They were unable to do that because of their weakness. Now they were happy that the arrogant b@stard would soon be the old seniors.

So they have started waiting outside.

At the same time, the Inner Hall elders were able to know about this situation. They weren't surprised. Rather, they are feeling a headache.

They knew it was a quiet period of peace when Zack Lockwood was not here. But actually, many of the inner hall warriors want him to return. So they can challenge him.

Now, such an opportunity arises. The elemental warriors were first to react. They were able to learn the inside things that happened at Camp 425 from one of the Black Mark Warriors.

The Elemental Warriors' leaders were all humbled by Zack Lockwood in that camp. It was a complete disgrace for other Elemental warriors.

In particular, the situation inside the camp was totally different from Star University. The Thunderflame Faction won't be able to do anything there.

Yet Zack Lockwood was able to humble them.

A few inner hall elders were left to protect the infrastructure of the Training Facility. If the fight inside the facility takes place, then damage to the facility would be high.

On the other hand, the Thunderflame Faction members learned about such news because of the online posts.

After knowing that Inner Hall Elemental Warriors are targeting Zack Lockwood. They understood that Star University has become lively.

Some of the members in the Faction wanted to watch the fight as well. But only the Black Mark Warriors could go back to their Inner Hall

Others can only wait for someone to post the videos online.

Not only have they heard about it. The news reaches the ears of the Faction leaders and the main elders.

Main Elder Ann sighed inwardly. She had expected this to happen. But she can't stop Zack Lockwood. One day or another he had to face them.

Unless he suppressed everyone, like he did in the outer hall. The warriors will continue to challenge him.

Main Elder Leola, Cathy and Rosy heard about it as well. They had thought Faction Leader Clifford would call for a meeting.

Then they could learn news from Zack Lockwood. But nothing like that had happened so far.

So they began to contact Main Elder Ann.

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Dean Office:

Dean Jerome was resting after sending the Silver Mark and Gold Mark Warriors to Camp 424 last night.

Fortunately, they were able to reach the camp before the next battle took place. Now they can destroy the foreign creatures' plan to destroy Camp 424.

Suddenly, he receives a message on his big screen. He then taps it. The next second, the information appears on the screen.

After reading it, his mouth twitches. He doesn't know why the warriors won't let the kid catch a breath.

He thinks the Faction Leaders are not treating his warning seriously. He then decides to put out a circle. Only in the way Zack Lockwood can have time to practise in peace.

A few minutes later,

New information reached everyone's ID. Including the Faction Leaders and the main elders.

Upon reading that they were dumbfounded as well. The information says apart from the top three Black Mark Warriors in each faction. No one was allowed to challenge Zack Lockwood.

Chapter 1226: Small competition!

From MC's Perspective:

Buzz!

Inside the training room, my device buzzes with a notification.

Seeing that I stopped swinging the sword and took out the device to check the message.

A new notification appears. I opened the notification to read it. The next second, my eyes flash with a glint.

The notification was about me. It appears some warriors can't wait to bother me. The dean has put out a condition for them.

"Only the top three in each faction were allowed to challenge me. It's a good condition," I said to myself.

Before figuring me out, they must fight internally.

My mouth curves into an arc. Then I put the device back before resuming the training.

Outside:

There is shock and confusion among the warriors. They didn't expect such a notification to come.

What about the elemental warriors who were waiting right now? They were the old seniors waiting for Zack Lockwood to come out of his training.

But this notification has spoiled their plan. While some are disappointed. Others were scared.

Because the notification comes from the management. Only the Dean can order them.

This notification once again confirms the rumours of Dean Jerome's support for Zack Lockwood.

Even their own faction leaders are weak against the Dean. The Dean is a Red Mark Warrior. No one can fight against him.

People have started to feel envious. If others got such support, they would have had quite a ruckus inside the campus.

But Zack Lockwood was minding his own business. They were the ones who were bothering him.

If not for Zack Lockwood's arrogant attitude, they wouldn't have disturbed him. It's just that Zack Lockwood had humiliated other factions.

Warriors can gain favors and rewards from elders by defeating Zack Lockwood. It's just now that one was able to do that.

Suddenly,

The six elemental warriors stood up and decided to go back to their own Factions. Since the notification has come.

They can't break the rules. They were afraid of the Dean as well. They felt that Zack Lockwood was lucky enough to escape from them.

But it won't be a matter of time before the top three are confirmed. The Elemental Faction Warriors were keen to find out among themselves.

They are going to request their main elders to conduct a duel event inside their own Faction.

Time passed,

When evening came, I exited the training room. I saw the warriors were minding their own business outside.

No one was waiting outside for me. My mouth curves into an arc. Then I started walking back towards the exit.

I have spent most of the time on improving the Sword Divide skill. I believe in a few days I can make the move faster.

It will help launch a surprise attack against the foreign creatures. The other Warriors saw Zack Lockwood leaving the training facility.

They felt angry. But they can do nothing about it. They can only watch his back with hatred.

"Don't worry, I think the top three will be decided in a couple of days.," A Warrior from the medium-sized Faction said.

Hearing that Elemental Faction Warriors nodded and returned to their training.

On the other hand, I exited the inner hall and started going back to the Thunderflame Faction. While walking, I saw other warriors.

Everyone reacted upon seeing me. I immediately thought of the notification. The Dean's notification has deterred everyone.

Even the Faction Leaders won't be able to do anything.

Soon, I returned to the Thunderflame Faction. Then I went back to my room. I locked the door and went to take a bath.

The Faction Leader Clifford and the main leaders knew Zack Lockwood would return. But they didn't disturb him. Before they could do anything to support Zack Lockwood.

The dean has taken action already. At the same time, the Main Elder Austin was yet to return. But he had learned that his disciple Zack had returned as well.

So he is thinking about returning soon.

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Meanwhile,

The Elemental Faction Leaders have discussed together. They too knew what happened in that camp 424.

Their warriors failed to defeat Zack Lockwood. Instead, they were embarrassed in return. Because of it, the old warriors wanted to teach a lesson to Zack Lockwood.

If not for the Dean's announcement, they would have already challenged Zack Lockwood for a fight. Now they can't do anything about the notification.

It was Dean's decision. So they can only select the top three warriors from each Faction to challenge Zack Lockwood.

The black mark warriors have requested the same thing as well. Earlier, they have asked them to conduct small duel competitions inside their factions.

The Dew Water Faction's Faction Leader, Monica, was half-hearted. She knew the real details of Zack Lockwood.

But for the sake of other warriors in her faction. She has decided to cooperate with other faction leaders. So everyone agreed to conduct a small competition inside the faction.

The following day,

The news about this spreads across the campus. The bloodline warriors started to make the same request to their faction leaders.

But the Bloodline faction doesn't have enmity with the Thunderflame Faction. There is no need to offend them.

Whereas the bloodline warriors were keen to compete with others. How can they let the Elemental Warriors take the limelight?

It was already surprising that the Dark Variant Faction hadn't made any moves so far. Even their warriors were silent, not troubling Zack Lockwood anymore.

Seeing that Elemental Factions wanted to gain fame. So the Bloodline Warriors were requesting them to conduct the small tournament as well.

The Faction Leader of the Monster Bloodline Faction has agreed to conduct the small competition. But Bethany didn't know why her friend was not doing the same.

She knows that the Human Bloodline Faction was as competitive as they were. So Bethany asked her directly.

Faction Leader Francesca hadn't made the decision. She has decided to wait. She knows the real strength of Zack Lockwood.

She thinks Elemental Warriors would be defeated. She doesn't want her faction warriors to get embarrassed as well.

So she told Bethany to wait as well.

Chapter 1227: Part 1: New weapons

From MC's Perspective:

Thunderflame Faction,

At midnight, Main Elder Austin returns to Star University. He knew about Zack Lockwood's return. So he had decided to return as well.

Then he goes to the Thunderflame Faction and then returns to his residence.

The next morning, he was able to learn about the announcement made by Dean Jerome.

He didn't expect the Dean to make such an announcement for Zack Lockwood. He was worried about Zack Lockwood before coming here.

He had thought that Factions would make their warriors challenge Zack Lockwood. He guesses that it would have happened if not for Dean's announcement.

As time passes, everyone wakes up and starts their routine.

Meanwhile,

I woke up quite late. After getting out of bed, I started doing the morning routine. Then I spent an hour before completing it.

About 20 minutes later,

After taking the bath, I changed into fresh clothes. Then I sat on the sofa and took out the device to check the online news.

When the news feed appeared. I saw many online posts. It's all about the small competition. Seeing that my mouth curves into an arc.

I realised that Factions have decided to conduct a small competition. I can see that many Warriors were looking forward to fighting against me.

I began to browse the articles. Then I opened the article page, which was viewed by many people. I saw it was about the elemental faction.

Almost all the Elemental factions have decided to conduct a small competition. My heart filled with curiosity as well.

I don't know who among the Black Mark Warriors was strongest. I have eliminated the humanoid foreign creatures. I still have their cores with me.

So I stopped thinking about the small competition. My real threats are the foreign creatures.

Then I stopped reading the news and put the device back in the storage ring.

A few minutes later,

After getting ready, I left the residence and started going towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

I don't know whether Master Austin has returned or not. I want to make a request to buy a new sword.

If possible, I want to select another suitable weapon. In this way, I can avoid coming into contact with the foreign creature.

Some of the foreign creatures have a weird ability, who knows their body could carry poison as well.

Before something like that happens, I felt it necessary to make preparations. While walking, I came across people like every day.

Upon seeing me, they nodded to me. I nodded to them in response. The Thunderflame Faction Warriors were confident.

I don't know whether it has anything to do with me. Soon, I reached the Golden Lightning Palace.

Upon entering, I saw the members. They informed me that the Master had returned.

I sighed inwardly. I thanked the members before starting to go towards the master's residence.

When I got there. I found the door was open.

Creak!

Seeing that I opened the door to enter inside. I saw Master Austin sitting on the sofa.

"Zack, you are here!" Austin said.

Hearing that, I smiled at the master. Then I greeted him before sitting on the sofa.

"I heard about the Dean notification," Austin said.

"I didn't expect him to protect you this way. No one would try to bully you with numbers," he added.

Hearing that I smiled inwardly. I can take down the humanoid foreign creatures. So I'm not worried about them at all.

Then I remembered that I needed a new weapon for practice.

"Master, I need a new weapon. My black sword was not strong enough to handle the force."

"If I possibly can, I would like to select one more weapon as well," I said to the Master.

Austin, who was speaking with concerns, was stunned. He didn't expect Zack to ask him this.

He had thought Zack would be worried. So he had tried to ease his tension. But he realises now that Zack was not worried at all.

His concerns were something else.

Austin then asked, "What type of weapons do you need?"

Hearing that I replied, "A long sword and a staff."

"A staff," he asked.

"Yes," I replied.

"Do you know any staff techniques?" Austin asked.

"No, I planned to learn it. I can use it in case of an emergency," I said to him.

Austin understood. He thought Zack must have faced some kind of difficulties while fighting against the foreign creatures.

"Okay, I have a few weapons with me. I bought a few of them. Some of them I have gotten as trophies," After saying that, he stood up from the sofa.

He then asked me to follow him. Seeing that I followed him to his room.

"Does he have a storage room inside his bedroom?" I asked myself.

When I went inside his room. I saw him opening a secret door behind the bed. The door opens, and a staircase appears.

Austin entered and started going downstairs. Seeing that I followed him from behind.

A hint of amazement flashed in my eyes.

It's a basement room. But it has a minimalistic setup. I saw Master Austin walking up to the rectangular box.

It appears to be a long table. Then he pressed a button. The top cover is starting to peel automatically. It's a slide-type cover.

"Why are you standing there?"

"Come and take a look at the weapons," Austin said.

Hearing that I recovered my thoughts and went to the box. Then I saw weapons placed inside the glass box.

My gaze wanders around different types of weapons before falling on a long black sword.

Upon seeing the weapon, I was deeply impressed.

Austin notices his disciple's gaze. He then follows his gaze to notice the Black long sword.

His eyes flickered. It's one of his trophies. He got it by killing one of his enemies. The enemy was at the level Purple Mark Warrior.

"Do you like this weapon?" Austin asked.

"Yes," I replied.

Austin smiled and said, "I got it after killing my enemy. Ever since then, I haven't taken it out. If you like, you can take it. But it comes with risks."

Hearing that I thought of something.

"Is the enemy's family still alive?" I asked.

Austin nodded his head.

Chapter 1228: Part 2: New weapons

From MC's Perspective;

"Master, I want this long black sword. I'm not worried about its connections," I said.

"Okay," Austin replied.

Then he removes the glass top cover before getting the long black sword. It weighs heavily. Only the Black Mark Warrior and above can handle it.

He then gives it to Zack Lockwood. I accepted the sword and tightly gripped its handle. The next second, I felt the heavy weight pushing my arm downward.

I used a little of my strength to stabilise. Then I took a few steps backwards and tried to swing it.

At the same time, Austin said, "I don't know the origin of the sword. But it was made from an unknown material. It can handle any type of violent force."

"I think you have chosen a suitable item," he added.

He had thought about the blood element. The next second, he shakes his head. He forgot that Zack Lockwood's element was not the same anymore. He got the water variant now.

On the other hand, I didn't pay attention to the Master's change in expression. I'm swinging the sword. It was a bit difficult. Because it's different from my usual black sword.

The current long black sword is larger and heavier. I wanted to use the force to check it out. Then I recalled the staff. I held the sword in my hand before walking towards the glass box again.

"Do you need something?" Austin asked.

"I need staff as well," I said.

"Are you sure? You will be putting extra energy into learning new weapons and techniques," Austin said with concern.

"Master, I want to have my own trump cards as well. The staff is going to be one of my trump cards," I explained to him.

Hearing that Austin was surprised. Then he realises that Zack Lockwood is preparing for future trouble as well.

"As you wish," After saying that, he pointed towards a long white staff.

"Do you see that?"

"That staff was custom-made. The white staff is nothing but the bones of a foreign creature. I got it during the battle against the Purple level foreign creature."

"Later, I checked it for any hidden dangers. But there were no hidden dangers. The bone staff is extremely strong and can handle Inheritance force as well," Austin said in a calm tone.

On the other hand, I was dumbfounded again. I got another weapon at the level of purple mark. My gaze immediately fell on the white bone staff.

Intricate designs run through the staff's body. The appearance itself is attractive.

"I like it," I said.

"You can try," After saying that Austin removed the cover again to get the white bone staff.

Then he handed it over to Zack.

I placed the long black sword on the ground. Then I grabbed the staff. The next second, I felt the enormous weight again. I immediately used my strength to stabilise myself.

I can imagine the power of the foreign creature that once was part of the bone. Then I used both hands to lift it up and started trying to swing it around.

Austin is observing everything. Seeing that Zack Lockwood took a liking to it. He was glad. He knows that Zack Lockwood hasn't stuck to any particular weapon or technique.

He practised everything. If it's helpful to kill an enemy, then he will learn it.

As time passed, I switched the weapon to the long black sword and started swinging it again. I liked it more. I don't have to look for another inventory.

I took a liking to these 2 weapons right away.

"Master, I made a choice. I will take these 2 weapons," I said to Master.

"Okay," Austin replied with a smile.

Then I collected the 2 weapons into my storage ring.

"Do you have any staff technique with you?" Austin asked.

Hearing that I shook my head and said, "I'm thinking about checking our university site."

"You don't have to," Austin said all of a sudden.

Hearing that, I looked at him in surprise.

"You have water type Inheritance right now. As we discussed before, we are looking for Inheritance. Which could help you practise all three elements."

"I will see if there is any blood or lightning-related staff techniques," Austin said.

Hearing that I was stunned. I forgot about the lie as well. Fortunately, I didn't reveal anything about the battles in our conversation.

I already have three Ancient inheritances with me. If I took an incomplete healing technique. It's also considered an Ancient One.

If the Master would bring me another one, then I don't know what to do.

"It's okay, master. For now, I just need a simple technique to get started," I said.

"Sigh!"

"Okay, you can focus on your training hereafter," Austin said.

Then we both decided to leave. Austin closed the glass table.

We walked out of the basement and exited his room. Then we came to the hall. I told the master that I'm going to the Inner Hall to practise.

"I think you will get peace time for a few days. So don't waste the time," Austin said with a smile.

Hearing that I knew Master meant the small competition conducted by the Elemental Factions. Then I nodded to him before leaving the residence.

I exited the Golden Lightning Palace and started going towards the exit. On the way, I came across the members.

They all greeted me with respect. Including the Black Mark Warriors. The Silver and Gold Mark Warriors were nowhere to be seen.

Apart from a few people, most of them were stationed in the various warrior camps.

Soon, I reached the exit and walked out of the Thunderflame Faction. Then I started heading towards the Inner Hall. I don't know whether anyone will be practising inside the Inner Hall.

About a few minutes later,

I arrived at the Inner Hall. No one was waiting at the entrance. I scanned my ID before entering the hall. The next second, I saw no one inside.

But I'm sure there will be a few warriors from other factions who must be here. I started heading towards the training facility.

Chapter 1229: New incomplete staff technique!

From MC's Perspective:

Join Training Facility,

I reached the joint training facility. Upon entering, I saw that a few warriors were busy with their training. My arrival has attracted their attention.

The warriors turned towards me. Their expressions change. They didn't expect Zack Lockwood to come to practice. They knew that there was competition going on inside the faction.

So no one can cause problems for Zack Lockwood. They could only go back to their work.

On the other hand, I glanced at them before going to the training room. I went to the usual training room and found out that the room was empty.

Then I entered the room and locked the door. I didn't immediately start the practice. Instead, I sat on the chair and took out the device to browse online.

I wanted to see if there are techniques available online. I accessed the online site. It's the site of Star University. I began to browse the techniques. There are many techniques online.

But what I wanted was the staff technique. There is also an idea about learning a new sword technique. But I have decided to learn it after the staff technique.

As I began to look for the staff technique. Soon, the staff technique caught my eye. But when I read the description, my eyes flash with disappointment.

[Fire Staff technique]

Because the staff technique was related to the fire element. I can't use the staff technique. Then I began to look for other staff techniques.

Soon, I saw the second staff technique. I began to browse it. I raised my eyebrows in surprise after reading the description. Because the staff technique was incomplete.

It has only three stages. It can be practised up to the level of Gold Mark Warrior. More importantly, it was an attribute less. The warriors can use any Inheritance force.

At this moment, I felt this was the right technique. But when I wanted to buy it. I found out that the technique was not free but a paid one. It was mentioned in millions.

I don't have that many credit points. I immediately thought of the master. I called him and informed him about the incomplete staff technique.

Hearing that Main elder Austin was surprised as well. He didn't expect such a technique to be present in the inventory. He immediately bought it for Zack Lockwood from the University site and then sent it to him.

A few minutes later,

I got the new incomplete technique in my hands. I took the device and began to study the new technique. My gaze fell on the first stage.

I decided to get started in the first stage sooner.

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Meanwhile,

The Black Mark Warriors were giving names for the small competition. It's happening inside all the Elemental Factions. The number of black mark warriors in the elemental factions was high.

So it's going to take at least three days for the competition to end. It's going to happen stage by stage. Right now, the old warriors have given their names.

They believed that they could defeat Zack Lockwood. Because they have years of experience and their skills have been honed for years. They were proficient in it.

A few hours later,

The first stage duel has started everywhere in the elemental factions. The newly promoted warriors were watching the competition from the sidelines.

They didn't give their names. Everyone knows that only the top three will be allowed to fight Zack Lockwood. The newcomers had no chance of fighting against Zack Lockwood.

Not only were the Elemental Factions having the competition. The small competition has started inside both the Bloodline Factions as well.

Bethany, the Faction Leader of the Monster Bloodline Faction was able to convince Francesca, the Human Bloodline Faction Leader.

They were also intending to choose the top three to challenge Zack Lockwood. Francesca doesn't want to do it earlier. Because she knows the real strength of Zack Lockwood.

Unfortunately, she can't tell others because of the Dean's orders. She saw how her own faction's warriors were excited to fight against Zack Lockwood.

It's only because of them that she had agreed to conduct the competition. At the same time, she is wondering what happened to Zack Lockwood.

Zack is also part of the Ball Family. The bloodline of the Ancestor Ball runs through his veins. She doesn't know how much progress he has achieved.

She can't even go openly to talk to him. Suddenly, she thought about Zack Lockwood's parents. After going through family records, she was able to find some clues.

But before getting the full picture, she doesn't want to tell Zack Lockwood.

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Dark Variant Faction:

The Faction Leader Vince ended his retreat. But upon returning to the meeting hall, he was able to learn the news. He didn't expect the kid Zack to come back alive.

Now he has caused another commotion in the University. Now everyone is busy conducting the small competition. But old man Vince was not interested this time.

The previous few times, his faction was defeated. Now he decides to let other Factions do something. He knows that Zack Lockwood got an ancient inheritance.

Unless someone with a powerful ancient Inheritance comes forward to challenge Zack Lockwood. Then they can wait and watch.

He doesn't know whether warriors who got Ancient Inheritance were going to participate in the Elemental Factions' small competition.

Faction Leader Vince then learned about the camp 424. Their faction had casualties as well. When the Elders told him that kid Zack Lockwood returned from the same Warrior camp 424.

He was more shocked. Because according to their faction's Black Mark Warriors reports. That many of them had faced a Humanoid Foreign Creature.

The Humanoid Foreign Creature has the strength of Silver Mark Warrior. It's not easy to kill them. Unless, the warriors with Ancient Inheritance Force kill them.

He doesn't know whether the kid Zack Lockwood had faced the Humanoid Foreign Creature or not.

"If that kid had faced it and survived to tell the story, then there is no one who matches the kid's strength in the Black Mark Rank," Old man Vince thought.

Chapter 1230: Ongoing competition!

From MC's Perspective:

Time passed,

After studying the first stage of the new staff technique, I began practising the staff technique. I gripped the staff with both hands and thrust forward.

The staff front end went forward with a booming sound.

Boom!

Seeing that I found a problem with the stance and balancing. Then I maintain a good stance before thrusting the staff forward.

Boom!

Then, they generated a wind force greater than before. Seeing that I felt it was better than previous attempts. Then I continued the process.

Time passed,

When it was evening. I was able to move around and thrust the staff with balance. Compared to the first attempt. I have come this far in a few hours.

Then I stepped out of the training room and decided to leave. I put the staff back inside the storage ring.

Then I exited the training and went to the washroom nearby.

After getting refreshed, I left the washroom and went to the entrance. When I walked past the training room. I saw other warriors leaving as well.

They were all discussing the small competition. Seeing that I began to overhear while approaching the exit. I got a few interesting pieces of information.

But they have all stopped talking upon seeing me. Seeing that I shook my head before leaving the exit.

About 20 minutes later

I reached the Thunderflame Faction. Then I started going back to my residence. The earlier conversation of the warriors running in my mind.

They were discussing how the two bloodline factions are conducting a small competition as well. I didn't expect the bloodline faction to get involved in this matter.

What more? I have Bloodline Inheritance as well. I have never expected Faction Leader Francesca to allow this.

When I gave deep thought. I realised it must be the work of the bloodline warriors.

A few minutes later,

I reached my residence. I entered the room and locked the door. Then I went to the bathroom to take a cold shower. The bath lasted for 16 minutes.

I walked out and changed into comfortable clothes. The cold air has spread across the room. I went to that bed to lie down.

Then I took the digital device to browse the online news about the small competition.

Soon, the pages open up. Many posts appeared one by one. I opened the first few posts. Then I saw it was posted by the Elemental Factions' Warriors.

Seeing that I began to browse a few more online posts. The small competition has started, and the first stage duels are taking place.

Then I learned that there are other stages in the competition. Because the Elemental Factions have a large number of Black Mark Warriors.

The small competition would take a few days to complete.

After spending a couple of minutes reading the online post. I turned off the device and placed it on the table. Then I closed my eyes to sleep.

Meanwhile,

The first stage of the competition comes to an end as well. They can't wait for the top 3 warriors to get selected.

The following day,

I continued the routine as usual. I spent the whole day training. On the 2nd day of the small competition, the second stage was held.

The Elemental and the Bloodline Factions were able to screen further warriors. The last stage was left. It will be held tomorrow.

Tomorrow, the top 3 in each of these factions will be determined. Then they can challenge Zack Lockwood.

At the end of the second day of training, I had successfully started the incomplete staff technique.

I have completely learnt and executed the first stage of the staff technique. Hereafter, I can work on my proficiency.

Then I exited the training room and started approaching the exit. Once again, I overheard the warriors speaking to each other.

They are enthusiastically discussing the old Black Mark Warriors. Because they have shown their powerful techniques against their opponent.

With their techniques, they had fought against the foreign creatures in the warrior camp. Here they are using their fellow warriors to advance to the next stage.

At the same time, the warriors were keeping an eye on Zack Lockwood as well.

After knowing that Zack Lockwood has been spending the whole day inside the training room.

It was the second day in a row. Many had thought that the pressure of the upcoming challenge was also reaching Zack Lockwood's head.

That's why he was locked up in the training room. A few of Zack Lockwood's friends have decided to leave him alone. For example, Ronnie Seth has decided not to meet Zack Lockwood for the time being.

Because his movements were being monitored by the old seniors in the Dark Variant Faction. So he has been staying low-key.

On the other hand, the Faction Leader Clifford and the main elders knew about Zack Lockwood's training.

They knew Zack Lockwood had a new weapon and technique. The main elders were surprised at first. But Main Elder Austin explained to them.

After knowing that Zack Lockwood wants to keep the trump card. They were convinced.

They themselves doubted whether Zack Lockwood got serious about the small competition.

According to them, Zack Lockwood has an Ancient Inheritance of the variant water element. So they are thinking the duel could add pressure to Zack Lockwood.

But they didn't know the actual truth. Zack Lockwood had already got the kill count of the foreign humanoid creatures.

He just wants to add more power to the arsenal.

On the other hand, I returned to the Thunderflame Faction. For some reason, no one is disturbing me. I think that the Main Elders decided to leave me alone.

Soon, I reached the residence. After entering the residence, I locked the door. As usual, I spent time getting refreshed by taking a cold shower.

About 20 minutes later,

I walked out and changed into comfortable clothes. Once again I went to bed. I lay down and began to browse the online news.

The news about the second stage of the competition was online. I began to go through the online posts of Black Mark Warriors.