

## **BloodLine 1231**

Chapter 1231: Intense practice!

From MC's Perspective:

After going through the various online posts. I decided to sleep.

The following day,

After getting out of bed, I started to do the morning routine. I spent an hour completing it.

A few minutes later,

I left the residence and went to the Golden Lightning Palace. Upon reaching there, I entered one of the essence chambers.

Today, I have decided to use the Inheritance Force in the staff training at noon. Inside the chamber, I turned on the essence function.

The world energy begins to cover the room. In the blink of an eye, the whole room was filled with the rich world energy.

I closed my eyes and started to practise the lightning method. The rune in my consciousness flickered.

A dark purple force from the world energy enters the body. I began to circulate the energy. The dark purple force energy goes through my veins.

My whole body and cells are being strengthened.

After circulation, the dark purple force enters the dantian. It gathers around the purple lightning seed.

My eyes flash upon seeing the purple lightning seed. It's been some time since it has strengthened.

I don't know whether any resources are available that could strengthen the purple seed.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed,

I completed the practice two hours later. There is enough dark purple force in the dantian. It's enough for the practice.

Then I switched the method to the ancient healing technique. I started to practise. The healing force enters the body a few seconds later.

As the healing force coursing through the body. It brings the healing sensation with it. As the healing power travels, it heals the hidden injuries along the way.

Finally, the dark green force settled inside the dantian. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed,

I completed the practice another two hours later.

Then I switched to the Ancient Inheritance of the Shock Force Integration. The Shock Force Integration was completed depleted in the dantian.

So I started practising the method. The Golden and Silver Forces enter the body and begin to circulate.

Meanwhile,

Other warriors have started their routine. Some have entered the training facility. While others are using their essence chamber.

In the elemental factions, the third round has started. The old Black Mark Warriors were excited to get into the top 3 positions.

Even the Faction Leaders and the main elders of their factors were looking forward to it.

On the other hand, the Faction Leader of the Dew Water Faction has something on her mind. She knows Zack Lockwood has an Ancient Water Type Inheritance.

But she didn't know whether Zack Lockwood would be using the water force. If he does, then everyone would know that he has the water element.

She doesn't know whether there would be any chance for him to enter the Dew Water Faction. Somewhere in her heart, she is keeping the hope.

But she knows that kid Zack Lockwood and Dean Jerome were against it.

Time passed,

When it was the time of noon. I exited the essence chamber. Then I saw the warriors were intensely training outside.

While leaving, I nodded to them. They are discussing the small competition behind my back.

With a smile on my face. I exited the Golden Lightning Palace. I didn't see Master Austin. I'll meet him later if I need anything.

Soon, I returned to the residence and went to take a bath. The bath lasted for 20 minutes.

After coming outside, I changed into uniform clothes.

About 35 minutes later, I left the residence and went towards the exit. From there, I headed straight towards the Inner Palace.

After arriving at the place, I went inside. The Black Mark Warriors there discussing the same as well. It's all about the 3rd stage of the small competition.

My eyes flickered as I overheard something unpleasant. They are talking about the Old Black Mark Warrior who has the silver element.

His inherited power boosted his silver element. It makes his attack technique more powerful. So everyone is optimistic about this person against Zack Lockwood.

"Interesting," I said in my heart.

Then I went to the training facility. As usual, a group of warriors were already there. I have been seeing the same group for two days.

Upon arrival, they saw me as well. I nodded to them before going to the practice room.

The warriors looked at each other's faces. They saw how confident Zack Lockwood was. They are the ones who have been training here.

At first, they thought Zack Lockwood was feeling pressure because of the small competition. But they started to think they were wrong.

Zack Lockwood's expression was calm. Since the competition has reached the third stage today. He was not nervous at all.

Inside the practice room, I took the white bone staff out. Then I started to circulate the dark purple lightning force.

I slowly imbued the lightning power into the staff. The next second, I could feel the staff being filled with the power of the lightning.

Then I noticed I needed something to test the power of the staff. Then I activated the humanoid puppet.

When the humanoid puppet appears above the platform.

Swoosh!

I rushed out towards the humanoid puppet. After arriving there, I thrust the white bone staff forward.

The white bone staff comes into contact with the humanoid puppet.

Boom!

The next second, a dark purple lightning force blasted away the puppet. The contact part was destroyed.

The Humanoid Puppet was sent flying before crashing into the wall. Seeing that impact, I was shocked.

Because, I did a simple thrust move using the white bone staff. What if I attacked with more force?

Then the humanoid puppet would have been destroyed as a whole. Then I decided to try out with a few more moves.

Swoosh!

I activated the humanoid puppet again. Seeing that I decided to try another move. This time I'm going to strike it from above.

Chapter 1232: Small competition ended!

From MC's Perspective:

Boom!

As I brought the white bone staff downward. The staff comes in contact with the head of the humanoid puppet. The next second, it explodes into pieces.

The small shock sweeps away the room. When they came in contact with the strong walls. The shock force comes to an end.

Seeing the aftermath of the attack and the impact. I was satisfied. Then I decided to use a little bit of shock force and purple lightning force.

I pressed the button on the monitor for another humanoid puppet. The platform opens up. A humanoid puppet appears above.

It's the same humanoid puppet. I moved the staff again and began to imbue the dark purple force and shock force into it.

The dark purple force, with a mix of gold and silver, has covered the white bone staff. The white bone staff is now beaming with power.

Swoosh!

The next moment, I rushed out to attack the humanoid puppet again. When I appeared before the puppet.

I thrust the white bone staff forward. The white bone staff, filled with power, comes in contact with the puppet body.

Boom!

The puppet's body exploded into its pieces. The exploded parts fell on different parts of the ground.

Seeing that I was stunned. Because I knew it was not a firm contact. It was a mere touch, yet the puppet's body exploded.

I knew the material of the humanoid puppet could withstand the attacks of the Black Mark Warriors. So these materials were hard and expensive.

Then I recovered my thoughts and continued to practise with the staff technique.

While maintaining balance, he practises thrust, upward swing, downward swing and attacking while rotating.

Time passed,

While I was practising, the outside event was reaching its end. All six elemental factions were going to find their top 3 warriors in Black Mark Rank.

Their Main elders were surprised. Because some of the warriors have given them a surprise. The warriors who were low-key and 't optimistic had performed well.

Even some of the old warriors who were considered to have exhausted their potential have shown strong potential in this small competition.

Though the small competition was about challenging Zack Lockwood. Unknowingly, they had unearthed a hidden gem in their own factions.

Because of it they were happy. The Faction Leaders were surprised by the new development as well. Dean's notification has caused them to find new talents.

The same thing was happening in the two bloodline factions. Though they didn't have much enmity against the Thunderflame Faction and Zack Lockwood.

They don't want to stay behind other factions. They wanted to be in the limelight as well. If they were able to defeat Zack Lockwood in a duel, they would gain fame as well as their Faction.

Time passed,

When the evening arrived. The small competition comes to an end as well.

All 6 Elemental Factions and the 2 Bloodline Factions have selected their top 3 warriors.

They have sent their namelist to Dean Jerome.

They are hoping that Dean will accept the namelist.

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Dean Office:

Jerome has been following the small competition event. To be honest, he was surprised by the presence of many talented warriors.

He didn't expect many of the Black Mark Warriors who had become old to emerge with a new potential.

He was worried about the change in the situation of Camp 424. Now that he sees this many strong Black Mark Warriors.

He thinks that they will become the Silver Mark Warriors soon. When it comes to Zack Lockwood. He has been following the activities of Zack Lockwood as well.

He knows that the kid has been practising the staff technique. Because he spoke to the Main Elders Austin earlier.

So he knew what Zack Lockwood did. After learning that the kid has been doing this to have a trump card.

He was impressed. He thinks that Camp 424 should have been the wake-up call for Zack Lockwood.

But others don't know about Zack Lockwood's training. They were thinking it must be the same old Zack Lockwood.

Dean Jerome didn't know that he himself was underestimating the strength of Zack Lockwood. Zack Lockwood had killed foreign humanoid creatures.

Those creatures had the strength of Silver Mark Warriors. Despite the appearance of old Black Mark Warriors, they won't be able to turn the tide.

The whole Star University is going to learn in a few days.

Meanwhile,

I exited the training room and then went to the bathroom to get refreshed.

A few minutes later,

I walked out and started going back to the exit. I saw the warriors were yet to leave. As if they were waiting for me.

Suddenly, a group of warriors stood before me.

"Zack Lockwood, the selection is over. It's up to you to decide the opponent," One of the middle-aged warriors said.

"Interesting," I uttered.

Then I thought of something important.

I said, "I'll fight against the strongest among the selected warriors. There are 8 factions. Just fight it among yourselves to decide the top warrior. "

"Then I'll accept his challenge," I added before walking past them.

The warriors were dumbfounded. They had thought Zack Lockwood would accept the challenges from all the Factions.

It was said the same in Dean Jerome's notification. But Zack Lockwood has come up with his new rules.

They have decided to inform the third main elders and older warriors. The selected warriors would be pissed off if they knew Zack Lockwood was coming up with new rules.

About 20 minutes later,

I returned to the residence. But my mouth curves into an arc thinking about those warriors. I'm sure my message will piss off many. Including the Faction Leaders and the main elders.

Then I went to the bath to freshen up.

Meanwhile,

The warriors begin spreading Zack Lockwood's message. Everyone who heard it was shocked. Especially the older warriors who have reached the top 3 in their factions.

They think Zack Lockwood is going against Dean Jerome's rules. They won't agree to it. Everyone wanted to fight against Zack Lockwood and defeat him.

Chapter 1233: Sharing the news online!

From MC's Perspective:

The following day,

I woke up late. After getting out of bed, I started my morning routine. The routine lasted for 20 minutes. Then I went to the bath to take a cold shower.

About 20 minutes later,

I walked out of the bathroom. Then I changed into new, fresh clothes. He then sits on the sofa. He takes it out of the device to check the online news.

I had spoken to those warriors in the training facility. But I don't know what happened after that.

My condition must have pissed off others. The news must have spread like wildfire last night. Then I saw new online posts.

My eyes gleamed with a twinkle. Undoubtedly, the online posts were about me. I saw that my condition has pissed off others.

Everyone is blaming me right now. Seeing that I began to scroll down the online page. There are many complaints from the warriors.

But I didn't see any statement made by the main elders and the faction leaders. Seeing that, I was surprised.

I had thought faction leaders and the main elders must be pissed off. But there are no online posts about them.

My eyes flash with a glint. I'm sure if I go to the Inner Hall, there will be Black Mark Warriors waiting for me.

I don't know whether they have accepted the condition or not. Then I spent a few minutes reading the online posts.

A few minutes later,

After getting ready, I left the residence. I'm heading towards the Golden Lightning Palace. I have to practise the Golden Sealing Force.

When I reached the Golden Lightning Palace. I saw the members going about their business. I was about to head to the essence chamber.

"Zack, come to my place."

I heard the teacher's voice the next second. Hearing that I turned around and went to his home. After arriving there, I opened the door and walked inside.

As usual, Master Austin is sitting on the sofa with a huge device. He is reading the news. Upon seeing me, he asked me to take a seat.

I walked up to him and greeted him before sitting on the sofa.

Austin smiled and said, "I heard about your condition. Are you sure about it?"

Hearing that, I replied, "I have just started practising the staff technique. I don't want to fight too many duels."

“Besides, if they fight among themselves to decide the top three, then I will have only 3 duels to fight,” I added further.

Austin was convinced in his heart. He can clearly see that disdain in Zack’s eyes. But he doesn’t know whether others will agree to do that.

“I don’t know whether other factions would agree to it. So far, no one has made any comments. Everyone was waiting for Dean Jerome’s words.”

“Because he was the one who made the statement earlier. Your words contradict his statement,” Austin said with a smile.

Hearing that I don’t know what to do. But if I accept their challenges, then I will face more hostility from the elemental and bloodline factions.

They were all doing this for my dominance in the outer hall. If I repeat the same events here, then I might face problems in the core hall.

“What are you going to do?” Austin asked.

“I don’t know,” I replied.

“Listen to me. You are being disrespectful to Dean Jerome. He has been the one who is protecting you from the Elemental and Dark Variant Factions,” Austin said.

Hearing that my heart skips a beat. I am beginning to think I’m being careless. What if Dean Jerome gets offended? It might cause unnecessary problems.

Then I gave thought before nodding to him.

“I’ll fight them one by one,” I said to Master Austin while looking into his eyes.

“You have an online account. You can post it from your ID.”

“Which faction are you going to fight first?” Master Austin asked.

Hearing that I fell into deep thought. Among the Elemental Factions, the blazing fire Faction’s warriors were always arrogant.

It’s best to start with them.

I said, “I’ll do it with Blazing Fire Faction.”

“Good, post the news online,” Austin said.

I nodded to him before taking out my digital device. I never expected there would be a day when I would post the news online.

Then I opened the media site and accessed my ID. Then I began to write a post.

[I’m going to fight against the top three warriors of the Blazing Fire Faction. I hope they are ready!]

After writing that, I posted it. Then I showed it to Master Austin. He sees the online posts with a smile on his face.

“Good, you can go now,” Austin said.

Hearing that I stood up. I nodded to him before leaving the place.

Austin then called Faction Leader Clifford and told him about it. Faction Leader Clifford sighed in relief. It was all Faction Leader Clifford’s idea.

He was shocked to the core when he heard about Zack Lockwood's conditions. Before any faction leader could give any statement, he had come up with this plan.

Moreover, he was worried that Dean Jerome would be angry. So he thinks his actions would cool him a bit.

On the other hand, I went to the essence chamber. I nodded and greeted fellow members there before entering the available chamber.

I locked the door and turned on the console. The world energy starts to spread across the room.

Seeing that I closed my eyes and started practising the Ancient Inheritance of the Guardian God, the Sealing Force.

As the time passed, the golden force entered my body and started coursing through my body. After circulation, it finally enters the dantian.

The dull golden sealing force occupied the place next to the golden and silver shock force. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Meanwhile,

The online post has caught the attention of the people. The warriors in the Blazing Fire Faction were especially stunned.

They had heard about the condition as well. But now they think it was all a trap. Zack Lockwood had wanted to catch them off guard.

So the Blazing Fire Faction Warriors were angry right now.

Chapter 1234: Duel date is fixed!

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the essence chamber. I ended the practice of the Ancient Sealing Force. Then I switched to the blood method.

As time passes, the blood force enters the body. The blood force started to course through my body.

The red light above the blood force appears. It started to convert the red blood force to the white force.

The white force enters his bones. It started to strengthen his bones. Already, his bones were dark red in colour.

He could feel the blood force strengthening his bones. He continues to repeat the process. More and more blood force is entering his body.

After conversion, the white energy force enters his bones to strengthen them again.

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Meanwhile,

The news about Zack Lockwood's online posts has spread throughout Star University. They were all shocked and dumbfounded.

Like the Blazing Fire Faction's Black Mark Warriors. They have started to think Zack Lockwood has done this to fool everyone.

He is going to fight against the Blazing Fire Faction's Black Mark Warriors.

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Blazing Fire Faction:

The Faction Leader, Elmer Maddox, meets the main elders in the meeting. The meeting is about the duel challenge.

The small competition has ended. All the Elemental Factions and the Two Bloodline Factions have selected their top three warriors.

They had never expected Zack Lockwood to challenge them first. The main elders were confused.

But the Faction Leader, Elmer, had a smile on his face. He has known ever since Zack Lockwood joined Star University.

The warriors from their faction have troubled him. Starting from their warriors causing trouble for Zack Lockwood during his mission outside.

From there, they have come this far. Compared to other Elemental Operations. He doesn't have such enmity against the Thunderflame Faction.

But it's different for other Elemental Factions. If they couldn't defeat a single warrior from the Thunderflame Faction.

Then they won't be able to raise their head against the Thunderflame Faction.

What more? He, too, learned that the kid had returned from Camp 424. It's the same camp that has become Silver Mark Warrior camp right now.

The kid Zack Lockwood has survived from such a warrior camp. His strength must be stronger than before.

Already, there are rumours that the kid has accepted Ancient Inheritance.

So he knows it won't be easy for anyone to defeat the kid in the same rank.

But fortunately, the top 3 warriors in each of the elemental factions and the bloodline factions have all the warriors who got Ancient Inheritance with them.

He then spoke to the main elders to decide the date for the duel.

"Since Zack Lockwood didn't mention the duel date. He must be waiting for our response," Elmer said to the Main Elder.

The Main Elders have agreed with the Faction Leader. Then they have decided to summon the top 3 warriors.

Soon, three warriors entered the meeting hall. One woman and two men. Three of their age appear to be middle-aged.

They are from the group of old warriors who were waiting for an opportunity to break through to reach the Silver Mark Warrior Rank.

They are older than Zack Lockwood. It doesn't mean that they are weak and exhausted their potential.

They have spent more years below Black Mark Rank. Because of it, they got their inheritance late. If it were another Inheritance, their potential would have been different.

But they have an Ancient Inheritance. So their potential cannot be written off by others. They can break through at any time.

Faction Leader Elmer and the main elders look at them. They were impressed. Because they have defeated some of the recently become strong warriors as well.

Elmer said, "Did you guys see Zack Lockwood's online post?"

"He is ready for the fight. He must be waiting for our answer," he added.

Hearing that three warriors looked at each other.

"Faction Leader, we were ready to fight against him at any time," One of the men said.

He has long black hair, reaching up to his shoulders. His name is Isaac. His skin tone is tanned.

Hearing that the other two voiced their opinion as well.

Hearing that Faction leader and the main elders were impressed once again.

"It's good to hear that from you. Then we can fix the duel date for tomorrow. There is no need to hurry. You guys can take today's time to rest," Faction Leader Elmer said.

Hearing that the main elders and the top three warriors have agreed as well.

Elmer then thought of something before saying, "You guys can post it from your media handle as a response."

The top three warriors understood and nodded in response.

Elmer ended the meeting as well. When everyone has left. He is still sitting in his place. He then made a call to the Thunderflame Faction Leader Clifford.

His call was attended by the Faction Leader Clifford.

Elmer then informed him about the duel date.

"So you have picked a date for tomorrow. Are you sure about your warriors?" Clifford asked.

Hearing that Elmer smiled and replied, "They were not like others. The top three got Ancient Inheritance. Their attack and defensive techniques were impressive."

"So I think it won't be easy for the kid Zack to win tomorrow," he added.

Hearing that old man Clifford got silent for a second. He knew that Zack Lockwood had been practising a new staff technique.

But he was worried that Zack Lockwood might be forced to the Ancient Inheritance of the variant water.

Last time, everyone didn't look at it carefully. Before anyone could notice Zack Lockwood had entered the warrior camp.

He doesn't know what the kid will do this time.

"What happened?" Elmer Maddox asked.

"It's nothing. We will see who is going to win tomorrow." After saying that Clifford ended his call.

But Elmer knew his words had shocked him. Ancient Inheritance is no joke. The fight between them is not going to be an easy one.

So he is looking forward to tomorrow's duel. He hopes that this time his warriors can defeat Zack Lockwood tomorrow.

He can't wait to see that.

Chapter 1235: Duel day! (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

Post noon, I exited the essence chamber. I had practised the bloodline method as well. I can relax the rest of the day.

Then I saw members were still practising outside.

After looking at them, I was about to leave the place.

One of them suddenly walked up to me. He told me about the Blazing Fire Faction's response. Hearing that, I was surprised.

I took the digital device out. Then I accessed the online site. It didn't take long for me to see the online post.

It was posted by three warriors. These three warriors were the top three warriors of the Blazing Fire Faction.

They are ready to face me tomorrow. My mouth curves into an arc. I opened my account handle and wrote.

[Let's meet tomorrow!]

After writing it, I posted it online. Then I put the device back in the storage ring. I turned towards the member and thanked him.

Then I started walking back towards the Golden Lightning Palace. I exited the place and headed back towards the residence.

Soon, I reached the residence. After entering the room, I locked the door. Then I went to take a bath.

The bath lasted for 20 minutes. I walked out and changed into fresh clothes. I have decided to take a rest for tomorrow's duel as well.

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Time passed,

Everyone heard about the Blazing Fire Faction's response. The duel arena needs to be prepared., The Inner Hall Elders went to the arena to check the fighting platform.

Tomorrow's duel is going to be between the Black Mark Warriors. Their force could destroy the fighting platform.

So the fighting platform needs to be constructed with special materials. They needed to decide who could enter the duel arena.

Obviously, the Outer Hall Warriors can't enter the Duel Arena this time. Because the fight is going to be between the Inner Hall Warriors.

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Dean's Office:

Dean Jerome knew the latest developments. Earlier, he saw that Zack Lockwood didn't want to fight every duel.

But he changed his mind later. The Blazing Fire Faction's Warriors have decided to fight against Zack Lockwood tomorrow.

He doesn't think too much about the reason. But he thinks Zack Lockwood might be forced to use his bloodline.

If the water variant power comes up, then the Dew Water Faction won't be silent. He had already warned them.

He hopes that they won't cause problems with the help of other elemental factions.

So he is looking forward to tomorrow's duel. Once the duel is over. He will again send Zack Lockwood to a warrior camp.

If Zack Lockwood stayed here, he knew there would be problems. The Other Universities are paying attention to the Star University as well.

Not only has their warrior camp 424 become Silver Mark Warrior Camp. The warrior camps under other universities are showing this trend as well.

Dean Jerome doesn't know whether it's a sign of an upcoming crisis. He hadn't received any information from higher-ups so far.

He then collected his thoughts before resuming his work.

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The following day,

I woke up. After getting out of bed, I started doing the morning routine. The morning routine lasted for 25 minutes.

I knew today was the duel day. Everyone must be waiting for the duel to happen. Then I began to pay attention to the dantian.

All the inheritance forces have filled the dantian. I can fight without any problem. But I know that I can't use the bloodline power in front of others.

If others knew, it could be another problem. Last time, I had escaped somehow. But I don't know what's going to happen today.

An hour later,

After getting ready, I left the residence and headed towards the Golden Lightning Palace. Soon, I reached the Golden Lightning Palace.

After entering, I went to meet Master Austin. When I reached his house. I informed him.

Creak!

Master Austin opened the front door and invited me inside. I went inside and sat on the sofa. Austin sits opposite him.

"Are you ready?" Austin asked.

Hearing that, I thought of something before asking, "I don't know whether to use the water variant element or not."

Austin understood. He knows that his disciple escaped last time. But this time it would be difficult.

The duel against the Black Mark Warriors could force him to use the variant water element force.

"What about the staff technique?" Austin asked.

Hearing that I shook my head and replied, "Master, I'm not planning to use the staff technique. It's going to be my trump card. I'll try to win a duel using my body strength."

Austin was not surprised. He knows about the blood method which strengthens the bones. No one has such bone power except Zack Lockwood.

"Okay, I can understand your worry. It's not necessary to win. If you think you are forced to use a variant water element, then you can forfeit," Austin said.

He considers his disciple's safety as a priority.

Then we talked for a few more minutes. Austin then receives a call from the Faction Leader Clifford. He wanted them to go to the Duel Arena.

Austin then said, "Let's go to the duel arena."

Hearing that I nodded to him. I left together with Master Austin. Instead of walking on the ground. We used the flight ability to move.

Shortly afterwards,

We reached the duel arena and landed on the ground. Master Austin said that he is going to join Faction Leader Clifford and the main elders.

Then he left. I started heading towards the main office. We had to sign an agreement before starting the duel. It's all about no killing being allowed.

After coming to the main office, my gaze fell on the staff there. Everyone had a serious expression on their faces. Upon seeing them they greeted me. I greeted them in response.

I asked, "What about the referee?"

"Someone from the Inner hall is going to be there," One of the staff replied.

Hearing that I didn't say anything. I began to wait for the warriors from the Blazing Fire Faction to come.

Chapter 1236: Confrontation!

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Arena,

I began to wait for the Blazing Fire Faction. Then I saw three people entering the place a few minutes later. They were over middle aged. Two men and one woman.

When they arrived. Their gazes immediately fell on me. I could tell that their gazes were unkind. One of the middle aged men walked to me.

I looked at him. He has long black hair reached up to his shoulders.

"I heard you were against the Elemental Factions. Especially, the Blazing Fire Faction," Issac said in a serious tone.

"This time you won't be able to defeat the warriors of the Blazing Fire Faction," He added.

Hearing that my eyes flickered with an understanding.

I had my previous conflicts with the Blazing Fire Faction. Now, I'm going to fight against them again.

The woman and another man walked up to me. They said the same thing as well. For them it's not an ordinary duel. If they defeat me, it would raise their prestige.

"Let's see," I said to them.

Then I turned towards the staff. It's been some time but there was no sign of the elder.

"Where is the elder?" I asked the staff.

Hearing that the staff understood that if they don't do anything right now. Then the duel might take place inside the office.

"He will be here shortly," the staff said.

I frowned. You have to sign the declaration. Because it's not normal sparring. Before he could get angry.

An old man walked into the room. He is the elder from the inner hall. He saw everyone's face and understood.

He was a bit late. Then he gave a small apology before taking out the form and asked the participants to sign.

Then I stepped forward and signed three pages. Then three warriors signed the form. Now it's the time for the duel.

I left the place and entered the arena. I started heading towards the fighting platform.

Seeing that Issac looked towards the other two members and nodded to them. Then three of them started walking towards the fighting platform.

The staff heaved a sigh of relief. They were worried that a fight would happen inside. Fortunately, the elder has come at the right time to save them.

The elder gave the forms to them before following the two sides towards the fighting platform.

On the other hand, while approaching the duel platform. I'm watching the duel arena as well. It appears that warriors from the Inner Hall have come to the duel area.

But not all of them were here. Most of them went to the warrior camp. Then I turned towards the fighting platform.

The fighting platform was large in size. It was different than before. Seeing that, I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

The fighting platform's tiles were made of new material. Soon, I reached the fighting platform.

Noise!

I stepped inside and walked up to the middle. Then I noticed a huge noise coming from the duel arena.

The Black Mark Warriors have come from the Elemental Factions. Seeing that my gaze fell on the Bloodline warriors.

I don't know whether the Faction Leader Francesca Ball has come. I think that she must be worried about the variant water element as well.

At the same time, three warriors reached the platform. Issac and the woman stood there. But the remaining middle aged man stepped inside.

Three of them had discussed among themselves.

The middle aged man is going to fight. His name is Ben.

Issac said, "Ben, I believe you can take him down. But give us a chance as well."

Hearing that the female warrior said the same. Ben smiled in response. They meant that they don't want Ben to beat Zack Lockwood brutally.

If it happens, then they won't be able to fight against Zack Lockwood. So it's not fair for Ben to have all the fun.

At this time, the Elder appeared. Seeing that I collected my thoughts. Then I turned towards the middle aged man in front of me.

I heard their joking conversation. They are serious about defeating me.

"Are you guys ready?" Elder asked.

I nodded to him. The middle aged man Ben nodded his head as well. He has been wanting this fight to happen for a long time.

The Elder got the confirmation.

Unknownst to everyone. Dean Jerome is standing in the mid air. The Purple Mark Guard is standing one step behind him.

Both of them were completely hidden from everyone's gazes. They could see everyone clearly from here.

"What do you think?" Dean Jerome asked.

Hearing that Purple Mark Guard said, "Dean, I think the kid can still win. But he might be forced to use his inheritance power."

Jerome nodded his head. He does have the same idea. Because Zack Lockwood's opponents were not weak.

They were the holders of the Ancient Inheritance as well. So he had no idea about Zack Lockwood's strength right now.

This is going to be the first duel after Zack Lockwood's return from the warrior camp.

At the same time, the Faction Leaders were gathered in respective view blocks. The main elders from all factions have gathered inside another view block.

Surprisingly, everyone was gathered here to watch the duel between the inner hall warriors. This has never happened before.

All of this was happening because of Zack Lockwood.

Faction Leader Clifford is worrying inside. More than win, he was worried that Zack Lockwood might be forced to use his inheritance force.

Where as Faction Leader Elmer is looking forward to the duel. He doesn't think about Zack Lockwood's Inheritance.

But there are three other people here who were thinking about it. The first one is Faction Leader Francesca Ball.

She knows about the truth of the variant water.

The second is Faction Leader Monica. According to her, Zack Lockwood has accepted Ancient Inheritance of the variant water element.

This was said to her by Dean Jerome.

The third person who was curious was Faction Leader Vince. He was keen to learn about Zack Lockwood's Ancient Inheritance as well.

Chapter 1237: Part 1: Fight against Ben (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

I'm standing on the platform on one side. Ben is standing opposite me. The elder has asked whether both of us agree to the duel.

We both nodded our heads. But he is waiting for something. A look of understanding dawned on me.

He must be waiting to get permission from the higher ups. The Blazing Fire Faction Warriors saw this as well. But no one raised the question.

Issac and the female warrior were not raising any questions. The middle aged man, Ben standing opposite me, was silent as well.

At this time, the whole duel arena was noisy. The inner hall elders allowed the Outer Hall Warriors to fill the empty seat.

The whole arena looked packed right now.

In the mid air, Dean Jerome saw that Elder was waiting for the order. He then gave the order to the elder.

The Purple Mark Guard thinks that Elder must have realised that everyone was paying attention to the duel.

On the duel platform, the Elder received the order directly from the Dean. He was dumbfounded. He had thought someone from the Inner Hall would give him the order.

But to his surprise. Dean Jerome has directly ordered him.

The Elder then looks at both the participants.

He said, "You guys can start the duel."

This time his voice has reached everyone's ears. The duel arena has become quiet for a second. But they broke out into cheers the next moment.

Issac and the female warrior smiled in response.

In the duel platform, the middle aged man Ben grinned before darting out from his spot.

Boom!

His movement creates a booming sound. He covers half of the platform in the blink of an eye. His fist is aiming at the opponent.

Seeing that opponent was charging forward without using his element. I realised he wants to test my strength.

So I punched forward to block his attack. Both of our fists come in contact with each other in a flash.

Boom!

A shock force bursts forth and spreads across the fighting platform.

The middle aged man Ben's face changes. His right arm was hurt. The impact force is hurting him right now. He took two steps backward with disbelief.

At the same time, I stood rooted on the same spot and looked at him. But my heart was in turmoil.

If it were an ordinary warrior, the brute force would have broken his arm.

But I know that the opponent in front of me has Ancient Inheritance as well. So his physique is naturally strong.

Ben calmed his heart and retreated to his previous position. Seeing that I did the same.

Gasp!

An exclamation sounded among the audience. Everyone knows that the first confrontation was a test of strength.

Now everyone has witnessed that the Blazing Fire Faction Warrior Ben lost in that first confrontation. He appears to be weaker than Zack Lockwood.

This caused many of the supporters of the Blazing Fire Faction to change their faces.

Issac and the female warrior standing outside the fighting platform felt ashamed. Before coming here, the trio were clear.

They didn't underestimate Zack Lockwood. They knew that Zack Lockwood's reputation wasn't false. So the trio had decided to use their full strength when it comes to Zack Lockwood.

So they understood that Ben was being overpowered. It shows that Zack Lockwood is stronger than Ben. It made Issac and the female warrior serious.

They can't afford to look down on Zack Lockwood.

Meanwhile,

Dean Jerome and the Purple Mark Guard were standing in the mid air. They are watching the situation below.

From the first confrontation it was clear that Zack Lockwood had the upper hand.

But the Purple Mark Guard still doesn't know whether Zack Lockwood would be able to win without using the Inheritance power.

Dean Jerome's eyes flickered. He is silently accessing the strength of Zack Lockwood. He knows that Ancient Inheritances are powerful. But there are gaps between them.

But Zack Lockwood has not one but two Ancient Inheritances. He thinks that's why the kid's physique is so strong.

Meanwhile,

Inside the viewing block, the faction leaders were surprised by the test of strength.

"Ha...Ha....Ha..."

"Faction Leader Elmer, the outcome is clear now," Old man Clifford said with a joyful laughter.

Hearing that Elmer still smiles. From the beginning he has been maintaining a neutral attitude. He knows that it's not easy to defeat Zack Lockwood.

He said,"The duel is not over yet. The clash of inheritance power still remains."

Old man Clifford becomes silent. He glares at him before turning towards the fighting platform.

The Human Bloodline Faction Leader Francesca's eyes flickered. She is having the same idea as Dean Jerome.

She thinks Zack Lockwood's two Ancient Inheritances have made his physique strong. There is a possibility of him winning without using the inheritance power.

"Sure, it won't be easy to defeat that kid. The rumours regarding his strength are not falsehood," Bethany said in a serious tone.

Her voice reached other faction leaders. Including the ears of the Dew Water Faction Leader. Her eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

She had never expected the Water Variant Ancient Inheritance of Zack Lockwood would be this strong. It has made his Physique stronger than the Blazing Fire Faction.

The long lost fire lit in her heart again. She wanted Zack Lockwood to be in her faction. Then her water faction might become top amongst the elemental faction.

Even there is a chance of ranking among the top 3 in the whole Star University. Her hope was not without a chance. Zack Lockwood does have Water Variant Inheritance.

So Zack Lockwood should be in her faction. She knows that it's impossible for the Dean to change his opinion. Unless someone orders him to do that.

She knows that there are powers behind the Star University who could do that. She can only wait for that time to come.

She will definitely rope Zack Lockwood into her Water Faction when it happens. After gaining some clarity, she calmed her heart.

Faction Leader Vince was silent. Unlike others he is not making any comments. He simply observes to collect details on Zack Lockwood's Ancient Inheritance.

Chapter 1238: Part 2: Fight against Ben (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

Fighting Platform,

Inside the fighting platform, the middle-aged man, Ben, feels humiliated.

He knows he used his full strength in the previous attack, yet Zack Lockwood easily blocked his fist. Determined, he decides to attack again.

The next second, he charges toward Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, I stand opposite the middle-aged man. Seeing him charge at me again, I decided to use my fist attack once more.

Isaac and the female warrior stand outside the fighting platform, observing.

Noticing Ben using the fist attack again, they exchange glances, realizing that the middle-aged man is not convinced.

In the blink of an eye, Ben appears in front of me. I raise my fist to punch again, and our fists collide.

Boom!

A deafening noise erupts. This time, I push my fist forward, forcing Ben to stumble back a couple of steps. His face darkens.

Instead of retreating to his previous position, he uses his fire element.

Boom!

The next second, red blazing fire envelops both of his palms. Anger surges within him. Looking at the fire covering his arms, he grins.

Then, he glares at Zack Lockwood and moves to strike again.

My eyes flicker. I sense a threat from that fire element, it's no ordinary fire; it's an Ancient Fire Elemental Force.

In response, I slightly circulate the blood force from my bones. The blood force covers both of my arms in an instant, invisible to others unless I deliberately reveal it.

Ben appears in front of me again. Using my perception ability, his body movements become slow and clear in my eyes.

In the blink of an eye, our fists collide once more, my blood force meeting his fire force.

Boom!

Another deafening noise resounds.

Argh!

Ben lets out a muffled grunt, pain coursing through him. The fire on his right arm extinguishes, and the blood force injures his right arm.

Yet, his left arm remains covered in fire. Despite the pain, he swings his left fist.

Seeing my opponent use his left arm, I immediately counter with my left fist. Our fists collide again.

Boom!

A tremendous noise erupts. The blood force instantly extinguishes the fire on his left arm and injures it as well.

Argh!

Ben screams in pain. Both of his arms are now injured, the fire completely extinguished.

Swoosh!

In fear, he attempts to retreat the next second.

My eyes gleam with a twinkle. Seizing the opportunity, I charge forward to strike his back. My punch lands squarely, blasting Ben away.

He flies forward, crashing face-first into the ground.

Gasp!

A loud exclamation erupts from the audience. Everyone watches the scene in disbelief.

They can't believe that the Blazing Fire Faction was still attacked by Zack Lockwood, despite using the fire elemental force. It all happened within seconds.

Isaac and the female warrior are dumbfounded. They don't understand how it happened. They know Ben's Inheritance force is strong, yet he was defeated with brute force so easily.

Not only are they shocked, but the Blazing Fire Faction warriors are stunned as well. They can't believe Ben was overpowered like that.

They only saw Ben using his elemental force, while Zack Lockwood didn't rely on his Inheritance force.

In the viewing block, the main elders observe the scene. Austin isn't surprised.

He knows Zack Lockwood's physique is exceptionally strong due to the blood method, making it difficult for opponents to defeat him.

The other main elders watch closely. Main Elder Ann sighs in relief.

Everyone had assumed the Ancient Inheritance Power would be similar across warriors, but Zack Lockwood is fighting without using his Inheritance power.

"Why is his physique so strong?" a Main Elder from the Elemental Faction asks.

No one answers, as they don't know either.

Only the Main Elders from the Thunderflame Faction could provide insight, but they remain silent, including Main Elder Leola, Cathy, and Rosie. Everyone watches the duel without comment.

Only the main elders of the Blazing Fire Faction are confused. They can't comprehend how Zack Lockwood can fight without using his Inheritance force and still harm his opponent.

It's shocking and inexplicable. Some begin to suspect that Zack Lockwood's Inheritance is no ordinary Ancient Inheritance.

Meanwhile, on the fighting platform, the middle-aged man, Ben, stands up. He returns to his position and faces Zack Lockwood.

Fear flashes in his eyes. He didn't expect Zack Lockwood's brute strength to be so formidable. He realizes defeating Zack will be difficult.

Isaac and the female warrior see Ben rise to his feet and breathe a sigh of relief. But they know the real fight is just beginning.

The Referee Elder closely monitors the fighting platform, aware that the duel could turn deadly at any moment.

On the other hand, I'm observing Ben, curious about his next move. The commotion has quieted down, but the real show has yet to begin. Ben draws his weapon, a broadsword.

The next second, he executes an attack technique. The fire elemental force envelops the sword's blade.

Slash!

He swings the sword, unleashing a powerful fire arc toward me. It happens in an instant.

If I don't move now, the flame slash could seriously injure me. I immediately sidestep, narrowly escaping the attack's range.

Boom!

The flame slash strikes the empty ground, creating a deafening noise.

The next moment, a shockwave spreads across the platform. The explosion causes small flame sparks to scatter everywhere. Even these tiny sparks could harm a warrior.

Swoosh!

At the same time, I sidestep here and there to avoid the flame sparks.

After landing on the ground, the small sparks create a sizzling, burning noise. All this happens within moments.

On the other hand, the middle-aged man, Ben, realizes that one flame slash wasn't enough.

Slash!

He charges forward, slashing once or twice at Zack Lockwood. His broadsword's blade still blazes with fire, raising the temperature on the fighting platform.

Isaac and the female warrior smile. They know the real fight has begun.

Cheers!

The Elemental Warriors cheer from the audience. Especially the Warriors of the Blazing Fire Faction cheering a lot.

Chapter 1239: Part 3: Fight against Ben (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

The Fighting Platform

Multiple flame slashes came at me one after another. I used my perception ability to dodge the fiery attacks.

Boom!

The flame slashes struck the platform floor one by one, each impact creating a booming sound. Shockwaves spread across the platform, hitting the barrier in a flash.

At the same time, I retreated to the edge of the platform. My mind raced with thoughts.

I had planned to defeat him using only my physical strength, but it was proving difficult. I was certain everyone was curious about my Ancient Inheritance.

Middle-aged Ben stopped his attacks and stared at Zack Lockwood in disbelief. He couldn't understand how Zack had dodged every strike.

Each attack seemed certain to land, but Zack evaded at the last moment, frustrating Ben immensely.

Issac and the female warrior stood outside the platform. Initially, they were pleased that Ben had taken an offensive approach.

They had expected Zack Lockwood to respond in kind, but to their surprise, he kept dodging.

Zack appeared to be in a defensive position, which confused them. They had noticed a clear gap in brute strength earlier.

When Ben began using his Inheritance power, he seemed to dominate Zack. Yet, Zack wasn't retaliating, only dodging. The duo exchanged confused glances.

"It must be a trap. Don't fall for it," the female warrior said suddenly.

Issac was stunned, then nodded. It made sense. Why wasn't Zack using his Inheritance power? He must be waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike.

The audience shared similar thoughts, unable to find any other logical explanation. Zack had clearly demonstrated a difference in strength earlier.

Meanwhile,

Above the platform, Dean Jerome and the Purple Mark Guard watched the fight. They knew the real reason: Zack Lockwood possessed two Ancient Inheritances.

However, Jerome had forbidden him from revealing either publicly. He had instructed Zack to use only his bloodline element, the Ancient Water Variant Force.

If Zack used it, the University would be thrown into chaos. The Dew Water Faction Leader would likely renew their demands, and other Elemental Factions might support them.

The Purple Mark Guard saw through this as well. That's why he had doubted earlier whether Zack could defeat the Blazing Fire Faction warriors with physical strength alone.

"Dean, you've put him in a tight spot," the Purple Mark Guard said.

Jerome smiled and replied, "It's a test for him. Let's see how he handles it."

He sighed inwardly. He knew it was challenging for Zack to hide his power. If other universities learned of it, they would target him with hidden attacks.

That's why Jerome had insisted on using a false Inheritance name. But he suspected the truth might come out today.

Zack would either use his bloodline power or his other Ancient Inheritance. Either way, it would cause a stir if hostile forces found out.

Jerome had already heard rumors that some faction leaders and elders were skeptical of Zack's return from Warrior Camp 424.

They had gathered information about his activities there, where Zack had shown promise as a warrior through his participation in battles.

For now, Jerome wanted Zack to conceal his Ancient Inheritance power for as long as possible.

Viewing Block 1

Faction Leader Elmer was full of surprises. He didn't know Zack Lockwood's strategy or why the kid was only dodging instead of fighting back.

"Is he planning to use his opponent as a sparring partner?" Elmer wondered.

He thought it was possible. This wasn't Zack Lockwood's first fight.

He had battled Blazing Fire Faction warriors in the outer hall before. Elmer glanced at Faction Leader Clifford, only to see the old man looking equally confused. Elmer raised his eyebrows.

Turning back to the fighting platform, Elmer realized the kid was acting on his own, not following instructions from his faction.

Meanwhile, Faction Leader Clifford felt puzzled but had a theory. He suspected Zack was hiding his Ancient Inheritance.

Clifford knew that if Zack revealed his variant water element, it would cause a disturbance. The Faction Leader of the Dew Water Faction would not stay silent.

Suddenly, Clifford felt someone's gaze on him. He traced it and found it was none other than Monica, the Faction Leader of the Dew Water Faction.

His heart skipped a beat. He didn't know why she was staring at him, so he quickly looked away.

On the other hand, Monica knew the real reason. She had conversed with Dean Jerome, who had warned her not to reveal the details.

Still, she believed that if Zack used his variant water element, the elemental factions would react strongly.

At the same time, Faction Leader Francesca sighed inwardly. She could see what Zack Lockwood was doing.

"He's trying to avoid an inheritance clash," she thought.

She wasn't sure how long Zack could maintain this strategy. She knew the consequences if he used his water element here.

"Hey, what's wrong with the kid? Does he have some plan in mind?" Bethany asked in a sarcastic tone.

She found the situation amusing. She had expected Zack to do everything possible to defeat his opponent, but so far, he was only dodging attacks.

"Just wait and watch," Francesca replied.

She didn't want to say more.

Bethany shook her head and continued watching the platform.

Meanwhile, Faction Leader Vince was sharp. He quickly sensed something was off. He believed Zack was repeating the tactics from his previous duels.

In those fights, Zack had used his Inheritance power, but no one could figure out what it was. Vince thought Zack was employing the same strategy here to win the duel.

However, this opponent was no weakling. He also possessed an Ancient Inheritance. A wide grin spread across Vince's face.

He thought the truth would soon be revealed, and it would be entertaining to see everyone's reactions.

Meanwhile,

The other Faction Leaders could tell something was amiss.

Not only were the leaders of the top ten factions present, but the leaders of the medium and small-sized factions were there as well. They were all pondering the ongoing situation.

Chapter 1240: Part 4: Fight against Ben (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

Fighting Platform

The middle-aged man, Ben, gazes at his broadsword. His opponent, Zack, has once again dodged all of his attacks. But Ben isn't done yet.

Things are just getting started. He swings his broadsword again. This time, the attack is faster, almost twice as swift. The flaming sword slash surges toward Zack.

From my perspective, I notice the attack's speed has doubled. I prepare to sidestep, but the strike grazes my side.

Boom!

An explosion erupts the next second. The force feels like a powerful blast hitting my body.

Like a projectile, I'm thrown against the barrier. Despite possessing three Ancient Inheritances, my body slams hard into it.

Boom!

It happens so fast that I don't have time to channel my blood force to block the attack.

Thud!

My body collapses to the ground. This is the first time I've felt such intense pain and the first time someone has injured me.

I glance at my stomach and see the cloth completely burnt away, the exposed skin red from the attack.

Gasp!

A collective exclamation rises from the crowd, so loud it hurts everyone's ears.

"Ha... Ha... Ha..." Ben lets out joyful laughter.

He can't believe his eyes. Zack Lockwood is hurt and by his attack, no less. He's finally landed a blow on Zack.

Issac and the female warrior are stunned, their faces filled with surprise. Just a moment ago, they thought Zack was untouchable, staying defensive.

But in the next second, Zack is struck by the flame attack. They see Ben laughing loudly. For a moment, Issac believes he, too, could defeat Zack Lockwood.

The female warrior recovers, a smile spreading across her face. She can't wait to face Zack Lockwood herself.

The referee Elder is equally shocked. He never expected Zack to be hit. It's my first.

The audience remains in disbelief, unable to process what's unfolding before them. Zack has been struck by an opponent for the first time.

On the large screen, everyone can see the injury on Zack's side. It's clear Zack Lockwood is wounded.

Apart from the Blazing Fire Faction, warriors from the other Elemental Factions cheer loudly.

Even the Bloodline Warriors are stunned. Zack Lockwood, hurt by an opponent? They begin to believe they could defeat him, too.

Warriors from the Dark Variant Faction are present as well. They came to watch the duel with no expectations, but what they witnessed leaves them dumbfounded.

No warrior from their faction has ever defeated Zack. Yet someone from the Blazing Fire Faction has done it.

Some Dark Variant Faction warriors start to regret not challenging Zack themselves. If they had, one of them might be facing Zack on the fighting platform right now.

## Viewing Block 1

The faction leaders are in shock. They see Zack's injury and the damage to his side.

"This kid," Old Man Clifford mutters with worry.

Even Faction Leader Elmer is dumbfounded. He anticipated many outcomes, but not this one, Zack was injured by a warrior from his own faction.

He should feel proud, but instead, he senses something is wrong with Zack Lockwood.

He turns to the Thunderflame Faction Leader and asks, "Faction Leader Clifford, what's wrong with Zack?"

At that, the other faction leaders' gazes shift to Zack Lockwood.

Clifford regained his composure and said in a serious tone, "I don't know."

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The faction leaders were shocked by his words. But Old Man Clifford realized that the kid didn't want to reveal his inheritance power.

As they were talking, on the fighting platform, Ben launched similar strikes, injuring Zack Lockwood further.

Faction Leader Elmer narrowed his eyes. He was far from pleased.

Unlike the other faction leaders, he held no resentment toward Zack.

His faction warriors were always the ones provoking the kid, so he had a favorable opinion of him, especially since Zack was highly talented.

Now, seeing the kid injured for the first time, Elmer suspected Zack was doing it deliberately. So far, Zack hadn't used his inheritance power.

According to all the faction leaders and Dean Jerome, Zack possessed Ancient Inheritance. He could have used it to block the attack.

The Ancient Inheritance powers would likely cancel each other out. But the main question remained: Why wasn't Zack using it?

Faction Leader Francesca was worried. She, too, realized Zack was willing to lose the duel rather than use his inheritance power.

"That's it?" Bethany commented from the side. "What's happened to this kid?"

Her eyes were filled with disappointment. Though she had criticized Zack for some time, she never doubted his strength.

That's why she had organized a small competition within her own faction to select powerful bloodline warriors.

She believed her top three warriors were stronger than those of the Blazing Fire Faction. Even Francesca had acknowledged this.

Yet, here was Zack, being injured by a weaker warrior. She didn't know what to say.

At that moment, one person was particularly frustrated, Faction Leader Vince. He had hoped to uncover Zack Lockwood's Ancient Inheritance.

But Zack surprised him by getting beaten by his opponent.

“Last time, Zack used his inheritance power to win the duel at the last moment. But today, he’s not using it at all,” Vince said. “This kid simply wants to lose the duel and walk away.”

His words sparked a commotion.

“Yes, I thought so too. Why isn’t he using his inheritance power? If he did, he could win the duel,” Faction Leader Monica said suddenly.

Her words fueled arguments among the other Elemental Faction Leaders.

No one defended Zack except Thunderflame Faction Leader Clifford, who remained silent, his gaze fixed on the fighting platform.

Above the fighting platform, Dean Jerome and the Purple Mark Guard watched as Zack was beaten by his opponent.

“Well, this is a surprise,” Jerome remarked.

His expression remained neutral, showing neither happiness nor sadness.

“I don’t know what the kid is thinking. I’d love to look into his mind,” the Purple Mark Guard commented.

They, too, saw that Zack Lockwood was being defeated.