

BloodLine 1241

Chapter 1241: Defeating Ben with one punch!

From MC's Perspective:

On the fighting platform, Zack continues to get hurt from the attacks of the middle-aged man, Ben.

This immediately boosts Ben's arrogance.

He thinks Zack is not as strong as the rumors suggest.

So he feels confident while attacking Zack. At the same time, Issac and the female warrior want to fight against Zack as well.

But if Zack is injured, they won't get a chance today.

So Issac says, "Ben, finish the duel. I want to fight him next."

"Yes, Ben, do it. Don't waste time. Our turn is next," the female warrior says.

Hearing that, the old referee shakes his head. He doesn't know what's going on here. The duel now seems to favor the Blazing Fire Faction warriors.

On the fighting platform, I'm badly hurt.

Though there are no visible blood wounds all over my body, I have suffered burns and hidden injuries.

Everyone thinks I'm losing the duel right now. They don't know that I have a plan in mind.

I also notice that my opponent is no longer guarding himself. He's being overconfident. I'm waiting for the right opportunity to deliver the final blow.

That way, the duel can end in one move.

Meanwhile,

Inside the viewing block, the main elders are seriously discussing the duel.

Main Elder Austin is deeply thinking about something. He doesn't know why Zack is doing this.

Not only is he thinking this, but Main Elder Ann is thinking the same. She doesn't know what happened to Zack Lockwood.

They had never seen him get beaten before. They know that Zack Lockwood has the power to defeat his opponent.

Either he is deliberately doing this to lower the enemy's guard, or he plans to lose purposely to avoid using his water variant Inheritance power.

Not only the two main elders are thinking this way, but Main Elders Leola, Cathy, and Rosie are thinking alike.

Because they know the truth about Zack Lockwood's Inheritance, they remain silent. But the main elders of other factions are talking negatively.

They start saying that Zack Lockwood is going to lose, that he's not as strong as he used to be.

Hearing this, the main elders of the Thunderflame Faction get angry. But they can't do anything here except trust Zack's decision.

In the fighting platform, Ben gets more motivated and continues to attack Zack.

At one point, he hears the shouting of the two members again. They want to fight Zack as well.

But he wants to defeat Zack Lockwood miserably so that he can become popular.

On the other hand, I'm using the ancient healing technique to heal the hidden injuries inside my body. The opponent doesn't know about it.

The incomplete ancient healing technique works amazingly. I use the healing force in my dantian.

The healing force has almost healed all of my injuries. At this moment, I'm biding my time to strike.

Then I see the opportunity has come. Ben puts away his broadsword and starts walking toward me in bold steps.

He doesn't think that even if he gets closer, Zack has the power to hit him hard. He believes he can put Zack down with brute strength.

Right after, he arrives in front of me. He's about to grab my hand.

"Blood Fist!"

I circulate the blood force from my bones. When the blood force covers my right arm, I strike his stomach.

Boom!

The Blood Fist punch shakes Ben's internal organs. They're injured the next second. The face of the middle-aged man, Ben changes.

His face contorts in inhuman pain. His eyes are bloodshot. He's terrified. His heart is filled with extreme fear.

That punch just now was no ordinary punch. Before he can think further.

Puchak!

He vomits a torrent of blood. At the same time, he feels dizzy, and his footsteps are unsteady, as if he could lose consciousness at any moment.

On the other hand, I stand up and look straight into his eyes.

Slap!

The next second, I slap his face hard. The middle-aged Ben's mind goes blank, and he collapses directly onto the ground.

Tud!

His face hits the ground first as he falls.

As the middle-aged Ben fainted on the ground, I began to act normal. I stretched my arms and legs, then started to circulate the healing force freely.

Gasps!

A huge exclamation sounded the next moment. The sound was so loud it was almost deafening. Almost half of the crowd among the audience stood up from their seats.

The visuals on the big screen were shocking. They saw that Zack was doing fine. He didn't seem to be injured at all.

On the other hand, the Blazing Fire Faction warrior Ben had collapsed onto the ground. This was a complete turn of events at the last moment.

The warriors in the stands couldn't believe their own eyes.

In the fighting platform, the old referee was stunned. Then he realized that Ben had fainted. Blood was flowing from his mouth.

This meant he was seriously injured. Everyone saw Zack land a punch at the last moment, but no one expected the punch to be filled with such power.

Then Zack's slap at the end caused the opponent to faint.

Issac and the female warrior were stunned. Just a while ago, they were excited and waiting for their turn to come.

Now, seeing such a change, they were frozen on the spot. Issac's eyes filled with fear as he saw Zack swinging his arms and legs as if he were doing a workout.

The female warrior was terrified at heart. She finally collected her thoughts and looked at the situation inside the fighting platform.

Now the illusion was broken. She could tell that Zack had been acting deliberately to defeat Ben.

But she didn't know why he was using such tricks. He could have used his Inheritance power to fight fairly and squarely.

This kind of tactic was used by those who were weak. At this moment, Issac realized it as well. Zack had been fooling everyone so far.

The old referee removed the barrier and entered the fighting platform. He rushed to Ben's side and checked him.

His face changed again. He looked at the kid, Zack, in disbelief. He found out that Ben's internal organs were badly hurt. He might die if not treated immediately.

The old referee then asked me to come.

I walked up to him. He grabbed my hand and raised it for everyone to see.

"Zack Lockwood is the winner!"

The old man said. His voice sounded loud and clear.

Chapter 1242: Mixed reactions!

From MC's Perspective:

Everyone heard that Zack Lockwood was the winner. He had defeated the Blazing Fire Faction Warrior, Ben.

The old man referee immediately took Ben, who had fainted, to the infirmary. On the other hand, I walked out of the fighting platform.

My gaze fell on Issac and the female warrior. The two of them were jumping so high earlier. Now they looked scared. Their expressions had totally changed.

Feeling my gaze, they averted their eyes. Then I took back my gaze and started walking toward the office.

Cheers!

At the same time, the cheers continued to happen. They only stopped when people saw Zack leaving the place.

The Blazing Fire Faction Warriors were disappointed. For some time, they had been cheering out loud for the middle-aged warrior, Ben.

But in the end, he was defeated by one move.

They could only sigh and started leaving the place. They didn't want to stay there to hear the cheering sounds.

The cheers were mostly caused by the mid- and small factions' warriors. The warriors of the six Elemental Factions were not cheering out loud.

Even the two Bloodline Factions were not celebrating at all. The Dark Variant Faction Warriors were leaving the duel arena.

The dream of witnessing Zack Lockwood's defeat was shattered for them. So they were not ready to stay there.

Only some of the Thunderflame Faction Warriors remained among the Top 10 Factions. Their mood had gone through many ups and downs in this duel.

Only in the end were they able to realize that Zack Lockwood was fooling everyone.

Meanwhile,

Dean Jerome and the Purple Mark Guard had watched the whole thing.

"So he has decided to hide his Inheritance power until the end," Jerome commented.

"The kid was able to fool him. What about the other two? They won't get fooled. He still has the other five Elemental Factions and two Bloodline Factions to fight," the Purple Mark Guard said.

“Let’s see. The kid is not stupid. If he wanted to reveal his Inheritance power, then he must be prepared as well,” Jerome replied.

Then they left the place.

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Viewing Block 1:

The Faction Leaders were all stunned. They didn’t expect to see a sudden shift in events. Zack had defeated the opponent with a surprise attack.

They could tell that the Blazing Fire Faction Warrior Ben was badly injured—so much so that he was taken to the infirmary right after.

This time, Faction Leader Elmer got angry. He wasn’t pleased with Zack’s tactics. He had brutally injured the opponent at the last moment.

It could take Ben months to recover. Everyone saw how he had sprayed blood on the ground before fainting.

On the other hand, Faction Leader Clifford was smiling ear to ear. His heart was at ease right now because Zack had won the duel.

Though it was unsightly until the end, what mattered was the result. Elmer suddenly turned toward him.

“Faction Leader Clifford, Zack has crossed the red line. There was no need for him to injure the opponent brutally,” Elmer said.

Hearing that, the other faction leaders quieted down immediately.

Old man Clifford's face grew solemn. He turned around to face Elmer.

"What are you saying?"

"Did you forget that kid was being attacked by your warrior at the last moment?"

"Zack just used one move to defeat your warrior. So there's no need for you to get angry over this," he said.

Elmer said nothing, but he was visibly angry. He didn't refute Clifford's words, but what he meant was something else.

Zack had purposely injured Ben. But he couldn't say much about it now.

Elmer then said, "I've got two more warriors. I don't think he can pull off the same trick tomorrow."

After saying that, he left the room.

"Wow!"

"That kid knows how to make people angry. I'm even somewhat upset. That kid fooled everyone. I'm going to warn my warriors not to fall for his trick," Faction Leader Bethany said to Francesca.

Faction Leader Francesca could only show a helpless smile. As she had suspected earlier, Zack didn't want to use his Inheritance power at all.

But he had managed to secure victory without using it. However, it came with a risk. Like Faction Leader Elmer said, she didn't think that Zack could successfully use the same trick again.

At the same time, the Dew Water Faction Leader Monica was angry as well. But she could only keep it in her heart.

She was expecting Zack to lose, but she didn't expect such a turnaround. That kid had fooled everyone. She was going to tell her top three warriors to use their Inheritance power from the get-go.

She was going to tell them that their job was to force Zack Lockwood to use his Inheritance power, not to win the duel.

As long as Zack Lockwood was exposed, the duel result didn't matter. Star University would be shaken up by another controversy.

With a smile on her face, she exited the room as well.

One more person was gloomy. The person was none other than Dark Variant Faction Leader Vince. He had hoped for something interesting to happen.

But even he got slapped in the face by his expectations. That kid turned out to be clever and made a fool of everyone.

He heard the words of Elmer as well. He didn't think that kid could use the same tactics to win again. So the truth about his Inheritance power would come to light.

"Harumph!"

Then he gave a cold snort before leaving the room.

When all had left, Faction Leader Clifford left the room as well. He had felt animosity inside the room. No one liked Zack.

They all wanted their warriors to win against Zack Lockwood.

He suddenly remembered the promise made by him and the main elders to Zack. They had decided to look for another inheritance.

So that Zack could make use of his element. If he had used his purple lightning element, the opponent would have been defeated in the first few minutes.

He was going to discuss it with the other main elders later.

Chapter 1243: Waiting!

From MC's Perspective:

Soon, I returned to my residence. The first thing I did was go to bed to lie down. I'm completely exhausted. I closed my eyes and fell asleep.

Meanwhile,

Faction Leader Clifford ordered the other main elders to come to the meeting hall. They had something important to discuss.

Half an hour later,

Everyone had arrived at the meeting. Faction Leader Clifford sat in the main seat. Main Elders Austin and Ann were seated on the left side.

Main Elders Leola, Cathy, and Rosie were seated on the right side. Everyone wore a solemn expression on their faces.

What Zack had done shocked everyone to the core. For some time, they all thought Zack was going to lose the duel.

Faction Leader Clifford's gaze fell on everyone. He could see that everyone was worried. He let out a sigh.

Sigh!

He said, "I don't know what's going on inside Zack's mind. He gave the illusion that he was going to lose the duel."

"Then he used his punch to defeat the opponent at the last moment. But this trick won't work against other warriors."

"If he plans to hide his Inheritance power tomorrow, it will be difficult for him to win the duel," he added.

The main elders heard him. They shared the same thought.

Clifford turned toward Austin and asked, "Did you find any Inheritance for Zack's Purple Lightning?"

Hearing that, everyone was surprised. Then they realized what this meeting was all about. Some time ago, they had decided to find an Inheritance for Zack Lockwood.

So that the Dew Water Faction wouldn't trouble them and Zack.

Austin's expression was serious. He replied, "No, I haven't found a Purple Lightning Inheritance so far."

Hearing that, old man Clifford was disappointed. But he knew it wasn't easy to find such things.

"Then we should be ready to confront the Dew Water Faction. The other elemental factions might join them as well," Clifford said.

"Faction Leader, I don't think Dean Jerome would agree to their wishes," Main Elder Ann said.

"I know. But anything can happen in the future," Clifford said.

He then asked each of them to pay attention to any news about inheritances. They couldn't afford any delay in this matter.

Until then, they could only pin their hopes on Zack.

Shortly afterward,

The meeting ended. Main Elder Austin didn't want to disturb Zack, so he didn't summon him.

Similarly, Main Elder Ann wanted to speak to Zack, but knowing his condition, she remained silent.

At the same time, she had trust in her healing technique. It could heal any serious injuries.

The rest of the main elders couldn't help directly, but they could use their connections to search for inheritances everywhere.

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Blazing Fire Faction:

A similar meeting was taking place inside the Blazing Fire Faction. Faction Leader Elmer looked at the main elders.

Everyone was discussing the result of today's duel. One of the top three warriors, Ben, was admitted to the infirmary.

Right now, Issac and the female warrior were inside the meeting hall. They were listening to the main elders but didn't know what to say.

Both of them were extremely angry. They knew that Zack Lockwood had successfully fooled everyone.

If Ben hadn't let his guard down, he wouldn't have been caught off guard.

Faction Leader Elmer suddenly shifted his gaze toward the two of them.

He asked, "Who is going to fight tomorrow?"

Hearing that, Issac and the female warrior looked at each other.

Issac said, "Faction Leader, I'm going to fight next."

Hearing that, the main elders supported him. They wanted Issac to defeat Zack tomorrow. But Faction Leader Elmer had a different idea.

He said, "No. Bella is going to fight tomorrow."

The female warrior's name was Bella.

Issac was surprised. He wanted to fight Zack tomorrow, but the Faction Leader had other plans.

Bella got excited. She immediately nodded and said, "Faction Leader, I will fight against Zack. I will defeat him."

Elmer said, "Good, but don't underestimate him. When you face him tomorrow, don't hold back. Use your inheritance power fully."

"Don't give him a chance. If you make any mistake, he will use it against you," he added.

Hearing that, Bella nodded. Issac also accepted the decision. He could still fight Zack the day after tomorrow.

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Bloodline Faction:

Faction Leader Francesca started to worry about Zack. But the main elders misunderstood, thinking she was worried about the bloodline warriors.

"Faction Leader, don't worry. Our warriors are stronger than the Blazing Fire Faction warriors. They can easily defeat Zack Lockwood," one of the main elders said.

"Yes, he used a desperate move to win in the end. His real strength will be exposed tomorrow," a female main elder said.

Francesca heard everyone's words. She simply nodded at them, but they didn't know she was thinking about something else.

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Dark Variant Faction:

Faction Leader Vince was in his room. No meeting was taking place here because he hadn't conducted the small competition.

He had thought that Zack would lose anyway. But to his surprise, the kid wasn't using his inheritance power at all.

He knew that Zack had an Ancient Inheritance, confirmed by Dean Jerome. But he didn't know why the kid wasn't using it.

Back in the viewing block, when someone asked Clifford, he didn't reply and dodged the question. Vince was sure something was going on.

It would become clear tomorrow, so he decided to wait until then.

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Dew Water Faction:

Faction Leader Monica was angry. The main elders and warriors didn't know why she was angry.

Despite numerous requests, she refused to speak about it. Instead, she asked her warriors to train hard and gave them orders.

Their job was to force Zack to use his inheritance power. Their goal was not to win the duel. Hearing that, the main elders and warriors were surprised.

But she didn't explain. She told them to follow her orders, and everything would become clear to them.

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Meanwhile,

The outer hall warriors were celebrating Zack Lockwood's win. Only the inner hall felt the opposite.

Eight out of the top ten factions had decided to go against Zack Lockwood, leaving only the Thunderflame and Dark Variant Factions.

Zack came from the Thunderflame Faction, which left the Dark Variant Faction. But their warriors were not participating in the competition.

So Zack had few supporters inside the Inner Hall, for example, Ronnie Seth in the Dark Variant Faction.

Ronnie had watched the duel. He was dumbfounded by the unexpected result. Zack had won, but he won in an unconventional way.

He couldn't understand Zack's actions. He went to the virtual training lab to discuss with Old Man Daniel.

But Old Man Daniel was confused himself. He couldn't understand what was going on either. But one thing he was sure of:

He had figured out that Zack didn't want to use his inheritance power. Everyone knew that Zack had an Ancient Inheritance.

But the question remained: why wasn't he using it?

Old Man Daniel said, "Nobody can guess what's going on inside his mind. Don't think too much about it. I still think that kid is hiding it. He is strong."

Hearing that, Ronnie Seth agreed. He thought that tomorrow everything would become clear. He then returned to his place.

Chapter 1244: Second duel!

From MC's Perspective:

When midnight came, I opened my eyes and got out of bed. Then I looked at my body. Apart from the bruise on my skin, the internal injuries were all healed.

Now, I'm feeling better and started to ponder tomorrow's duel. I was able to win today, but I know it's not easy to repeat.

I have a good understanding of the old warriors. They have Ancient Inheritance as well, and their techniques are powerful.

Even middle-aged Ben has mastered his flame techniques. That's why it was hard for me to block those flames, despite using the blood force during the duel.

I believe it will happen tomorrow. The Blazing Fire Faction has flame element warriors, but each of their flame elements is different.

Some have aggressive flames, while others have milder ones. But without a doubt, they are all dangerous.

If the warriors have Ancient Inheritance, their attacks would be even more powerful.

Today, I got firsthand experience. But the situation would have been different if I had used my own Inheritance power.

Yet, I'm still indecisive about whether to use it or not. If I had used the Inheritance power openly, I could have easily won the duel in the first few minutes.

But I was afraid of the aftermath. Anything could happen. Though Dean had made me lie, I still feel something is amiss.

What if things don't go as I imagined? That's why I'm not ready to use the Inheritance power yet.

I've decided to continue with brute force. It may lead to my first defeat ever, but I'm ready to face it.

After gaining some clarity, I went to the living room to practice. I sat cross-legged on the ground.

I closed my eyes and started running the blood method. The blood force from the surroundings was attracted to my body.

It started entering my body one after another. Feeling the energy, I began to circulate it.

The blood force coursed through my body. Once it appeared in my bloodstream, a blood light emerged and started the conversion.

The blood force energy converted into the mysterious white energy. This mysterious white energy then strengthened my bones.

The dark black and red skeleton began to grow stronger.

As time passed, I continued with the process. I'm not going to use other elements or inheritance.

I'm sure the faction leaders will be paying close attention. Since the blood force has an invisible nature, they won't be able to see it.

But it's different with other forces. Last time, no one paid attention; otherwise, I would have been exposed already.

Time passed.

Morning came. I stopped practicing after reaching my limit. I opened my eyes and felt immense strength in my bones.

Then I stood up and went to the bathroom to take a shower. I spent 20 minutes in the bath.

I walked out of the bathroom and began to change my clothes. After getting ready, I sat on the sofa and started reading the online news.

The news feed had many posts about the duel. Everyone was surprised by the duel because it was almost one-sided before I defeated the opponent.

After reading the online posts and articles, I decided to leave.

About 20 minutes later, I left the residence and started heading toward the duel arena. On the way, I came across faction members.

They were all looking at me with complicated emotions. They don't know what will happen today.

They can't be sure who is going to win today, just like the faction leaders and main elders.

These warriors had their own discussions among their group of friends. Everyone was convinced that Zack wouldn't be able to win if he continued with the same trick.

So the warriors looked at him with a new gaze.

On the other hand, the faction leader and main elders learned of Zack's departure. The news spread like wildfire.

Main Elders Austin and Ann had complicated expressions. They maintained a positive attitude but didn't know what decision Zack would make.

As Zack's masters, they will support him. The other main elders were ready to go to the duel arena.

A few minutes later, I arrived at the duel arena. There are many routes, but I used the participants' path to reach the duel area. Then I entered the office and met with the staff.

They were all surprised. They didn't expect me to come to their office. I started chatting with them. I didn't want to stand on the fighting platform before the crowd arrived.

As time passed, the warriors started to appear in the duel arena. They began to take their seats. Everyone wanted to see today's duel.

Today is more important than yesterday. More and more warriors started coming. Even those who hadn't attended yesterday's duel began to show up.

Warriors from the top 10 factions started arriving from the other sides. The warriors from the Blazing Fire Faction were more motivated than yesterday.

The top three warriors of their faction are strong. They believe the remaining two warriors won't fall for Zack's trick.

Warriors from the other elemental factions started coming in. The Bloodline Faction warriors arrived as well. Everyone wanted their faction's top three warriors to fight against Zack.

Slowly, it's going to happen in the coming days. They were eager to see what Zack would do. Surprisingly, a few warriors from the Thunderflame Faction came to support Zack Lockwood.

Most of them stayed in the inner hall and faction to watch the duel. They recalled how other warriors made fun of them yesterday, but the outcome changed in the end.

They refused to go through similar mood swings again, so they stayed back.

Viewing Block 1:

The faction leaders started coming in. Faction Leader Clifford made an entrance, followed by Blazing Fire Faction Leader Elmer.

Elmer wore a neutral expression, but there was expectation in his eyes. He looked at old man Clifford. He had said a few words to him yesterday.

But he didn't regret it. He still thinks Zack won't be able to pull the same tricks against Bella.

Seeing the tension between the two, the other faction leaders remained silent. But they knew the duel would be interesting.

Faction Leader Monica arrived. She was tense and had been in a bad mood since yesterday. She hoped that today, at least, that kid would be exposed.

Shortly afterward, Faction Leader Vince entered. Then the Bloodline Faction leaders arrived a few minutes later.

Chapter 1245: Part 1: Fighting against Bella (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Arena

It didn't take long for the warriors to fill the seats in the duel arena. The faction leaders and main leaders had arrived as well.

It was time for the participants to enter. This time, middle-aged Ben didn't show up; he was still undergoing treatment.

Isaac and Bella were the ones who walked into the arena. I saw them entering, their expressions far from pleasant. They looked cold and arrogant.

"Today, you won't be able to use the same tricks," Isaac said in a cold tone.

Bella flashed a chilling smile. They brushed past me and headed toward the fighting platform.

Cheers!

The crowd erupted in loud cheers upon seeing them, especially the Blazing Fire Faction warriors, who were the most vocal.

They reached the fighting platform. Bella stepped onto it, while Isaac remained outside.

Seeing this, I decided to enter the arena. But before I could, the old referee walked in. The crowd responded enthusiastically to his appearance as well.

I entered the duel arena and headed toward the fighting platform. The audience roared as they saw me, but the cheers were noticeably quieter compared to those for the Blazing Fire Faction warriors.

I realized yesterday's duel had disappointed them.

When I reached the platform, I stood opposite Bella. Looking at her, I understood she would be my opponent.

I glanced at Isaac, who was grinning ear to ear, then at the old referee. The crowd was still making a lot of noise.

The referee waited for the higher-ups to give the order.

Swoosh!

Dean Jerome and the Purple Mark Guard appeared above the fighting platform, standing in mid-air.

Looking at Bella and Zack, Dean Jerome smiled. He was clearly looking forward to the duel.

The Purple Mark Guard, however, seemed tense. He wasn't sure what Zack Lockwood would do. Like others, he doubted he could fool Bella today.

Dean Jerome gave the signal to the referee to start the duel.

Meanwhile, the referee received the order. The next moment, he activated the barrier. A solid barrier began to envelop the fighting platform.

On the platform, I noticed the barrier forming. My expression grew serious as it completely enclosed the space.

Boom!

The referee signaled the start of the fight.

Bella smirked before launching her attack. She shot a dark red ball toward me.

Using my perception ability, the area around me became clear in my mind. The dark red ball seemed to move in slow motion.

Her flames were different from those of the middle-aged Ben.

Boom!

As the dark red ball was about to hit me, I sidestepped just enough to avoid it.

The ball struck the empty ground and exploded, sending dark red sparks scattering across the platform. The sparks created a crackling noise wherever they landed, accompanied by a booming sound.

I dodged the sparks one by one, not letting a single one touch me.

Gasp!

The crowd gasped in shock. They were surprised to see Zack using the same tactics again.

Bella grinned widely. She hadn't expected Zack to rely on the same trick, but it boosted her confidence in winning the duel.

Earlier, she had worried he might use his Inheritance Force against her, but now she was pleased.

Even Isaac, standing outside the platform, sighed in relief.

The referee sighed inwardly. Like others, he had been looking forward to the duel, but seeing Zack's actions, he shook his head in disappointment.

Inside the platform, Bella continued her assault with dark red flame attacks.

Boom!

One after another, the red flames shot toward me. To the outside world, her attacks seemed lightning-fast, but he evaded them with equal speed.

The crowd was astonished by Zack's evasion skills.

As time passed, Bella grew frustrated. None of her attacks landed on Zack. Isaac, too, began to worry.

Zack's evasion skills were stronger than before, and she couldn't figure out what was going on in his mind.

Bella suddenly stopped her technique. Her Inheritance Force was depleting rapidly, and she didn't want to exhaust it before defeating Zack.

Meanwhile, Dean Jerome squinted his eyes. He noticed Zack was performing better than before, but he wasn't using his Inheritance Force.

Zack's reactions were naturally fast, responding swiftly to each attack.

Even the Purple Mark Guard was shocked. He had never seen such evasion skills. He realized Bella must have used up some of her force, but it was all for nothing.

Knowing Zack would rely on the same tactic, Bella decided to use her Inheritance Force.

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Viewing Block 1:

All the faction leaders were watching the duel. Seeing me use the same tactics again, some couldn't hold back their criticism and began speaking out against Zack.

Old man Clifford remained silent. He trusted Zack. He had surprised everyone yesterday, and he believed Zack might do the same today.

Blazing Fire Faction Leader Elmer was also quiet. He was slightly disappointed with Bella, thinking she was wasting her Inheritance Force.

He also noticed Zack's reaction speed was faster than yesterday, and I didn't seem to be using any technique.

The Bloodline Faction leaders watched without commenting.

However, the Dew Water Faction leader was angry. She feared Zack might escape defeat today and hoped Bella would put more pressure on Zack.

The Dark Variant Faction leader remained silent, his thoughts unreadable. But he, too, was eager to see Zack's Inheritance Force in action.

Meanwhile,

The main elders were engaged in a serious discussion. They couldn't understand why Zack Lockwood wasn't using his Inheritance Force at all.

Instead, he was forcing his opponents to deplete their Inheritance Power. Once they ran out of it, he would launch a surprise attack to defeat them.

Main Elder Austin remained silent, not responding to the others' slander. However, he was furious deep down.

If not for his position, he would have confronted them already.

The other main elders of the Thunderflame Faction felt the same. They were restraining their anger.

The Elemental Faction's main elders were the ones mocking Zack Lockwood the most.

Chapter 1246: Part 2: Fighting against Bella (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

Fighting Platform

Bella was frustrated. Every attack she launched missed its mark. Determined, she rushed forward to engage in close combat, swiftly appearing in front of Zack.

Her right fist was enveloped in a bright, dark red flame. Any strike from her fist could burn and destroy anything in its path.

In response, I channeled my blood force. An invisible energy coated my right arm, surging into it instantly.

Swoosh!

I punched forward with a resounding force.

Our fists collided. The impact sent a terrifying heat coursing through me, as if my skin, flesh, and bones were burning.

At the same time, my blood force was affecting Bella.

She felt the bones in her right fist crack under the strain. If she didn't pull back, she feared her fist might be destroyed.

Swoosh!

She withdrew her hand and retreated quickly, returning to her previous position in a flash. Her right arm was now bloodied, with drops slowly dripping onto the ground.

Plop!

I stood firm in my position, watching as blood dripped from her injured fist. A quick gleam flashed in my eyes, I had successfully damaged her right arm. She wouldn't be able to use it effectively anytime soon.

Gasp!

The audience was stunned at first, then erupted in exclamations. On the big screen, Bella's injury was clear for all to see.

She wouldn't be able to use her right fist for the rest of the duel. This match was already proving more intense than yesterday's. Zack was landing effective attacks, unlike his passive performance in the previous duel.

However, the crowd didn't know how Zack had managed to injure her. No one had seen his inheritance power in action. The injury was the result of their direct clash.

Issac, standing outside the fighting platform, was stunned. He hadn't expected Bella to get hurt. This scene was entirely different from yesterday's match.

Even the referee, an old man, was taken aback. He hadn't anticipated Bella's injury. The duel was no longer one-sided.

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Above the Fighting Platform

Dean Jerome observed the scene clearly. He suspected Zack had used his blood element to injure Bella.

His eyes flickered with realization, Zack Lockwood's blood element was unique. It was impossible for others to discern unless they knew about his abilities.

Seeing Bella's injured right arm, Dean Jerome was certain Zack would win the duel.

The Purple Mark Guard remained silent but shared the same observation. He believed Bella had underestimated Zack. Moreover, it seemed Zack was determined to gain the upper hand in this duel.

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Viewing Block 1

The faction leaders watched the duel intently. Clifford's eyes flickered as he saw Bella take damage. He was aware of Zack Lockwood's blood element and knew Zack's physique was stronger than most.

Still, he hadn't expected Zack's raw strength to overwhelm his opponent.

Faction Leader Elmer raised his eyebrows in confusion. "What's going on?" he muttered to himself. On the big screen, it was clear Zack hadn't used his inheritance power, just a brute-force punch.

Bella, on the other hand, had used her inheritance force, yet she was the one injured. Elmer couldn't make sense of it but refrained from commenting aloud.

As a faction leader, admitting his confusion wouldn't reflect well. He glanced at Clifford, who maintained a neutral expression, unreadable as always.

Francesa, however, understood what had happened. She was surprised, as she had assumed Zack wouldn't use his inheritance power.

Yet he had done so discreetly, unnoticed by the crowd. She sighed inwardly, convinced the duel was no longer suspenseful, Zack would win.

Bella's injured right hand would hinder her ability to use her techniques effectively.

Dew Water Faction Leader Monica remained silent, observing without comment. Faction Leader Vince, meanwhile, was carefully analyzing the duel.

He, too, was puzzled by how Zack's brute force had bloodied Bella's arm. He continued to watch closely, determined to uncover the truth.

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Meanwhile,

In the Virtual Training Lab, a small group of interested spectators watched the duel on multiple screens.

Ronnie Seth and a few like-minded individuals were among them, alongside Old Man Daniel and his staff, who were observing for research purposes.

During Zack's time in the Outer Hall, he had frequently used the lab to improve himself.

But since joining the Inner Hall, he hadn't visited once, disappointing Daniel and his team. They had believed Zack was different from other warriors.

Ronnie Seth, however, convinced them otherwise, suggesting Zack had a reason for isolating himself.

After learning Zack had returned from Camp 424, now Silver Mark Camp, Daniel and his staff decided to support him by collecting data on his duels.

Seeing Bella's injury from the fist clash, everyone in the lab was stunned. The multiple screens allowed them to view the duel from various angles.

They saw Zack deliver a simple punch, yet it had injured Bella. Her dark red flames, powered by her ancient inheritance, were extinguished upon contact, and her fist was left bloodied.

"What happened here?" Ronnie Seth asked, his view clearer than those in the duel arena. He could spot subtle differences in the clash.

Old Man Daniel turned to his staff. One of them replied, "We lack data. We need more to determine what caused her injury."

Hearing this, Daniel instructed his team to research how Zack had extinguished Bella's dark red flames. He was intrigued, those flames were a force of ancient inheritance, not easily countered.

His curiosity about Zack's abilities deepened.

Not only was Ronnie Seth present, but a few other warriors who had faced Zack Lockwood in virtual duels were there as well. They were eager to challenge him again.

However, Zack Lockwood had broken through quickly. Ronnie Seth had achieved a breakthrough too. They were all waiting to become Inner Hall warriors.

At the same time, those unable to watch the duel in the arena were following it from their factions. Warriors on missions outside were receiving live updates from their friends.

News of the duel had also reached other universities. Zack Lockwood's name was already well-known in certain circles due to his impressive record in the Outer Hall.

This news further amplified the attention surrounding him.

Chapter 1247: Part 3: Fighting against Bella (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

Fighting Platform

Boom!

One deafening blast after another echoed across the duel arena. Blazing fireballs continued to strike the empty floor, missing their target.

Bella couldn't use her right fist. She relied on her left arm for attacks, yet all her strikes missed Zack Lockwood. The duel had been ongoing for some time.

Almost everyone was convinced Bella would lose. She was consuming her ancient force at a rapid rate. If this continued, her force in the dantian would soon be depleted.

On the other hand, I evaded all her attacks. Under my perception, her movements seemed slow, allowing me to dodge effortlessly.

Unlike Ben, Bella lacked weapon techniques, which made her struggle. At one point, frustration overwhelmed her.

The pain in her right hand was intensifying, and without immediate treatment, it would worsen.

Issac, standing outside the platform, saw her struggle.

He called out, "If you can't do it, give me a chance instead."

His words reached Bella's ears, and her expression darkened. But she wasn't ready to give up. She immediately rushed forward to attack.

Swoosh!

In a flash, she closed the distance, giving Zack no chance to evade. Her legs, covered in flames, boosted her speed.

At the same time, I tried to escape, but she appeared before me like a bolt of lightning. I noticed her legs engulfed in dark red flames.

My eyes flickered with understanding. A clash was unavoidable. She was acting out of desperation, and I felt I had no choice either.

I charged forward to meet her attack.

Bella's eyes flashed with a cold glint. She enveloped her entire left arm in dark red flames, spreading terrifying heat across the arena.

Even the tiles scorched under the immense heat. In an instant, her left arm swung toward me. Seeing her desperate final attempt, I knew her attack would be powerful.

Boom!

I circulated the blood force from my bones, channeling it to my right arm in an instant. The next second, I felt immense strength coursing through it, as if I could tear anything apart.

Boom!

Our fists collided. The dark red flames covering her left arm leaped toward me.

The flames began burning my skin, but my blood force worked to extinguish them. Still, Bella had poured everything into this attack.

The explosion from our clash created a cloud of smoke, obscuring us as we stood rooted to the spot, each trying to overpower the other.

Gasp!

The audience exclaimed in shock and surprise. They hadn't expected Bella to unleash an attack of this scale. Everyone could tell that if this failed, she would lose the duel.

On the big screen, it was clear both warriors were struggling to overpower each other. The warriors in the audience focused on the screen.

Most eyes were on Zack, shrouded in white smoke. They could tell he wasn't using his inheritance force.

His right arm was covered in dark red flames, leading everyone to believe Bella's flame force was overwhelming him.

But something else was happening.

On the fighting platform, I felt intense pain and heat. I could easily dispel the dark flames by increasing my blood force, but doing so might raise suspicion among the warriors.

They might question how my physique could withstand an Ancient Inheritance force. It would undoubtedly become a topic of discussion.

So, I opted for a surprise attack. Bella was giving her all, convinced her attack would succeed.

As time passed, she was using the last of her inheritance force in her dantian. But doubt crept in as seconds ticked by.

Zack remained rooted to the ground.

Above the Fighting Platform

Dean Jerome watched the duel. Seeing Bella expend the last of her inheritance force, he knew the duel was nearing its end.

Either she would exhaust her energy first, or Zack would be injured by her dark red flames. He could tell the flames were hurting Zack.

But he said nothing. He suspected Zack was planning something. He knew the boy had blood force. If Zack used a similar level of blood force, the dark red flames would be extinguished.

Yet, the flames still covered Zack's right arm. Dean Jerome waited patiently.

The Purple Mark Guard standing behind him observed the duel as well. He could tell Zack was planning another trick but said nothing, waiting for the duel to conclude.

Viewing Block 2

The Main Elders watching the duel believed it was nearly over. They could see Bella was weaker than Ben.

Her flame force was strong, but she lacked proper attack techniques. If she had techniques like Ben's, she might have injured Zack.

Her right arm was injured, forcing her to rely on her left arm. Everyone could see this was her final struggle. Once her inheritance force was depleted, she would lose.

Main Elder Austin sighed inwardly. He had worried Zack might be exposed today, but to his surprise, the duel was turning in Zack's favor.

Zack had performed better than in his previous duel. He hadn't sustained any injuries and relied on simple, brute punches.

Unbeknownst to them, Zack was using his blood force in the fight. To others, it appeared he wasn't using his inheritance force at all, maintaining a defensive posture as he had in the previous duel.

Main Elder Ann smiled. She felt this duel lacked suspense and was relieved Zack would emerge victorious.

The other Main Elders of the Thunderflame Faction were also pleased. Earlier, the Main Elders of the Elemental Factions had been slandering them. Now, they had all fallen silent.

They could see that the Blazing Fire Faction's warrior was about to lose.

The Main Elders of the Blazing Fire Faction were also silent, aware that Bella's dark red flame, though capable of burning anything and spreading terrifying heat, was not enough.

Bella lacked the techniques needed to defeat Zack.

The Main Elders believed this would be a valuable lesson for Bella. No longer interested in watching the outcome, they began to leave the room.

Seeing this, the other Main Elders did not stop them. The other Elemental Factions noticed their departure and started to follow, leaving as well.

Chapter 1248: 2nd win!

From MC's Perspective:

Fighting Platform

Bella has consumed the last bit of her dark red force. She has no force left in her dantian. Not only that, she has suffered excessive bleeding in her right arm.

Because of this, she collapses on the floor and faints on the spot.

Seeing this, I realize I have won the duel. As I had guessed, she ran out of her inherited force first. Because of this, I won the duel.

Then I turn toward the old man referee. The old man referee sees me and deactivates the barrier. When the barrier is down, he enters the fighting platform.

He goes to Bella's side and confirms that she is unconscious.

The old man referee turns toward me. Seeing this, I walk up to him. He grabs my hand and raises it in the air.

Gasps!

The next second, the crowd lets out a huge cheering sound. They didn't expect the second duel to have a similar ending.

Zack has won the duel without using the inherited force. It's happening for the second time. They didn't expect the Blazing Fire Faction warriors to be defeated like this.

Only Issac from the Blazing Fire Faction is the remaining warrior. If he fails to win the duel tomorrow, then the name of the Blazing Fire Faction will be tarnished.

So the inner hall warriors of the Blazing Fire Faction start leaving the arena. The remaining warriors start to do the same as well.

On the fighting platform, the medic team rushes in. They pick up Bella and start heading to the infirmary room.

Issac, who was standing outside the platform, is angry. At the same time, he can feel the mounting pressure on him.

Issac gives a look toward Zack before leaving the place.

On the other hand, the old man referee frees my hand. At this moment, I notice Issac's gaze. I keep my expression neutral.

I know, unlike the previous two duels, the next duel won't be easy. I have to come up with a good plan.

Then I thank the old man referee before leaving the fighting platform. I start heading back toward the Thunderflame Faction.

Viewing Block 1

Faction Leader Clifford sighs in relief. He knows the competition has just begun. It's Zack's second win, yet he has started feeling the pressure.

Then he turns around to leave. But he meets Faction Leader Elmer, whose expression is not good-looking.

Elmer is angry. He didn't expect Bella to lose the duel. Moreover, she ran out of her inherited force. It may sound simple.

But he knows Bella had tried her best. Yet Zack was able to dodge all of her attacks at the last moment, as if Zack could predict his opponent's attacks.

He then shakes his head and notices Faction Leader Clifford looking at him. Elmer nods to him before exiting the room.

Old man Clifford is surprised. He had thought Elmer would say something. The Faction Leaders of the Elemental Factions have started leaving as well.

Dew Water Faction Leader Monica exits next. Nobody knows what's on her mind. The Faction Leaders of the Bloodline Factions leave as well.

They don't say anything. Lastly, Faction Leader Vince of the Dark Variant Faction looks at old man Clifford.

Even he doesn't have any words to say. He leaves the place quietly.

"What happened to the others?" old man Clifford wonders, confused. He then collects his thoughts before leaving the place.

Thunderflame Faction

I come back to the residence. After locking the door, I go to take a bath. I spend 25 minutes in the shower. Then I walk out of the bath.

I change into comfortable clothes before going to the bed. Lying down on the bed, I start to ponder. Today, the duel went better than I had expected.

Because I didn't know she lacked weapon techniques despite her dark red flames, which had given me the opportunity to exhaust her.

Yet she had tried her best during the close combat. I raise my right hand. Then I spot the burn injuries. I had blocked them using the blood force.

Yet I have suffered burn injuries. Fortunately, they are not severe. The blood force withstood most of the impact.

If it were other Black Mark Warriors, they would have been severely injured upon contacting her dark red flames.

Next, it is the third warrior. I don't know much about Issac. Since he is among the top three of the Blazing Fire Faction, he must have advantages as well.

Then I immediately think of the social media posts.

I take the digital device out. Then I start searching the online posts on Issac. He has gained a position among the top three.

There must be online posts about him. They might have been posted online by the Blazing Fire Faction warriors.

Soon, I find the necessary posts through my search. I open the first online post and begin to read it. My eyes flash with surprise.

"A flame that explodes upon touch," I mutter to myself.

Then I begin to go through other online posts to confirm the information. My expression grows solemn.

Each online post posted by the Blazing Fire Faction warriors talks about how Issac's opponents were blasted away by the explosion of the powerful flames.

A hint of surprise appears in my eyes. The flame does have characteristics to explode upon making contact.

But here, each and every online post explicitly mentions it.

Meanwhile

Faction Leader Clifford and the Main Elders return to the Thunderflame Faction. They can't believe that Zack has won the second duel as well.

Moreover, without using the inherited force. But they also saw that Zack had advantages today. If Bella had weapon techniques, she would have given tough times to Zack.

In the meeting hall, they have gathered again to discuss the duel.

Faction Leader Clifford is seated on the main chair. The Main Elders are seated in their positions. Everyone is waiting for the Faction Leader to speak first.

Clifford's gaze sweeps across everyone.

He then asks, "Does any of you know about the warrior named Issac from the Blazing Fire Faction?"

Hearing that, everyone understands. Issac is the third warrior from the Blazing Fire Faction to fight Zack Lockwood next.

But to be honest, they don't have much information.

Elder Leola says, "Why don't we summon a few of our old Black Mark Warriors? There must be people the same age as him. They might know him."

"Good idea. Let's do that," Clifford says.

The other Main Elders think the idea is good as well. They support it, except for Main Elder Rosie. Everyone summons old Black Mark warriors from their palaces.

Chapter 1249: Summoned at the meeting!

Star University:

When the duel ended, the results began to spread like wildfire. The organisations outside Star University were eager to find out about the results.

The other Universities were already paying attention to the competition. After knowing the results of the second duel, they were surprised.

They didn't know how Zack was able to win without using the inheritance force. They couldn't help but wonder whether the opponents were weak.

But they were all selected after fierce internal competition. Unfortunately, they couldn't watch the footage. Star University doesn't allow internal footage to circulate outside.

They were only hearing from the witnesses. If what was being told was true, then they had to reassess the strength of the young warrior named Zack Lockwood.

Among the Universities, Dark Shadow University was the rival of Star University. They didn't want any strong warriors in Star University to grow in numbers.

Because if it happened, then the voice of Star University would be strong among the forces. Not only that, Dark Shadow University had bad relations with Zack Lockwood as well.

So the news about Zack was important to them. They had tried to kill Zack some time ago. But they had failed to do that.

Now, hearing that Zack had won the duel, they decided to raise the threat level of Zack Lockwood.

Meanwhile,

There were other Universities that wanted to conduct a similar type of competition. If they did, then they would be able to find out the strongest warriors among them.

Thunderflame Faction:

The old Black Mark Warriors arrived at the main hall. They were surprised by this summon because they saw other old Black Mark Warriors there as well.

They were all looking at each other's faces.

Faction Leader Clifford and the main elders were seated in the place. Sixteen Black Mark Warriors had appeared here.

"Does anyone know about Issac from the Blazing Fire Faction?" Clifford asked.

Hearing that, their eyes flickered with understanding. They understood what this was about. They knew Zack's next opponent was Issac.

It's just that Issac had always been low-key. They didn't expect him to become one of the top three in the Blazing Fire Faction.

Then one of them stepped forward and started speaking about Issac.

Everyone began to listen. When he finished saying everything he knew, the other warriors stepped forward one by one to give their answers.

Some of them belonged to the same batch as Issac, yet Issac was able to stand out at this age.

Issac had shown the potential of becoming a Silver Mark Warrior.

About 30 minutes later,

Faction Leader Clifford told them to leave. Then the old warriors left the meeting hall. The faces of the main elders were solemn.

Because Issac was a strong warrior. He was not like Ben and Bella. Even without any techniques, his element could hurt Zack.

Nobody knew what Zack's plan was going to be in response.

"Should I summon him here?" Austin asked.

Hearing that, Clifford hesitated. He didn't want to disturb Zack. But Zack's next opponent was strong. It would be better if they knew what Zack was going to do next.

"Call him," Clifford said.

From MC's Perspective:

While pondering over the online posts, suddenly, I received a call from Master Austin. Seeing that, I sat up and attended his call.

Next, I heard that everyone wanted to see me. They were in the meeting hall. Hearing that, I was surprised, because I thought no one was going to disturb me.

But they had asked me to come. I told the Master that I would be there in a few minutes. I ended the call before getting out of bed.

I quickly went to the bathroom to freshen up and change clothes.

Ten minutes later,

I walked out of the residence and headed straight towards the meeting hall. Soon, I reached the meeting hall and walked into the place.

Then I saw the Faction Leader, Masters, and the Main Elders. I greeted them one by one. I could tell that everyone's face was serious.

"Zack, what are your plans for the next duel?"

"You have defeated Ben and Bella. But defeating Issac won't be easy next," Clifford said in a serious tone.

Hearing that, a look of understanding dawned on me. No wonder they had asked me about the next duel.

Then I said, "I have searched online posts about him. He uses a flame which has explosive attributes. I have faced this type of warrior before."

"It will be a difficult duel. But I believe I can win," I added.

Hearing that, Clifford and the main elders were taken aback. They had collected Issac's information from the old warriors.

But they didn't expect Zack to collect information online. Then they understood that Zack was not wasting time. He was serious about the duel as well.

Clifford eased his eyebrows. He had been worried that Zack wouldn't take the third duel seriously, but today he knew Zack would, because of this opponent.

He thought the next duel wouldn't be the same.

He asked, "So what are you going to do?"

Are you going to use your inheritance force?"

Hearing that, I didn't know what to say. Main Elder Austin and the others saw my reaction.

From my silence, they could understand that I still had the idea of not using the inheritance force.

Faction Leader Clifford saw through my thoughts as well. His eyes flashed with struggle.

Austin thought of something and said, "It's going to be the last duel against the Blazing Fire Faction. But there are other Elemental Factions as well."

"He will have to use inheritance forces sooner or later. So I think we should be preparing for the worst case."

Quiet!

Hearing that, everyone quieted down. My expression grew solemn as well. I never expected everyone to feel this kind of pressure.

If not for Dean Jerome's order, I would have told them the truth. If they learned that my water element was not related to any inheritance but to bloodline, then they would be happy.

Faction Leader Francesca knew the truth as well. I belonged to her bloodline family. I didn't think she would mind whether I was a warrior of the Thunderflame Faction or not.

"Why don't we send Zack to the warrior camp again?" Main Elder Ann said.

Hearing that, Clifford shook his head.

He said, "The Dean has given his word. The competition will continue."

After saying that, he turned towards Zack Lockwood.

"I don't want to put any pressure on you. But Austin was right. Sooner or later, the truth will come to light."

"If you want, you can use your water variant force to win the duel. There is no need for you to go to extreme lengths to win," Clifford said.

Hearing that, I was shocked and replied, "Okay."

Chapter 1250: Part 1: Fighting against Issac (Inner Hall)

From MC's Perspective:

After the meeting ended, I headed straight back towards my room. Soon, I reached my room. After entering inside, I locked the door and went to the bedroom to sleep.

The next morning,

I woke up early in the morning. After getting out of the bed, I began to get ready.

About 10 minutes later,

I exited the residence and started heading towards the Golden Lightning Palace. When I got there, I walked into the place.

Then I went straight towards the essence chamber. On the way, I saw a few members training. I glanced at them before going to the essence chamber.

Once I got there, I found the available room. I opened the chamber room and walked inside. The door closed automatically. Then I turned on the function.

Buzz!

The world's energy started to fill the room. In a flash, the whole chamber was covered in the rich world energy.

I entered the platform and sat cross-legged on it. Then I started to run the Blood Element Method. Slowly, the blood force from the world energy entered the body.

The blood force coursed through my body. I began guiding it according to the Blood Element Method.

Shortly afterwards,

A red blood light appeared and started converting the energy into the mysterious white energy. The white force began entering the bones all over my body.

It brought me immense pain. I had already gotten used to it. As time passed, I continued to repeat the process.

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Blazing Fire Faction:

Issac had started his practice as well. After the duel yesterday, he didn't go and meet Bella. Ben was still on the treatment bed as well.

Both of them were getting treatment. From both of their duels, he understood many things. He was not going to underestimate Zack.

Unlike others, he saw Zack's strength, where he had evaded almost all the attacks directed at him. Issac knew that Zack didn't use any technique.

If he had used technique, it would have been impossible for them to catch him. So he had made up his mind to engage in close combat.

Then he collected his thoughts and started to focus on the practice.

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Time passed,

When it was close to the time for the duel, the duel arena gates were opened. Right after, a few staff went inside and started doing their daily work.

The Inner Hall warriors were excited for the duel. Today was the third duel and the last duel for the Blazing Fire Faction.

They were expecting Issac to do something today. Because the Blazing Fire Faction had already lost two duels today.

If Issac too lost the duel, then it would ruin the reputation of the Blazing Fire Faction.

Today's duel was important for the Blazing Fire Faction.

The warriors of the Blazing Fire Faction were eager to watch the duel. The other Inner Hall warriors started heading towards the duel arena.

As time passed, the duel arena's seats started to fill with the warriors. The Elemental Factions' warriors were large in numbers.

Next, the Bloodline Factions' warriors started coming in groups. They were discussing Issac as well. They were curious about what would happen today.

As the arena seats started getting filled, it didn't take long for the Dark Variant Faction People to arrive. They were fewer in numbers.

They found the empty seats before sitting on them.

The warriors from the medium and small-sized factions had started filling the seats. Most of them were supporters of Zack.

Because Zack dominated other warriors in the Outer Hall, they wanted the same thing to happen here.

But the Inner Hall situation was different. There were many warriors with Ancient Inheritances. So the competition was tough here.

Finally, the members of the Thunderflame Faction walked into the place. They saw most of their seats were filled.

It didn't take long for them to find a few empty areas. Then they sat in those places. Everyone was looking forward to the fighting platform.

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Residence,

After completing the practice, I took a rest in my bed. At the same time, I was keeping an eye on the timing. When it was close to the time for the duel,

I left my residence and started going towards the exit. On the way, I came across other members. Everyone had some kind of expectations in their eyes.

Soon, I reached the exit and walked out of the Thunderflame Faction. Then I started heading towards the duel arena.

Yesterday, the Faction Leader and the main elders had given me permission to use the Inheritance Force. But I don't think things would lead to such an end.

Issac's element was indeed troublesome. But I thought I could handle it. As I continued to walk, I came across other warriors who were going about their business.

Some of them couldn't help but click pictures of me. Soon, I reached the duel arena building. I walked into the office first. Then I nodded to the staff before entering the duel area.

Cheers!

The next second, my ears were greeted with a massive noise. Everyone was cheering out loud. I calmed my heart and headed straight towards the fighting platform.

After arriving there, I stepped inside and walked up to one end. Then I saw no one had come so far. Three warriors from the Blazing Fire Faction should have come here.

But two of them were bedridden right now. Only Issac remained to fight. The old man referee was yet to come here.

I continued to wait. It didn't take long for someone to come in. I shifted my gaze and found out that person was none other than Issac.

He was carrying a neutral expression on his face. He came to the fighting platform. Then he walked up to the other end and turned around to face me.

Cheers!

The audience was still cheering out loud. They were waiting for the duel to start right away. But to everyone's surprise, the old man referee was not here. He was late.

Meanwhile,

Dean Jerome and the Purple Mark Guard arrived at the venue. They were standing in the midair. But they noticed the commotion happening right now.

Purple Mark Guard said, "The old man has yet to arrive."

Hearing that, Jerome said, "Let's wait and see."

Shortly afterwards,

The old man referee came to the fighting platform.