

BloodLine 1321

Chapter 1321: Red Moon University Warriors

From MC's Perspective:

The straight nose guy and upturned nose guy were struggling to stand up. I had attacked their vital areas.

Even with their strong physique, they must have felt pain. Seeing that they were trying to get up, I started attacking them.

Boom!

I used the blood and shock force to attack. The upturned nose guy just turned around, and he faced a barrage of fists on his body.

Boom!

In the blink of an eye, his body received multiple strikes. The upturned nose guy could only see a blur. I targeted his vital points again and overwhelmed him with blows.

The blood and shock force broke through his physical defense. He looked bloodied.

Boom!

Then I kicked him, sending his body backward like a broken kite. His body crashed into the ground with a heavy thud.

Swoosh!

On the other hand, the straight nose guy used his silver element to attack. A sharp spike covering his right hand aimed at my neck.

I shifted my body at the last moment. The spikes went past my ear. Then my punch struck his lower jaw.

Puchak!

His jaw broke. Blood gushed forth from his face. The straight nose guy's face filled with terror.

Boom!

Before he could think further, he received a series of punches which hammered his body within minutes.

I didn't hold back using the blood and shock force.

Boom!

I continued to drive my fists into his body until he fainted on the spot.

"Phew!"

After going on a rampage, I heaved a sigh of relief. That was a close call. If they had used their inheritance force, things would have been different.

The inheritance force of the Gold Mark Level must be strong. My only advantage was my physical strength, which had gotten rapid improvement after entering the secret land.

Then I checked their bodies. They were breathing, but the injuries were serious. If they woke up, the rest of their time would be spent recovering and healing. They won't come after me.

To be honest, I wanted to kill these two. But my rational mind tells me to wait. I had already pardoned a few other Silver Mark Warriors, afraid of angering Dean Jerome.

But I had never thought that Gold Mark Warriors would take action against me. It was a rude wake-up call. After going back, I'll talk to Dean Jerome.

If they mess with me next time, I won't be soft.

Swoosh!

Next, I left the place. It didn't take long for me to enter a completely new area. The grasslands came to an end. The terrain ahead of me was different.

There are mountain peaks ahead. So there could be more resources there. There is a possibility of finding treasures.

A hint of excitement appeared in my eyes. Then I started walking over to the place, while my eyes were scanning the surroundings.

I'm aware of monsters' presence here. I had already come across two. I'm hoping there won't be any Class-13 Monsters.

If such monsters appeared outside, they could turn the Tier-4 Region upside down. I was facing monsters after a long time.

Not long after, I heard the sound of fighting coming from ahead. Hearing that, I gathered my thoughts and started looking around.

Then I saw a few hundred meters away. Three female warriors were fighting against a snake monster over 20 meters in length.

The head alone was over 5 meters. The snake monster could easily swallow them. But I didn't intervene.

Because the strength of the three female warriors was Silver Mark Level. The strength of the snake seemed to be Class-12. That's why they were struggling. It's similar to a Gold Mark Warrior.

As time went by, I noticed these female warriors were from the Red Moon University. It took me back down memory lane.

I had known a few people from Red Moon Tower in the Tier-5 Region. Even one of them joined the Red Moon University. I totally forgot about them.

But I didn't have any plan to reminisce. Our paths are different.

Boom!

The three female warriors were trying, but none of their Red Moon Force was hurting the snake.

"It's a Red Moon Inheritance," I muttered.

Unlike Star University, the other universities have their own lineage. They recruit suitable warriors for that Inheritance. Mostly, they recruit female warriors.

Once upon a time, I used to look up to the Red Moon Tower. But their Inheritance Force didn't seem to be that strong.

Maybe my view changed because of my own various Inheritances.

Puchak!

At one point, the three female warriors were blasted away by the snake's tail. They crashed onto the ground with a huge force.

Seeing that, I decided to help. I moved my body and appeared closer to the green snake monster.

Hiss!

The Giant Green Snake turned towards me.

I smiled and pointed my forefinger at the snake's head. I started using the Condensed Finger.

In the blink of an eye, the purple lightning force gathered at the tip.

I started condensing the force. One after another, the purple lightning force began to condense.

In a few seconds, a condensed purple ball formed at the tip. I shot it at the green snake without thinking further.

Boom!

The purple streak of light went in a straight line before piercing the snake's head.

Puchak!

Blood splattered on the ground. The snake's head was injured. The skull had a small crack. But the purple beam didn't pierce through the skull.

Seeing that, I immediately used the same attack again.

Hiss!

The Green Snake immediately shifted its head and fled from the spot. Seeing that, my eyes flashed with disappointment.

This move didn't kill the Tiger Monster. So it was understandable that the snake monster was not hurt that badly.

"Who's there?"

A female voice reached my ears. Then I turned around and went to the crash site to check. The three female warriors were heavily injured.

Their physical strength was not that strong. The three female warriors managed to stay conscious.

I don't have healing herbs. I could use the healing hand move. But it was unnecessary. I have already helped them by driving away the snake monster.

Chapter 1322: Stalactite liquid!

From MC's Perspective:

I left the spot, not intending to help them further.

The three female warriors were stunned that someone helped them but left right away without giving them healing medicine.

Meanwhile,

As time went by, I got closer to the mountain range. Suddenly, I heard the sound of splashing water.

I started following the sound quickly. Soon, I arrived at the spot and saw a big waterfall over 10 meters high.

As I looked at the waterfall, my eyes caught something. There seemed to be a gap behind the waterfall. It could be a cave.

My eyes flashed with excitement. I decided to check out the cave, so I started heading towards it.

A few minutes later,

I reached the waterfall and went through it. I stepped onto the other side and saw the cave.

My eyes were better adapted now; I could see a glow inside the dark cave. I started walking inside. As long as it wasn't a Class-13 Monster inside, I was going to be fine.

I continued walking. The passage appeared to be narrow, leading me somewhere deeper.

Just as I thought it was going to be a never-ending passage, I saw the end. I quickly increased my pace and reached the exit of the tunnel.

Then I saw something that stunned me. There was a pond filled with white liquid. I raised my head and saw a stalactite hanging from the ceiling.

Drops of white liquid were dripping from it. No doubt, it was another kind of treasure similar to the Golden Liquid.

Splash!

Without thinking further, I entered the white liquid pond. It was cold. I waded to the middle of the pond. Fortunately, it was not that deep.

I folded my legs and sat down. The white liquid reached up to my chest. Then, I drank some of the white liquid.

After doing this a couple of times, I closed my eyes and started running the Incomplete Ancient Healing Technique.

I didn't know whether this mysterious white liquid strengthened the physique or the Inheritance Force.

As the mysterious white liquid entered my body, the energy flowed through my veins. I immediately felt the changes.

The energy went somewhere else after the circulation. Initially, I couldn't find it. But as time flew by, I noticed my mind becoming cooler and my body feeling lighter, without any burden.

This sudden change caught me off guard. Not only that, but I could understand the Incomplete Ancient Healing Technique better.

My heart stirred. This stalactite liquid was what I wanted most because my comprehension seemed to be more monstrous than before.

Even the difficult Incomplete Ancient Technique seemed easy now. That was just one part of the energy; the other part of the energy had gone somewhere else.

If I wasn't wrong, it must be the soul. The energy increased my soul power. For a long time, I thought the soul was something that only improved with body and Inheritance Force improvement.

Now, I understand it could be improved with treasures. I collected my thoughts and focused on mastering the Incomplete Ancient Technique.

Master Ann had told me that mastering the Incomplete Ancient Technique would give me special power.

As time passed, my understanding of the healing technique became deeper. The circulation became easy, almost automatic.

Not much attention was needed to circulate the energy.

Time went by,

The healing force from the surroundings entered my body and started gathering in veins all over me.

The veins began to possess self-healing power. If the veins were hurt, they could now heal themselves.

At the same time, the tree rune in my mind became dark green. The tree rune represented the Ancient Healing Technique.

Now, the tree rune in my mind seemed alive.

I don't know how long it was before I opened my eyes. I found the stalactite liquid had reduced somewhat.

I couldn't absorb anymore. I tried to guide the energy into the dantian, but it didn't work.

The Inheritance Forces were incompatible with this energy. On the contrary, my soul needed such treasure for improvement.

Then I went through my storage ring and took some empty storage containers out. I started filling them with the remaining liquid.

About an hour later,

I ran out of vials and containers. I emptied a few old vials and stored the liquid. After doing that, there was still white liquid left in the pond.

I think it is a one-time improvement. No matter how much you consume, it won't be beneficial again. This was my assumption. Maybe it could heal injuries related to the mind in the future.

So, I didn't regret storing it. My thoughts were clearer now. The stalactite liquid seemed to be stronger than the Green Lotus treasure, but each had different benefits.

The Vitality Fruit made my foundation stronger. The Golden Liquid made my body stronger. It also made some changes to the Purple Lightning Seed; it has golden veins right now.

But I recalled the tiger monster shooting out golden lightning bolts. I don't know whether it's related to the Golden Lightning Element or not.

I can slowly understand it in the future.

My eyesight and perception had become stronger because of the Green Lotus. My comprehension had some improvement too.

But it wasn't up to the level of comprehending the Incomplete Ancient Healing Technique. I don't know whether I have mastered it fully or not, but I can circulate the healing energy without much effort.

I believe I can comprehend the first chapter of all the Inheritance Methods without problems. Previously, I needed more time even with supreme aptitude.

But now, my comprehension has become monstrous. After sorting out my thoughts, I walked out of the pond and stepped onto dry ground.

Then I sat cross-legged on the ground. I started comprehending the first chapter of the Shock Force Inheritance Method.

The golden-silver rune in my mind flickered. Seeing that, I started running the method.

Meanwhile,

Neil Smith was traversing the forest. He had encountered some fortuitous opportunities, but they were not something amazing that a Gold Mark Warrior would envy.

If he had asked his master, he would have been given similar types of resources. So, he was not completely satisfied.

More than that, he was thinking about his junior brother. If he were able to eliminate his junior brother, the trip would be considered worth it.

Chapter 1323: Part 1: Rune (Source Power)

From MC's Perspective:

I continued to focus on comprehending the first chapter. I wanted the circulation of the shock force to be natural as well.

As time went by, I began to feel a throbbing pain in my mind. Because of it, I stopped my circulation.

I started to only focus on the golden and silver runes. Yet, the throbbing pain didn't stop. All of a sudden, I felt the gold and silver runes in my mind try to move.

AahHh!

Suddenly, I opened my eyes and let out a small scream. That was unbearable. My forehead was covered in cold sweat.

"What was that?" I asked myself.

I had thought that after comprehension, things would be smooth. I had even gotten improvement in the incomplete ancient healing technique.

"So, what's stopping me?" I thought.

“Fool!”

“I never thought you would encounter trouble again,” an ancient voice sounded.

Hearing that familiar voice, I felt goosebumps all over my body. The ancient voice came from the Guardian God blood.

“It’s the same voice. I had thought it had disappeared after I got the inheritance,” I muttered.

“Do you think Guardian God’s Inheritance is the same as that of other Inheritances?”

“If you had fully comprehended the Guardian God’s Inheritance, it would be easy for you to fight across the ranks,” the ancient voice said with disappointment.

Hearing the voice in my mind, I was not offended.

I immediately asked, “Senior, can you tell me what’s going on?”

“The throbbing pain comes out of nowhere?” I asked.

“Fool, I thought you had done some research. But it appears you didn’t even know the important thing,” the ancient voice sounded.

“Unlike others, you have many inheritance runes in your mind. Each of them was a legacy passed down for generations.”

“Most importantly, the Guardian God’s Inheritance is the strongest of them,” the ancient voice sounded.

“Senior, what do you mean?” I asked.

“Before, when I saw you, you had three Ancient Inheritances: Guardian God, Shock Force, and Variant Water Bloodline. Now you have got another one,” the voice sounded.

“If you take the incomplete healing technique, then it would be five,” the voice added.

Hearing that, I immediately understood. It’s about the Thunder One Academy Inheritance. My eyes glinted with understanding.

Then I started telling him the reason behind it. I didn’t even expect the Faction Leader, Clifford, to bring this Inheritance out.

A few minutes later,

“Boy, you are already chewing too much. You are practicing five Inheritances. If I don’t do something now, you will die before reaching Red Mark Level,” the ancient voice sounded.

Hearing that, I was shocked. A sense of crisis covered my heart.

“Don’t worry, I’ll solve the trouble for you. But I don’t know when I will wake up next time. Boy, if you find a sound and mind treasure, then I may wake up next time,” the ancient voice sounded.

“Fortunately, the new Inheritance was Red Mark Level. The boy’s previous lightning technique was at the same level,” the ancient voice thought.

The next second, the ancient voice used its power. It entered the boy’s mind. It found a rare problem.

There were many runes in the mind. The Gold and Silver Runes. It’s the rune of Shock Force Integration Inheritance.

This Inheritance is about assimilation. It had assimilated the boy’s previous practices, including the blood method, healing and lightning method.

Now, the ancient voice wanted the New Thunder Force Inheritance to be assimilated as well. Otherwise, the inheritance would be useless after the Red Mark Level.

That's why no warriors would accept the Red Mark Level Inheritance unless they wanted their journey to be stopped at Red Mark Level.

The ancient voice saw a rare opportunity. It didn't want the boy to waste time. The next second, it used the power to move the thunderbolt rune towards the gold and silver runes.

At first, the rune struggled.

Outside,

Aaahh!

A loud scream left my mouth.

"Boy, run the shock force integration method. The Ancient Inheritance got the power of assimilation. Let's see whether it can accept the Thunder One Inheritance," the voice sounded.

Hearing that, my eyes glinted with some understanding. No wonder I felt throbbing pain earlier.

The golden and silver runes wanted the bolt rune. I felt a cold shiver go down my spine.

Then I started running the method without minding the throbbing pain.

"He... He... He..., it appears that kid has found out. The runes are a source of power. Each rune will have its own spirit in the future," the old voice thought.

“If his mind becomes a battlefield of similar lightning runes, he will die,” it added.

It used to be with the Guardian God. Now looking at the Golden Sealing Rune, it felt sadness.

Then the ancient voice acted. The runes had just formed. It could still move the runes. If the kid were to be a Silver Mark Warrior, it would be too late.

The ancient voice moved the bolt rune towards another lightning rune. There were three runes under the golden and silver runes: the blood ring rune, tree rune, and lingering rune.

All of them were connected to the gold and silver runes. The ancient voice watched the boy circulate the shock force power.

The golden and silver runes throbbed again. It sensed an extra rune near it. It immediately tried to take control. Golden and Silver Tentacles stretched out.

In a flash, the tentacles entangled the bolt rune. The bolt rune, which was the source of power of the Red Mark Level Inheritance, tried to withstand.

Aaahhh!

My circulation was interrupted. I let out a loud scream. I didn’t know what was going on. What was the ancient voice doing?

“Kid, runes are the source of power. If the rune were to be damaged, your mind would hurt. You would be crippled.”

“Fortunately, I noticed it now. It’s best for you to solve the problem right now. Golden and Silver Rune power can fuse two similar runes.”

“If I’m right, you would be lucky; otherwise, your mind will become a battlefield for two lightningtype runes in the future.” The ancient voice explained in great detail.

When the ancient voice lived with the Guardian God, it was the master of other runes in the Guardian God's mind. So it knew how to handle newly formed Black Mark level runes.

On the other hand, my doubts were cleared right now. I was wondering about the identity of the ancient voice. But then, how did it survive?

Chapter 1324: Part 2: Rune (Source Power)

From MC's Perspective

Time went by.

The ancient voice watched the Golden and Silver Rune trying to take control of the Bolt Rune.

After some struggle, the Bolt Rune was subdued. The Golden and Silver Rune then brought the Bolt Rune towards the Lightning Rune.

Seeing the process, the ancient voice was not surprised. Because they were newly formed runes, they gave in after only a brief struggle.

However, the ancient voice believed that the next process would be painful.

"Boy, you have completed the first step. The next step will be painful, so continue to run the method. The Golden and Silver Rune will get power from it," the ancient voice sounded.

On the other hand, I heard the ancient voice and didn't stop running the method. I felt inhuman pain because of the earlier movement of the rune.

Now, the same thing was going to happen again. I was facing death again and again.

Aahahh!

I felt the same pain again. This time, the pain was manifold. I could feel as if someone was hammering my brain.

“Boy, run the method!”

I could hear a vague voice. I gritted my teeth and continued to run the Shock Force Integration Method.

Inside

The Golden and Silver Rune was forcing the two lightning runes to fuse. Both of them were Purple Lightning Runes. They didn't feel rejection under the power of the Golden and Silver Rune.

The two Purple Lightning Runes began to fuse.

The ancient voice felt drowsy all of a sudden. Since the Purple Lightning Runes were fusing, it thought it was time to rest.

“Kid, I underestimated the power of the Golden and Silver Rune. Maybe its mystery is no less than that of the Sealing Rune. You have to explore it in the future.”

“After fusion, you will get a brand new lightning rune, more powerful than before. Not only that, but you will get a new method as well.”

“Don't forget to collect the mind- and soul-type treasures.” After saying that, the ancient voice went back to sleep.

Back in reality, I heard the vague ancient voice. I heard everything, but I couldn't respond because the pain was inhuman.

I continued to run the Shock Force Integration Method.

Time went by.

The Golden and Silver Rune continued the fusion of the two Purple Lightning Runes.

Meanwhile

The warriors were trying to collect more resources. They, too, were feeling that the Secret Land opportunity was coming to an end.

Neil Smith, the senior brother of Zack Lockwood, was looking for him everywhere.

When he felt the Secret Land opportunity was ending, he gave up the opportunity to look for resources and started looking for Zack Lockwood instead.

“Where is he?” Neil Smith asked himself.

His face looked contorted. He had been looking everywhere, but there was no sign of Zack Lockwood whatsoever.

He was frustrated because he had covered so much ground. He came across monsters, but not Zack Lockwood.

Time went by.

That night, the two Purple Lightning Runes successfully fused to become one Dark Purple Lightning Rune. The next second, the Golden and Silver Rune retracted its tentacles.

Right now, the Golden and Silver Rune possesses the Bloody Ring Rune, the Tree Rune, and the Dark Purple Bolt Rune.

The Dark Purple Bolt Rune transferred new information to my mind. I opened my eyes; they were bloodshot.

My face did not look good. The constant inhuman pain had tortured me. Then, I noticed the new information in my mind. The ancient voice was correct. I started to understand the new information.

About 20 minutes later,

I understood the information. It was a brand new Lightning Inheritance Method. It had a more complicated route than the previous one.

But I believed the new Purple Lightning Force would be different. Before starting, I entered the pond again.

There was stalactite liquid left. I was going to practice in it until the Secret Land ejected me.

After coming to the middle, I folded my legs and sat down. Then I drank a mouthful of stalactite liquid again.

When the energy entered my mouth, it disappeared into my mind and soul. The next second, I felt a cooling sensation.

The burden caused by the previous movements was gone. I felt light-headed again. I had made the right decision. I sighed in relief.

Then, I continued to repeat the process.

A few hours later:

I felt that continuous absorption was useless, so I stopped. Not only that, but I had recovered to my peak state.

Now, I could run the new method. My comprehension was monstrous now, so I easily memorized the pathways and understood them completely in a few minutes.

I closed my eyes and started practicing the new method. A Dark Purple Bolt Rune flickered in my mind.

Purple lightning force from the surroundings gathered towards my body. Then, it entered me.

I began to guide the purple lightning force according to the new routes. I could feel the force flowing through my veins.

Compared to before, the new purple lightning force seemed to be darker. Wherever it passed, it made the pathways stronger.

The veins and meridians were strong to begin with. Now they were facing another type of forging, which made them even stronger.

After circulating, the force entered the Dantian. The new dark purple lightning force fell onto the Purple Lightning Seed.

Buzz!

The Purple Lightning Seed absorbed the new purple lightning force in the blink of an eye.

Seeing that, I was stunned. I never thought the Purple Lightning Seed would be interested in the new purple lightning force.

The purple lightning element was powerful to begin with. Now that I had the brand new purple lightning force, its power must be terrifying.

On top of that, the Purple Lightning Seed would further strengthen the brand new lightning force.

The Purple Lightning Seed continued to absorb. Seeing that, I didn't stop. I was doing it for the first time, and I wanted to be better at it.

As time passed, I got more control over it. Since my comprehension had improved, I was getting more clarity now.

Chapter 1325: Meeting Neil Smith!

From MC's Perspective:

Time flew by.

At one point, the purple lightning seed stopped absorbing the new dark purple lightning force.

Instead, the seed began to strengthen the purple lightning force surrounding it.

Seeing that, my heart stirred. I had thought the purple lightning seed wouldn't be effective, but I was wrong. The purple lightning seed's benefits were endless.

The more powerful the lightning force became, the more the seed would strengthen it.

Time went by.

The new dark purple lightning force was already powerful because it was the fusion product of the two purple lightning methods.

Yet, it was made even more powerful by the purple lightning seed. I calmed my heart, then continued to repeat the process.

Time passed.

I don't know how long it was before I felt the limit. If I continued the practice, it would add too much pressure to my veins.

I opened my eyes, and a sharp glint appeared within them.

I stood up and walked over to the open ground. I noticed a small amount of impurities had been expelled from my body, another benefit of the new method.

Then I turned around and saw the stalactite liquid had reduced; not much was left in the pond.

Thanks to it, I was able to wake up to the ancient voice. The ancient voice was then able to save me from hidden dangers.

If I hadn't solved the issue of the two lightning runes, my mind would have exploded in the future. Fortunately, the ancient voice was still there.

Whenever I faced a crisis due to a lack of knowledge, the ancient voice had always come to save my life.

Next time, I will definitely find more mind and soul-type treasures. If I had the help of the ancient voice day and night, it would be incredibly helpful.

But I wonder... How come Dean Jerome didn't notice such problems? Didn't he know? A lot of questions appeared in my mind.

If the ancient voice were with me, I could solve the problem of my lack of knowledge. I collected my thoughts and decided to leave.

But before that, I circulated the lightning power. A dark purple lightning force covered my right palm.

Thunder!

A low thunderclap occurred as a dark purple lightning bolt appeared.

I wanted to test the new lightning power against something, but I decided to leave first. If I experimented here, the ceiling might fall.

I exited the cave passage. In the blink of an eye, I returned to the waterfall entrance.

Swoosh!

I used the waterfall to clean myself. The impurities were gone, and my body was clean. Then, I went back to the ground.

I looked at the sky; it was a dark night. Another day had passed. I had a feeling that everyone would soon be ejected from the secret land.

I wasn't in the mood to look for more resources. I decided to stay here until the end.

Rustle!

Just as I thought about resting, I heard a rustling sound the next second.

I turned around and saw someone coming out of the forest. It could be warriors from Red Moon University or Star University. I continued to stare at the spot.

A person appeared out of the bushes. When I saw the person, my eyes flashed with coldness.

The person who appeared was none other than Neil Smith, 3rd Senior Brother.

Upon seeing me, Neil Smith was stunned for a second.

“Ha... Ha... Ha...” He let out a wild laugh.

“I was wondering where you were hiding, but I didn’t expect it would be the waterfall,” Neil Smith said with a smile.

At the same time, my mouth curved into an arc. Before getting the new purple lightning rune, I had beaten down and injured a Gold Mark Warrior.

Now, the hidden danger was gone, and I had become even more powerful.

“3rd Senior Brother, you have come at a bad time,” I said to him.

Neil Smith looked stunned. He didn’t know why Zack was so relaxed; Zack should have been scared right now because he was a Silver Mark Warrior.

That kid just recently became a Black Mark Warrior. What gives him such confidence? Neil seemed to think.

The next second, his eyes flashed with hatred. He had been looking for me everywhere. He had even given up opportunities to collect more resources.

Now that the time had come, he wasn’t going to waste it.

“Junior Brother, you shouldn’t have become a disciple of Master Austin.” After saying that, Neil Smith extended his hand.

The next second, his right hand was covered in golden lightning power.

At the same time, I raised my hand. A dark purple lightning force appeared in my palm.

Seeing that 3rd Senior Brother was coming at me, my heart turned cold.

I tried convincing myself to spare others, but if I gave this person one more chance, he might really dig a grave for me.

“Condensed Finger!”

I concentrated the dark purple lightning force at the tip of my finger.

Boom!

Neil Smith shot his golden lightning bolt at me. In a flash, the bolt reached the target.

I shifted my body. The golden lightning bolt went past me and struck the boulders behind.

Boom!

The boulders pulverized on the spot upon contact. The golden lightning went further, destroying the trees and vegetation. They were burnt in the blink of an eye, turning into ashes.

Neil Smith’s face contorted. He didn’t expect his attack to miss.

Boom!

A condensed dark purple ball appeared at the tip of my forefinger. Then, I shot it at Neil Smith.

Swoosh!

Neil Smith saw the attack, and his eyes flashed with disdain. He didn’t take the attack of a Black Mark Warrior seriously.

Boom!

In a flash, the dark purple streak of light flashed before his eyes. He was so arrogant that he didn't even defend against the attack.

The dark purple light struck Neil Smith.

"Aaaahhhh!"

The dark purple lightning force electrocuted him. It happened so fast that he couldn't even think about defending.

His body was flung backward before crashing into the ground. His whole body was charred. His life or death was unknown.

Chapter 1326: Safe Return & Rift Closes

From MC's Perspective:

Seeing that Senior Brother Neil Smith looked unresponsive, I rushed to his side. I found his whole body charred.

There was no sound of a heartbeat. His vitality was gone.

"This guy is dead," I muttered.

My heart stirred. It was a new finger technique, but it had electrocuted the Silver Mark Warrior in the blink of an eye.

It took me a few minutes to calm my heart. Then, I sat down on a nearby rock. It was unfortunate.

But Neil Smith had asked for it. He had clearly shown malicious hatred. If I hadn't been strong, I could have died at his hands instead.

I collected my thoughts. I did not regret my actions, and I wouldn't tell others.

My thoughts raced as I started thinking about the consequences. My brain quickly came up with a solution.

First, I decided to do something about the corpse. I quickly realized that it was not safe to stay here.

If anyone came, it would be difficult to escape. I decided to dispose of the body. I walked up to the corpse and dragged it towards the waterfall.

My physique was strong, so I didn't feel any burden.

Then, I threw the corpse into the passage behind the waterfall. After doing so, I returned to the ground.

Time passed.

The next morning, when the daylight touched the ground, I felt something. My expression changed. Some power covered my body.

Before I could think further, I felt my head go dizzy.

Swoosh!

My mind went blank. Before I could process anything else, I saw a familiar light again. I opened my eyes and found myself outside the secret land.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, someone grabbed my shoulder and brought me to the sky carrier. I landed on the deck and turned towards the person.

It was none other than the Purple Mark Guard.

“Are you alright?” he asked.

“I need rest,” I replied.

The Purple Mark Guard saw that Zack Lockwood was not alright, but there were no injuries on his body.

“Okay, go to the cabin. We will be leaving shortly,” the Purple Mark Guard said.

Hearing that, I nodded to him before walking towards the cabin.

Swoosh!

The Purple Mark Guard then returned to the rift. The warriors started returning one after another.

Dean Matilda was not here during this time. Since Dean Jerome was not present, she felt it was unnecessary for her to be there personally.

So, she had left the Purple Mark Elders in charge. She knew the Purple Mark Guard’s reputation was good and didn’t think he would cause any problems.

Time passed.

Many Star University Warriors returned from the secret land. From time to time, warriors from other universities came back as well.

But the number of people returning was low. It was even lower for Star University.

The expressions of the Purple Mark Guard and the other Elders changed drastically.

They didn't expect this outcome. They continued to stare at the rift, waiting for more warriors to appear. The secret land did not reject everyone at once but ejected them one by one.

The ejected warriors were taken to the sky carrier, where they stood on the deck. The injured ones were given immediate treatment.

One hour later.

Buzz!

A loud sound came from the rift. Before anyone could do anything, the rift began to close.

"What?" The other Purple Elders were shocked.

The Elders of the Red Moon University were equally shocked. The secret land closing meant that there were no other Warriors left inside.

It meant the remaining ones were dead. They had suffered heavy casualties.

The Purple Mark Guard didn't show any reaction. It was time to remain calm.

On the other hand, the Elders of the Red Moon University were in disbelief. However, compared to them, Star University seemed to have suffered even more casualties.

15 minutes later.

The rift that had opened in the sky disappeared. The Purple Mark Guard decided to leave. He was not in the mood to talk.

“45 Black Mark Warriors out of 100, 22 Silver Mark Warriors out of 50, and 15 Gold Mark Warriors out of 25,” the Purple Mark Guard thought.

One of them was Neil Smith, a Silver Mark Warrior, the third senior brother of Zack Lockwood.

He had noticed Zack Lockwood’s expression was not right. He didn’t know whether the two events were connected.

If Zack Lockwood were to hear these thoughts, he would be shocked to the core.

The Purple Mark Guard and the Elders decided to leave. It was a shocking result. The Red Moon University had casualties as well, and they also decided to depart.

A few minutes later.

The Star University’s Sky Carrier departed from the area, moving towards Star University.

Meanwhile

I was inside the cabin, watching the passing scenery. There were other warriors in the cabin as well. Everyone seemed disturbed.

At this time, I heard the casualty numbers. I was not surprised. There were Class-11 and Class-12 Monsters in the secret land.

It was normal for Black Mark and Silver Mark Warriors to have experienced a tough time. But I was surprised by the death toll of the Gold Mark Warriors.

“25 of them went inside. Only 15 of them returned,” I thought.

Ten of them had met their end. I had killed one of them and spared two Gold Mark Warriors who had serious injuries. I didn’t know whether they had made it back or not.

I collected my thoughts and closed my eyes to rest.

The Purple Mark Guard entered the cabins to check on the warriors. Among those who had returned, many were injured.

He checked on them and saw that they were out of danger. He then learned from them about what had happened.

There were Class-11 and Class-12 Monsters. Hearing that, the Purple Mark Guard was surprised.

“No wonder there were this many casualties,” he thought.

A few minutes later, he came to see Zack Lockwood. When he saw Zack closing his eyes and resting, he left without disturbing him.

Chapter 1327: Bad news!

From MC’s Perspective:

Time passed

The Sky Carrier was heading towards Star University. The Purple Mark Guard informed Dean Jerome about their return.

Meanwhile, other Elders were discussing their losses. Among the losses were the disciples of the main elders of the Top 10 Factions.

Earlier, everyone had thought it was just a secret land like any other. But the dangers inside shocked them.

Compared to other secret lands, the monsters inside this one were terrifying and dangerous. It showed them the risk of entering an unknown secret land.

Next time, they would think twice before letting the warriors take such risks.

An hour later

The Sky Carrier reached the Star University border. After entering, it took a few minutes for the Sky Carrier to return to the main area.

Once it flew over Star City, people on the ground looked up. They recognized the Sky Carrier.

The speed of the Sky Carrier was reduced. It was moving slowly towards the University. The formations covering Star University were deactivated.

The recovered warriors were standing on the deck, while the injured ones were inside the rooms.

At that moment, I opened my eyes, hearing the loud conversations around me. I turned towards the window and spotted the familiar scene on the ground.

Then I realized we were very close to Star University. I continued to stay in my seat.

I was sure someone would ask me about Neil Smith. I had to be ready. Of course, I couldn't tell them the truth.

I was going to say I never saw him. After figuring that out, I felt relaxed.

Soon, the Sky Carrier entered Star University and went to the landing platform.

It slowly landed on the ground. Right then, many figures appeared before the Sky Carrier. They were the Faction Leaders of the Top 10 Factions.

Everyone was waiting to receive their faction warriors. The Purple Mark Guard then gave permission for everyone to disembark.

The warriors started leaving one after another. They could see their Faction Leaders waiting outside, so they went towards them.

At that time, I left the cabin and came to the deck. I could see warriors leaving one by one. My gaze wandered around before finding Faction Leader Clifford.

Swoosh!

Next, I flew towards him. I felt many gazes on me the next second, especially from the Faction Leaders.

"Humph," Clifford gave a cold snort.

He was dissatisfied with the others' actions just now; it was a provocation. The other Faction Leaders didn't check further.

They confirmed that Zack Lockwood was still a Black Mark Warrior. They heaved a sigh of relief.

If Zack Lockwood had become a Silent Mark Warrior, it would have shocked them to the core.

But they didn't know Zack Lockwood had undergone a major transformation, which was far more important than a breakthrough.

Clifford then turned towards Zack Lockwood. Seeing that Zack was still a Black Mark Warrior, he sighed inwardly.

He had held some expectations. But then he realized that Zack was just being normal right now. They shouldn't put too much pressure on him.

Clifford continued to wait there. The Black Mark Warriors, Silver Mark Warriors, and Gold Mark Warriors of our faction had come.

But the numbers were few. Neil Smith never made it back. This was the same situation for the other sides. They too had casualties.

"What's going on?" Clifford asked.

He found out the number of people returning was low. The other Faction Leaders saw this and started asking the same questions.

A few minutes later

The Sky Carrier was empty. All the warriors had returned. But the Faction Leaders were still looking at the carrier.

The Purple Mark Guard looked towards everyone. He then said, "This time we suffered heavy casualties. It is the same situation for Red Moon University."

Gasp!

Loud gasps sounded everywhere. The Thunderflame Faction Leader Clifford, the Blazing Fire Faction Leader Elmer Maddox, and other Faction Leaders were shocked.

Faction Leader Clifford immediately thought of Neil Smith and the others. Especially Neil Smith, who was the 3rd Disciple of Main Elder Austin.

The Blazing Fire Faction Leader Elmer said, "How can you say that?"

"What happened there?"

The Purple Mark Guard said, "The Secret Land was filled with Class-11 and Class-12 Monsters. We don't know whether it had Class-13s."

"The 10 Gold Mark Warriors might have faced Class-13 Monsters. You can ask the rest of the questions to your warriors." After saying that, he took the Sky Carrier and left the spot.

He was going to report to the Dean. The other Elders who accompanied him had returned to their own Factions.

Faction Leader Clifford's expression was ugly. He then turned towards us and said, "Let's go."

Hearing that, the seniors and I exchanged looks. Then we started following him to the Thunderflame Faction.

Swoosh!

Faction Leader Elmer's face darkened. He took his warriors and left the place. Then the Faction Leaders departed one after another.

It was huge news. They had lost so many lives. It was one thing to lose lives to foreign creatures, but so many warriors dying in a secret land was different.

It was something that hadn't happened in a long time.

Dean Jerome was in his office. He had already noticed the arrival of the Sky Carrier. The Purple Mark Guard appeared in front of him.

"Dean, we have returned. But the secret land turned out to be a calamity. We have casualties. It was found to have Class-11 and Class-12 Monsters."

"I suspect there is a Class-13 Monster inside that secret land," he added.

Dean Jerome frowned. It was indeed bad news. He was not expecting this many casualties, although infighting was common.

If the warriors from the same faction killed each other, he wouldn't be surprised. But the presence of the high-class monsters dealt a heavy blow.

He then thought of Zack Lockwood.

He turned towards the guard and asked, "What about the kid, Zack?"

The Purple Mark Guard said, "Dean, he is safe. But his expression was not right. He seemed disturbed by something."

Dean Jerome said, "Hmmm, he is a Black Mark Warrior. He could have faced those monsters. It's fortunate that he survived in the end."

Chapter 1328: Believed it!

From MC's Perspective

Faction Leader Clifford brought everyone to the meeting hall. I raised my eyebrows. I had expected to go back to the residence.

I didn't expect him to bring us here. My gaze fell on three Gold Mark Warriors, four Silver Mark Warriors, and eleven Black Mark Warriors, including me.

The Gold Mark Warriors had returned safely. But the Silver and Black Mark Warriors had suffered casualties.

Swoosh!

In a flash, the Main Elders started to arrive one after another. Main Elders Austin, Ann, Rosie, Cathy, and Leola appeared and sat in their seats.

They immediately saw that a few of them had not made it back. Their expressions turned ugly.

“Neil,” Austin uttered in shock.

Hearing that, my heart skipped a beat. But I maintained a somber expression. After all, he was my 3rd Senior Brother.

The next second, I felt many gazes on me.

“Zack, what happened?” Faction Leader Clifford asked.

“Zack, tell us what happened in the secret land,” Austin asked this time.

Not only him, but Main Elders Ann, Cathy, Rosie, and Leola had their gazes on me. They wanted to hear from me.

I controlled my emotions. Then I raised my head and met their gaze.

“The secret land was the most dangerous place I have ever faced. Every step was fraught with danger. I came across many Class-11 Monsters.”

“It was fortunate that I was able to escape from them. Not only that, I spotted a Class-12 Monster in the distance. I ran in the opposite direction,” I said to everyone in a steady tone.

“Most of the time, I was looking for a safe hideout rather than resources,” I added.

Hearing that, the other senior brothers and sisters nodded their heads. Some of them had indeed died at the hands of the high-class monsters.

Even the Main Elders believed it because they could see Zack Lockwood was still at the Black Mark Level. If he had found resources, he would have become a Silver Mark Warrior.

Not only him, but none of the warriors had a breakthrough. They returned to the same state in which they had entered the secret land.

It was just that some of them had hidden injuries.

Faction Leader Clifford sighed. He had already heard from the Purple Mark Guard. Seeing and hearing Zack Lockwood now, he could guess why Zack was so downcast.

This trip was not memorable. Main Elder Austin's mood was complex. He had already lost two disciples: his 3rd and 5th disciples. Now, only four of them remain.

Clifford didn't stop there. He started asking other warriors. The Gold Mark Warriors started to share their experiences.

"Leader, we both tried to explore the secret land. But we saw a Class-13 Monster sleeping underground."

"Its slight body movements caused earthquakes. We didn't dare to wake it up," one of the Gold Mark Warriors said.

Hearing that, my heart was stirred. I had been thinking about it as well. But I never expected the news to be true.

So, the Purple Mark Guard was not lying. There was indeed a Class-13 Monster. It was equal to a Purple Mark Warrior.

But I could understand why. The secret land was filled with dangers. At the same time, it was a treasure trove. I used many resources to shape myself and solve my hidden dangers.

I was stronger than before.

The words of the Gold Mark Warrior shocked the Faction Leader and the Main Elders. Now they started to believe the story more.

Then, other warriors shared their experiences.

Everyone's experience was the same. They were running for their lives in the secret land.

On the other hand, I was shocked inside. It appeared I was the one who found resources and used them. Thanks to that Tiger Monster.

Faction Leader Clifford and the Main Elders were in a bad mood. They needed time to process it.

"Okay, you guys can go back to your residences," Clifford said.

Hearing that, I sighed in relief. I was worried that they would start doing a thorough investigation. Then I turned around and started leaving with the others.

After walking out, everyone sighed in relief. They thought it could have been them who died. I sighed inwardly and started heading back to my own residence.

A few minutes later,

I arrived at the residence. After entering the room, I locked the door. Then I went to take a bath first. The bath lasted for 20 minutes.

Then I walked out and changed into comfortable clothes. Next, I went to bed to rest. I needed rest and time to forget the secret land.

Meanwhile

Clifford didn't know what to say. His gaze swept across everyone.

He asked, "Do you guys think it could be something else?"

Austin and the others looked at each other.

Austin said, "It appears everyone had casualties. The secret land turned out to be this dangerous."

"The Red Moon University should have waited to collect more information," Elder Ann said from the side.

Clifford shook his head and said, "Actually, they were ready to explore alone. Dean Jerome's appearance caught them off guard."

"If they had waited longer, then other Universities would have stepped in," he added.

Leola and Cathy had the same opinion. They couldn't find anything strange about it. If they knew Zack Lockwood killed Neil Smith, they wouldn't be this quiet.

On the other hand, the Gold Mark Warriors from the Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver Factions were killed in the end.

Otherwise, they would have exposed Zack Lockwood's real combat strength.

Time passed.

After the discussion, the Main Elders returned to their places. The news quickly spread across the camps.

There were faction warriors who were keeping an eye on Zack Lockwood's information. After knowing that Zack Lockwood survived, they were shocked.

But then they learned that Zack Lockwood's strength remained the same. It made them sigh in relief. They could challenge Zack Lockwood next time.

On the other hand, Faction Leader Francesca learned about Zack Lockwood's safe return. She sighed in relief.

She was not that worried about her own faction members, but she was worried about Zack Lockwood.

At the same time, Ronnie Seth and the people in the Virtual Training Lab were relieved after learning of Zack Lockwood's safe return to the campus.

Chapter 1329: Morton Redford

Star University:

The Elemental Faction Leaders and main elders discussed this terrible loss. Each faction had suffered casualties, so they really couldn't blame anyone.

They could only accept the facts and move on. They had learned that Red Moon University had suffered losses as well, so they had to move forward.

A couple of days passed.

The news reached other forces as well. At first, they were angry that Red Moon and Star University had secretly explored the new mysterious realm.

But after hearing about the terrible losses, their anger disappeared, and they started gloating.

They were glad that they hadn't sent their warriors to the secret land. If a secret land appeared in the future, they could ignore the two Universities with some excuse.

However, they didn't forget to collect the names of the survivors through their spy channels. In particular, Dark Shadow University had one name already marked on their kill list.

The person was none other than Zack Lockwood. They learned that Zack Lockwood hadn't gained much benefit in the secret land and his strength remained at the Black Mark level. They sighed in relief.

There was one more force that really wanted Zack Lockwood dead: The Klein Family. After the death of Julian Klein, they had even sent their Gold Mark Warriors to kill Zack Lockwood.

But their attempts ended in failure. After knowing about the secret land, they hoped Zack Lockwood would be buried inside. To their surprise, Zack Lockwood survived in the end.

They found that Zack Lockwood was still a Black Mark Warrior. They could still try their next assassination attempt.

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the essence chamber of the Golden Lightning Palace, I was practicing the new lightning method.

Compared to the days in the secret land, these past few days had been peaceful. I had been practicing the new lightning method continuously.

With improved comprehension and talent, I made great progress. Now I could operate the lightning method like other methods.

But from time to time, I couldn't help but think about the ancient voice. The ancient voice made it clear that runes in the mind were the source of inheritance power.

After today's practice, I decided to focus on my breakthrough. For that, I would start practicing the Shock Force Integration Method tomorrow.

I collected my thoughts, then continued practicing the new lightning method.

Time passed.

That evening, I walked out of the essence chamber and started going back to the residence. The members here all had different attitudes.

The death of Neil Smith had shocked everyone. Some of the members knew him well, while a few others had moved on.

I walked out of the Golden Lightning Palace and started heading towards the residence. Master Austin was not here; he was out for some work.

I had a brief conversation with Master Ann. She saw the progress of my incomplete ancient healing technique and was surprised. According to her, I was close to mastering the technique.

Signs of some ability appeared in my veins. When she said that, I was not surprised because I could feel the changes in my veins as well.

They had developed more self-healing properties. Soon, I returned to my room and headed to take a shower.

About 20 minutes later,

I was sitting on the sofa after changing clothes. I took my digital device out and started checking the online posts.

Over the past few days, my name has become a topic of discussion. Some were surprised by my survival; they thought I would have become food for the monsters.

If they learned that I had tamed a Class-11 Tiger Monster for exploring, they would be shocked to the core.

But something else caught my eye. A few online posts appeared discussing challenging me again.

I think people have short memories. I had just killed one of the Bloodline Warriors and offended the whole Klein Family.

I was sure they were waiting for me even today.

I continued to look at the posts. Then I saw an article about someone from a medium-sized faction issuing an open challenge to me.

I raised my eyebrows in surprise. At this point, everyone was clear about my strength. Then how come this person was challenging me?

I felt something was wrong about this. Then I looked at this person's name. He was called Morton Redford.

The article talked about his family background. I began to search for it. As time passed, I began to uncover more details.

My eyes glinted with understanding. The Redford Family is a second-tier family allied to the Klein Family.

So, no wonder this Morton guy was making noise. I thought if I went outside, I might come across him.

But what was different this time was that Morton was a Silver Mark Warrior. He was making threats like this, and no one was stopping him.

My eyes gleamed with a twinkle. It was clear that the Klein Family was behind this person. Otherwise, how could a person from a second-tier family make such a noise?

He was not afraid of the Thunderflame Faction. It showed that this person was ready to face me. After gaining some clarity, I closed the page, turned off the device, and went to sleep.

The following day,

I woke up and started doing my morning routine. The routine lasted for an hour. After that, I went to get ready.

About 20 minutes later,

I left the residence and started heading towards the Golden Lightning Palace. On the way, I came across warriors and greeted them.

Like always, no one came to talk to me. I noticed the death of Neil Smith affected everyone in the Thunderflame Faction.

He had a good reputation. But these people didn't know he was narrow-minded. In the end, he was killed by me.

Soon, I arrived at the Golden Lightning Palace. I walked inside. My gaze turned to the Master's Residence. Should I go and see him?

I immediately thought of Morton Redford. Maybe I should discuss this with him. He may have an idea whether the Klein Family was involved or not.

Then I headed towards the Master's Residence.

Chapter 1330: Shock Force Integration Method (2nd Chapter)

From MC's Perspective

I arrived at my Master's residence. I walked up to the door and knocked.

Creak!

The door opened, revealing none other than Master Austin. He looked downcast and tired.

"You are here. Come inside," Austin said, turning to walk toward the sofa.

I stepped inside and closed the door. I walked slowly into the room and took a seat opposite him.

Austin looked at me. He seemed to be assessing my condition; he could likely tell that I had been working hard. He probably thought I was disappointed in myself for failing to break through.

"Zack, what's on your mind?" he asked.

He seemed to want to know his disciple's next plan.

"Master, I'm going to use the essence chamber day and night," I replied.

Hearing that, Austin was not surprised. He assumed Zack was attempting a breakthrough, which meant the world energy required would be enormous.

"Okay, I'll give you full access. You can come here at any time to use the chamber," Austin replied.

I thanked him, and then I told him about Morton Redford.

Austin's eyes flickered. He clearly didn't know something like this was going on. He took his device out and started looking for the articles.

He soon saw the article about Morton Redford and began to read it.

I raised my eyebrows, waiting for his opinion. If this person caused a problem, I was ready to use force. I wasn't going to stay inside the Thunderflame Faction forever.

Austin read through the article. Then, he placed the device on the table and looked at me.

"I know the Redford Family. It is a second-tier family and one of the allies of the Klein Family. You have to be careful."

"The person posting the challenge is a Silver Mark Warrior," Austin added.

"Don't worry, Master. I can fight against the Silver Mark Warriors," I replied.

"I know you can do that. But it's time for you to stay low-key. I received information that the forces outside are gathering intel on you."

"If you ever want to go outside, inform me," he added.

"Understood," I replied.

We talked about a few other things, though we avoided bringing up Neil Smith.

A few minutes later, I left the Master's residence and started heading towards the essence chamber room.

Essence Chamber

Soon, I got there. I found an empty room and entered. I closed the door and turned on the essence chamber mechanism.

Buzz!

World energy started entering the room. In the blink of an eye, the room was filled with essence.

I moved to the center, folded my legs, and sat cross-legged on the ground. I closed my eyes and started comprehending the Shock Force Integration Method.

The golden and silver runes in my mind flickered. My comprehension and talent were better than before.

As time went by, I noticed the progress. The golden and silver runes became denser. Complicated doubts became clear.

Meanwhile

The Outer Hall Warriors were still discussing the breaking news. They were not Black Mark Warriors, so they didn't know how dangerous the secret land truly was.

However, they were shocked by the death toll. They were also discussing Zack Lockwood, primarily because he had recently become a Black Mark Warrior. They were surprised by his strength.

The Inner Hall Warriors were busy with their training. Most of them had been dispatched to the warrior camps, except for the few groups and teams that had returned from the new secret land.

Some of them harbored ill intentions against Zack Lockwood, but they were not in the mood to fight with him now.

Right now, everyone wanted to improve their strength first because the fighting in the warrior camps was intensifying.

If they didn't grow, they would soon be killed by foreign creatures. So, nobody was thinking about fighting Zack Lockwood.

Even their own faction leaders and main elders were silent on this matter. If they wanted them to fight against Zack, they would have said so.

But there was one exception: Morton Redford. He had been collecting information on Zack Lockwood.

He couldn't go near the Thunderflame Faction, so he roamed around public places, hoping to find Zack. Unfortunately for him, Zack Lockwood had been practicing alone.

Meanwhile

In the Core Hall, the Gold Mark Warriors were present in large numbers. Most of them had returned from the warrior camps and were also keen on improving their strength.

The Klein Family members were here as well. They had returned recently. The death of Julian Klein was a shock to them.

The Klein Family had already informed them to find a way to deal with Zack Lockwood, but these members knew how difficult that would be.

If it were an ordinary warrior with no background, they could use someone else to eliminate the threat.

But when it came to Zack Lockwood, it was different. No one wanted to offend him, so they had to be careful.

Essence Chamber - Evening

Time passed. That evening, inside the essence chamber:

Boom!

The golden and silver runes had become much denser. They started pulsing as if they had a life of their own. The runes looked incredibly lifelike.

Buzz!

The next second, new information shot out from the lifelike golden and silver runes and appeared in my mind.

[Second Chapter: Shock Force Integration Method]

When the title appeared in my mind, I was shocked. I didn't expect the breakthrough to happen this quickly.

The golden and silver runes continued to act. A mysterious power was released from them all of a sudden.

It broke the limit of my mind and soul. My mind and soul consumed the mysterious power and started to strengthen rapidly.

I could feel my mental space becoming wider, as if it were another world. The gold and silver runes appeared small in comparison to the expanding space.

My soul power was improving as well. Both my mind and soul were now at the level of a Silver Mark. I found the changes to be astonishing.

I thought the changes would come to an end, but then I saw the golden and silver runes vibrating again. Two more streams of mysterious energy entered my body.