

BloodLine 1351

Chapter 1351: Busy City (Red Ridge City)

From MC's Perspective

Trent Hotel

"Hello, I would like to book a room," I said to the staff member.

Hearing that, the staff member collected his thoughts. He then fiercely nodded his head before starting the work.

He then asked for my name.

"Zack Lockwood," I said with a smile.

The middle aged man who was typing the name was stunned. His heart set off storms because he recognized the person in front of him.

He raised his head and saw Zack Lockwood standing in front of him, smiling. His heart skipped a beat.

Now, he was sure that the person standing in front of him was none other than Zack Lockwood.

He immediately started the booking process.

Then I thought of something and told him to book a room on the topmost floor of the building. Maybe I could go to the rooftop to monitor the city.

It would also be useful for me to contact the Purple Mark Guard.

The middle aged staff member nodded his head.

He then called another staff member before giving the room key to me.

A middle aged woman came to the spot. The middle aged man told her to guide me toward the room. The middle aged woman was stunned as well.

Because she recognized the uniform of Star University. She then saw the emblem of the Thunderflame Faction.

But she had heard the words of the middle aged man clearly. She then started guiding me toward the top floor. The middle aged woman didn't even speak for a second.

A few minutes later,

We reached the top floor. She then led me toward my room. Still, she hadn't spoken a word. After arriving in front of my room, I nodded to her before opening the door.

Creak!

Then I walked inside and closed the door.

The middle aged woman then recovered her thoughts after hearing the door shut. Who doesn't know Zack Lockwood?

She thought the news would spread soon. The Top 10 Faction warriors are famous among the public. She didn't know what would happen in their Red Ridge City.

She then went back to the lobby. There, she saw the middle aged male staff member seated at the desk.

"Hey, is this real?"

“Should we inform the manager?” the female staff member asked.

“I already informed him. He left his home and is rushing toward the hotel now,” the middle aged man replied.

Hearing that, the female staff member sighed in relief.

“I’m sure tomorrow will be a busy day. I don’t know how long he is going to stay here,” the middle aged staff member muttered.

Meanwhile,

The Purple Mark Guard was standing on the rooftop. His gaze sharpened. He could not understand why the Dean was doing this.

He didn’t ask any questions at that time because he thought Dean Jerome had a plan. As far as he understood, it was not simply because of the spies.

He thought there was much more to it, but he couldn’t pinpoint exactly what.

“There is no point in thinking too hard. We will know in the coming days,” the Purple Mark Guard thought.

Time went by.

The next morning, I woke up from sleep. After getting out of bed, I started doing my morning routine.

The routine lasted for one hour. Then I decided to practice, but there was no training room here unless I used the paid training facilities in the city.

Suddenly, a good idea came to my mind.

Since I have come here to find the spies, if I make myself public, then the appearance of these people would be faster.

After gaining some clarity, I went to the bath to take a shower. I spent 20 minutes there before coming out.

Then I changed into another fresh uniform and started to get ready.

I didn't know what the Purple Mark Guard was doing, but I was going to look for the paid practice rooms. Then I came to the lobby.

When I got there, I spotted quite a number of people. My arrival drew attention, and they turned toward me.

Among them, I recognized two faces. They were the staff from last night.

Suddenly, a man in his fifties came toward me. He appeared to be nervous. He was dressed in a tuxedo. He seemed to be the manager of the hotel.

He was absent last night. It looked like he heard about my arrival.

"Warrior Zack Lockwood, I failed to welcome you last night. I apologize for that," the manager said.

Hearing that, my eyes glinted with understanding.

"It's okay." After saying that, I continued to walk toward the door.

The man sighed in relief. If it were other warriors from the Top 10 Factions, then they would have created a massive fuss about it.

He knew he was lucky to escape. The warrior happened to be Zack Lockwood, so he had escaped unscathed.

The manager's eyes glinted. He hoped no one caused trouble for Zack Lockwood.

The staff were looking at Zack Lockwood leaving as well. But he was not checking out, which meant he was going to explore the city.

It was already hard to suppress the news. They thought it wouldn't be long before everyone knew about Zack Lockwood's presence here.

On the other hand, I left the hotel and came to the main street. I could hear the loud noises of vehicles and people.

Not far away from the hotel, another towering building attracted my attention. It was exactly the training facility.

Fortunately, it was so close. I didn't have to deal with the people. Then I started walking toward that building.

At that time, the manager and a few staff members walked out of the door. They were curious to see what Zack Lockwood was up to.

Then they saw him crossing the street and approaching another towering building. That other towering building was none other than the training facility.

Seeing that, everyone understood. But they didn't know what Zack Lockwood's real purpose was.

"What is his plan for coming here?" one of the staff asked.

"There could be some mission," a short haired male staff member replied.

“Whatever it is... we should not bother him,” the manager said to them in a strict tone.

Hearing that, the staff agreed. They didn’t dare to offend Zack Lockwood.

Chapter 1352: Part 1: Flash news

From MC’s Perspective

Red Ridge City

I came to the towering building. My gaze fell on the sign board.

[Red Ridge Training Facility]

After seeing that, I turned towards the door. Then I started walking towards it. It appeared I was the one who was early.

No one was here. Then I reached the door. The next second, I opened it and walked inside.

My gaze immediately fell on the person seated at the desk. He was an old man. His eyes were closed.

He seemed to be asleep.

"Cough," I coughed to attract attention.

"Who is it?" The next second, the old man opened his eyes.

Then his gaze fell on the young man smiling at him. Before his rage could build up, he recognised the Star University Uniform and Thunderflame Faction Badge.

His situation was like others. All the anger was gone. He stood up and greeted me with a smile.

"Hello, young man. It's nice to meet you."

"How may I help you?" The old man asked.

Hearing that, I made a request. I needed an essence chamber room for half a day.

The old man heard the request. He still had a warm smile on his face.

"Of course, the essence chamber rooms are available. We give a half discount to the Star University Warriors," he said with a smile.

Hearing that, I understood. Then I booked the room for one whole day instead of half a day. The old man started doing the registration.

He was not joking. There had always been an offer for the Star University Warriors because the essence chamber facilities in the cities were built with their help.

Many of the families have descendants studying in the Star University. Whenever they come here, they only have to pay half the price.

"Young warrior, what's your name?" the old man asked to complete the registration.

"Zack Lockwood," I replied.

"Okay," the old man replied before completing the registration.

After confirming the registration, the old man told me the price.

Hearing that, I paid the price from the digital device. The currency was credit points.

The old man didn't think about the name deeply, but he felt the name was familiar. However, he needed to guide the young man to the essence chamber first.

So, he collected his thoughts and took him to the essence chamber on the second floor.

A few minutes later

We arrived in front of the essence chamber. The old man entered the passcode and registered the time.

Creak!

The door opened slowly.

"After a full day, the door will open automatically. I'll come back the next morning at exactly this time."
After saying that, the old man left the place.

I thanked the old man. Next, I walked into the room.

The door behind me closed automatically. Then my gaze fell on the control switches. I found the switch to turn on the essence chamber.

Then I turned on the switch. World energy started to fill the chamber. The size of the essence chamber was less spacious than the university's.

But the quality of the world's energy entering the room was not bad. It was not the top quality that we get inside the campus, yet it was okay for daily practice.

I came to the middle and sat cross-legged on the ground. World energy quickly filled the room.

A few minutes later

I closed my eyes. Then I began focusing on the New Purple Lightning Bolt Rune.

Slowly, the dark purple force entered my body. Then I started guiding the purple force according to the new routes.

The new dark purple force flowed through my veins.

After circulation, the dark purple force entered the dantian and settled inside.

Outside

The old man was seated at his seat. Now, he has started to use his mind. The name "Zack Lockwood" sounded familiar to him.

But he had never heard of a Lockwood Family in their city.

"Could he be from a warrior family from some other territory?" the old man asked himself.

Then he shook his head. He couldn't recall anything. So he gave up and decided to take a small nap because the regular customers would start coming an hour later. He then closed his eyes.

Trent Hotel

The manager and staff were doing their work. There were other guests in the hotel as well. They had to take care of them too.

Right now, the environment in the hotel is calm.

But the manager was worried in his heart. He knew Zack Lockwood went to the training facility. Once he came back, he could be recognised by other guests.

He didn't know what to do then.

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Star University

A few hours later

Dean Jerome released the news about Zack Lockwood. It stated that he was sent as a special envoy to various cities under them for a special mission.

When the news was released on the official site, it immediately caught the attention of the Faction Leaders and the main elders because they were the first ones to get the official notification.

Faction Leaders had varied reactions. They knew about the commotion that happened at Star City. How come the news of the capture of a large number of spies had not reached their ears?

They knew about it as well. It was just that they got the news through other channels. Now, after going through this notification, they understood that the Dean was using Zack Lockwood as bait again.

But all the high value targets were captured already.

They didn't know why the Dean was doing this now. They thought no one would be stupid enough to target Zack Lockwood again.

Faction Leaders thought that Zack Lockwood might be protected by a guardian.

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Human Bloodline Faction

Faction Leader Francesca was taken aback. She was part of the previous operation. She was disappointed that she was not included in this mission.

But she was glad that Zack Lockwood was under the protection of the Purple Mark Guard. Others didn't know that, but she knew that the Purple Mark Guard was assigned as Zack Lockwood's guardian.

She could be at ease here.

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Thunderflame Faction

Faction Leader Clifford got the news as well. After going through the notification, he was shocked. But he couldn't do anything about it.

He thought it was part of Dean Jerome's next plan. So, he was not going to be worried. He also thought of the Purple Mark Guard.

With his presence, no one could target that kid.

Chapter 1353: Part 2: Flash news

Star University Territory,

The news about Zack Lockwood's mission spread across the campus and the city as well. The forces were in shock once again.

It hadn't been so long since many warriors disappeared from Star City. The locals didn't know why it happened, but the strong warrior families knew what was going on.

The people who had disappeared turned out to be spies. The information was only known to the heads of the families.

If the news leaked outside, they would face huge consequences. Now, hearing about this news, they thought Star University had not stopped its actions.

They were going to remove the remaining spies. Unfortunately, these families didn't have the courage to flee.

If Star University had wanted to punish them, they would have done so. They could only wait for orders from the Dean of Star University.

On the other hand, the news reached the ears of the Klein family and other warrior families. The Klein Family had always wanted to kill Zack Lockwood.

They had even used Purple Mark and Gold Mark Warriors for that, but they had failed in their plan.

Right now, they wanted to attack Zack Lockwood as well, but they were not stupid. The statement released by Star University was nothing but bait.

They could tell that Dean Jerome of Star University wanted to remove the rest of the spies as well, so they were not going to attack Zack Lockwood this time.

But that didn't mean they were going to give up the opportunity. It was rare for their target, Zack Lockwood, to come outside.

If they missed this opportunity, then it would be difficult for them to eliminate their target. They knew about the rumors as well.

As per the rumor, the target could be a Silver Mark Warrior. So, they couldn't delay their mission. If they delayed further, then Zack Lockwood would become stronger.

Then, it would become more difficult for them to target Zack Lockwood in the future. So, they decided to use underground killers and mercenaries to kill Zack Lockwood.

There were killers who would do anything for money. The Klein Family believed that someone would take up their mission.

Meanwhile,

Not only did the Klein Family have this thought, but other warrior families with ulterior motives thought about doing the same.

They were not going to attack Zack Lockwood directly.

They would use the killers as well.

The news had reached the ears of other universities. The Dark Shadow University and the Giant Tower University were already angry to begin with.

Now, they heard about this news from their spies. They knew this news could be bait, but they decided to use rare treasures to incite killers.

A few hours later,

Many veteran killers and criminals got the news. Warriors reaching the end of their lifespans decided to accept the mission.

But in return, they wanted treasures to increase their lifespan. The mission provider agreed to that.

He told them that as long as they could complete the mission, they could demand rare treasures as a reward.

There were other killers who were greedy for the treasures; they accepted the mission as well.

Shortly afterwards,

The killers left their hideouts and started going towards Red Ridge City. They were going to complete the mission.

Two hours later,

Red Ridge City began to receive new visitors one after another. The visitors appeared to be wanderers. Their strength lay between Gold Mark and Black Mark Warriors.

No Purple Mark Warriors appeared so far. Because of their arrival, the city was getting more spotlight. The hotels were getting booked.

The lone warriors might be killers, but they were rich. The old warriors who were close to dying had enormous wealth.

They didn't mind spending their money, so they booked all the hotel rooms.

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Trent Hotel

The Manager and staff were feeling the workload. They didn't expect so many warriors to come. Many of them were new faces.

The Manager didn't know why they were coming to their city. The Manager was more worried about Zack Lockwood.

If these people were to know about Zack Lockwood, then chaos could happen.

Zack Lockwood was famous. Many people might want to see him. The people could be from big forces.

He didn't have any other choice than to inform the hotel owner about it. The Hotel Owner's family was a big warrior family.

The Trent Family was also an allied family of the Storm Wind Faction.

When the news reached the higher-ups of the family, they were shocked to the core because the Head of the Family had just received the news.

But they didn't expect Zack Lockwood to stay in their hotel in Red Ridge City.

They knew there were chances of chaos. A fight could break out. They knew about the disappearances of some of the warriors in Star City.

They also knew it was connected with the Dean of Star University.

Since Zack Lockwood was in Red Ridge City, the city would have to face trouble as well. They couldn't even drive Zack Lockwood out of their hotel.

It would offend the Thunderflame Faction and Dean Jerome. More than that, they knew there was a threat to Zack Lockwood's life.

The other factions didn't like the Thunderflame Faction. They would use the opportunity to target Zack Lockwood.

Because of the rules and restrictions in Star University, many of their hands were tied. But in this city, they could use hidden arrows.

If something happened to Zack Lockwood, then the Trent Family would have to face the anger of the Thunderflame Faction.

They didn't know whether anyone was protecting Zack Lockwood in secret. Still, they decided to send a team of strong warriors led by a Purple Mark Elder.

If the Faction Leader of the Storm Wind Faction learned about it, he would be stunned. But the Trent Family had no choice.

They had to protect Zack Lockwood as long as he stayed in the Trent Hotel.

The Hotel Manager got the news from the higher-ups. He was glad and sighed in relief.

Chapter 1354: New Dark Lightning breakthrough

From MC's Perspective

The following day,

Inside the essence chamber, the changes started to take place. I finally felt movement from the dark lightning bolt rune.

It had become denser, and I was expecting activity from it. If I was not wrong, the brand new method was a level higher than the previous Red Mark Method.

But I didn't know the exact level. I thought it could only be slowly uncovered in the future.

Click!

Suddenly, four streams of energy shot out from the dark lightning bolt rune. The energy entered the mind, body, soul, and inheritance force.

In the blink of an eye, the energy rapidly strengthened the mind, soul, body, and inheritance force.

I was already a Silver Mark Warrior. Now, the power of the Silver Mark stage became even stronger.

Time went by,

After getting the energy from the Dark purple lightning rune, I started running the new purple lightning method to strengthen myself.

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Outside,

Above the training facility's building, the Purple Mark Guard had been keeping watch. He knew Zack Lockwood had entered the essence chamber yesterday.

He thought Zack Lockwood was using the time to strengthen himself, but he didn't know about the new purple lightning method.

So, he didn't think about it much. However, he was paying attention to the city. He saw many warriors entering the city.

He even spotted many Silver Mark and Gold Mark Warriors. He even spotted a few Purple Mark Warriors. The identities of the people appeared to be visitors from other cities.

But Red Ridge City was not a tourist place. It was just one of the cities under Star University. It happened to be the closest to Star City.

If they were not here for Star City, then they were here for something else. His eyes flickered. If they were here for Zack Lockwood, then they would face prison.

A hint of coldness flashed in his eyes.

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2 hours later,

Inside the essence chamber, I stopped practicing. My new strength had stabilized. I opened my eyes. I felt changes the next second.

My eyesight had become stronger again. It was far clearer. I could capture the minute details of the dust.

I believed it was the same case with my perception and soul. I used my perception ability. I covered the whole room in a flash.

My perception left the chamber room and began to extend outside. The earlier range was up to 500 meters. I needed better open land to test my strength.

So, I withdrew my perception. Then I checked the dantian's situation. The purple lightning seed was strong with a small golden pattern over it.

It was surrounded by the new dark purple lightning force.

On the left side of the purple lightning seed and Purple lightning force, the Gold and Silver Force had formed a pool. It was the force of the Shock Force Integration.

Similarly, there was a pool of dull golden energy forward. It belonged to the Sealing Force.

On the right side of the purple lightning seed and Purple lightning force, there was a pool of bright blue water force. It belonged to the bloodline method.

Finally, on the backside of the purple lightning seed and force, there was a pool of blood force, and green force belonging to the blood method and ancient healing method.

Then I shifted my attention and turned towards my bones. It was completely dark in color, but it was actually dark red.

If one didn't look closely, they would miss it. At the same time, the bones had weird, hidden runes. The runes were so small, yet they were so powerful.

I hadn't had the opportunity to try it against enemies yet. I was hoping that day would come.

Next, I withdrew my attention and shifted to the skills. Since I had gotten a rare opportunity to come outside, I should now focus on training my skills.

I had already broken through the Silver Mark Level. It would require a lot of accumulation to reach the Gold Mark Level.

Until then, I needed to work harder. In order to face strong enemies, honing my skills was necessary.

Then I collected my thoughts and smelled a foul smell coming from my body. The body was covered with a layer of impurities.

Seeing that, I immediately stood up and turned off the switch. World energy began to reduce. In the blink of an eye, the energy inside the room was drastically reduced.

When it was completely gone, I opened the door to walk out. Then my gaze fell on the long corridor. It was my first time here. I hadn't asked for the map from the old man.

Now I need to take a bath first. Then I saw someone coming hurriedly towards me. The person was none other than the old man.

"Young warrior, do you need any help?" he asked.

Right now, the old man was aware of the identity of the young man in front of him. The whole Star University territory was in chaos because of the young man.

But he had chosen Red Ridge City to come to. The City Lord and other important leaders were waiting in the lobby area.

They all wanted to see Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, I found that the old man was nervous. I had a good idea why, but I didn't ask. Rather, I asked for the bathroom.

The old man then guided me towards the room. The bathroom facility was located on the same floor as well.

It was a common facility. But right now, no one was on the floor.

"I'm going to stand outside until you come out of the bath," the old man said.

Hearing that, I was stunned. I didn't know why he was doing it. But right now, I felt it was important to cleanse myself of the impurities.

So, I entered inside and found a bath to take a shower.

The old man was standing outside. His palms were sweating. He didn't know why such a figure chose to come here. He found the young man was rather calm and composed.

But the situation was different outside the building.

Chapter 1355: A meeting with City Lord Ray

From MC's Perspective

Red Ridge City:

I was taking a bath. I could see that my lean physique appeared chiseled. I could feel the powerful strength hidden in my bones and flesh.

I didn't have to use the inheritance force. I could defeat an enemy using only body strength. It was not just my imagination.

My strength had reached a terrifying level. Not only that, but the four runes' breakthrough power had made my body stronger.

I spent 20 minutes in the bath. I had a pair of fresh clothes in the storage ring. I took the clothes out and changed into them.

A few minutes later,

I appeared outside. The old man was still waiting for me. My eyes flashed with a glint. I noticed the old man was still trembling.

"What happened?" I asked him.

My sudden voice startled him. The old man recovered his thoughts. He then looked at the young warrior and sighed in relief.

"Young warrior, there are guests waiting in the lobby to meet you," he said.

"Waiting to see me?"

"I never invited anyone," I replied.

The old man smiled and said, "Young man, your identity was leaked. The City Lord and other leaders knew that you were practicing here."

"They have come to say hello to you. You can mind your business after meeting them for once," the old man added.

Hearing that, my eyes glinted with understanding. I had come here for a mission. There could be spies among them.

"Okay, lead the way," I said to the old man.

The old man sighed in relief. Then he started leading the way. I looked at him before following.

Soon, we came to the elevator.

A few minutes later,

The lift stopped at the first floor. The lift door opened the next second. Both of us walked out. Then we started walking towards the seating area.

I could see more warriors coming and going out of the facility. When we reached the seating area, I saw several warriors of different age groups sitting around and talking.

My gaze immediately fell on the middle aged man. He was the Gold Mark Warrior among them. The rest of them were Silver Mark and Black Mark Warriors.

Upon seeing me, they stood up immediately. Their expressions showed mixed reactions.

The City Lord was serious. The famous Star University Warrior was in front of them.

The whole Star University had turned upside down because of him. The young man's name was Zack Lockwood.

"Hi, I'm the City Lord of Red Ridge City. My name is Ray," the middle-aged man said.

Hearing that, I smiled and said, "Hello, it's nice to meet you. My name is Zack Lockwood."

City Lord Ray smiled. The other leaders started greeting me one by one. Their expressions wore seriousness, as if they were afraid of offending me.

I started greeting them in return. Only then did the tension in their faces reduce. They became at ease. I could see the reaction visibly.

But I didn't know whether any spies had come after me.

At this time, City Lord Ray wanted to ask about something, but his eyes flashed with hesitation.

"City Lord Ray, is there something bothering you?" I asked him directly.

The other leaders turned towards City Lord Ray. In fact, they had questions in their minds, but they didn't have the courage to ask.

City Lord Ray smiled and asked, "If you don't mind, can you tell me how long you are going to stay here?"

Hearing that, everyone's expression flickered. Because it was one of the questions in their minds. They didn't want the entire city to be overturned.

On the other hand, I didn't know whether to laugh or not. These guys were extremely worried.

I shook my head before saying, "I'm going to stay here for a few days. Then I'll leave."

"I hope there won't be any problem for you guys," I added.

City Lord Ray was stunned. Then he said, "We don't have any problem. If you need anything, you can ask us."

"Right!"

"You can request us!"

The other leaders started speaking one after another. They wanted to make a good impression.

"Alright, I have work to do." After saying that, I nodded to the old man who had brought me here earlier.

Then I left the place and walked out of the building. Until I left the building, I could feel many gazes on me.

I started walking towards the Trent Hotel.

Suddenly, I felt someone was looking at me from above. When I raised my head, I saw nothing but the sky. The towering buildings were nearby.

Then I thought it must be the Purple Mark Guard.

So I resumed walking towards the Trent Hotel. When I arrived in front of the hotel, I found many vehicles.

There were people coming and going out of the building. I directly walked into the building. My gaze then fell on the Manager and the staff.

Their expressions changed drastically. Before I could ask anything, the old manager appeared in front of me.

“Young Master, do you need any help?” the Manager asked.

Hearing the change of address, I was not surprised. Then I asked him whether anyone had come asking for me.

The Manager’s heart skipped a beat. His facial reaction showed that something had happened.

“Tell me the truth,” I said in a stern tone.

“Young Master, the Star University has released a statement saying that you were outside for a mission. The news has already reached major cities.”

“Many of them entered our city to find you. We haven’t leaked any news, but there are people from outside who have booked rooms in our hotel as well,” the manager said.

A quick gleam appeared in my eyes.

“Alright, keep an eye on whoever is looking for me.” After saying that, I started going towards my room.

But I felt disappointed in my heart. I had thought someone from the Klein Family would come. But to my surprise, no one had made a move so far.

I didn’t know whether the plan of Dean Jerome would succeed or not.

Chapter 1356: Part 1: Take action

Red Ridge City, Trent Hotel

Though the Manager and the staff tried to hide it, it didn't take long for the news to spread.

City Lord Ray and other respective dignitaries had already met with Zack Lockwood. One of them had shared the news with a family elder.

The family elder was not silent. He shared the news with his friends. They started spreading the news in their circle.

Similarly, the news was leaked on several other sides. A few people had spotted Zack Lockwood in the training facility itself, but they didn't react at that time.

However, they shared the news with others later.

Time went by.

More and more people knew that Zack Lockwood was staying in Red Ridge City's Trent Hotel.

The guests who were already staying there were surprised because they had come before Zack Lockwood. But those who had recently booked rooms knew Zack Lockwood was there.

They couldn't wait to see Zack Lockwood, so they started troubling the manager and the staff.

They knew where Zack Lockwood was staying, but the manager and the staff were unwilling to say anything.

It was not like they didn't want to, but the family higher ups had given them strict orders. They couldn't say anything.

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City Lord Office

City Lord Ray was in his office. He was getting calls as well. It had not been long since he returned from the training facility.

He didn't know which Beast Taming Family Head leaked the news. He was angry. He knew the dangers surrounding Zack Lockwood's life. That's why he went there to see him.

Now the local forces had brought a headache to him. He needed to arrange a few people to protect Zack Lockwood. He had to do this until Zack Lockwood left Red Ridge City.

He quickly called his assistant. Then he told him to arrange a special team to protect Zack Lockwood.

The assistant was a middle-aged man. After getting orders from the City Lord, he immediately acted.

Meanwhile

The killers and other old warriors who were running out of lifespan had heard about Zack Lockwood's Trent Hotel stay. They immediately started going towards the hotel.

The killers were already on edge because they were not the only killers. They knew there were other killers as well. They had to kill Zack Lockwood before the others.

At that time, the Purple Mark Guard was already standing on top of the Trent Hotel. His eyes were scanning the area outside the building.

He had already spotted warriors coming to the Trent Hotel. Among them, there were Silver and Gold Mark Warriors.

"Could they be?" The Purple Mark Guard asked himself.

His eyes flashed with a cold glint.

He didn't know whether Zack Lockwood was aware of it or not. But he doubted the manager and staff would allow unwanted people to enter the hotel, so he continued to stay there.

He was confident in Zack Lockwood's strength.

He had seen Zack Lockwood survive the attack of a Gold Mark Warrior before. That was before Zack Lockwood was a Silver Mark Warrior.

Now that Zack Lockwood was a Silver Mark Warrior, he thought Zack Lockwood could handle these people if someone came to cause trouble.

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From MC's Perspective

In the hotel room, I was watching the local news on the device. I was not surprised by the news. Everyone was talking about me.

Then I turned towards the window. I saw it was nighttime. I guessed it was the right time to check whether any killers came after me.

I closed the device and placed it on the table. Then I started going towards the window. I came to the window and looked through it.

The night was dark. I could spot that towering building with the lights. My gaze then fell on the ground.

Then I saw many warriors standing outside the gate.

A quick gleam appeared in my eyes.

I thought it was the right time to check whether there were any killers among them. I decided to go outside the hotel for a walk.

Then I wore the mask. I picked up the device and stored it inside the storage ring.

I left the room and started going towards the lift. I was wearing the Star University Uniform and the Thunderflame Faction Emblem. It was enough to give away my identity.

After arriving at the lift, I entered. Then I pressed the button for the first floor.

A minute later, the lift reached the first floor. The door opened automatically the next second.

I could hear the noises coming from the lobby. As if many warriors were present in the lobby.

Then I started walking towards the exit. When I came to the lobby, I saw many warriors gathered in front of the admin desk.

I spotted the Manager and the staff stuck in the middle. A fierce argument was going on about me.

The Manager and the staff were trying to control the crowd, but no one was listening to them. They wanted to know where Zack Lockwood was staying so that they could go and meet him.

The problem was that these people were guests. They had booked rooms here.

Apart from them, there was a separate crowd waiting outside. They wanted to come inside, but they were blocked by their guards.

He didn't know what to do. Next, his gaze fell on the masked man going outside. Then he recognized the uniform and the Thunderflame Faction Emblem.

He broke out into a cold sweat. He wanted to say something, but he was more afraid of offending Zack Lockwood and the Thunderflame Faction behind him.

He decided to wait for Zack Lockwood to leave. Once he left the hotel, then he would tell the crowd.

On the other hand, I walked past the crowd and reached the entry/exit door. Then I pushed the door to walk out.

The next second, my ears were greeted by even more noise. It was the same crowd that I saw from the floor earlier.

They were all standing outside the main gate.

Chapter 1357: Part 2: Take action

From MC's Perspective

The crowd outside the gate was huge. Then, I walked closer to the gate. The guard noticed me, but he didn't recognize me because of the mask.

They couldn't open the door. If they did, the warriors from outside would swarm in. So, I used the flight ability the next second.

I appeared in mid air. Then I flew away from the spot. In the blink of an eye, I appeared in a narrow alley with no one there.

A few seconds later,

The crowd outside the gate was stunned. They came to a realization. Some of them recognized the uniform of Star University.

"The masked man was wearing the uniform of Star University."

“It could be him. His name is Zack Lockwood.”

“I saw the emblem of the Thunderflame Faction as well.”

The warriors outside discussed it. The crowd was mixed. It had locals and outsiders as well. Among the outsiders, there were a few killers and old men running out of lifespan.

The killers and the old men immediately left the crowd. After slipping away from the crowd, they noticed where the masked man had left earlier.

The old men and the killers immediately split up and went in different directions.

On the other hand, the Purple Mark Guard was watching from the top of the tower. He noticed Zack Lockwood had left the place.

A bright smile appeared on his face. He then shifted from the place and headed towards Zack Lockwood.

At that time, inside the Trent Hotel, the Manager and staff had lost their patience.

The Manager said, “Stop!”

“Zack Lockwood left the hotel just now. He was wearing a mask. Didn’t you guys notice it earlier?” He added in a serious tone.

Quiet!

Hearing that, the guests quieted down all of a sudden. They started to realize that the masked man went past them earlier.

“It’s true!”

“Someone left earlier!”

Among the group, someone had said it.

“Let’s go find him,” a guest said.

Then the people gathered inside the room. They immediately left the hotel. But another shock was waiting for them.

The crowd outside the gate had reduced. Seeing that, they started to ask questions. Then they realized it was Zack Lockwood who had left the place mid air.

The guests’ faces changed drastically. How could they stay here? Some of them stayed here just to see Zack Lockwood.

So, they decided to search the nearby area. Others went inside the hotel. They knew Zack Lockwood hadn’t checked out of the hotel.

So, they believed Zack Lockwood would come back.

Meanwhile,

I was waiting at the end of the narrow alley. At the end of the narrow alley, there were nothing but huge buildings.

I didn’t know whether anyone would come.

At the same time, the Purple Mark Guard appeared on top of the nearby building. He didn’t go to see Zack Lockwood. He could watch Zack Lockwood from there.

So far, he had sensed no Purple Mark Warriors. He was not worried about Zack's safety. Rather, he was thinking that Zack Lockwood would go for the kill.

At this time, an old man running out of lifespan entered the narrow alley. He was walking on the road.

He didn't know why he wanted to see if anyone was here on the empty road.

Suddenly, his senses picked up someone standing at the end of the alley. The old man's face changed.

He was a Gold Mark Warrior, so he was not afraid. He thought there were no Purple Mark Warriors in the city. No one could defeat him in the city.

So, the old man started walking towards the end. There, he saw someone standing with his arms crossed, his back leaning against a tree.

When he got closer, he saw someone wearing a mask. The masked person was none other than the warrior who flew away from the hotel earlier.

The old man paused his footsteps. He thought that person could be Zack Lockwood because he saw the Star University uniform and the Thunderflame Faction Emblem.

Right now, the old man was hesitating because he thought it could be a trap. As far as he knew, the target was a Black Mark Warrior who broke through recently.

There was another rumor going on that Zack Lockwood had become a Silver Mark Warrior. But he thought the rumors were false.

The first person who told him the news was none other than his employer. Even the employer was not sure about it.

The old man was worried that the Thunderflame Faction could have sent someone else to pose as the Zack Lockwood Warrior.

Because the news about Zack Lockwood was released by the Star University, he thought the person in front of him was not Zack Lockwood.

That's why he was hesitating.

On the other hand, I continued to stare at the old man. I saw through the strength of the old man. My perception was better than before.

I could tell that the old man's vitality was drying out. But he happened to be a Gold Mark Warrior.

"Why is he standing there?" I asked in my heart.

I could tell that the old man was observing me.

"Should I remove my mask or not?" I thought.

I thought that the old man was not convinced that I was Zack Lockwood. That's why he was hesitating. I was eager to fight, but I didn't want to kill an already dying old man.

Swoosh!

At this time, I noticed someone else walking into the empty alley. My eyesight was sharp. Then I saw the person who was coming was none other than another old man.

"Another old man is coming?" I asked myself.

On the other hand, the old man who was already hesitating turned around and saw another familiar face.

His eyes flashed with anger. He was the one who found the target first, yet another one was coming. He didn't want to share the reward.

Since he was a Gold Mark Warrior, he could kill the masked man later after confirming his identity. Before that, he decided to eliminate the rival.

Chapter 1358: Unexpected arrival

From MC's Perspective

On the roof top of the building, the Purple Mark Guard was watching the scene. He didn't expect two dying old men to appear.

In the narrow street, two old men faced off against each other. The one who had just arrived had short white hair.

He looked at the bald headed old man in front of him, and then he saw the masked man standing behind him.

His eyes flashed with a glint.

"So, he is Zack Lockwood," he uttered in surprise.

The next second, the bald headed man appeared in front of him. Seeing this, the short-haired old man was stunned.

He understood the reason. The bald man wasn't willing to share the reward.

On the other hand, I saw that the old man who had arrived was a Gold Mark Warrior.

A golden aura surrounded him, but it was dull. It showed that he was close to death.

Now, both of them were about to fight each other.

Swoosh!

They moved away from me, then started fighting. I thought two dying old men would use element techniques against each other, but instead, they engaged in close combat.

Seeing that, I was speechless. Then, I thought of something. I moved away from the spot, traveling through the air and crossing a few buildings before appearing on another street.

It was another empty street; only the street lamps were glowing, illuminating the road. The shops on both sides were closed.

Right now, I was the only one walking there.

Meanwhile, the Purple Mark Guard left the hotel roof and appeared on top of another building. He had thought there was going to be a fight.

But the two dying Gold Mark Warriors were fighting each other physically. If they used elemental techniques, they would worsen their hidden injuries.

The two old men would die faster. At that moment, his gaze fell on Zack Lockwood. He saw that Zack was walking on the street.

On the other side, a Purple Mark Warrior wearing ragged clothes was approaching. His eyes flickered.

The Purple Mark Guard was shocked to see a Purple Mark Warrior about to attack Zack Lockwood under his watch.

"This time, there is going to be a fight," he thought.

Meanwhile, I felt someone coming towards me from the other side. I saw a middle aged man in worn out black clothes.

But the aura around him was a dense purple. It showed that he was a Purple Mark Warrior.

My heart stirred. It was one thing to fight against a Gold Mark Warrior, but I hadn't fought a Purple Mark Warrior before.

The middle aged man stopped. He saw the masked man opposite him and grinned evilly. He was none other than an underground killer who had taken the task.

Swoosh!

The next second, he turned into a shadow and darted toward the masked man to kill. He didn't know whether the masked man was Zack Lockwood or not.

But he thought it was better to kill the suspicious one. Who knows? He could be Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, my eyes turned cold. Since it was impossible to escape, it was better to fight to the end.

Thunder!

Dark purple bolts instantly appeared around my body with a thunderclap. I was going to use my full strength to fight him.

The black shadow didn't slow down. He was going for the head.

Swoosh!

A dark blade appeared in his shadowy right hand. The lightning bolts passed through the shadow, slightly affecting his shadow form.

But it didn't completely stop him. He could observe the target's actions. In a flash, he appeared next to target

Swoosh!

The dark blade in his hand was about to pierce my neck, but it stopped right at the skin. A hand had appeared out of nowhere and grabbed the blade.

My heart was shaken to the core. I had thought my reaction time was faster, but I was wrong. In a split second, the blade had touched my neck.

In another split second, my neck could have been severed. Fortunately, the Elder had appeared. My gaze fell on the hand grabbing the blade.

Creak!

The next second, cracks appeared on the blade before extending everywhere. In the blink of an eye, the blade shattered into pieces and fell to the ground.

The Purple Mark Killer returned to his physical form. His gaze was filled with terror. He didn't expect there to be someone protecting the target.

He found the person's strength was far superior to his own. He decided to flee.

Boom!

A powerful fist slammed into his back. His body was blasted away from the spot before crashing into the buildings.

All of this happened within a minute.

The Purple Mark Guard then turned towards Zack Lockwood.

“I didn’t expect a Purple Mark Warrior to be hiding in the city. Go back to the hotel.” After saying that, he disappeared from the spot.

Hearing that, I put my heart at ease. I had underestimated the power of a Purple Mark Warrior. It was on a totally different level.

They had more destructive power than a Gold Mark Warrior. My gaze fell on the destroyed building. I decided to leave before anyone else showed up.

Swoosh!

Then, I immediately started moving in mid air towards the hotel. I left the street in the blink of an eye.

Just before I could leave the area, I spotted someone walking on the road again. The person was none other than the bald headed old man.

He was totally covered in blood. Upon seeing me, he bolted towards me. It happened so fast; I had no choice but to face him.

I raised my hand and circulated the dark purple lightning Inheritance force. In a flash, the power covered my body. More power surged into my arms.

In a flash, it covered my right hand. Dark purple lightning arcs were releasing from my hand.

Swoosh!

At that moment, the old man appeared before me. He was using the golden element force as well. A bright golden force covered his whole body.

Chapter 1359: Chaos in hotel!

From MC'S Perspective

The dying old man went senile. He was laughing while punching forward. His fist was covered in the golden inheritance force.

Boom!

I twisted my fist forward. It was covered in dark purple lightning force. In a flash, both of our fists came into contact with each other.

A deafening noise occurred.

The dark purple lightning force shattered the old man's right hand. The golden force covering his arm was gone.

The purple lightning force didn't stop there. The force slammed into the body of the old man, the old man who was already close to death.

His body suffered further injuries. The old injuries flared up.

Puchak!

He coughed up blood the next moment. The blood dyed the ground red. His eyes flashed with disbelief.

He knew that the target was rumored to be a Silver Mark Warrior. Even if it was true, his attack should have killed him, because he was a Gold Mark Warrior.

Even though he was weak, his attack should have reached him.

Boom!

Once again, I raised my hand and slammed my fist into the chest of the old man. The fist covered in purple lightning struck him.

The next second, the old man flew backwards before crashing onto the ground.

Puchak!

He coughed up blood. The purple lightning had started rampaging through the body of the old man.

It was electrocuting the internal organs of his body. He was already dying; now, the lightning was destroying his body parts.

His internal organs were charred. This time, the old man didn't get up from the ground. He could feel the last bit of vitality draining from his body.

The old man was terrified in his heart. He had killed the other old man before coming here. He had thought he would kill the target.

But the target turned out to be stronger than a Silver Mark Warrior. His eyes flashed with regret.

The last of his vitality vanished from the place. He was completely dead.

After killing the old man, I heaved a sigh of relief. The old man was already dying, so he couldn't bring out the full power of the golden inheritance force.

Then, I collected my thoughts and left the place.

A few minutes later,

I came back to the Trent Hotel. There was a small crowd gathered outside the gate. I flew over the gate and arrived in front of the door.

I pulled the door open and walked inside. My gaze fell on the admin desk. The same staff and the manager were inside.

But there were no guests inside.

A hint of surprise flashed in my eyes. Then I started going back towards my room.

At that time, the manager and the staff exchanged looks. Their eyes filled with surprise.

They had thought the guests and the warriors outside would have troubled Zack Lockwood. But Zack Lockwood seemed to be fine.

It appeared that the guests didn't even meet Zack Lockwood. It was shocking to them.

Meanwhile,

The Purple Mark Guard had successfully captured the Purple Mark Killer. He then picked up his body and came to the previous street.

He then saw the corpse of the old man. Seeing that the old man was lying in a pool of blood, the Purple Mark Guard was shocked.

He knew that the old man was there earlier. He didn't expect to find him dead here. He was sure that Zack Lockwood had killed him.

The old man was already at the dying stage. Seeing his corpse, he thought that the old man must have suffered before seeing Zack Lockwood.

Then, Zack Lockwood's lightning would have done the finishing part. He picked up the old man's corpse to dispose of it.

Swoosh!

He then disappeared from the place.

Meanwhile,

The news of the masked man coming back to the hotel reached everyone's ears. The killers and other warriors were taken aback. They were angry.

They were looking for him everywhere. But the target had returned to the hotel. They were afraid that their intentions were exposed.

And the target might take the chance to escape from the city. So, the killers were divided. A group went to the Trent Hotel to see. Then, another group went to the city gate.

If the target were to flee, then they would stop him.

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Trent Hotel,

The manager and the staff were still awake. In one or two hours, it would be morning. Zack Lockwood had returned. Yet, the guests were still outside.

Just as they were worried, a group of guests walked inside. They saw that the manager was here. They immediately started coming towards him.

The manager was already tense. Seeing the group, he broke out into a cold sweat.

“What happened?” he asked.

One of the guests stepped forward and started asking about Zack Lockwood.

“Yes, Zack Lockwood has returned. But I’m not going to say the room number. The hotel owner warned me,” the manager said to the crowd.

The group of guests didn’t make things difficult. Instead, they made a plan. They decided to knock on the door of each hotel room to check where Zack Lockwood was staying.

Among the group of guests, not all of them were friendly. Some of them wanted to harm Zack Lockwood. The killers outside didn’t have this chance.

But they had this chance. As long as they found the hotel room where Zack Lockwood was staying, then they could complete their mission.

Under the watchful eyes of the manager and staff, the guests left and started going towards the first hotel room.

The manager’s face changed drastically. Things were getting out of hand. If they found Zack Lockwood, he didn’t know what to do.

If a fight broke out, then the hotel building would be destroyed. Then the hotel owner would take his anger out on him.

The manager then rushed forward to stop them. He didn’t like what they were doing.

The staff then called some of the guards for help. The hotel was not going to be peaceful.

The guests reached the first room and knocked on the door. The manager quickly came to stop them.

Chapter 1360: Part 1: Hotel room fight

Trent Hotel

The guests stopped after seeing the Manager blocking them. The manager's face was serious. His forehead was filled with beads of sweat.

Seeing the guests in front of him, he once again tried to convince them. Among the guests, there were killers as well.

Obviously, they were not going to agree to his words. Even the other guests were silent. But the killers were rather impatient.

While the Manager was convincing them, the staff brought the guards here. Now the Manager had some backup.

The killers hesitated. Their target was Zack Lockwood. They were not going to cause a mess here. The background of the Trent Hotel was not ordinary either.

The killers decided to see what was going to happen next. The other guests calmed down. They agreed to stop their activities.

The presence of the guards had intimidated them as well. The Manager sighed in relief. He successfully convinced everyone.

Shortly afterwards,

The guests started to leave. When everyone was gone, the guards left the place as well. The Manager and staff exchanged looks.

They were able to avoid another problem. But they knew this was just the beginning. If Zack Lockwood didn't leave, then more and more situations would continue to arise.

"When is he going to leave?" The Manager uttered.

He knew something about the Trent Family as well. The Trent Family was an ally of the Storm Wind Faction.

The Storm Wind Faction was one of the top 10 factions. He knew that the elemental factions were united. They didn't get along with the other factions.

The Manager then collected his thoughts and left with the staff. He was going to inform the higher ups first. But what he didn't know was that the killers hadn't listened to him.

When the guests returned to their rooms, the killers joined forces. Normally, everyone was on their own.

But inside the hotel, they couldn't act without thinking further. They had teamed up to find the room of Zack Lockwood.

Once Zack Lockwood checks out from the hotel, then everyone loses.

Time went by,

The killers knocked on one door after another. But they acted friendly, as if they did it by mistake.

The guests in those rooms didn't get angry. Like that, they checked all the guests on the first floor. Then they moved to the second floor.

On the other hand, the Manager contacted the higher ups and told them what happened here. The Trent Family higher ups were shocked to the core.

If it weren't for the Manager, something would have happened.

Then, not only would they have to face the anger of the Storm Wind Faction, but the Thunderflame Faction would target them as well.

The higher ups then informed the elders and the family head of the news. They immediately got alarmed.

They dispatched a few warriors right away. They had already sent one team earlier. They didn't know whether they had reached or not.

So, they sent the additional team now.

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From MC's Perspective

Inside the room, I was trying to sleep. It will be sunny in a few hours. But I had this feeling that something was about to happen and I should be ready.

At the same time, I knew that the Purple Mark Guard was protecting me. I'm sure he is around the building.

Then why did I have this feeling? I opened my eyes and got out of bed. I walked up to the window and saw the night view through the glass.

The city was still bright. As if it was awake. I started to wonder whether it was okay to walk out of the hotel again.

Meanwhile,

The killers had successfully searched the rooms. Now they had gotten closer to Zack Lockwood's room.

26 minutes later,

The two Gold Mark Warrior killers stood in front of Zack Lockwood's room. Like in any other room, they knocked on the door.

They were expecting another old couple to appear. They had disturbed quite a few old couples tonight.

If they delayed any further, the management would know about their actions. Then the Manager could drive them out of the place.

Knock!

One of them knocked on the door. Then they started waiting for the guests to appear.

Inside the room, I heard the knocking sound on the door. I raised my eyebrows in surprise. I didn't call for anyone.

"Could it be the manager?" I asked myself.

Since my identity was exposed, the Manager must be facing the heat and trouble handling others. I shook my head before I started walking towards the door.

Knock!

The knocking sound continued to occur. I furrowed my eyebrows. Why did he continue to knock on the door? Is there a crisis?

Creak!

I came to the door and opened it.

The next second, I saw two middle aged men standing outside. They were Gold Mark Warriors. The killing aura was coming from them.

The two Gold Mark Warriors were stunned. They saw that the person in front of them was not wearing a mask.

But it didn't mean that they didn't know the face of Zack Lockwood. It took them a few seconds to recognize Zack Lockwood.

Both Gold Mark Warriors exchanged looks. The next second, their eyes flashed with a fierce glint.

Boom!

Without thinking much, both Gold Mark Warriors punched forward.

At that time, my eyes flashed with coldness. A dark purple lightning bolt flashed before their eyes. I raised my leg and kicked at one person.

Boom!

One of them received a kick to his stomach and stumbled backwards. The next second, I circulated the dark purple lightning Inheritance force.

In a flash, I avoided the punch of the second person. Then my lightning fist squarely landed on his chest.

Boom!

The powerful strike rocketed the middle aged man away. His body flew backwards like a projectile before crashing into the walls.

This all happened within seconds.

The middle aged man who got kicked earlier darted out to attack. This time, he used the Inheritance force.

A blazing red flame covered his body in the blink of an eye.

Seeing that, I became ready to face the attack.