

BloodLine 1491

Chapter 1491: Part 2: Undercurrents

The following day,

I woke up earlier. After getting out of bed, I started doing my morning routine. I thought Dean Jerome would call me today for the special mission.

So I decided to complete my morning routine faster.

Time passed,

After getting ready, I walked out of the residence an hour later. My gaze fell on the scenes outside. There were warriors waiting for me.

I walked up to them and started speaking to them. I was sure they were here with many questions on their minds.

It took me half an hour to answer all of their questions. After doing that, I started going towards the Golden Lightning Palace.

On the way, I came across other warriors. This time they looked towards me. They immediately recognized my face.

I nodded to them before continuing with my work. It didn't take me long to reach the Golden Lightning Palace.

I saw the main gate was open. I entered the place. Then I looked around before walking towards the training area.

There were members training their close combat techniques. Golden lightning bolts were flashing here and there.

I didn't disturb their practice. I went to the essence chamber. Fortunately, the essence chamber wasn't crowded.

I found an available essence chamber. There was a female member standing here. Upon seeing me, she got excited.

I eye-signaled her not to shout. Then I reached the last place and opened the essence chamber.

Creak!

I opened the essence chamber and walked inside. It had been a long time since I was here. The door was closed.

I turned on the switch. The world energy entered the chamber. In the blink of an eye, the room was full of world energy.

I sat cross-legged by the door. Then I closed my eyes and started practicing the Purple Lightning method.

The lightning force entered my body. I circulated the force according to the method. The purple force flowed through my veins.

After circulation, the purple lightning force settled down inside the dantian. Seeing that, I continued with the circulation.

Time passed,

After a few hours, I changed my practice. I started practicing the blood energy method. The blood force went through my body.

When it appeared in the bloodstream, the blood force was converted into a mysterious force.

The mystery force entered the bones and reached different parts of the body. I continued with the process. My skeleton was already extremely dark red.

Time passed,

I shifted to other inheritance methods. I practiced all the methods, and the training came to an end after noon.

I stood up. Then I went to the control board and turned off the switch. World energy began to decrease. In the blink of an eye, the world energy in the room was emptied.

Creak!

Then I walked out of the essence chamber. The member was still looking after the place. I exited after nodding to her.

Then I went to refresh myself before going to meet Master Austin.

When I reached his house, he was present in the house. Then I entered the house and met with him.

As usual, the conversation went well. He did ask about my experiences. I chose not to tell him the important things.

Instead, I told him about the inheritance powers. It was because of the inheritances that he was able to win.

Austin was convinced. Though he didn't fully know about the inheritances, he knew Zack Lockwood had an ancient inheritance.

Ancient inheritances are not something to be underestimated. So he believed Zack Lockwood.

One hour later,

When the meeting ended, I left the room and reached the exit of the Golden Lightning Palace.

After walking out, I turned around and looked toward the direction of the Healing Palace.

If I was alive and well, then it was all due to the ancient incomplete healing technique as well. So I decided to meet her as well.

A few minutes later,

I reached the gate of the Healing Palace. Most of the members here were female warriors. They play an important role in the warrior camps.

They might not enter the battlefield to fight against the foreign creatures, but they save numerous lives in the warrior camp.

Next, I walked into the place. The female warriors were taken aback by the sudden appearance of a male warrior.

Right after, everyone saw the face of the person. Then they recognized the person was none other than Zack Lockwood.

The female warriors then started talking. Then I answered them one by one before asking about Master Ann.

Knowing that she was in her residence, I went to meet her. Master Ann was surprised by my appearance.

"Zack Lockwood, how are you doing?" she asked.

Hearing that, I sat opposite her. Then I started speaking to her. The conversation went smoothly.

She did ask about the ancient incomplete healing technique. I showed her the healing force and circulated the technique in front of her.

Main Elder Ann's eyes flickered. She noticed Zack Lockwood had almost mastered the incomplete technique. If he went further, he might gain a special ability.

She didn't expect Zack Lockwood to achieve this level so soon. Not only that, she found out that Zack Lockwood's other techniques had gained progress as well.

When the conversation ended, I left the residence. Then I started going towards another place. The place was none other than the Virtual Training Lab.

A few minutes later,

I left the Thunderflame Faction. I was on my way toward the Virtual Training Lab. There were warriors on the way who were going about their business.

Some of them looked at me. I simply nodded to them. The people, like those at the Thunderflame Faction, didn't think too much at first glance.

I reached the Virtual Training Lab. When I entered the place, I saw old man Daniel and the others.

Gasp!

A huge exclamation occurred.

Old man Daniel and the staff working inside were taken aback. They hoped Zack Lockwood would come here.

But they didn't expect him to come here so soon.

Old man Daniel hurriedly went forward to greet me.

"Zack Lockwood, how are you doing?" he asked.

"I'm doing fine. What about you guys?" I replied.

"He... He... He..."

"Our lives are continuing as usual," Harold replied.

Then others came to greet me. I spoke to them one by one.

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Virtual training lab

When I was speaking to the staff, I found that the old man Daniel was trying to probe my strength. I sighed inwardly.

It doesn't matter what the situation is, the old man Daniel always does his analysis. The conversation came to an end a few minutes later.

"Zack Lockwood, what's your strength right now?" Old man Daniel asked.

"I'm a Gold Mark Warrior," I replied.

"I know it. Yet you were able to kill the Purple Mark Level Foreign Creatures," the old man Daniel said.

Hearing that, I told him that it was because of the ancient inheritance. It was not a secret that I got an ancient inheritance from the sky rift secret land.

Almost everyone knew about it.

"So that's why?" the old man Daniel said.

The other staff understood the reason. They didn't expect the ancient inheritance of Zack Lockwood would be this powerful.

I spent another ten minutes there. Then I left the place after making some excuse.

If I continued to stay there, then I was sure the old man Daniel would ask me to try virtual avatar fighting.

On my way back to the Thunderflame Faction, I came across some warriors. This time they recognized me, but none of them came forward to greet me.

Soon, I found out the reason. They were from the Elemental Factions. I had done damage to their reputation.

Since then, they have been trying to do something about it. None of their warriors had succeeded so far.

Suddenly, someone blocked my path. The person appeared to be a middle-aged man. He was wearing the faction uniform of the Silver Element Faction.

"William is here. He is the disciple of the Faction Leader of the Silver Faction," someone from the crowd pointed out.

"He is a Purple Mark Warrior. Some say he is close to the legacy elders."

"There is going to be a good show."

"William is known for his sharp attack techniques."

"He is going to fight against Zack Lockwood now."

I heard the conversations of the others. My eyes gleamed with a twinkle. I didn't expect trouble to find me so soon.

I tried to walk past the person.

William snorted. He had been waiting for this day for a very long time. Now that he had the chance, he wouldn't let it go.

Boom!

A silver scythe appeared in his hand. The next second, he tried to hack Zack Lockwood without giving any warning.

My perception caught something. I moved backward at the last few seconds. The scythe cut through the air.

The air itself felt cleaved. William raised his hand and brought the scythe down diagonally to cut.

"Lightning Condensed Finger."

I used the shock force and Purple lightning force. The combination of two inheritance forces appeared at the tip of my index finger.

Boom!

At the right time, I raised my hand and shot at William's shoulder. A beam shot from my index finger. In a flash, the beam traveled in a straight line before striking his shoulder.

Boom!

His right arm bones exploded. The purple lightning power blasted William away. He was sent flying.

His body then landed on the ground with a heavy thud. No one expected William to be defeated in one move.

Quiet!

A silence filled the whole place. No one said anything. They looked at Zack Lockwood with fear in their eyes.

Puckak!

William coughed up blood. His right arm was broken. He needed urgent treatment. He couldn't believe a single-finger attack had defeated him.

The next second, he collapsed onto the ground.

Seeing that, I snorted before heading toward the faction. None of them stopped me. They didn't have the guts.

Soon, I returned to the Thunderflame Faction and went back to my residence. Then I went to the bathroom to take a shower.

Outside,

The news spread like wildfire. William was taken to the infirmary. His defeat became known to others.

The Silver Elemental Faction heard about his defeat and injuries. They were shocked to the core. They were angry at Zack Lockwood.

They didn't expect this person to start attacking their elemental faction again.

When the news reached the ears of the Faction Leader and the Main Elders, they were pissed off.

The Faction Leader especially lost his patience. He immediately went to meet Dean Jerome.

In the Dean's office, Dean Jerome saw the old man in front of him. The old man with white hair was the faction leader of the Silver Faction.

"Dean, the kid has done it again. He attacked my disciple. Now he is admitted to the infirmary. His right hand was shattered," the old man gritted his teeth.

Clearly, he was holding back his anger.

Dean Jerome kept a neutral expression. He looked at him and asked, "Did Zack Lockwood come to your Faction Territory?"

Hearing that, the old man was taken aback. He then shook his head.

"Then why did your disciple go to fight him?" he asked.

The old man was left speechless. He felt something was wrong. He was supposed to be getting comfort.

Then he said, "My disciple wanted to test the strength of Zack Lockwood."

Dean Jerome smiled and said, "I guess some people couldn't believe the rumors. They wanted to see it for themselves."

Hearing that, the face of the old man turned ugly. He understood what the Dean was saying to him. It was hard for others when they first learned Zack Lockwood had killed Elite Race Members.

He was the real reason behind his disciple's decision to challenge Zack Lockwood.

"If nothing else, you can leave. Don't trouble Zack Lockwood anymore," he said.

Hearing that, the old man twitched. He then nodded before leaving the room.

The other Elemental Faction Leaders got the news as well. When they heard Dean Jerome's response, they became speechless.

They were helpless. They understood that even if someone went to trouble Zack Lockwood, it was their own problem.

Dean Jerome would stay on the side of Zack Lockwood. He wouldn't be neutral.

The Faction Leaders decided to alert their disciples. There was no use in challenging Zack Lockwood. Zack Lockwood had proved his strength by defeating William in one move.

Most of the warriors had been defeated at the hands of William before, so there was no point for them to challenge Zack Lockwood.

Chapter 1493: Second disciple Antonio

Star University

I was in my residence. But I have started getting calls from Master Austin and Ann. My mouth twitches. I guess the news might have spread fast.

I stood up and answered the call from Master Austin. The next second, he asked about the fight. A knowing smile appeared on my face.

Then I told him that I was forced to retaliate. Otherwise, I would have ignored the others. Master Austin warned me not to expose my strength.

After assuring him, I ended the call. Then I attended the call from Master Ann. She expressed the same worries as well.

She was afraid that planted spies could attack me. Then I assured her as well. After ending the call, my attention shifted to the online posts.

I picked up the device and saw the articles. The campus people have already spread the news like wildfire.

I raised my eyebrows. I had a feud against the Elemental Factions. This time I defeated the personal disciple of the Faction Leader.

I don't know whether there will be any following actions from the Silver Faction.

Buzz!

Just as I was reading the article, my device buzzed again. This time the person who was contacting me was none other than Dean Jerome.

I answered the call the next moment.

"Get ready, you will be leaving for a special mission tomorrow morning," Dean Jerome said before ending the call.

Seeing that he ended the call abruptly, I was stunned. I guess he was unhappy with the fight as well. I shook my head and decided to take a rest.

I went to bed and rested.

Meanwhile,

The warriors staying on the campus have heard the news. The elemental faction warriors heard the news.

Their blood was boiling. Zack Lockwood had once again slapped the face of the elemental faction warriors. This time he targeted the Silver Element Faction.

The warriors from the Silver Faction didn't have the face to show to others. One of their strong Purple Mark Warriors was defeated.

The Silver and Gold Mark Warriors are quiet. Zack Lockwood is now a Gold Mark Warrior. It was confirmed by the warriors who had witnessed the fight.

So he had fought across ranks to defeat William.

None of them are a match for Zack Lockwood. Only the Purple Mark Warriors with a similar ability to fight across Tiers have a chance to defeat Zack Lockwood.

But they didn't know the names of those people. Because it was believed only the personal disciples of the Faction Leaders and the main elders have such strength.

But William's defeat has shattered their belief. So they are clueless right now.

On the other hand, the Purple Mark Warriors in the Silver Faction are feeling the pressure right now. William is someone who they have looked up to.

So they can't think of challenging Zack Lockwood.

They knew only the other personal disciples could do something about it.

Meanwhile,

There is a meeting hall where the elders usually gather. Right now, the personal disciples of the Faction Leader and Main elders of the Silver Faction are here.

Not all of them are here; there are some who have gone to the warrior camp and special missions.

Yet there are more than ten people here. All of them are giving off the aura of Purple Mark Strength. It was not ordinary Purple Mark Strength.

They are as powerful as the main elders themselves. Their strength is equal to the legacy elders.

Yet these people are gathered here for one thing. William's defeat at Zack Lockwood's hands made them serious. They needed to do something about it.

The atmosphere was tense. There are male and female warriors here. Among them, a White-Haired Purple Mark Warrior is the second disciple of the Faction Leader. His name is Antonio.

William is the first disciple. He is the second disciple. Like his white hair, he is known for his sharp metal power. His element is silver. Yet he is known for having a sharp blade.

Many Purple Mark Warriors have been injured by his single blade move. Everyone thinks that only Antonio can avenge the defeat of William.

Whereas Antonio is pondering on his own. He can tell that everyone's gaze was on him. They were waiting for his answer. But he was not sure of himself.

He knows about William. It's not easy to defeat him. If he is known for having a sharp blade, then William is known for having a strong metal defense.

Yet his defense was broken and he was injured in the battle. If such an attack were to land on his own body, then he would be severely injured.

That's why he was hesitating. On the positive side, Zack Lockwood is a Gold Mark Warrior. His sharp blade has injured many Purple Mark Legacy Warriors.

He thinks if he can land one successful blade attack on Zack Lockwood, then Zack Lockwood, with his Gold Mark Warrior Physique, will be severely injured.

He decided to take a gamble.

"Alright, I'll challenge him," Antonio said.

Hearing that, the faces of everyone lit up with joy. They were expecting to hear this from Antonio. Among the present Warriors, one of them took his device to post online.

He posted that Antonio will challenge Zack Lockwood. But the date and time were not fixed.

Antonio saw the actions of the few warriors. He ignored them. He left the place.

Time passed.

It didn't take long for the news to spread everywhere. They didn't expect the Silver Faction to retaliate so fast.

The warriors from other factions are paying attention to the Silver Faction. They were surprised to know that Antonio had stepped forward.

Antonio was another popular warrior like William. He is known for having powerful blade moves. Many foreign creatures and enemies have died from his blade attacks.

So everyone believed that Antonio could do something different. At the end of the day, Zack Lockwood is a Gold Mark Warrior.

How can he withstand the power of Purple Mark Level Blade attacks? Everyone believed that Zack Lockwood would be defeated this time.

The news reached the ears of the Factions Leaders and the Main Elders as well. They were stunned. The Faction Leader of the Silver Faction never approved of this action.

Chapter 1494: Part 1: Duel against Antonio

The following day,

I woke up earlier. After getting out of bed, I started doing my morning routine. The morning routine lasted for one hour.

Then I checked my dantian. The dantian was filled with the inheritance forces. I could go to the Dean's office.

After gaining some clarity in my thoughts, I began to get ready. I had the healing resources provided by Dean Jerome last time.

It was unused earlier. Then I realised it could be used during the special mission.

One hour later,

After getting ready, I left the room and appeared outside. I had thought the Purple Mark Guard would come.

Instead, someone else was waiting for me at the gate. I opened the entrance gate and walked outside.

I saw a white-haired, middle-aged man. He was looking at me.

"Who are you?" I asked.

"So you are Zack Lockwood. You are really young," Antonio said with a sigh.

"I'm Antonio, the second disciple of the Silver Element Faction Leader. William, whom you defeated earlier, was my senior brother," Antonio said.

Hearing that, my heart stirred. How did this person enter the Thunderflame Faction Territory?

"How did you come here?" I asked him.

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

"Don't worry about it. I'm the second disciple. I can go anywhere," Antonio said with laughter.

"So you have come here to challenge me," I said.

Antonio's smile disappeared.

Unknown to them, the Purple Mark Guard had long since arrived at the spot. He was hiding and watching the conversation from the shadows.

He wanted to see the strength of Zack Lockwood. He knew about Antonio as well. Antonio was known as a stronger silver warrior with an attack technique.

He hardly had any rivals among the Purple Mark Legacy Elders.

On the ground, Antonio wanted to fight. But he looked around the place. He didn't want the fight to happen in the Thunderflame Faction Territory.

"Let's go to the arena," Antonio said.

Seeing that the challenge was unavoidable, I decided to agree.

"Let's go," I replied.

Then we both started going towards the exit of the territory. On the way, we came across the members. They immediately recognised both of our faces.

Gasp!

An exclamation occurred. They didn't know when Antonio had appeared. But they had seen the online post last night.

They knew Antonio was going to challenge Zack Lockwood. The next second, the crowd quietly followed from behind.

We left the territory. At the same time, the information reached the ears of the Faction leaders and the main elders.

They shook their heads. They knew the challenges were going to occur continuously.

On the other hand, we were going toward the combat arena. It brought back memories. Last time, I fought when I was a Black Mark Warrior.

A few minutes later,

We reached the arena office. We talked to the elders there. Knowing that it was going to be a duel between them, the elder asked whether we were ready to allow spectators.

I objected to it. I didn't want more spotlight on me.

Antonio frowned. He wanted everyone to watch the battle. If everyone saw that Zack Lockwood was defeated by him, then they would get back their faces. The Silver Faction would gain more fame.

"No, I want everyone to see the battle," Antonio said.

Hearing that, I shook my head and replied, "I don't want that. If you are defeated, then a greater number of warriors will challenge me. I don't have time for that."

Antonio's mouth twitched. He understood that if he insisted further, then the duel might not happen.

"Alright, let's have a private duel," Antonio said.

Hearing that, I smiled and the elder began to do the registration. When the registration was done, both of us entered the massive area.

Then we went to the combat platform. Seeing that familiar platform, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

We reached the platform. Then I stepped inside the platform. Antonio walked onto the platform. He looked around the place as well.

It was not like the place was new to him. He had been here before. Now they had the chance to fight here.

A few minutes later,

An elder came. He was the one who registered the duel for them.

"I will be your referee," he said.

There was no need for a barrier. It was a vast open ground. The Purple Mark Guard was in the arena as well.

So was the Faction Leader of the Silver Faction. His second disciple, Antonio, was going to fight. He wanted to see the duel.

He didn't know about the presence of the Purple Mark Guard. The Purple Mark Guard didn't want others to see him.

"Let's start the duel," the elder said.

Boom!

Antonio took action. He brought his knife out. In a flash, the knife was covered in sharp metallic power.

Slash!

Antonio slashed at Zack Lockwood. A powerful metal arc released from the knife blade. The metal arc shot towards Zack Lockwood.

On the other hand, I circulated the purple lightning force in my body. This time, I didn't use the shock force.

"Lightning Wheel!"

When the metal arc was about to reach me, I used the lightning wheel technique. A purple lightning wheel appeared around me.

Right then, the metal arc collided into it.

Boom!

A deafening sound occurred. The shock force spread across the place. The impact force hit my body, but I withstood it.

A similar thing happened to Antonio. He withstood the impact force. But he was surprised by the fact that his attack was easily blocked.

It was not supposed to happen. He was expecting some injuries.

"Lightning Condensed Finger!"

At the same time, I used the finger technique right away. A purple beam formed at the tip of my index finger. Then I pointed towards Antonio.

Boom!

A purple beam released from the index finger the next moment. It tore through the air before reaching Antonio.

He was taken aback. He didn't expect the surprise attack. Yet, he was able to evade at the last moment. He had faced many sneak attacks before, so it had trained his body.

Boom!

The beam landed on the platform and created an explosion. The impact force once again shook the platform.

Chapter 1495: Part 2: Duel against Antonio

Dueling Platform

Antonio released a blade arc at me. If the blade arc were to land on anyone, it would cleave them into two halves.

Swoosh!

I evaded the attacks one after another. My eyes and perception were reading every detail. In the blink of an eye, I got closer to Antonio.

Antonio was flustered. He didn't expect Zack Lockwood to be able to get closer. None of the attacks were landing on Zack Lockwood.

When Zack Lockwood was a few inches away from him, Antonio made another slash. The knife blade released a powerful slash.

Slash!

A powerful slash at such close quarters can hurt Zack Lockwood.

This time I found the blade slash was going to be difficult to evade. Right then, I used a movement technique.

"Lightning Phantom"

The purple lightning bolts covered my legs. In a flash, my speed increased. I shifted my body weight and evaded the attack.

The next second, I appeared in front of Antonio and my right hand snapped out. A fist covered in purple lightning and shock force struck Antonio.

Boom!

Antonio felt as if a heavy mountain collided into his body.

The purple lightning force and shock force blasted him away. The next second, his body rocketed backwards before hitting the ground.

Boom!

Antonio landed outside the platform. The landing was bad. He took a heavy fall.

This all happened within seconds. The elder standing on the other side was stunned. He didn't expect Antonio to be defeated this quickly.

He couldn't withstand a single fist attack.

On the other hand, my gaze fell on Antonio. I didn't know whether he would yield or not. The one fist attack was enough to tell the difference.

Puckak!

Antonio coughed up blood. He struggled to stand up. He looked down at his chest. It was scary. The flesh and skin were torn apart.

The chest bones were hurt. He needed immediate treatment. If not, the consequences could be dangerous for him.

Antonio turned towards Zack Lockwood. His eyes flashed with complex emotions.

"I give up," he said.

Hearing that, the elder nodded and turned towards Zack Lockwood.

"You win," he said.

Hearing that, I smiled and nodded to the elder. Then I nodded at Antonio before leaving. I walked out of the combat platform.

Then I started going towards the exit. Once I appeared outside, someone appeared before me. The person is none other than the Purple Mark Guard.

I was surprised. Then I realized he must have watched the duel as well.

"You have defeated him in one move as well. Let's go," the Purple Mark Guard said before grabbing the shoulder of Zack Lockwood.

Swoosh!

Then he disappeared from the spot. He brought Zack Lockwood to the Dean's office.

We landed in front of the Dean's office. The Purple Mark Guard asked for permission to enter.

Creak!

Dean Jerome was seated behind his desk. He allowed them to enter. We walked inside the room.

I saw Dean Jerome. He was smiling at me. It appeared he had watched the duel.

He said, "Your strength is enough to take care of the mission."

After saying that, he picked up the reports in his hand. He gave them to Zack Lockwood.

Seeing that, I accepted the report. I began reading it. Then I understood. The reports talked about some suspicious hideouts.

They should be investigated. They were located at the edge of the Star University territory. After taking a quick glance at the report, he knew what to do.

"Okay, I will do it," I said.

"Good, you can start the mission. But this time, the Purple Mark Guard won't assist you," said Dean Jerome.

Hearing that, I was taken aback. Then I calmed my heart. I can deal with the Purple Mark Warriors. There is no need to be afraid.

"I will complete the mission," I said the next second.

"You can leave." After saying that, Dean Jerome turned towards the Purple Mark Guard.

The Purple Mark Guard nodded.

I stood up from my seat.

The Purple Mark Guard grabbed the shoulder of Zack Lockwood. The next second, they left the place.

A few minutes later,

The Purple Mark Guard brought Zack Lockwood outside to the transportation area. Here, the vehicles were parked.

Swoosh!

The Purple Mark Guard dropped Zack Lockwood here and left without looking back.

On the other hand, I stabilized my footsteps. Then I looked around before finding the flying vehicles. I walked up to the flying vehicles.

There were drivers here. I approached the driver nearest to me. He was an old man. I spoke to him and told him to drop me at Star City.

The driver agreed. Then I entered the car. The driver sat down in his seat.

Swoosh!

The flying car departed from the place. The car appeared in the air and started going towards Star City.

It didn't take long for the car to leave the place.

Swoosh!

10 minutes later,

The flying car reached Star City. The car then descended. It reached the station and landed on it.

When the car came to a halt, I stepped outside.

The old man stepped outside as well. He looked at Zack Lockwood with a surprised gaze because he recognized the young man.

"Are you Zack Lockwood?" the old man asked.

Hearing that, I was surprised. I realized that I didn't wear any mask. I was showing my original face.

Then I put away those thoughts.

"Yeah, I'm Zack Lockwood," I replied.

The old man was stunned. He didn't expect to meet Zack Lockwood here.

"Okay, don't tell anyone," I said to the old man.

The old man nodded his head. He then entered the car and left the place. When he was gone from the place, I turned towards the others.

There were flying cars here, but they were for local travel. In order to reach the border, he needed to find another transport service.

So I asked around the locals. Then I found out there was a transport company here. I started going towards the transport company.

The transport company was located near the residential buildings. After taking a walk around the street, I arrived in front of the company.

Chapter 1496: Truck Travel

Star City

I walked into the transport company. There was a female staff member behind the help desk. I came to the help desk. I started speaking to her.

After learning that the customer wanted to go to the border city, the female staff member asked about the city's name.

"Brown Creek," I said to her.

Hearing that, the female staff member showed a doubtful expression. I saw through her thoughts.

"What happened?" I asked.

"Uhm, Brown Creek City has some problems," she replied.

"Lots of robberies are being reported. So, goods vehicles are not going to the city, except for a few," she added.

"What about you guys?" I asked.

"I have to ask the higher-ups," she replied.

Hearing that, I placed an essence stone on her desk. The essence stone was a colorless essence stone. Seeing that, the expression on the woman's face shifted.

She accepted the essence stone and put it away in her storage ring. She then took the device and phoned the manager.

When the call was connected, she started speaking to him. The manager was unwilling to let an unknown person travel in their vehicle.

He was aware of Brown Creek City's situation. They had already reduced so many vehicles. He didn't want to take any risk.

But the girl mentioned that the guest seemed to be rich. He could be from an influential family. The manager collected his thoughts.

Fortunately, the girl reminded him. He didn't want to offend the person.

He then asked the girl about the young man's identity. The girl then turned toward the guest.

When the girl asked about my identity, I showed my badge to her. When she saw the badge of Star University, she was shocked to the core.

She didn't expect the guest to be from Star University. She then relayed the identity to the manager.

The manager on the other side of the call was stunned. He was so close to offending the wrong person. The whole Star City comes under the direct control of Star University.

If someone wants to travel to other areas of the Star University Territory, then it is likely for a mission.

The manager then agreed to let the young man travel in their goods vehicle free of cost. Hearing that, the female staff member smiled and ended the call.

"Young Master, the manager gave you permission to travel free of cost. We have a goods truck that is going to leave shortly."

"It's going to stop by Brown Creek on the route. You can travel in the truck. If you miss this truck, then you will have to wait until tomorrow morning," the female staff member said.

Hearing that, I decided to travel by truck.

Time passed.

When it was time for the truck to leave, I sat down in the passenger seat. The truck departed from Star City.

Swoosh!

The truck was flying fast in the mid air. If the speed continued, the truck would reach Brown Creek City tomorrow morning.

The driver was an old man. He was not very talkative. Instead, he was quiet and focused on the driving task.

Seeing that the old man was sincere, I didn't disturb him. At the same time, I decided to stay vigilant.

I had exposed my whereabouts. If the foreign creatures and other hostile forces were still after me, then they could easily track me anywhere.

A cold glint flashed in my eyes.

Time passed.

Nighttime came, and the driver slowed down his speed. Right now, the truck entered a different route. It was going to reach Brown Creek City tomorrow morning.

The atmosphere was quiet. There were no flying vehicles ahead of or behind us. The truck was traveling alone. I saw a change in the expression of the old man.

Seeing that, I was stunned. I was the one who should be careful, yet the old man was behaving differently.

"What happened?"

"If you have any problem, you can tell me," I said to the old man.

Hearing that, the old man collected his thoughts. He recalled the young man's identity. The staff had told him that the young man was from Star University.

He said, "Young Master, we often encounter robberies on this route. The robbers only target lonesome trucks."

"Don't worry, I will handle them," I replied.

The old man sighed in relief. It calmed his heart.

In the nighttime, only the headlamps from the moving truck were the source of light.

Buzz!

Then, we both saw two vehicles blocking the path ahead. Seeing that, the old man's face changed drastically.

"They are here." After saying that, he paused the truck.

My eyes turned cold.

"Did you encounter them before?" I asked.

"Usually, there are people who collect tolls. Recently, blatant looting has been going on. Now, I have encountered it for the first time," the old man said.

"Alright, I'll take care of them. You stay here." After saying that, I exited the truck.

I stood in mid-air using my flight ability. Then, I started moving toward the vehicles in front of me. I quickly reached the spot.

The old man didn't turn off the engine. The headlamps were still casting light.

Creak!

From the vehicles, four warriors stepped outside. Three of them were Gold Mark Warriors. One of them was a Purple Mark Warrior.

They saw my face and saw through my strength. They saw my Gold Mark Warrior strength as well.

They didn't recognize my face, so they showed disdain on their faces.

"Hey, who are you?"

"Show us your wealth. If you hand over your valuables, then you will be spared along with the driver," one of the Gold Mark Warriors said.

The Purple Mark Warrior was an old man. He looked lean and weak, but the strength of the old man was no joke. A powerful pressure emanated from his body.

Then, I thought of something and asked, "Who are you guys working for?"

Hearing that, the Gold Mark Warriors were taken aback. The Purple Mark Warrior old man was shocked. He raised his eyes and looked at me.

They didn't expect to hear such a question from me.

Chapter 1497: Brown Creek City

Night Road

The old man was stunned. He didn't expect to hear such disrespect.

He once again saw through the strength of the young man. He confirmed that the young man was a Gold Mark Warrior.

"Kill this b@stard," the old man uttered in a cold tone.

Hearing that, three Gold Mark Warriors rushed towards me.

Seeing that the three of them were coming from different directions, I smiled.

I didn't evade; instead, I used my perception and eye power to scan the three warriors. They hadn't used their elemental attacks.

They thought they would injure me with brute strength. When one of them raised his fist to attack me,

I slightly shifted my body weight. The fist brushed past me. I could hear a whistling sound.

Kick!

The next second, I used my right leg to sweep at the back of the warrior. In a flash, the leg's force connected with the body of the warrior.

Boom!

The Gold Warrior felt the impact force from behind. His body rocketed forward before landing on the ground.

The landing was hard. It was a crashing hit. Right then, I darted out to attack the others. My right hand snapped out.

In a flash, my fist smashed the heads of the other two Gold Mark Warriors.

Puchak!

Their heads cracked open. A torrent of blood gushed forth from their heads while their bodies landed on the ground.

This all happened within a minute. All three of them were deeply injured.

Seeing that, the faces of the Purple Mark Guards changed drastically. The old man couldn't believe the Gold Mark Warriors were down.

Boom!

The next second, he rushed forward to attack. His right hand was covered in raging crimson flames.

An arc of flames released from his right hand. It was directed at me. I could feel the immense pressure from the red flames.

But it was nothing compared to what I had faced in the warrior camp.

Swoosh!

I used my perception and eye power to evade the flame attack. The next second, I covered my right hand in purple lightning force and shock force.

The old man was shocked. He didn't expect to miss the target. But he had experience. He used his left hand to block the attack.

But he underestimated the power of the young man.

Boom!

In a flash, my right fist came into contact with the old man's left palm. He blocked it upon contact.

Right then, the smile on the old man's face was gone.

Boom!

A deafening noise sounded as the inheritance powers overwhelmed him and tore through his left hand.

Puchak!

The old man's left hand tendons snapped. The flesh and bones broke. His whole left arm was ruined in a flash.

The old man was stunned by the injury and stood petrified on the spot. Seeing that, I used the opportunity to close in and punch his chest.

Boom!

The next second, his chest caved in. The old man's body flew backward like a broken kite.

He then dropped onto the ground with a heavy crash. The next second, I appeared at the crash site.

My gaze fell on the old man, who was unconscious. I saw the black ring worn by the old man. I crouched down to pick up the ring.

Then I returned to the truck. I hadn't killed them, but they were severely injured. It would take a long time for them to recover.

The damage was enough for them. I sat down in my seat. The old driver was still recovering from his shock.

Because he had seen something unbelievable. The young man had fought against Gold Mark Warriors and a Purple Mark Warrior.

Not only did he defeat them with ease, but he seriously injured them as well.

"Old man, you can start driving the truck," I said to the old man.

The old man then recovered his thoughts. He looked at the young man with respect.

Swoosh!

Then he started driving the vehicle. The flying truck resumed the journey. I started observing the place. I saw the passing scenery through the window.

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Brown Creek

The following day,

The truck reached the destination. It entered the city. Brown Creek City is one of the famous cities located at the edge.

At the city gate entrance, the truck was stopped. The guards at the gate came forward to inspect the vehicle.

Their eyes flashed with surprise. They knew about the recent robbery incidents. Many of the vehicles had been robbed.

So they were surprised to see a truck loaded with goods right now. They inspected the goods. Then they saw the ID.

Knowing that the truck was coming from Star City, they allowed the vehicle to enter.

On the other hand, I didn't show any badge. The guards only inquired with the old man. The truck then entered the city through the gate.

"Young Master, where do you want to go?" the old man asked.

"Just stop the truck at the end of the street," I told him.

The old man agreed. When the truck reached the end of the street, he stopped the vehicle. I stepped outside and thanked the old man once again.

When the truck left the place, I started looking around. Then I went to the nearest inn. It was a three-story building. I walked into the inn and approached the front desk.

The inn owner was sitting behind the desk. I needed a room, so I started negotiating the price. The inn owner charged 40 credit points per day.

In the end, the deal was made for 35 credit points. Then I paid a few points for the next few days. After paying the amount, I got the room keys.

A staff member took me to the second floor. The room was located at the very end. We came to the room. The staff member used the key to open the door.

She started showing me around. The room was simple with minimal decor. The staff member then gave me the key before leaving.

I shut the door. Then I used my perception to check the room. I didn't find anything wrong. Then I rested there.

Chapter 1498: Encountered planted spies

Brown Creek City

The next morning,

I woke up late. After getting out of bed, I started doing my morning routine. The routine lasted for one hour.

Then I went to the bathroom to take a shower. I spent 20 minutes in the bath. After walking out, I changed into fresh clothes.

The clothes were common warrior clothes. It was not the uniform of Star University.

I didn't use any mask to cover my face because the whole idea was to lure out the planted spies. The mission was to find them.

The problem with the planted spies was that they were part of the Territory. Most of them had already been wiped out by Dean Jerome.

There were still lurking forces here. I gained some clarity in my thoughts. Then I took a deep breath before opening the door and walking out.

I looked outside and saw the bright daylight. The skies were blue. The sound of birds chirping could be heard. Then I observed the place for a few minutes.

Then I walked downstairs and reached the first floor.

There were customers coming and going. I turned towards the staff behind the help desk. They looked at me as well, so I nodded to them.

I exited the inn. I decided to have some food. I came to the main street. My gaze swept across the place. There were businesses running across the street.

I saw one of the good restaurants. There was a considerable crowd inside. Then I walked towards the shop. I went inside and found an empty table.

Then I sat down and waited for the staff to come. When the staff came, I ordered a few foods. The staff left to get the food ready.

At the same time, I began to hear the conversations in the shop. I perked up my ears to listen to the conversation.

I wanted to know what the people were talking about.

"The crimes are increasing day by day. The administration is not paying attention to that."

"Most of the robberies are done by the powerful Warriors."

"We have to be careful."

"Ah, it's the job of the officials to do their job."

The warriors were talking to each other. They were not the only ones who were talking. There were warriors at other tables discussing the same thing.

I was surprised. I didn't expect the crime rates to be this high. I continued to listen to more conversations.

I was here to find the planted spies, so I was expecting someone to speak about Star University.

Suddenly, I heard my name at one of the tables.

Five middle-aged people with burly builds were seated around a circular table.

"That brat Zack Lockwood has left Star University."

"The higher-ups have left the city to look for his whereabouts."

"If they find him, then they will get huge rewards."

"Damn, if we could get some of that wealth, it would be great."

The warriors started discussing it. On the other hand, I was listening to their conversations. I had to confirm whether they were planted spies or not.

They had yet to discuss the foreign creature. I decided to follow these people. Why did their higher-ups want to capture me?

A quick gleam appeared in my eyes.

Soon, the staff brought my food. He placed it on the table. Then I began to enjoy the food. At the same time, I kept an eye on those people.

10 minutes later,

The five warriors stood up and were about to leave the shop. Seeing that, I stopped eating. Then I immediately paid the bill before leaving the shop.

The five people had already left the shop earlier. My gaze swept across the street. I immediately used my perception. My mental power covered the surrounding area in a circle.

Then I saw the five warriors behind the street. The next second, I entered the next alley to reach the wide road behind.

When I got there, I encountered the five warriors. I ran right into them.

The five middle-aged people were taken aback. They were all Gold and Purple Mark Warriors.

"Hey, young man. Where are your eyes?"

"Hey, his face seems to be familiar."

"Who are you, young man?"

The middle-aged men asked back-to-back questions.

Hearing that, I decided to play along.

"I have got a mission from the foreign creatures. They have told us to leave the city. Our identities were exposed," I said to them.

Gasp!

The faces of the five people changed drastically. They looked at the young man. They found the young man was terrified as well.

Suddenly, one of the five warriors got flustered.

"If it's true, then we have to leave the city. If the people in Star University find out, then they will destroy the whole family behind us," he said in a grim tone.

"You stupid!"

The second warrior said.

"We don't know whether he is speaking the truth or not," he added.

The three remaining warriors looked toward the young man.

"Tell me, who are you?" a Purple Mark Warrior asked.

Hearing that, I remained silent. But I was excited. I was finding it hard to control the excitement.

Swoosh!

Then I darted out from the spot. In a flash, I appeared before the Purple Mark Warrior.

The burly middle-aged man was stunned at first. Then he sneered. He saw the strength of the young man. He was only a Gold Mark Warrior.

Boom!

The other warriors had the same thought as well. Once they captured him, then they would interrogate everything from him.

Boom!

The burly man punched forward.

I evaded the punch. A purple-colored lightning covered my fist. The next second, I rocketed my fist forward.

In the blink of an eye, a powerful fist landed on the chest of the Purple Mark Warrior.

Boom!

The next second, the Purple Mark Warrior felt like a huge mountain slammed into his chest.

He was sent flying away. His body went in a parabolic arc before crashing into the ground.

The faces of the other warriors changed drastically. I didn't give them a chance either. I quickly appeared next to them and struck them using my fist.

Boom!

In a few minutes, the four warriors crashed onto the ground.

Chapter 1499: Bolton Family

Brown Creek City

I captured the five warriors. They were seriously injured. They had no choice other than to listen to me. All of them were terrified.

They didn't know how a Gold Mark Warrior could do this to them. He had defeated them in a single move, including the Purple Mark Warrior.

They were scared right now. I brought them to the narrow alley and started the interrogation.

I was not sure whether they would confess the whole thing, but I just needed a name.

"It's the Bolton Family. The Family Head is a Purple Mark Warrior. He has long since betrayed humanity."

"Later, he made the family members do the same. We were just outsiders who joined their family to get a job."

"Even we were not spared. We were forced to collect intel in the city," the Purple Mark Warrior confessed everything.

Hearing that, I asked whether any other family was involved in such a betrayal.

"I don't know. I think only the Family Head has some knowledge," the Purple Mark Warrior said.

Hearing that, I understood everything. Then I struck the heads of the warriors one by one.

Puchak!

Their heads were crushed into pieces. They died unwillingly. They had betrayed humanity. I couldn't spare them.

The punishment is even greater for the Bolton Family. Then I took the mask out from the storage ring and put it on my face.

I decided to leave the corpses here. Since I had come here to root them out, there was no need to hide them.

Then I left the narrow alley and came to the open main street. I approached a nearby cab driver and asked him to take me to the Bolton Family.

The fare was then negotiated. I entered the car and sat down in the back seat.

Swoosh!

The car departed from the place. It was flying in the air. I didn't speak to the driver. Rather, I watched the passing scenes.

20 minutes later,

The car reached the core area of the city. It was a private area. The public was not allowed here.

Seeing such a notice board, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle. It was a good disguise for them. The car then slowly landed in front of the entrance gate.

I exited the car and paid the fare to the driver first. Then I turned around and looked towards the main gate.

There were guards standing at the gate. I waited for the cab to leave. When it was gone, I walked to the gate.

The guards behind the gate were alerted. They were Black Mark Warriors. They came to stop me.

I showed my Star University badge. Seeing that, the faces of them changed drastically. I opened the door and entered inside.

"I need to meet the Head of the Family. I have some important news to tell Head Bolton," I said to the guard.

The guards reacted. They nodded their heads. One of them quickly went to the family to inform him.

I was not afraid of the Head of the Family declining my request. It would arouse unwanted suspicion.

If I was right, he would meet me before deciding to do anything. I waited here. The second guard was looking at me.

I saw fear in his eyes. I had not done anything yet, and he was panicking. Don't tell me that the guards and servants were not left alone.

Meanwhile,

The Head of the Family, John Bolton, was an old man in his sixties.

He had a lean physique with broad shoulders. He had black curly hair reaching up to the shoulders.

His eyes were black and his skin tone was tan. He stood 6 feet tall. He was exuding the aura of a Peak Purple Mark Warrior.

An important elder, who also followed the family head, entered the room. John Bolton saw the elder. He saw the elder's face was not good-looking.

"Family Head, a Gold Mark Warrior from the Star University has come to meet you," the elder said in a solemn tone.

Hearing that, John was surprised. He raised his eyebrows. He didn't expect to hear such news.

"Could it be a warrior doing a mission?" John uttered.

It was normal for the Star University Warriors to seek out help from the family. He threw around the thought that the Gold Mark Warrior might be the same.

"Elder, there is no need to be afraid. The person could be doing a mission here. Let him inside. If he is from the faction, then I can't afford to send him away without meeting him," John said.

Hearing that, the Elder nodded his head. He had thought the same. He then left the chamber.

A few minutes later,

I entered the mansion. An elder led me towards the Family Head's Chamber. From time to time, the elder looked at me.

He was observing me. But I could tell that his gaze was unfriendly. It was also a sign that he didn't welcome a warrior from the Star University here.

We reached the chamber after taking a couple of steps. The elder stopped here. He asked me to go inside alone.

I nodded and opened the door to enter inside. I immediately felt a sense of crisis. I looked around and found the old man seated behind the desk.

I looked at my red ring. I had already deactivated it. Otherwise, it would shield my presence. I didn't want to stand out right now.

"Family Head Bolton, it's nice to meet you," I said to him.

"Wow, a young Gold Mark Warrior from Star University. I think you are from the top ten factions. What can I do for you?" John Bolton asked with a smile.

His smile was creepy.

I circulated the golden sealing force in my body. In a flash, the golden force appeared in my palm. I extended my right hand for a greeting.

John Bolton didn't find anything wrong. He extended his hand for a greeting as well.

When his hand touched mine, the sealing force came into effect. John Bolton stood like a frozen statue. His whole being was sealed.

I smiled and withdrew my hand. Then I went to the desk and opened the drawer. I saw many books and reports.

I picked the first one and began to go through it.

Chapter 1500: White Mist Fruit

Chamber

I began to go through the contents. It was about the recent transactions between the Bolton Family and warrior families in other cities.

They had suddenly become rich. As I went further through the notes, I uncovered the truth. Their wealth came from targeting the Star University Warriors.

The Star University Warriors were from small and medium-sized factions. They were not comparable to the talent of the top ten factions.

But they were geniuses in their own right. The number of warriors in the medium and small-sized factions was high.

I did not expect these families to have the audacity to touch Star University. This evidence was enough to prove their betrayal.

But I wanted more. I wanted to uncover their dealings with the foreign creatures.

"Master!"

I heard a voice from the outside. Hearing that, I appeared in front of the door. I circulated the sealing force in my body.

I once again tapped the body of Bolton. The already sealed body was frozen even stronger. The sealing force was made powerful.

Then I opened the door.

Swoosh!

The Elder who was standing outside entered.

The next second, his face was slapped by the golden palm. The Elder's body was frozen the next second.

Now, the two Purple Mark Warriors were frozen like statues. I closed the door. Then I returned to the desk. I opened the drawer and began to go through the rest of the books.

I wondered how the foreign creatures contacted them. You cannot communicate with them through any device. The information must be shared through middlemen.

Ten minutes later,

I was done with the reading. I put all the books back inside the storage ring. Then I opened other drawers. There were miscellaneous things inside.

They were of no use to me. I began to check the walls. I wanted to find some secret cells here. While I continued touching the walls.

Creak!

The brick went inside and revealed a secret vault. The secret vault needed a fingerprint. Then I moved the frozen Bolton to the vault.

I slightly moved the frozen Bolton to touch the vault. The five fingerprints touched the vault. The next second, the fingerprints were recognized.

Creak!

The vault opened the next moment. I saw a metal box inside the vault.

A quick gleam appeared in my eyes. I took the metal box out and placed it on the table. Since it was placed inside the vault, I was sure something important was inside.

Creak!

I opened the box. The next second, a white, crystal-colored fruit came into view. The fruit was covered in white mist.

When my gaze fell on the fruit, my body felt an immediate craving. The craving was stronger than before. I had never felt a craving like this before.

I quickly connected the dots. If a Purple Mark Warrior had stored such a fruit in the vault, then it must be useful to a Purple Mark Warrior.

I closed the box and put the storage box away inside the storage ring. Then I stood up. My gaze fell on the two of them.

Puchak!

I immediately gave a decisive blow to Family Head Bolton's head. His neck was twisted and his heart was crushed. He fell dead to the ground.

Then I attacked the Elder with a similar method. He was killed and his body was placed next to the dead Head.

I opened the door. Then I walked out and closed the chamber door. My gaze fell on the mansion. I decided not to kill the others right now.

I thought it was better to inform Dean Jerome. He would take action. Then I left the mansion.

I came to the gate. The two guards saw me. Their eyes showed some doubt, but they didn't stop me. I easily exited the place.

Not long after, I found a cab driver. I told him to drop me in front of the inn.

Twenty minutes later,

The cab dropped me in front of the inn. I exited the cab and paid the fare to the driver. Then I walked into the inn.

I reached my room. After entering inside, I shut the door and scanned the place once again. There were no dangers inside.

Only then did I sigh in relief. I took the storage box out. I didn't know whether it was safe to consume it here. If the energy leaked outside, it would cause unwanted problems.

But I decided to take the risk. I was doing a risky mission. It was important to use every opportunity to increase my strength.

I sat cross-legged on the floor. I picked the box from the storage ring. Then I opened the cover. My gaze fell on the white fruit.

I grabbed the fruit and began to eat it. I consumed the whole fruit in one bite. A white, warm energy entered my body.

In the blink of an eye, the white, warm energy flowed through my body. The new, special energy was absorbed by my body cells.

Not only that, but my body cells and bones were being strengthened. This gave me a huge surprise. My body had already been strengthened because of different inheritance methods.

I had thought there was no room for big improvement, but the body was still absorbing the energy. I immediately guided the energy using the Purple Lightning method.

After circulation, the power settled down inside the dantian. The different inheritance forces inside the dantian assimilated the new incoming energy.

Time passed.

I continued repeating the process. As time passed, all of the fruit's energy was completely absorbed into my body.

I felt a surge in my strength. Undoubtedly, my strength had grown further. I couldn't wait to use my strength against my enemies.

Then I opened my eyes. I saw black sludge covering my body. I stood up and entered the bathroom. I began to take a bath.

The bath lasted for 20 minutes.

Then I walked out and changed into comfortable clothes. I sat down on the sofa. I began to think about my next plans. I needed to find out about the other rotten families.