

Bloodline 171

Chapter 171 - Golden Streams

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

It sounded like a nuclear explosion as the boulders slammed vigorously into the road ahead.

Cracks appeared all over the path ahead as it crumbled and started sliding down the mountain.

Over a thousand feet of the mountain pass ahead was destroyed, leaving a large gap. Nevertheless, Gustav kept on running.

Immediately he got to the edge where the route stopped; he bent his knees slightly with intense force.

[Super Jump has been activated]

Thooom!

Gustav pushed himself upwards with force.

Swweeii!

His body traveled forward above the wide gap formed from the destruction of the mountain pass.

He could see the pointy bone-like objects below him as his body traveled in an arc through the air.

Zwwooooonn!

He successfully leaped over the thousand feet gap and landed at the other side of the mountain pass.

Thooom!

His feet made contact with the ground a few feet away from the edge behind him.

Gustav raised his body back up with a straight face after landing on the other side.

'Good thing I was able to get super Jump to increase in level,' Gustav said internally as he turned around to look back.

It was indeed an intimidating sight. The entire mountain pass, as far as the eyes could see, had been destroyed by the large boulders that rained down a few moments ago.

Looking down, the deep crater could bring about the fear of death. However, Gustav was not scared of looking at the bottom that was currently more than ten thousand feet away.

If someone couldn't fly, they had to either jump or walk across the straight surface of the mountain on the left.

Jumping was impossible because there was now a gap of over seven thousand feet. Only a mixedblood that could walk on walls could cross the area as a last resort.

'What would happen if I had fallen? Would the MBO let the participants get killed when they failed to surpass a particular region?' Gustav wondered whether the MBO had a way of preventing deaths when participants fail to overcome dangerous situations.

He decided not to overthink it and turned around to keep walking.

The end of this particular mountain pass was only a few feet away.

After passing through the current mountain pass, he would only need to overcome one more mountain before traveling beyond this mountain region.

In a few seconds, Gustav had gotten down from the mountain and was heading towards the next.

Gustav stood in front of the six-thousand-meter-tall mountain with greenish and yellow flowers surrounding the outward structure.

There was another mountain on the left and right side, but those were way taller than this particular one, so Gustav decided to pick this.

One question kept on nagging at Gustav's mind.

'Why do none of the mountains ahead have a pass?' Gustav wondered with a look of suspicion.

In another part of the space, a girl could be seen sprinting across the surface of a golden-colored stream.

Zwweeiiii!

Her speed caused the surface of the stream to split open as she glided across it forming line waves behind her.

Her silver and pink hair blew backward as she dashed forward with gracefulness.

She had two small white horns protruding from her forehead. Even with those horns on her beautiful face, she gave off a gentle vibe.

Rooarrr!

A large black creature suddenly shot out of the stream behind.

Its gigantic body blotted out a large part of the stream up ahead, casting a big shadow on the horned girl.

The creature's head looked like an upside-down triangle, and it had golden scales on its seven fins that were shaped like wings of airplanes.

'It's still chasing,' She said internally without looking back.

The girl, who was obviously Angy, already knew that she was being chased by this creature from the onset.

'Almost there,' Her sight was still focused on the end of the stream in the distance.

Swooshhh!

Her body movement increased in speed for a few seconds causing the water creature in the air to fall back into the stream, causing waves to splatter across the entire place.

Due to the large body of the creature, the waves that spread across the riffs upset the balance of the stream's surface, throwing Angy into the air.

Angy's body ascended by over one hundred and thirty feet into the air.

She flipped her body forward while still in mid-air. She then positioned it in such a way that when her rising momentum stopped, she will descend in a vertical format.

Shruuuoomm!

While Angy was descending from the air, the gigantic water creature suddenly sprouted out of the stream again with its mouth wide open.

Its big pointy teeth that looked like sharp unbreakable swords were revealed.

Angy was directly falling into the gaps within its teeth.

Just as her body descended to the point where she was close to entering into its mouth, Angy spread her legs.

Clum! Clam!

The sole of her right and left foot missed several teeth pointed upwards. They directly landed on two teeth positioned in a horizontal format.

She was able to find her footing within its mouth because of the creature's teeth position.

Grrroouhhhh!

Hot breath and streams of water blew out of the creature's mouth as it growled.

Angy felt the intense heat blow her hair upwards, and her entire body was drowned in water mixed with the creature's stomach juices.

The creature started closing up its mouth after making that growl.

Angy's legs suddenly started vibrating at a crazy speed as she squatted and leaped upwards.

Swooshhh~

Before the jaws of the creature could close up completely, her body flew out of the tiny gap left.

Gbbaamm!

The creature's mouth closed up with intensity causing the air to tremble quickly, generating loud soundwaves.

To the creature's disappointment, it only managed to eat air. Bones were not crushed like it expected.

It looked forward and noticed the humanoid-looking girl running across the water again.

Grrroouhhhh!

It growled in anger. Disappointed by its fruitless efforts, the creature dived into the water again to give a chase to the puny-looking creature that managed to escape its grasp.

Chapter 172 - End Of The First Day

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Splash! Zwwooooonn!

It became angrier when it noticed she was close to reaching land. The creature chased after Angy furiously, but its attempts were in vain.

Angy successfully reached the land ahead and kept on dashing forward for over three hundred feet before coming to a stop.

Grroouuhhhh!

The creature burst out of the stream and arrived at the shore.

It stared at the creature on land far ahead with a disappointed look before turning around and diving back into the water.

Angy stared back at the stream area as the creature swam away.

She let out a sigh of relief as her legs gave way, and she fell to the ground.

She had been running across these golden-coloured streams for the past few hours and was nearly worn out.

She had encountered many creatures similar to the one she just escaped from.

Whenever she crossed a golden stream, she would only be able to traverse on a small patch of land before meeting another stream ahead.

She had crossed a total of thirteen streams during this period, and the one she just crossed was the last one within the vicinity.

What could be seen ahead was a plain field.

Angy rested for a while before standing up.

'I must not relent... I'm sure he must still be moving forward even in the face of difficulties.' She said with a look of determination written all over her face before dashing forward.

Swoooshhh!

-Floor 617 (Watchroom)

'Magnificent speed and reflexes... The highest so far, and from her data, her bloodline is related to speed. However, there's nothing special about speed since all mixedbloods get an upgrade in physical fitness... If this is all she can offer, then I'm afraid it's not gonna be good enough. Nevertheless, she shows a lot of promise, so I'm going to keep observing her,' Gradier Xanatus said internally as he stared at the part of the screen that showed Angy.

He turned his face away and stared at another part of the screen that showed a boy with dirty blonde hair climbing a huge mountain top with his bare hands.

Gradier Xanatus remembered seeing Gustav's performance when he passed through the previous mountain range, even with the number of boulders he triggered.

'This boy from the Oslov family... He really is a hidden talent. The higher-ups must have noticed him as well as the others by now... If he keeps this up, he might get chosen,'

Gradier Xanatus wasn't the only one that was wowed by Gustav's performance so far.

Even the youngsters that passed the special test watched with a look of awe.

Some of them started comparing Gustav to themselves, wondering if they'll be able to do the same.

Most of them concluded that they would probably be delayed for a few minutes before they were able to cross the destroyed mountain pass.

In another four hours, participants all across the test space were starting to slow down because the sky was already turning dark.

They realized that the sky in here must mimic the original sky, and the darkening means that the day was coming to an end.

Those that hadn't been disqualified yet could see that the green ball of light was now bigger, and it signified that they were getting closer. Still, they knew it would probably take another day of travelling before they could get to the ball of light because it still looked far.

At this moment, it dawned on everyone who didn't realize it earlier that they would be spending more than a day within the test space. So, they would have to find food and water themselves.

The candidates began to search for food and water. To their disappointment, finding food and water was almost impossible.

The food was either from small fruits growing on a tree which would never be enough to quench their current hunger, while the water had tasted since it was from the golden-coloured rivers.

A lot of participants were going to sleep with empty stomachs since they couldn't even find any food or water source within their vicinity.

Now they truly understood why this phase was called an endurance phase.

Gustav found himself a nice shed underneath a big tree positioned beside a narrow river that led towards the east.

It was already dark, and he had successfully gone through the mountain region a few hours back.

His plan was to stay underneath the shade for the night.

He was in an area that had a plain field and long rivers. He had crossed several rivers already.

Gustav leaned his back against the tree and stared at the green ball of light in the distance.

There was neither a sun nor a moon in the space. The green ball supplemented for them both, and it was bright enough at day and night.

'It should take me about half a day or close to an entire day more to get there... I could move during the night close the gap even more, but I should replenish my energy right now. It would be risky if I fall into traps while travelling during the night, and I'm unable to get out of them due to lack of energy.' Gustav muttered while staring at his energy points.

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He noticed that he had spent lots of energy points and would probably spend just as much the next day.

'On the bright side, I might be able to complete my dinner here while following the light,' Gustav thought and proceeded to bring something out of his storage device.

Zing!

A large oven-like piece of equipment appeared in front of Gustav with a bright flash of blue light.

This rectangular-shaped device was the same Gustav stored food to carry with him wherever he was headed.

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Chapter 173 - Travelling Underwater

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Sshhhsss!

A small cloud of smoke wafted out of the oven-like equipment causing a delicious aroma to spread across the entire area.

Gustav breathed in the aroma of the dishes and smiled.

He proceeded to bring out one dish after the other and arranged them in front of him.

The number of dishes in front of him would be enough to satisfy a family of four. However, Gustav was a big eater, so this was nothing for him.

"Fried fox chick, roasted mutated devil's duck, boiled black rice... Ah, I forgot the volcanic blue prawn," Gustav said after noticing that one of his dishes was missing after counting them one after the other.

He still left food within the food storage equipment since he didn't want to finish everything at once in case some issues came up.

"I can make do with these ones," Gustav said while proceeding to tear out a large piece of fried fox chick.

The piece he tore out was as large as an adult's palm. Still, Gustav was able to shove the entire thing into his mouth.

Crunch! Crunch! Crunch!

His cheeks bloated up as he munched on the delicious meal with a delightful expression.

Within the watch room, Gradier Xanatus watched as the participants scrounged for food. Some of the participants were already out of energy after running for an entire day without eating. So, they just sat there looking lifeless.

Gradier Xanatus shook his head as he saw that many participants were in similar situations.

He suddenly noticed a part of the screen where someone was munching away a pile of delicacies. In contrast, others had already resigned themselves to the fate of starving for the night.

"What in the...?" Gradier Xanatus was speechless seeing Gustav casually munching away without a care in the world.

"That kid brought a food regulator with him?" Gradier Xanatus saw the kitchen equipment in front of Gustav.

The participants were allowed to take their storage devices with them during the test. Even if they decided to use enhancement pills hidden within their storage devices, the MBO wouldn't disqualify them for that reason.

This is an endurance test.

Bloodline enhancement drugs generate side effects after usage. Whenever a mixedblood uses bloodline enhancement drugs, they would be weak and unable to use their bloodline abilities properly for a day or two. The changes differ depending on the mixedblood's body structure.

So, the MBO wasn't really against it for this and many other reasons. Only someone who wanted to handicap themselves would decide to make use of such drugs.

What the MBO didn't think of was that one of the participants would be crazy enough to bring storage cooking equipment.

Even if there was no food in it, he could prepare food with the resources in the environment.

This was something unprecedented that Gradier Xanatus had never seen before.

This made him wonder how Gustav could come up with such a thing.

All other participants wouldn't think of doing this.

'This kid is really something...' Gradier Xanatus couldn't figure out Gustav's thought, so he decided to keep watching him in the meantime.

The following day the participants had begun to follow the light after waking up.

It was a long night for many of them since their rumbling stomachs didn't let them sleep.

Some participants were able to find food before sleeping. Still, many of them weren't, and now they continued journeying towards the green ball of light with empty stomachs.

Normal people would be unable to do this. But, the anatomy of mixedbloods had always been enhanced compared to that of humans.

Mixedbloods could go running for days without food or water and they would survive.

They would get weaker doing that, but they could still pull it off.

Gustav had already started moving since 2am in the middle of the night.

He didn't need to sleep to regain his energy points because he had already regained them from eating. Still, he decided to chill for a bit and contemplate on some things before he started moving by 2am when he could have gone earlier.

As long as Gustav still had energy points, he could keep running for days without needing rest.

Gustav was still in the river region. He had crossed about seven rivers while moving for the past four hours.

These rivers were all narrow, so he only needed to jump to cross over some of them.

The one he was currently trying to cross through was bigger than the others. Unfortunately, it extended straight northwards, unlike the others.

He couldn't jump over this one, so he decided to swim through it.

Gustav could generate enough speed and kinetic force to run across the surface of this river. Nevertheless, after thinking about it for a while, he disregarded that thought.

He decided that swimming underwater would be the best course of action.

Gustav could tell that he would have to face one challenge or the other while passing through this river. He figured that whatever challenge the MBO would set up would come from underwater. So, he decided to swim underwater, where he could spot whatever obstacle he'd have to face firsthand.

If he ran above the water, he wouldn't be able to do that.

Another thing Gustav noticed since he got the power of the system, his perception couldn't penetrate water bodies very well unless he was within.

Frruuhooooowwmm! Shrrouhhummm!

Even though he was underwater, Gustav's body still moved quickly like a sea creature.

He held his breath while diving faster than a ski boat underneath the river.

He could see lots of small rocks and plants underneath the river as he was swimming. He had to swerve left and right to dodge some rocks that extended high up from the bottom of the river.

Chapter 174 - Saved By Immunity

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The river was more than nine hundred feet deep. However, Gustav could still see clearly with his God's eyes.

He kept God's eyes activated while swimming because he didn't want to miss anything.

He knew the power of God's eyes was limited since it couldn't see through everything. Nevertheless, it had helped him in sighting many things earlier. So, there was no way he'd decide not to use it here.

'Those plants ahead have a huge amount of energy points... They must be like the ones that first appeared,' Gustav noticed some purplish and red plants up ahead that formed a kind of web underwater.

His body could pass through the spaces within the gaps, but Gustav decided not to do that.

Fwwwoomm!

Gustav swam upwards and leaped out of the river. His body ascended more than fifty feet above the water surface while traveling forward with speed.

"Hmm?" Gustav felt something and looked down at the river as his body traveled across mid-air.

Thwish! Thwish! Thwish! Thwish!

Six thick purplish and red plant roots shot out of the river below towards him.

Each root was as thick as half the body of a fully grown person, and its tip was very pointed.

Twirl~ Twirl~

Gustav's body twisted and turned while in mid-air, causing four pointy roots to miss his body. Due to the sudden twist, his body was directly falling towards the two roots shooting upwards.

Gustav stretched out his hand and grabbed onto the body of the first root he dodged.

Swing!

He forcefully pulled his entire body forward using the root.

Swwoosshh!

The two roots missed him by a few centimeters.

After dodging all the six roots, Gustav straightened his body and made himself descend faster into the water.

Splash!

He fell back into the water and kept swimming forward with speed.

Thwish! Thwish!

Even though Gustav had given the plants behind some gap, it still sent out multiple of its root, all in a bid to reach him.

Gustav moved crazily fast underwater, but he could not go faster than these roots that seemed like they could extend infinitely.

Even after crossing a distance of seven hundred feet underwater, the roots were still in pursuit and were slowly catching up to him.

Gustav still kept swimming forward because he knew that there was no way the plant roots wouldn't have a limit of extension.

Sweeei! Sweeei!

He dodged some of the plants' roots as that shot towards him from behind.

'Good thing I learned breathing control,' Gustav said internally.

He was glad that he bought the training technique from the system and learned it because he wouldn't hold his breath for this long without it.

Gustav felt going above the surface of the water would make him lose mobility. Also, he wouldn't be able to sense the plants coming from behind him.

Swweeii! Swweeii! Sweeei!

Gustav successfully dodged the roots repeatedly.

As he kept swimming forward, he noticed that the roots were starting to reduce in number, and the remainder had reduced in speed.

'If only I was able to absorb energy from plants, I'd have killed this stupid thing,' He thought.

Gustav didn't want to waste time which was why he decided to evade it.

Fighting underwater wasn't something he had tried before, so he knew it would take some time to deal with the plant completely.

After a few more minutes, Gustav had passed the range of the plant's root.

He slowed down his speed and turned around.

He noticed that the purplish and red roots were being retracted.

When he was about to continue moving forward, he noticed something moving at fast speed headed towards his location.

At the time Gustav noticed it, it was only a hundred feet away. The roots had disguised its movement with a certain object.

It was a black substance, and from the way it vibrated as it traveled forward, it was obvious that it was liquid, but unlike the water, it was thicker.

With its speed, it only took another second to arrive in front of Gustav.

Gustav felt that something was weird within this black ball-like substance, so he swung out his palm while activating atomic disintegration.

White light coated Gustav's palm as it traveled towards the black substance.

Immediately Gustav's palm penetrated it...

Pooooommm!

The black ball-like substance exploded, dyeing the river black.

Shsshshhhhhssh!

A radius of over one thousand feet underwater was turned pitch black due to this substance explosion.

[Underwater Toxins Detected]

[Toxin immunity has been activated]

Within the dark, Gustav heard the notifications ring in his ear.

'I was too careless,' Gustav said internally as he swam upwards within the darkness.

He wasn't in any way harmed by the explosion due to toxin immunity activation, which prevented the liquid from burning him.

Gustav's sense of direction was still pretty solid even though darkness surrounded him.

He deactivated God's eyes immediately after the explosion. His reason for this was that God's eyes kept showing negative energy points all around him, which distorted his vision.

Even though God's eyes could see through the dark waters, Gustav was at a disadvantage. The negative energy points covered every part of Gustav's line of sight, not giving him the chance to see anything.

He decided to deactivate it and just make use of his senses alone.

Fwooom!

Gustav's head poked out from underneath the river above the surface.

He finally opened his eyes and stared at the darkened river around him.

Fwooom!

Gustav swam forward after confirming the right path.

In a few seconds, he swam past the affected areas.

[God's eyes has been activated]

Gustav breathed in a sigh of relief as he spotted the end of the river over three thousand feet away.

After two minutes, Gustav arrived at the end of the river and leaped out of it.

Thoom!

He landed on a small rock in front and took in a breath of fresh air.

Chapter 175 - Competitors

He landed on a small rock in front and took in a breath of fresh air.

His clothes and hair dripped of water giving him a kind of radiant look.

He had been holding his breath for more than thirty minutes.

"Finally I passed that region," Gustav muttered while turning around to look back.

The attack underwater happened to be one that poisoned living things it made contact with.

Gustav had noticed this when using God eyes. For a moment he could see the other plants within the vicinity drying up instantly. This made him realize just how deadly the black substance was.

His clothes were still okay because the substance only affected living things but if he didn't have toxin immunity, his clothes would probably be the only thing escaping that region in one piece.

He let out another sigh of relief and turned around to stare at the green ball of light up ahead which was now very large at this point.

It looked so much closer and brighter than before.

"I think this is the last region I need to cross before getting to the ball of light," Gustav stared at the landscape ahead with a smile.

In his line of sight was a landscape filled with rock beds.

Rock beds of different colors could be seen up ahead on both sides of the paths.

The path ahead was wide enough to fit ten people walking side by side.

Several thousand meters towards the left and right were other paths that also led towards the green ball of light.

The paths were what separated the rock beds if not the entire place would be a field of rock beds.

Swooshhh!

Gustav wasted no time before dashing forward once again.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Sounds of battle rang out as a young man with aqua-colored hair faced two machines that were built to look like anthropods.

Both were up to three meters tall. Their height contrasted with that of the boy who happened to only be five feet tall.

Sweeei! Sweeei! Sweeei!

He dodged some silky thread-like substances that they shot out and moved towards their back.

A red blur was formed due to his intense speed.

He arrived behind the anthropoid-like machine on the right and stretched out his hand to grab the leg of the machine.

'Composition acceleration...' He said internally as his eyes glowed a bright red color.

Half of the machine's leg instantly lost color and aged.

Crack!

As the machine turned around and placed that leg on the ground, it instantly began to crack and started crumbling altogether.

The machine started falling forward but it quickly placed another leg in front to support itself.

This gave the boy a chance to go deal damage to the other one.

He leaped upwards while stretching out both hands which were coated in red.

Bam!

His palms made contact with the head of the second machine and it started turning old some part of it crumbled into dust.

He immediately reached out his right hand and grabbed onto a round blue object hidden deep within the body of the machine.

Glurt! Glurt!

Wires and some green liquid spurted out as he ripped out the object and jumped down from the creature.

Plop!

The lights on the body of the machine immediately turned off and it fell to the ground.

Bang!

The boy jumped backward dodging some whitish stream of liquid that shot towards his left side.

The other machine that lost one of its legs shot this out and pushed itself forward with the rest of its five legs.

Of course, it was way slower so the boy was able to dodge every single one of its attacks easily and arrived behind its legs once again.

He reached out his hand and touched another leg.

The same thing as earlier happened. The mechanical leg of the creature aged instantly and started crumbling the moment it tried to lean on it.

The boy dashed around the body of the creature repeatedly for a minute.

By the time he was done, the creature had no other legs to walk on and fell to the ground.

The boy finished it off in a few moments and looked dashed forward.

He was currently closing in on the edge of the forest area he was currently in.

After a few minutes, he arrived at the end of the region and stared at the bedrocks up ahead.

"Good thing I didn't rest throughout the entire night... I should get to the ball of light after this region," His face suddenly lit up with a smile.

"I will be the first to arrive there," He muttered before dashing forward into the distance.

In another part of the test floor, a green-skinned girl holding a sickle conjured from red energy swung it out fiercely at three Als decapitating them in one go.

Even after doing that, the Als were still headed for her but their lack of visuals slowed them down.

She conjured another sickle and threw both of the ones in her grip.

Skrryhh! Skrryhh!

They spun vigorously and pierced the chests of both Als in front.

They instantly powered down.

She wasted no time in dashing forward towards the one on the left while stretching out her palm.

Krachum!

A dagger made out of red energy shot out of the middle of her palm and pierced into the chest of the AI also.

Krachum!

Surprisingly the AI was still moving even after she did that but she wasn't done yet.

Bam!

Her palm slammed into the butt of the red dagger pushing it further inside.

Trrooiinn!

The AI immediately powered down.

Four AIs with incomplete body parts could be seen in her surroundings.

She had successfully dealt with all of them that attacked her.

She wasted no time in moving forward leave the region she currently was in.

Several hundred feet ahead a landscape filled with bedrocks could be seen.

"Damn it, even underground these bastards still came for me!" A loud voice could be heard within a dark space.

A boy with spiky orange hair could be seen standing on a circular piece of rock that protruded from the ground.

This piece of rock was moving him forward at extreme speed and there happened to be two large walls of rock covering his back while he controlled the walls blocking his front to part ways, creating a path for him as he moved along.

Chapter 176 - Leaving Everyone In Disbelief

He was currently moving underground.

Boom!

The walls of rock behind him were blasted apart and two large humanoid-looking AI's could be seen chasing after him from behind.

The AIs were looking ferocious due to the multiple cannons extending from their bodies.

They bolted forward with speed and started closing in the gap between them and the boy while shooting out multiple beams.

He quickly turned around and stretched out both his hands to touch the walls on his right and left.

Fruuubbbuurruu!

The walls rumbled with intensity before crumbling to pieces causing rocks to fall behind and create another wall.

While multiple spikes also shot out of the walls behind, stabbing towards both AIs

They immediately crumbled to pieces the instant contact was made with the body of the AIs.

Boom! Boom!

The walls he created to defend himself were also blasted into smithereens as the AIs shot out energy beams from their cannons.

Bang!

The force knocked him backward.

His body traveled for several hundred feet before...

Bam!

He slammed into a part of the wall ahead that he wasn't able to manipulate to open up for him.

This part of the wall underground happened to be different from the ones he had been easily controlling earlier.

While his body was being catapulted forward earlier due to the blast, he made use of his bloodline ability and tried to manipulate the walls ahead to open up for him but it was to no avail and he ended up slamming into it.

The huge AIs were still headed towards him as he kept trying to control the walls ahead to move aside but he was still unable to.

"Screw this! Looks like I have to go about this the normal way!" He screamed out with a tone of annoyance after standing up.

Stomp!

He stomped his feet on the ground and was immediately catapulted upwards by the ground underneath.

His body ascended into the air and when he got to the wall up, it opened up a kind of tunnel for him that led to the surface.

In a few seconds, he was out in the open.

He landed on the ground and quickly closed up the manhole he created beneath him.

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!

He stomped on the ground three times and the openings he created underground started crumbling and closing up.

"Damn it!" The boy spat out.

"Looks like I'll have to continue forward on foot!" He voiced out with a repressed look while staring at the landscape in front which was filled with bedrocks of different colors.

Several hours later some participants were able to successfully passed through the previous regions started arriving at the last region one after the other.

Angy was also among these participants. She was still as energetic as ever even though she had faced quite a lot of difficulties like the rest before getting here.

This was mostly attributed to the fact that she also brought food with her.

At this moment more than a thousand participants had been eliminated during this phase.

Only about five hundred were left wandering through the region of rock beds.

-MBO tower (Floor 602)

This hall was where mixed-bloods that passed the special test watched the second phase of the MBO entrance test.

The second phase of the entrance test wasn't displayed to the public so they practically got the special privilege to watch since they were considered the best among their peers.

Around fifty people were here and the students from Echelon Academy took up 35% of the population.

The rest had graduated from other schools within the city and were considered a prodigy among their peers but only three people among all the students that passed the special test were chosen to be a special class.

The special class just as their name implied were the ones the MBO considered to be special and they had special privileges that the MBO planned on revealing at the end of the test.

Endric was among the three special classes that were picked in Plankton City.

There was also one of Gustav's classmates that was picked while the third person was from a different school.

Today was the second day and also the end of the second phase yet none of the special classes bothered to show their faces here.

Everyone currently within the hall were only mixed-bloods that managed to pass the special test.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The hall was currently noisy due to the footage being displayed on a part of the screen.

"How...? How is he first?" One of them shouted out with a look of disbelief.

- "I also don't understand..."

- "This must be a dream right?"

- "How is he powerful enough to even perform these feats?"

- "Unbelievable! I refuse to accept this!"

The side of the hall where past students from Echelon Academy gathered together was the noisiest.

"G...ustav... He is way more powerful now compared to the time he defeated me," A very beautiful girl with long black hair muttered while staring at the screen ahead.

'Here I was thinking I had surpassed him,' She added internally with a wry smile on her face.

This girl happened to be the most beautiful in the room now. She had slanted eyes along with a doll-like face and beautiful long black hair. The white uniform on her made her look very angelic but in reality, she was far from being that.

"What was that Yuhiko? What do you mean by, he defeated you?" A girl asked from the side.

"Eh? Did I say that?" Yuhiko asked with a confused look.

"I'm pretty sure I heard you say that," The girl beside her said.

"You must have heard wrong," Yuhiko denied once again.

"Hmm, alright..." The girl voiced out with a suspicious look before adding, "but do you believe that the person being displayed up there is actually Gustav?" The girl asked while pointing at the top left corner of the screen ahead.

"..."

Yuhiko didn't know how to reply and kept staring forward with a look of bewilderment.

"I don't believe it's him, it must be another person that looks like him... Let's wait till their names are listed after this test," The girl beside her voiced out.

'There's no way in hell that this elegant, charming, and powerful guy is Gustav,' Most of the girls from Echelon Academy had this thought.

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Chapter 177 - I Will Be First

On the screen, Gustav could be seen lifting a huge boulder that was as big as a large truck while walking forward.

The entire hall was in a state of disbelief because they didn't think someone would be strong enough to do this.

They started wondering if Gustav Bloodline's ability was related to strength.

'What a spectacular way to overcome the change in gravitational force,' Gradier Xanatus thought with an astonished look on his face while staring at the screen in front.

At this point in time, Gustav was traversing through the region of bedrocks.

Immediately he entered the region, he noticed the change in gravitational force.

At first, it was a very light change that couldn't be easily noticed. However, since Gustav had a bloodline related to gravity, he was able to sense it immediately.

As he moved forward, he noticed that the gravitational pull kept reducing and reducing.

His body was starting to feel lighter, and when he stepped on the ground, barely noticeable dust would float upwards without coming back down.

Gustav paused his movement some minutes after entering the region and smiled.

He turned around and went back to the beginning of the region.

Gustav approached the rock he landed on when he arrived and scrutinized it from top to bottom.

It measured up to ninety feet in height. Gustav's hand was coated in a white glow as he punched the rock on specific parts causing debris to scatter all over the place.

He jumped towards the back of the rock after doing that and thrust out both palms.

Bam!

Immediately his palms made contact with the rock, a big part of it rolled out from the front.

A massive hole was formed within the rock as the boulder rolled down towards the region of bedrocks.

Gustav passed through the hole he created and came out on the other side.

He arrived in front of the enormous boulder and grabbed onto both sides before lifting it.

Slight cracks appeared on the parts that he grabbed onto as he lifted it and placed it upon his shoulders.

"Hmm, this should be heavy enough to get me all the way across it," Gustav muttered slightly as he took a step forward.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

Every step he took caused a thudding sound similar to that of a titan walking across the place.

This same event led to what everyone saw on the screen.

Gustav had picked up the boulder to increase his weight because he noticed the gravitational changes when he was walking across the region of bedrocks.

The farther a person traveled, the more their body weight decreased. Gustav could tell that it would reach a point when a person wouldn't be able to walk on the ground anymore, and everyone would start floating.

He was right with his speculation because, at this point, the bedrocks were all in the air, and the only thing that could be seen ahead was a plain landscape.

The skies were filled with stones floating upwards, and every step that Gustav took at this point felt light even with the boulder on his shoulder.

Gustav could counter the gravitational force because he still had a gravitational energy container. However, he didn't want to reveal that.

He had decided that he would be revealing some of his abilities during the entrance test, not all.

He would still keep some hidden and reveal some at the right time.

At this moment, Gustav could already see the ball of green light up ahead. He reckoned that he would only need to travel for about one to two hours before arriving there.

Contrary to before, his steps were now lighter and hardly making any sound. However, he was still heavy enough to resist the change in gravitational pull.

As Gustav progressed, so did a lot of participants that arrived in the region. Unlike him, most of them didn't notice the change in gravitational force until they had moved quite a distance forward.

Some of them that noticed it earlier activated their bloodline while moving forward.

They didn't think the gravitational pull would keep weakening as they traveled further.

The closest participants to the green ball of light after Gustav were the same three that Gradier Xanatus felt had potential.

The boy with aqua-colored air and short stature decelerated the flow of gravitational force. Decelerating gravity allowed him to travel normally across the path between bedrocks that led to the green ball of light up ahead.

A red glow of light covered him as he walked forward.

Using this bloodline ability sapped a lot of his energy, so contrary to his expectations, he could only walk along the path instead of running to preserve energy. Especially when he noticed that the change in gravitational force increased more and more as he traveled forward.

The boy with spiky orange hair couldn't control the ground below like he used to in other regions.

He found it really hard to manipulate the ground, so he could only let his leg sink two feet into the ground as he kept moving forward.

The ground covered his leg as he moved forward one step at a time. Due to this factor, he was protected from the change in gravitational force.

His body wouldn't float upwards as he traveled further, but he couldn't move as fast as he wanted to.

The green-skinned girl surprisingly wasn't really affected by the change in gravitational force. A red aura of light covered her body as she moved forward with ease.

It was like she wasn't affected at all.

As the three of them traveled on different routes towards the ball of green light, they had a similar thought in mind.

'I will be the first to arrive at the ball of light,'

Other participants that weren't equipped with a bloodline that could assist them in pulling through this region started floating. Since they did not have the power to fly, they lost their balance.

Chapter 178 - Reaching The Ball Of Light

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Once a person starts floating and couldn't control their movement in the air or had become incapacitated, once they got to a particular height in the sky, something happened. A mysterious glow of light would surround them, and they would disappear.

The participants who witnessed this could guess that the set of participants that disappeared has been disqualified.

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When Angy arrived in this region about thirty minutes ago, she also sensed the change in gravitational force. Still, for reasons known to her, she wasn't bothered.

She only smiled and increased her speed of running.

Swoooshhh!

At the moment she was closing in on the ball of light as she bolted across the path that led to it.

Surprisingly, she wasn't affected by the gravitational force.

At the speed at which she was moving, it wouldn't take long before she caught up with the three closest to the ball of light. She would soon meet up with the others, including Gustav even though they traveled on different routes.

-One hour later

Gustav could already see the ball of light above the ground several thousands of feet away from his position.

The green ball of light was bright and shiny, but it wasn't as big as Gustav expected.

It was comparable to a ten-story building in height, but it was spherical like an egg.

It wasn't very bright, so Gustav wondered why they could see it clearly from their starting point.

With the way it was visible from afar, he had expected that coming close to it would severely damage the retinas due to brightness. Suprisingly, things were somewhat different from what he imagined.

He looked around and noticed that all the paths led to the particular area where the spherical green light was suspended in the air.

Different paths were extending from every direction of the test phase, and they all led towards the green ball of light which happened to be in the middle.

Gustav now understood why he never met anyone at the beginning while traveling towards this place.

This was because everyone was positioned in a circular format at the ends of the test phase, so when travelling forward, they closed in on the green ball of light from every direction.

The green ball of light was in the middle of the space.

There was a barricade of light shining down from the spherical green light that touched the ground's surface.

Gustav instantly realized that within the space of that barricade of green light was where he needed to enter to complete this phase.

He started kept walking towards it casually.

The small marbles in the air at this point were very dense. By contrast, in the area where the spherical green light was located, nothing could be found in the air.

Gustav cautiously walked towards the barricaded light space.

He knew how unpredictable things were when it came to to the MBO.

There had been a lot of surprises since the start of this test phase, so his mind was currently on the alert for any kind of changes around him.

After about ten more minutes of walking, Gustav was only a few feet away from reaching the light shining down from the spherical ball above.

He finally got there in a few seconds and stood in front of it with a surprised expression.

'Looks like I was mistaken,' he said Internally while staring at the light wall.

He thought there would be some last obstacle that he needed to overcome, but to his surprise, there wasn't.

Gustav raised his right foot and moved it forward to enter the space, but he realized that he came to a conclusion too soon when his leg made contact with the wall of light.

His leg couldn't pass through. It turned out that the light was actually a barrier.

He thought he would pass through the light barricade without any obstruction, but it turned out this was the last obstacle that needed to be passed.

Kom! Kom! Kom!

Gustav kicked the light barrier thrice with little force, trying to check its sturdiness.

He still had the boulder on his shoulder at the moment as he contemplated, 'The MBO really thought this out... Due to the gravitational force, everyone's body weight will be inexistent. It would be nearly impossible for a weightless person to generate enough force to break through this... Even when equipped with a bloodline that can easily break through things, the circumstances this time is a bit unnerving,' He thought.

'Anyways... No point dwelling on it,' Gustav turned around while a charming smile hung on his face.

He walked about a hundred feet backwards and turned around to face the light wall.

He squatted slightly while still lifting the boulder on his shoulders.

'This isn't enough to stop me,'

[Dash has been activated]

Swooshhh!

Gustav's body blurred as he streaked across the ground, arriving in front of the light barrier instantly.

Gustav pushed the boulder in front of himself as he arrived in front of the light barrier.

The boulder made contact with the barrier first while Gustav's body was positioned behind it.

Ripples spread across the surface of the light barrier due to the intense impact.

Poom!

Several thousand feet away, the three participants closest to Gustav approached the green ball of light. They could now see the different paths ahead that led to the green ball of light.

Since the paths were starting to reduce in width, they could vividly see the different other paths that led to the green ball of light.

The green-skinned girl with a red aura coating her entire body paused her steps as she sensed something and decided to turn around.

On the path on her right about three hundred feet behind, the boy with aqua-colored hair could be seen moving at a fair pace.

The path on her left about four hundred feet away, the boy with spiky orange hair could be seen taking one step at a time while his legs were sunk into the ground.

Both boys suddenly paused their steps as they noticed the girl ahead.

A frown appeared on their faces as they turned to the side and also noticed each other.

The three of them paused their movement as they discovered one another.

Tension suddenly filled the air as they stared at each other warily.

Chapter 179 - Competing For First Place

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"Oi oi oi, what do we have here?" The boy with the spiky orange hair was the first to break the silence.

"Teemee, I should have known that it will be you... And you too, I knew you were strong hahaha interesting!" He voiced out with a burst of laughter while pointing at the both of them.

"Ekk, I'm surprised you managed to make it here in one-piece, loud-mouthed idiot," The green-skinned girl said with a depressed look.

"Huh? You little cow tail! I acknowledged your strength, yet you call me a loudmouth," The orange-haired boy shouted with a tone of annoyance while pointing at her."

"Who are you calling a cow tail? Do you wish to die, you shitty-haired dumbo?" She replied while raising her brown tail and pointing it towards the boy.

"Huh? It's Ria, in case you forgot! I'm no shitty-haired dumbo, you cow tail!"

As both of them bantered amongst each other, Teemee shook his head from the side with a look of pity.

"Idiots," He muttered softly before he resumed walking forward.

"I'll kill you if you keep calling me that you little shit," The red aura-like energy surrounding the green-skinned girl intensified as she spoke.

"Not if I kill you first cow tail," Ria voiced out as he conjured a giant hammer made of rocks from the ground.

Both of them stared at each other intensely. Just as Ria and the green-skinned girl were about to make a move on each other, Ria noticed something.

"Wait... Where's Teemee?" He asked with a blank look.

The green-skinned girl turned towards the side to check and also noticed that he had disappeared.

They both turned and stared ahead. Their faces shone with a look of realisation as they discovered that Teemee had gone on while they were busy bantering.

"That shorty!" Ria shouted out with an urgent look and immediately dashed forward.

The green-skinned girl also started running forward the moment she noticed Teemee had gone ahead of them.

Ria's feet were still sunk into the ground to prevent himself from floating upwards. Surprisingly, this time he was able to move faster than before.

As expected, the person who had gone the farthest was Teemee, who was more than a hundred feet ahead at the moment.

Now that he was close to reaching the green ball of light, he did not hold back anymore.

His energy was depleting at an insane rate because he was now running. Nevertheless, he didn't mind losing energy as long as he could get to the green ball of light first.

In just a few seconds, the green-skinned girl had started closing the gap between them. She was now about thirty feet behind him.

She didn't look like she was affected by the gravitational force with the way she was running forward while holding onto the red sickle. Also, unlike the two boys who had slightly pale faces, she didn't look tired.

Teemee turned his neck to the side and looked above his shoulder, "Damn, what is she? She only needed a few seconds to catch up? What a monster," He muttered while gritting his teeth after noticing that the green-skinned girl was close to catching up.

He increased his running speed causing a red streak of energy to blaze across the ground.

The green-skinned girl noticed that he was starting to increase the gap between them and increased her speed.

Both of them seemed to have similar bloodlines due to the similar red energy that coated them as they traveled. However, it was apparent that they had different abilities.

"Damn it! I just had to be in the same group with these monsters!" Ria voiced out with a dark face as he stared at both of them ahead.

He was more than eighty feet behind them.

"Ahh, I cannot accept being the loser here!" Ria shouted out with a look of determination as the ground boosted his speed.

It was hard for him to control the ground here, so sweat started dripping from his forehead as he forcefully manipulated the ground.

As seconds passed, he slowly started to catch up to them, but his body was already trembling from a loss of energy.

"Hyaaahhh!" His face shone determination and fierceness as he screamed out.

The green-skinned girl finally caught up to Teemee after a while. At that same time, they were about three thousand feet away from the light wall that extended from the green ball light above.

Immediately, they saw the space within the wall of light ahead. They instantly figured that they needed to get inside the space to finish the test.

The girl slowly started surpassing Teemee. She turned her face to the side and stared at him for a few moments before accelerating again.

Teemee gritted his teeth and muttered, "I'm getting there first," after saying this, he pushed himself forward.

It became like a game of tag. The green-skinned girl would accelerate and surpass Teemee for a moment. Then Teemee would use more energy to push himself forward, catching up with her. Still, in the next moment, she would accelerate again, surpassing him. He would once again push himself forward by using more energy.

Teemee's face was starting to become paler and paler as they closed in on the wall of light ahead.

Ria was already catching up to them and was only about fifteen feet away when they crossed the two thousand feet mark.

They were now about a thousand feet away from getting to the light.

As they closed in on the light, they noticed a large boulder sitting on the ground after the wall of light.

They didn't think much of it and instead focused on being the first to arrive there.

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The green skinned girl had now increased the gap between them by about four feet.

Chapter 180 - Battle Between The Trio

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The green-skinned girl had now increased the gap between them by about four feet.

He struggled to close the gap, but he couldn't because he was almost out of energy.

At this point, they were only about two hundred feet away from the wall of light, and it would only take a few moments for them to arrive in front of the light barrier.

"Ahhh!" Teemee screamed out as he coated his knuckles in red energy before swinging them towards the back of the green-skinned girl.

She sensed the attack coming from behind and turned around swiftly while placing her sickle in front of her.

Bang!

Teemee's fist slammed into her sickle, sending her several feet backward as the sickle lost its glow.

Just as she stopped sliding backward, Teemee lunged towards her once again.

"I'm getting there first," he voiced out as he arrived in front of her and swung out his fist again.

Swooshhh!

The green-skinned girl turned her body towards the side and swung the butt of her sickle upwards.

Bam!

Her sickle slammed into Teemee's right arm, causing it to flail upwards.

She spun her sickle around and slammed it into Teemee's chest, sending him flying.

Bang!

Teemee landed on his back several feet away.

The green-skinned girl was about to turn around and continue her journey when Ria arrived in front of her.

He swung the large rocky hammer he created from the ground towards her.

Shing! Shing!

She swung out her sickle twice in response, and the large three feet rock-like hammer was instantly divided into three halves.

Before Ria could regain his senses, the green-skinned girl had already jumped into the air, and her right leg was currently swinging towards his face.

Ria quickly raised his hand up to protect himself. However, immediately her right foot made contact with his arm, he realized that this girl shouldn't be trifled with.

Bang!

"Argh!" Ria screamed out as the kick sent his hand out of the way, and her legs slammed into his left cheek.

Blood spurted out of his mouth as his body traveled in an arc across the air.

'How is she so strong?' Ria said internally with an expression of pain and disbelief before slamming onto the ground.

"Hmph!" The green-skinned girl exclaimed with a disappointed expression before turning around to start walking towards the wall of light.

"I won't let you," Teemee jumped up after voicing out.

"Neither Cow tail nor Teemee will be the first to get in! I will go in before you both!" Ria shouted out and forcefully pushed himself up also.

The green-skinned girl turned around to face them.

"These little shits think they're so great now, huh?" She said with a repressed look while conjuring another large sickle made of red energy in her left hand.

She raised them and pointed at them both.

The three stared at each other for a few seconds.

However, just as they were about to lunge towards one another, they sensed something in the distance.

"Huh?" Teemee and Ria exclaimed at the same time, but just as they turned around to check what was going on, a silhouette streaked past them.

Swoooshhh!

The green-skinned girl saw only caught sight of silver and pink-colored hair before the person dashed past her.

The speed was too great for any of them to react on time.

Before they could regain their composure, the person had arrived at the light barrier.

Trrooiinn!

The barrier rippled like waves as the person's body pushed through it.

It expanded like rubber before the person finally passed through it.

The three of them stared with looks of disbelief as the person arrived on the other side.

They seemed speechless. All the banter and fight had been for nothing.

'She beat us to it,' Teemee said internally with a conflicted look.

"Damn it! See what you both caused!" Ria shouted out with an annoyed look.

'Just who is she?' Teemee stared at the person who arrived inside the light wall before them.

'Isn't that the girl who was sitting beside that blonde boy?' The green-skinned girl recognized the person.

It was a beautiful and gentle-looking girl with silver and pink colored hair. Two horns protruded from her forehead.

After arriving inside the light barrier, she smiled at them before turning around and walking towards the huge boulder in front.

"Ah, such a weak-looking girl got there before us," Ria said before he started moving, walking forward with a disappointed expression.

The green-skinned girl also had a disappointed expression on her face, but she accepted that what had happened had happened.

Teemee and the green-skinned girl also started walking towards the wall of light.

When they arrived, they tried different methods, and after a minute, the three of them managed to pass through.

The gravitational force returned back to normal the instant they phased through the light barrier.

Ria pulled his feet out of the ground and sighed in relief. The red aura-like energy surrounding the green-skinned girl and Teemee also disappeared.

They looked around the space within the barrier created by the large spherical green ball of light above.

It was large enough to fit thousands of people.

This was when they properly noticed the huge boulder placed in the middle of the space.

'Just how did that get here?' The three of them had similar thoughts as they scrutinized the large boulder in front.

"Who is she talking to?" Ria voiced out with a confused look while staring at the girl who got here before them.

She was currently standing on the right side of the boulder while staring at the ground in front.

Her lips occasionally moved up and down, which signified that she was talking to someone.

The three of them walked over to check what was happening.

"You got here about thirty minutes after I did... Not bad,"

A charming masculine voice drifted into their ears as they approached the girl in front.