

BloodLine 301

Chapter 301 Part 1: 1st Blood Cleansing

(From MC Perspective)

Ms. Claire rolls her eyes at Zack for his words.

Then she said, "Don't worry Zack. You will eventually go to a higher city one day."

I nodded at her.

Like that our conversation went on for a few more hours. After that I took some time to separate from her and did cultivation inside the tent.

Several hours later,

It's time to leave. After removing the tents and packing up our things, both of us climbed down from the peak one by one.

The train to Red stone city will arrive in an hour. So we decided to leave early as soon as possible. Because no one can predict the rain here. It would be distasteful, If the climate were to change.

Soon, Two hours later.

We reached the bottom of the Mountain Liz successfully. From there we decided to head to Train Station without stopping anywhere in midway.

From time to time, Ms. Claire inquired about my personal details. Since I saw through her thoughts sometime ago, I choose to evade her questions.

Unless, It's related to cultivation , I didn't open my mouth.

Ms. Claire was not dumb, she quickly realised this but eventhough she still continue to ask. Because in her point of view, who knows when they will meet next time.

So she used this time for some conversation.

Soon, the duo reaches the train station.

Right now, It's a evening time. The train will reach Red Stone City by morning.

After waiting for several minutes, the special train for Red Stone city arrives in time.

Seeing the train, I finally sighed in relief.

Otherwise, Ms. Claire would continue to bombard me with questions.

All Zack's subtle facial reactions didn't escape her eyes. But she didn't ask any further at this time.

Then both of us boarded the train and quickly sat in our team.

Then in a few minutes, the train departed from Mountain Liz and moved towards Red Stone City.

In the meantime, both of us had small talk. It's impossible to move away from her inside the moving train. I couldn't even watch the scenery because of night time. So by having no choice I talked to her.

Several hours later,

Next morning,

The train reaches the Red Stone City,

Both of us stepped out of the train one by one. Then while walking towards the exit, Ms. Claire suddenly turned towards me.

"Zack, Don't forget to contact me. If you have some time in the future." Ms. Claire said as she walked out the train station.

"Sure thing. Just take care of yourself Ms. Claire." I replied.

After bidding goodbye we parted our ways. I don't have any clue how she is going to leave from here.

The only mode of transportation here is Train. If you want to go by air transport you need to visit other cities.

Shaking my head, I hopped inside the air car. Right now my mind is filled with Blood Cleansing Vine. I couldn't wait to consume it.

The essence chamber is the best place to consume the Blood Cleansing Vine. Fortunately, I have the clearance to use the chamber whenever I want.

By looking at it outside, I observed that it's still early in the morning. There is still some time left for the opening of the Hansen Campus. But for me, I can enter inside whenever I want.

There was a time where I spent the entire night in an underground chamber.

Fortunately, there is no danger from any kind of Assassin this time.

Mr. Jonathan had already uprooted some of the strongholds responsible for it.

A few minutes later,

The air car lands near the Hansen Camps. Seeing the sign board of the campus, I stepped out of the air car. After paying the amount, I head towards the entrance.

The Gate of Hansen Campus is closed. But the Guard who is doing his duty outside notices my presence.

Seeing my face he quickly recognised and hurriedly came toward me. After the Star Tower event, my name became a household name here.

So, I don't need to introduce myself.

"Good Morning, Mr. Zack, You came a bit earlier this time." The Guard said with a smile.

In response, I greeted him and told him about my purpose.

Next moment, he opened the door for me.

After thanking him, I walked towards the lift to reach the essence chamber floor.

In few minutes,

I came in front of the essence chamber room. I stepped inside after scanning the ID. "It's been so long!" I sighed while looking at Six essence chambers in front of me.

Suddenly, I Thought about Granny Park and Uncle James. I didn't tell them about my arrival yet. I plan to do it, after using the Blood Cleansing Vine.

"Creak" the door opens.

Then without wasting any time, I entered my usual essence chamber using the ID.

The door closed itself after I entered inside. Then I moved towards the timer to turn on the machine.

After setting the time, I chose the center place and sat crosslegged.

In a few seconds the essence chamber is activated. Dense mana is starting to come out of the inlet pipe.

Feeling that, I didn't waste any time.

I took the metallic case from the storage ring and placed it in my palm. "Ms. Claire said this Vine is one of the ingredients for Blood Cleansing Pill" I muttered to myself while observing the pill.

But for others, it must be true but for me it's entirely different. I bet it on my blood element. I hope it will neutralise any adverse effects produce by this Vine.

Seeing the long elongated red vine, I don't know how to consume it. Next moment, I held the block sword to chop the vine into small pieces.

And I ate it one by one, and in a few breaths I swallowed the entire pieces.

At first, there was no reaction. But as I recite the Blood Method in mind.

Things started to happen inside my body.

Due to Blood Method, Red color energies were drawn out from the swallowed vines easily. As the blood ring rune in mind starts to flicker, I feel blood in my body begin to boil.

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(From MC Perspective)

Essence Chamber- Hansen Campus,

As the blood in my body begins to boil, I feel great hunger all of sudden from the blood. As it likes to devour everything. This feeling is very real that I almost break in cold sweat behind my back.

"Crazy!" I uttered.

Next second, I look at my internal organs and try to perceive closely what is really happening?

Those rosy red energies consumed by my blood. There is no trace left to see. The blood continues to boil but luckily there is no sign of evaporation.

15 minutes later,

Changes beginning to happen slowly,

A black color substance begins to ooze out from the skin. Seeing that I observed the boiling blood, it was glistening brightly. On top of it, blood also releases the black liquid slowly.

"Cleansing!" An idea popped up in my mind, seeing the black substance.

Time passes,

My outer body is completely shrouded with black substance. It's just a small layer of black impurities but still it makes my stomach churning.

But the next second, My eyes gleamed with surprise by perceiving the changes in my body.

There is no doubt that blood is cleansed with the help of Blood Cleansing Vine. Before, I had consumed so many monster cores with the help of Blood Method.

But I hadn't thought about the consequences of my causal behavior. If I hadn't come across such a good opportunity to use Blood Cleansing Vine, there is a slight possibility that impurities will hinder my breakthrough.

Fortunately, I woke up now. Next, which reminds me of something that there is no Blood Cleansing Vine in the resources given by Mr. Arthur.

Looks like in the future I need to stock up on such useful products. What to be noted is that unlike others I can use the Vine directly with the help of Blood Method. Which is very cost effective.

After sorting out my thoughts, I smiled. Then I thought about continuing to cultivate here. This time I didn't have the opportunity to cultivate in Mountain Liz. Which really disappointed me greatly.

But upon feeling the world's energy in an essence chamber, I feel thrilled.

Next moment, I took out one blood essence pill from a storage ring and swallowed it.

I plan to get a breakthrough in physique first. It has more opportunities than essence cultivation.

As the blood essence energy flows through the body, like as usual I recited the blood method in mind.

A hazy red color mist flows out of my blood and covers the entire blood essence.

Next second, the process of conversion takes place. The hazy blood mist converts them into white milky energy which constantly drills into every inch of bone.

"Aaahhhh" I screamed out loud due to heart wrenching pain.

This process is something that I'm not used to yet.

As the white energy drills into the bone, which in result leaves a bloody ink tattoo all over my bone.

Unlike last time, these newly painted blood tattoos in the bones were glistening bright. Which is very consistent with previous red tattoos in my bone.

Where the previous red tattoo in bone looked rather dull compared to the new one.

The process continues to happen, and in the future I believe my entire exo-skeleton will completely turn into a red color.

10 minutes later,

The process comes to an end.

A terrible pressure radiates from the Red tattooed bone unknowingly. Feeling that I hurriedly recited the blood method to control. In a few seconds, everything turned to normal.

"I'll be damned. This one is greater than time." I'm stunned by the overwhelming pressure.

"What Changed?" I muttered. Obviously, I didn't sense any barrier yet. It's impossible to do it after just consuming a few blood essence pills.

Obviously, I need to spend some time in blood cultivation. The World energy in our world consists of several essence energies. Ranging from common five elemental types to rare and special elements.

Right now, I have no clue about the suitable location for cultivating using blood elements. After finishing up here, I will go to the library to search for a suitable location. Not only the blood element but also the healing element.

Such various thoughts run through my mind.

After hearing the strength of the powerful young generation warriors in Tier-7 City, I couldn't sit still. I need to breakthrough to reach Peak of the Special Trainee, at least in my Body Cultivation.

For my body cultivation, I have absolute confidence. Especially after consuming blood consuming vine.

I have a vague feeling in my heart that with the help of a few Blood Cleansing Pills. My chances of breakthrough will be increased further.

Next Second, I put unnecessary thoughts in my mind.

This time, instead of blood cultivation.

I focused on celestial lightning scripture in mind.

It's been days since I have cultivated an essence chamber. This time I will make proper use of time.

As I recited the Celestial Lightning Scripture in mind, a small pockets of lightning energies attracted to my body.

I observed all those surrounding small lightning pockets. Slowly, My dantian fills with lightning energy. Next second, The lightning totem does its wonders.

The gathering lightning energies were slowly purified by the majestic totem in the dantian.

Time passed and I eventually immersed myself in cultivation slowly.

Few hours later,

I opened my eyes when I heard the alarm. I had set the timer for a few hours. Now it's reached the limit, the machine is turned off.

Next second, the world's energies stopped coming from the inlet.

Seeing that I stopped cultivating and stood from the ground. Feeling the abundant lightning energy in dantian, I smiled.

It's rare to see fully filled lightning essence in dantian. Usually, I consume some amount during fights and movement technique.

But lately, I haven't come across any adverse situations. Which left me with free time to cultivate and store lightning energy in dantian.

Shaking my head, I scanned the ID to exit.

"Creak" the door opens.

After stepping out of the essence chamber, I head straight towards the bathroom to clean my body. Along the way, I thought about the library. There was a time, I used to spend half a day in the library.

Now, I feel nostalgic about it. While walking, I saw a group of people coming towards the essence chamber.

Chapter 303 Elder Thornton Is Back

(From MC Perspective)

Hansen Campus- Red Stone City,

Seeing the campus is lively, I smiled and headed towards the bath to clean myself. These black liquids make it impossible for me to breath for a moment.

A few minutes later,

I came out of the bath after cleaning those black impurities. Fortunately, I used to have some extra pairs of dresses in the storage ring. So there is no problem in changing here.

After getting ready in fresh clothes, I feel fresh. Next Second, I made a call to inform Uncle James about my situation. It's been several hours since I came here. So it's necessary to inform him.

When the call connected,

"Zack, Where have you been?" Mr. James' asked with a somewhat worried voice.

"Cough" "Cough"

"Ahem, Uncle I'm fine. I came back from Mountain Liz a couple of hours ago. It's just that I forgot time as I got immersed myself in cultivation." I said with a smile.

It's the genuine reason. It would be a waste of time, if I make an extra trip home. The essence chamber is proved to be the perfect place to consume the Blood Cleansing Vine.

The other hand, Mr. James has blacklines on his forehead. Whenever there is a situation, Zack will excuse himself by saying that he was immersed in cultivation.

Right now, Mr. James is used to his words. Then he talked about a few other things before ending the call.

"Sigh"

Thank Goodness, Uncle James didn't bombarded me with unnecessary questions.

Then I head straight towards the library. After stepping inside the lift, I pressed the button for the library floor.

It's none other than an underground chamber.

Soon, the lift reaches the underground chamber. If it were others, they would need a lot of permission to get through the restrictions.

But luckily My ID had higher level access. As the lift door opened, I walked out and proceeded towards the library direction.

Unlike other buildings, the library is surrounded by glass walls. It's very transparent. After scanning the ID again, the library door opens automatically.

After stepping inside, I smelled the breath of books. "It's been a while." I muttered to myself.

For a second, I looked around to see whether there were any changes or not.

It's the same as last time, other than the staff, rarely does anyone come here. Shaking my head, I walk towards the monitor to screen the books.

What I need right now is information about strange places.

The monitor screen lit up, after logging in. I continue to browse down the topics. I accessed the geography section. For a moment, I stopped browsing.

"Ms. Claire said that information was usually restricted. It's hard to trust any information in these books."
" I gazed at numerous book shelves while muttering to myself.

"Tck!" I couldn't even plan properly without any reliable information at hand.

For a moment, I was at loss. It would be really disappointing if the information were to be fake.

"Sigh"

After sorting out my thoughts, I didn't plan to give up yet. Because this is the place where I got my blood method.

So I should not feel too pessimistic about it.

Next second, I browsed the books about various landscapes in our Outpost.

Time progresses,

I continue to go through the information. But so far I came across nothing which is really disappointing. Should I ask Elder Thornton? No...No he is already brooding about the fact that he doesn't know my element yet.

If I ask him, then he will eventually find clues about my special element.

All of this hiding will come to an end at the exhibition event. It's already a miracle that I escaped from the assassin. Here after there won't be any problem anymore.

After searching for a few minutes, I decided to quit. There is nothing more than speculation written in many books. I had a vague feeling that Alliance won't reveal such information to the public.

Imagine what would happen if people occupied such places. The result will be disastrous. Shaking my head, I walk out of the library. "What to do next?" I said to myself.

Whether to go back home or not.

Just as I was pondering, I got a message from Elder Thornton.

After going through the message, my eyes lit up with surprise. I never thought he would receive some credible information so soon. Since it's about Crimson Hall, I decided to meet Elder Thornton back in his cabin.

Soon, within a few minutes I came in front of his cabin. Usually we had our conversation inside the meeting hall. It's rare to have one to one talk with each other.

I sighed and pressed the call button installed on his door.

"Creak" the door opens

I stepped inside and sat opposite Elder Thornton.

The door behind me closed itself automatically.

Seeing the appearance of Zack Lockwood, Elder Thornton took a moment to observe him properly. He has been busy lately, So he handed over some responsibility to Mr. Arthur.

Elder Thornton eyes scanned Zack from top to bottom. He feels something strange about it. But he couldn't pinpoint what exactly is the reason.

After sitting in the seat, I saw Elder Thornton remain in silence.

Seeing that I called out his name immediately, "Elder Thornton?"

By hearing his name, Elder Thornton retracted his thoughts and looked at Zack and asked, "Ahem, Zack. How is your cultivation going?"

"Hmmm, It's going good Elder." I replied. I didn't want to add anything. Old fox is quite clever, he can see through some things.

Elder Thornton became stiff by hearing a simple reply. He had expected something else from Zack. Like he has reached a certain bottleneck.

Sighing, Elder Thornton decided to talk on the main topic.

By looking at Zack he said, "I had received some credible information about the Crimson Hall's event"

To that I nodded at him. I'm all ears right now.

Any news related to the exhibition event is really valuable.

Elder Thornton appreciated Zack's calm attitude and answered, "This time I heard that they are looking for Monster Zones."

"Monster Zones!" I said.

How come alliances allow thousands of people to enter inside the Monster Zones?

Chapter 304 Discussing With Elder Thornton

(From MC Perspective)

Inside the Meeting Hall- Hansen Campus,

By hearing Elder Thornton's words. I couldn't help but doubt him. It's not easy to conduct such a huge event inside the Monster Zones. It's easy to see the content of the event, it's about hunting the monster zones.

Elder Thornton frowns by seeing Zack's expression. "What is he thinking?" He thought to himself.

Next moment, I noticed Elder Thornton's changing expression.

I sighed and said, "Elder, Do you really believe such a massive event can be held inside Monster Zones?"

There is a valid reason for my doubt. Thousands of participants is enough to raze the monster zones to the ground. For example, BrownCliff may look like land filled with jungle. But its landmass is actually small.

Elder Thornton expression becomes normal. He now understands Zack's worry. At first, he too was skeptical about this but this information was confirmed by so many interested factions.

So he chose to believe that even though he had some scruples about it. Because none of the faction would dare to cause harm to their own descendants.

Then he looked at Zack to assure him, He said, "I can understand your doubts. But this information was confirmed by numerous factions. And those factions were like us, their descendants also going to participate in the Crimson Hall event."

I nodded, this also can't be ruled out. If so many factions confirmed it then there must be some truth to it.

But what is the rule of such a hunting event? There are only a few Peak Class 2 Monsters in the Monster Zones. It's impossible for everyone to share monsters between them.

I don't know whether to laugh or cry. The information seems to be credible and at the same time it seems impossible to hold a big event in that place.

Shaking my head, I put behind these thoughts. Right now, only strength matters. Talking about strength, Ms. Claire comes to my mind.

"Elder, What is the top strength of warriors that are going to participate in the event? " I immediately changed the topic by asking this one.

Though Ms. Claire told me but still it's bugging my mind. It's hard to believe such warriors would participate in the Crimson Hall event. Mr. Jonathan told me that this place is barren land. It's very rare for any talent to be born out of this place.

Sighing, I looked at Elder Thornton for an answer.

Elder Thornton Obviously not expect such a question from Zack. But again it only tells he is worried about the event.

Then again he recalls the discussion with various people. Some of them have ties with Tier-7 City. In one particular conversation, he heard someone boasting about the powerful young generation in Tier-7 City. Among them many of them have a cultivation base of Trainee Warrior.

To be honest he didn't believe that so he didn't put too much attention on it. Only after Zack's question, he recalled it right now. But looking at Zack obviously his strength is nowhere near them.

He is worried whether his answer will motivate him or not.

Then looking at Zack he answered, "I don't know whether the information is true or not. But I heard some say, "The younger generation in Tier-7 City has the strength of a Trainee Warrior."

My expression turned solemn by hearing his words. "So it's true!" I muttered while shaking my head. It's really a disaster, And here, I'm hoping to make a splendid performance.

Imagine, Star Tower No.1 Rank Warrior to underperform in the Crimson Hall event. It would be very embarrassing to both Star Tower and me.

"Zack, Don't put too much pressure on yourself?" Elder Thornton said with worry.

This is the first time he saw Zack's tense expression. Even during the Star Tower event, Zack didn't lose his cool. He kept composed through the turbulent situation in the Westword city.

He really doesn't know what to say, cultivation is something that requires time and opportunities. It can't be forced otherwise it would damage Warrior's foundation.

When comes to Zack he doesn't have any clue about his abilities. Especially his powerful teacher who made him act as a bodyguard for Zack. So he won't dare to ask unnecessary questions.

At least if he knows about Zack's element, he can ask some help from some of his old friends. Those guys won't shy away from helping him. So in this situation he is really helpless. The campus already given him the promised treasures.

But considering top combat power from Tier-7 City, it's not enough.

"Zack, As I said earlier, don't think too much about it. Even if you don't get into Top Ranks it's fine for us. You have already made a name for our campus in the Star Tower Competition. Just take this as another Challenge." Elder Thornton said with a smile.

I don't know whether to laugh or cry. This Crimson Hall event is much more important to me than Star Tower.

I still remember the Teacher's words. He wants me to win 1st place because there is something important for me in that 1st place reward. Besides, it is also my goal to enroll in a better Academy.

The Saw Scaled Viper Academy has 4 types of institutions ranking from A to D. I have only a D rank quota at my hands, but my eyes are set on A Rank institutions. It is the place for crouching tiger and hidden dragon.

So for my better future, I need to achieve top rank even at the cost of exposing my lightning element.

At this point of time, I'm confident in my double repair strength. If I can upgrade both of my essence and body to the peak of Special Trainee. Then I don't need to fear Trainee Warriors.

After sorting out my thoughts, I asked, "Elder, is there any herb that can enhance my body strength? I'm willing to exchange it with treasures given by our campus. "

"Increase your body strength?" Elder Thornton held up his chin while pondering. Obviously he is no stranger to such herbs. Because enhancing body strength is something common among Army Federation Warriors..

By looking at Zack he thought these ideas must have come from his Uncle.

Chapter 305 Official Ben

(From MC Perspective)

Hansen Campus- Red Stone City,

Elder Thornton fell into contemplation. Why would Zack want to replace it with body enhancing treasure? He had no clue about it, he had made up his mind to not ask him any questions about it.

Then looking at Zack he said, "I will contact you. Once I finished collecting the treasures."

"Thank you so much Elder." I said with a smile. I thought there was going to be some negotiation. But surprisingly he agrees with me directly. My worries eased a little bit.

Then I can focus on increasing my strength.

Time progresses,

We talked about a few other things before ending our meeting.

After walking out of the meeting room, I headed straight towards my home.

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Crimson Hall,

The First Elder is sitting behind his desk leisurely. Because after long research, he succeeded in finding a suitable Monster Zone for their Crimson Hall Event.

He has completed only the first step. Next he needs to acquire necessary permission for the event. So he decided to visit some officials in person.

Coincidentally, the targeted monster zone and officials office were in the same area. He doesn't need to make two separate visits to verify his plans.

Since, Grand Elder had already given him full control of the event. First Elder wants to tell after sorting out all things. Thinking about the murderous monsters in that monster zone, First Elder grinned wildly.

He can imagine the entire monster zone is washed away with blood.

The Following day,

The First Elder made a long journey to visit the Odyssey Restricted Zone also known as Odyssey Monster Zone.

Since it's a restricted area other than officials, no civilians are allowed to enter. This place is barely known to public.

So the First Elder guesses boldly that no Factions will be able to find out about the monster zone. For this journey, he made it secretly. He didn't even tell the useless Head Master of the Crimson Hall about it.

Time Progresses,

Two days later,

First Elder reaches the restricted area via special train.

As he walks out of the train station, he plans to visit the official's office right away. Along the way, various thoughts about the monster zones come to mind.

He made up his mind to fix the deal at any cost.

Odyssey Restricted Zone, If placed in the sea it will look like a large circular island. One of the particular reason, First Elder chose this monster zone is because it's an unranked zone.

Normally, In Level-4 Monster Zones it's normal to find Class 4 Monsters. First Elder Casey actually desired Level Monster Zones in his heart.

But once he reveals it, he knows he will face unilateral opposition. Even the Grand Elder warned him about it. Yet for him it's impossible to hide his blood thirsty thoughts.

So he chose this zone which is as much as deadly as level- 4 Monster Zones.

Odyssey Monster Zone is filled with carnivorous forest. Even some random plant can cause death to the warriors. There are numerous Class 3 Monster Trees in it.

Meat eating plants, Poisonous Plants and hallucination plants were just part of the Odyssey Monster Zone.

Apart from the plant kingdom, there were dangerous Class 3 Blood devouring rats. As the name suggests, these monsters evolve by consuming monster bloods.

Any monster infected by it will lose its strength due to poison. Then next the monster gets ripped apart by the swarm of blood devouring rats.

The First Elder knows these few monsters will be enough to wipe out half of the participants. Then there are other deadly monsters waiting for them, If warriors escape from the first few monsters successfully.

A couple of minutes later,

First Elder Casey walks in front of a four storey white building. From a distance it looks like some kind of medieval castle.

The First Elder stepped inside and walked upstairs to reach the 4th floor. Where his appointment is fixed with the important official.

In a few breaths, First Elder reaches the 4th floor. He walks towards the last room on the floor.

As he reaches the room he sees the male staff is looking at him. "He must be an assistant," First Elder Casey thought to himself. Because there is another steel cabin inside the room.

After confirming it, he talked about the meeting with the official. Next second, the male staff informs his superior. Then after getting his permission from him, the male staff allows First Elder to enter.

"Creak" the door opens.

First Elder stepped inside with a smile.

"Hey, Casey. How are you?" Official Ben walks towards him and gives him a warm hug.

First Elder smiled and greeted him back, "Official Ben, I'm fine. But looking at you. I feel like you finally got used to the atmosphere here."

"Ha...ha...ha..." Official Ben let out a hearty laughter by seeing his close friend.

Then both of them sit in their respective seats.

Official Ben smiled and asked, "So why do you want to meet me all of a sudden? I know there must be some reason behind it."

Official Ben is a Water element Warrior. His cultivation base is at Initial Elite. The Odyssey Monster Zone is located in a tricky area. It's very close to Tier-7 cities.

So most of the officials here were Elites, even though there are no Class 4 Monsters in the Monster Zones. They are safeguarding the Tier-7 cities from monster breaks outs.

Official Ben appears to be a middle aged person, but actually he is very old. Due to Elite level essence he can keep his young appearance so far. Both of them were belong to same generation. Yet First Elder failed to reach his level in strength.

First Elder expression turned solemn and said, "I think you know about our Crimson Hall Event."

Official Ben nodded his head. His home is at Tier-7 City he obviously knows about it.

Official Ben replied, "I heard this time academies were going to be very picky. So, What are you guys planning to do?"

First Elder answered, "I came here to meet you exactly for this reason."

His words immediately stunned Official Ben. For a moment, he lost his cool.

Official Ben asked back in stern tone, "What do you mean by this Casey?"

The atmosphere turned a little bit chill as Official Ben is unknowingly leaking out his elite aura.

Chapter 306 Official Ben Agrees

Odyssey Restricted Area,

The atmosphere between official Ben and First Elder Casey stilled for a moment. Official Ben looked at his friend with a piercing gaze. He knows all about First Elder Casey. Right now by hearing his words, he feels his friend is going to calculate him.

The other hand, the First Elder sneered inside, "Neither of us were good fellows. Why is this guy reacting like that." He too didn't back away from looking at his eyes.

Both of them have good reason to be on guard.

Time passes,

A few seconds later,

The First Elder decides to break the ice. Since he is the one approaching his friend for favor. Right now other than his grand plan for the event nothing comes to mind.

So the First Elder decided to put aside his ego at this moment.

"Official Ben, First hear my words. Then you are free to make a decision." The First Elder said with an expressionless face without minding the oppressing elite aura on him.

Official Ben took a little bit back. "This guy is usually arrogant. What happened now?" He thought to himself.

But upon seeing his serious expression, he decided to hear him. So in response he slowly nodded his head.

The First Elder revealed a smile in his heart and said, "Academies have great expectations for our region warrior's. So in order to screen talented warriors across thousands. We decided to conduct the event in this monster zone."

Official Ben's expression becomes serious. He knows the dangers of these monster zones, so he asked, "Casey, Are you even serious?"

Then he added, "Are you really planning to send them on a dead road?"

The First Elder was surprised by his friend. His friend can literally see through his thoughts. Next second, he couldn't control himself and laughed out loud, "Ha....Ha....Ha..."

"Crazy," Official Ben muttered.

Next second, the First Elder controlled himself and answered, " What? Do you think I'm Crazy?"

"Harrumph"

He snorted back and said, "These academic people in normal days won't give sh!t about us. Each and every time, they find some fault in us. Especially this time. It's going to be much worse."

After saying that, the First Elder looked at Official Ben for a reply.

First Elder's words brought some sense to Official Ben. It's not that he is not going to allow them to conduct events.

Official Ben worries there might be some calculation against him. But now after realizing that it's about the Warrior's recruitment his worries ease down a little bit.

When comes to matter of Odyssey Monster Zone, obviously he believes there is going to be numerous causalities. So he decided to add on few clauses to safeguard himself. Before sending to his higher ups for final approval.

After gaining some clarity, Official Ben asked, "So when is the event day?"

It's not easy to arrange papers and get approval. There will be numerous scrutiny. So obviously it will take some time to confirm on his side. Then there will be some time to arrange things for the event.

The First Elder smiled and said, "We decided to conduct within 4 Months."

Outside Crimson Hall, many factions were guessing that it might take 6 months to 1 year. But no one would imagine that it's going to be held sooner.

Even Grand Elder Chris doesn't know about this. This is all within the calculation of First Elder Casey. He had already made so many blunders in his previous decision.

This time he wants no mistake in his plan.

Official Ben nodded his head and replied, "It will take a few days to arrange papers. I'll contact you once it's done."

First Elder finally let go of his worry. It's not difficult to get permission. But still his friend has the power to delay this matter. Fortunately, he didn't make things difficult.

So he reveals a small smile.

His first plan is worked out. Next he has to wait for them.

"Thanks for your Cooperation, Official Ben. Then I'll be leaving now. " First Elder said with satisfaction.

Official Ben was surprised and answered, "Why are you leaving now?If possible I can give you a small tour of our Monster Zone."

Now everything is settled. There is no hostility between them.

First Elder thought about it, he had a good opportunity to see the Monster Zones. Later he can modify some rules based on terrains.

Next second he smiled and agreed.

Official Ben laughed, then he brought the First Elder along with him to the Monster Zone.

Instead of walking, Official Ben flew in the air. He supported the First Elder with his power.

His sudden action caught the First Elder off guard.

First Elder really pissed off by his actions. Yet even if he feels wronged he can do nothing against Elite Warrior. So he gritted his teeth in anger and tried not to explode his anger.

Otherwise this will give him reason to delay things for him.

It's still morning, but the environment around this restricted area looks a little gloomy and dark.

Soon, Official Ben flew around the area and reached the entrance within a few minutes.

Finally, the First Elder relaxes. He can't spend time with this guy. It's really infuriating for him. Right now, they came in front of a huge metallic gate.

This gives him time to avoid conversation with official Ben.

Both of them land on the ground, Official Ben gone to register the First Elder's name. It's a compulsory rule. Even for Elite Warriors, they need to abide by the rules.

The First Elder waited for him, in the meantime he looked around the area.

There are few little buildings in this restricted area. In order to accommodate more than thousands warriors, it's not going to be easy. Various thoughts come to his mind.

He only needs to worry about the starting few hours of the event, not the end. Because in the end, he knows very few can survive.

Then he also needs to allocate land for medical treatment. Otherwise it will not end well among the public. All of them are going to watch the live event.

So no one should see through his plan. Even the academies won't raise questions against him. Because at the end of the day they asked for themselves.

Academies asked for better events, so even if there is any trouble they can face it.

Chapter 307 Cruel Means

Odyssey Restricted Area,

Official Ben went back to the control room to register their information. Meanwhile, First Elder Casey is looking around the lands. Seemingly thinking about what to do in order to accommodate lots of people.

Usually if someone does shady work, they do it because of their own profit. But here the First Elder does it for own pure pleasure. At the same time, he wants to cause a heavy blow to their enemy faction.

One way of doing it is by eliminating budding talented Warriors of their factions. All of this was a priority before coming here, but after meeting with his old friend Ben.

His long lost ambition begins to stir.

First Elder Casey gave away the dream of Elite after failing twice in breakthrough. But he doesn't know why after meeting Ben he doesn't want to back down just yet.

He thinks of the possibility of getting opportunities by conducting this event. Various calculations flow through his mind. Before he could immerse deeply in it, he was called out by Official Ben, "Casey, Let's go."

The First Elder retracts his thoughts and turns towards him. "Do we need to walk?" He said.

Official Ben chuckles, He knows Casey is not an Elite Warrior so he can't fly. But now he doesn't want to walk. "Why don't you complain now?" Official Ben said in his heart.

"Okay, I'll give you a quick tour of our Monster Zone." Official Ben grabbed First Elder's shoulder and flew above the entrance towards the Monster Zone.

This time First Elder is prepared so he wasn't flustered all of a sudden. Next his gaze is focus on distant deadly forests. The premise of the forest is cleaned to monitor the area. Only by traveling deep inside, you can see actual forest.

Soon, they both flew towards the east of the area. Which is the core area of Class Tree Monsters.

A few minutes later,

Both of them from high above clouds observed the movements in the ground.

In a small swamp, the dark-scaled crocodile is struggling to get away from the roots of the Tree Monster. The crocodile monster can only see the roots, not the tree body.

In frustration, this Class 2 monster tries to flip around to break away from the roots.

"Splash"

As it made a giant flip over, one or two roots broke. But soon several roots reached its body and tied it up.

Next Second without giving much of a sense to crocodile monsters. The roots suddenly covered it's whole body and the monster body got dragged deeper into the woods.

This all happened within a few minutes, it's not even an hour long struggle.

Official Ben smiled looking at this situation and asked the First Elder who is near him, "Do you think anyone can survive from this?"

There is a small glint in the First Elder's eyes. But he didn't reply straight away.

Seeing that he is maintaining silence, official Ben added further, "It's even hard for the Initial Trainee Warrior to escape from this situation. Unless their body is strong enough to break out from the roots. They can forget about living."

First Elder understands that still Official Ben is testing himself. So he answered, "Those Academies are not short of people. They are only coming to this barren land because of rules. Otherwise they would have been neglected long ago."

Then he continues to say, "Certainly, they are not expecting to find a gem in the competition. Yet recruiters have the responsibility to save some for their academy. So they were forced to select some capable Warriors from the event. And I believe some 100 or so will survive from this event will be enough for their academies."

"100 or so?" Ben suddenly feels a chill in his back.

His expression condensed, he asked the First Elder, "How many have registered for this event?"

"At Least 10,000." First Elder replied nonchalantly.

Official Ben's heart skips a beat. He looked at the First Elder's expression and saw there was no reaction whatsoever.

Then suddenly he sneered inside, "It's easy to say but there is something called public sentiment. If the event will be really live then it's impossible to say people will sit back and watch it relax.

Perceiving the gaze of official Ben, the First Elder asked, "What's wrong?"

"Don't you think the public will criticize?" Official Ben asked.

"Ha...ha...ha..." The First Elder laughed all of a sudden. He really feels his friend's brain works slow.

After laughing he calmed himself and replied, " Bloodshed is common in this competition. But compared to previous years, this time the difficulty of survival is going to be a lot harder. If the public dared to say anything, they would suffer more. In the worst case, academies may stop recruiting in our region."

At this time, Official Ben realizes that his friend has completely sorted out this whole plan.

"This Madman, Luckily he is not elite. Otherwise his cruel means will extend at a larger scale." Official Ben said in his heart.

But one thing is puzzling though, why does his friend have to go to such a length this time?

"Okay, one last question. Why are you doing this? I can see it's certainly not for revenge or profit. You don't have to make it this harder" official Ben asked back the last question in his heart.

There were lots of monster zones around the region. Why this particular monster zone? Such a question ringing a bell in his mind. He has already sensed some vague answer. Yet he is afraid that it will come true.

The First Elder looked at him in surprise. This time his friend's brain really worked hard to form this answer. So he decided to answer.

He said, "You ask me why? It's just for fun."

Official Ben feels his brain has suffered from thunder clap. This time he really doesn't know how to react to his answer. He certainly regretted his previous actions by stopping him from leaving.

He knows if he continues to stick around, even his own sense of judgement will change.

Next moment, both of them flew towards the other area. Official Ben decided to give him a short tour. And he wants Casey to leave this place as soon as possible. Along the way, official Ben avoided starting a conversation with him.

Chapter 308 Back To Routine

Official Ben finishes the short tour in an hour. Earlier, from time to time, the First Elder insisted that he should wait for a while so that he could understand the terrain better.

Now the tour was over, official Ben sighed in relief.

Official Ben flew towards the nearby station after exiting the monster zone. In a few breaths, he slowly lands near the entrance.

After setting foot on the ground, official Ben laughed and said, " Casey, I hope you had a good time by seeing our monster zone. Then don't worry about the papers. I'll get it signed as soon as possible."

Official Ben said it with a little bit of a laugh, like he is having a fun conversation.

First Elder smiled he can easily through his deception. But he doesn't want to break the ice now. So he answered, "Well, Thank you, Ben, for your guidance. We will meet soon. Until then good bye."

The First Elder politely uttered.

Official Ben nodded.

Then both of us parted their ways.

Official Ben went back to his office. While the First Elder walked towards the platform.

After parting ways, none of them had the same smile on their face. It's disappeared completely.

Official Ben wipes out his sweat on his forehead while going towards his office.

First Elder Casey expression becomes stiff. Because he notices subtle changes in Ben. He is sure that his friend is not comfortable talking with him.

Next Second, First Elder retracts his thoughts as he enters the platform area. Soon he finds the waiting area to sit.

There is some time left for the train to arrive. So he plans to sit and wait until the train arrives.

In meantime, he has some time to think his next course of action.

Time progresses,

When the train reached the platform, the first elder entered the coach and sat in his seat.

The other hand, Official Ben takes some time to fix appointments with his higher ups to discuss the First Elder's request.

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(From MC Perspective)

It's been two days since I came back from Mountain Liz.

I think it's time to go back to the campus. These two days have been really good for me to calm down my pressure.

After having breakfast with my family, I left home early to board the train.

Two and half hours later,

I reached the campus. Unlike the last time, people's interest in me fades away a little bit.

I think it's something to do with Crimson Hall's event. Each and every faction will send their students to participate.

Hansen Campus has only me as their seed candidate.

So the atmosphere around here is a little bit tense. That's why the public seems to realize and turn back to normal.

Shaking my head, I retracted these unnecessary thoughts and walked towards Mr. Arthur's cabin.

It's actually become a daily routine for me to have some conversation with him in the mornings.

Like, I'm reporting my work to the superior.

Soon, I came to Mr.Arthur's cabin and informed him.

"Creak" the door opens,

As usual Mr.Arthur is working behind his desk.

While walking towards the seat, I greeted him.

Mr. Arthur nodded in response and told me to sit.

I smiled and sat in the chair.

"So, How is your training going?" Mr. Arthur asked with interest.

I nodded, Mr. Arthur knows my trip to Mountain Liz. So it's nothing surprising for me.

"No issue, Mr. Arthur. Everything is going fine." I said with a smile.

Mr. Arthur took a little bit back. He is really surprised that Zack didn't complain. Usually, he used to complain about something.

But this time there is some change. Mr. Arthur smiled and replied, " Well, then it's good for you. If you need something you can tell me."

I nodded in response. After talking about a few other things, I left his cabin.

Coming out of his cabin, instead of going to the Essence Chamber. I head towards the Gravity Chamber. I'm preparing for my body breakthrough. And the Gravity Chamber is the best place to push my limits.

There are six chambers. Level 3 is currently suitable for me. Last time, I plummeted to the ground by using it. But this time my strength is enough to withstand level 3 Gravity Pressure.

When I walked into the Gravity Room, students began to gossip about me. Shaking my head, I checked whether anyone was using the Level 3 chamber or not.

Seeing there is no one, I stepped inside and locked the room.

But Zack's action caused a chilling effect to everyone outside.

"Hey, What is Zack doing?" One of the senior students asked. He is one year older than Zack.

Seeing Zack stepping into the level 3 room. He is dumbstruck. But soon he realizes that it's a foolish move done by Zack.

So he sneered, "Looks like winning the Star tower competition has really gotten into his head."

His words reach few other fellows. Only a few students were inside the Gravity Room. All of them were standing in que to use level 1 & level 2 Gravity Chamber.

But seeing Zack's action right now made them displeased.

Another senior student, who heard his friend's word also echoed the same opinion,

"Only Trainee Warriors can use level 3 Chamber. He is seeking nothing but only a death wish."

By hearing two student's back to back words. Rest of the students laughed out loud.

But none of this reached Zack's ears. Even if it did, he wouldn't have cared.

After stepping inside I set the timer for 2 minutes.

I remember, last time I had set the time for 10 minutes later I got crushed to the ground.

So this time I will start from 2 minutes, step by step I will increase the time further.

"Whizz"

Next moment, the chamber turned on.

I feel huge mountain weighing above me. In order to withstand the pressure, I used both body strength and essence strength.

As the seconds went by, I crouched down a little bit.

It's better than the previous time, I can feel my muscle fibers being elongated. It also gives me intense pain from one end.

If I can reach the limit, it will give me the opportunity to break through.

Chapter 309 Mid- Level Special Trainee (Body Breakthrough)

(From MC Perspective)

Gravity Chamber- Hansen Campus,

While facing immense gravity pressure, I slowly ran a blood cultivation method.

I can feel the pressure eases a little bit. When the blood energy in the body begins to boil.

Coincidentally, I sensed the barrier this time.

By catching such a sensation, I didn't let it go. I try to hold on as much as possible.

2 Minutes later, the machine turned off.

"Phew" It went well without any injury.

I sat down cross legged and began to recover my energy.

Outside,

People were waiting outside to see Zack's joke.

But as the 2 minutes passed by, they weren't silent.

"What happened now?" One of them asked.

Another one replied, "I bet he hasn't activated the chamber yet."

Everyone came up with the same reason.

Inside,

Last few times, I tried to sense the barrier but I failed. But this time there is a high possibility of breaking through to reach Mid level in body strength.

A couple of weeks ago, I thought about reaching Peak level as soon as possible.

But who would have thought after consuming so many monster cores, blood essence pills. I still failed to sense the barrier.

Even after consuming blood cleansing Vine there is no sign of the barrier.

Yet right now, Gravity Chamber made me realize, only now I have touched the limit.

Smiling, I retract my thoughts and focus on recovering my energy.

Level 3 is supposed to be used by Trainee Warrior. Here I'm using it in Initial Special Trainee level.

Time went by,

After recovering my energy, I set the timer for 3 minutes this time.

Soon, the machine turned on.

Again, I put my body under heavy pressure. For the first two minutes, I managed to withstand the pressure. When the last minutes came, my body began to tremble.

Small injuries begin to appear on my screen. Soon, I thought this last one minute was like one hour.

I knew it's only a couple of seconds before they went off.

So, I shifted my focus back to the body. Muscles were tearing apart all over causing bleeding.

I activated my perception to look at the internal situation. Inside the body the meridians and veins are all fine.

There are no drastic effects in internal organs. Seeing that I sighed in relief.

Finally, the last minutes were over.

I dropped down instantly and began to gasp for breath.

"Level 3 is over kill right now. Fortunately, I started from the minimum time." I mumbled.

Seeing the blood all over my forearms. I swallowed the healing pill and began to heal from the wounds.

5 minutes later,

I opened my eyes and began to check the injury.

This is nothing but superficial injury. But still I make sure that there is no hidden injury left behind.

Because, I'm going to attempt a breakthrough. The hidden injury will cause serious trouble during breakthroughs.

When it comes to breakthroughs, this place is obviously not a good place to try. I'm going to try it in an essence chamber.

After gaining some clarity, I stood up from the ground and walked out of the gravity chamber.

"Hmmm" I saw numerous gazes on me. What's wrong with these people? I saw shock written all over their faces.

Then I realised something, students only have a gravity chamber below level 3.

Above level 3 were used by teachers and other staff.

Next second, I turned towards the exit. Obviously, I have zero interest in talking to these people.

After waking out of the Gravity Room, I head straight towards the essence chamber.

Along the way, I came across some students after talking to them a little.

I reached the essence chamber in a few minutes.

"Creak" the door opens.

I entered inside at the same second the door behind me closed automatically.

Then without wasting much time, I turned on the chamber.

"Wizz"

As the machine turned on, pure essence began to come in via the inlet.

My body begins to absorb small parts of essence energy even without using cultivation methods for it.

Then I sat cross legged on the ground and checked my stock inside the storage ring.

I have a couple of blood essence pills in stock. A very few monster cores. Usually, I tend to use Monster Core for breakthroughs.

But after consuming blood cleaning vine, I realized the direct consumption of monster cores will leave impurities in my body.

So this time, I'm going to use Blood Essence pills in my hands to attack the barrier.

I took out a red pill from my storage ring and swallowed it.

At the same time, I recited the blood cultivation method in my mind.

The blood ring like a runic circle in mind begins to flicker.

As it begins to flicker brightly, changes in the body happen to take place.

The hazy blood light appears as usual from my blood, it immediately envelops the energy that comes from the pill.

Slowly the conversion takes place.

The hazy blood light converts pill energies into white unknown energies.

These white energies then begin to drill into every inch of my bone.

This process of getting a tattoo on my bones with more red paint gives me agonizing pain.

But I know the red color conversion of bone is nothing but pure blood power. This exact power gives me the inhumane strength to fight against enemies.

The white energy slowly covers my bone with red color marks. Which I call a blood tattoo.

Once the bones are covered, then there is going to be feedback of energies.

I'm going to use that energy to attack the barrier.

Soon, the process was over.

When the feedback occurs, my body beaming with energy. I continued to run blood cultivation methods and began to attack the invisible barrier.

At the first attack on the barrier there is no reaction. So I try to attack it again. Soon, I sensed a small crack appear on the barrier.

My eyes gleamed with expectations.

I hurriedly swallowed the blood essence pill and continued the process.

A few minutes later,

I tear through the barrier to reach Mid level.

A new profound strength begins to fill up every cell in my body. This is a new level.

I believe with this strength, I can withstand the pressure in the Gravity Chamber for more than 10 minutes.

Then I concentrated to stabilize the new strength in my body.

A few minutes later, I opened my eyes.

"Finally, Body strength is Mid-level Special Trainee & lightning essence strength is Initial- level Special Trainee." I grunted.

Chapter 310 Again Blood Kill Test

(From MC Perspective)

Hansen Campus,

After stabilizing the new level, I walked out of the essence chamber.

A smile blossomed on my face by feeling bursting energy in the body.

"I need to test this new course of power." I grunted.

What could be the best place other than the combat room? I decided my schedule for the afternoon. I'm going to spend the entire time fighting against combat puppets.

After gaining some clarity, I moved towards the combat room.

Combat room,

It's been a while since I had spent some time in this room.

First, I decided to check my agility. To check it, I walked near the laser room.

After setting the timer,

I stepped inside the range of laser light.

A beam of light came toward me in an instant.

In this agility practice, I'm not going to use perceptual ability.

As the beam of light inch closer towards me, I used a common leg technique to evade it.

I side stepped enough to evade it last moment.

It all happened in less than seconds.

When it comes to this laser test, instead of lowering the seconds. The best way is to increase laser beams.

If there are multiple lasers at the same time, it will be very hard to evade them.

So the next second, the laser beams started to increase slowly.

When I evaded the first beam, the second beam attacked me in an instant. Then again I moved to evade it.

In this way, laser beams increased slowly and hereby making it difficult to grasp for breath.

10 minutes later,

The timer turned off, I sat down to recover. To evade 600 laser beams continuously without using lightning technique is really challenging.

If I use lightning technique, it's easy to cross half an hour.

But I intend to use common leg technique to evade. Only in this way, I can see my improvements clearly.

Using lightning phantom technique won't give me much satisfaction in this test.

Time went on,

I got slowly immersed in the combat room, forgetting the time entirely.

The other hand...

Elder Thornton had captured a few living Class 2 Monsters for Zack to fight.

He is going to put them inside the underground chamber. For the last few days, he has been busy with this matter.

This is something they had discussed earlier.

An hour later,

After placing all the monsters inside the chamber. Elder Thornton called Zack to inform him.

Combat room,

"This.." I sensed someone was calling me. So I stopped the timer and walked out of a laser test platform to attend the call.

"Elder Thornton" I grunted.

I attended the call and asked, "Elder, What is it?"

From the other side of the call, Elder Thornton replied, "Zack, Are you ready for some fight?"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Then Elder Thornton explained everything to me. Blood Kill test, what can I say? The timing is quite right for me.

So I answered, "Okay, Elder. I'm coming."

I walked out of the room. My eyes gleamed with surprise at the Elder's actions. "He is really quick." I muttered to myself.

Talking about the Blood Kill test, it takes me back to the time.

Soon, I reached the underground chamber via lift.

After entering inside, the beautiful dome structure came into view.

Then I shifted my gaze towards the control room.

Last time, Mr. Arthur and Ms. Key directed from this control room.

"I bet he is inside the room right now." I mumbled.

Next second, my sci-fi watch lit up.

No surprise, it's none other than Elder Thornton.

"Zack, do you want to start from Class 1?" Elder Thornton asked.

"What?" I'm taken by his question. He obviously knows my strength from Star tower performance.

But still he is talking about Class 1 monsters.

"Elder, I want to face Class 2 Monsters straight away." I said.

"Okay" Elder Thornton replied.

Next Second,

"Creak"

The metallic door opens, it's the entrance to the central battle platform.

Seeing that I walk towards the entrance to enter.

After stepping inside, I continue to walk. The door behind me closed automatically.

There is a huge "X" Mark on the central battle platform.

I know monsters will pop up from this spot.

To make some distance, I walked near the edge of the platform.

At my current level, Class 2 Monsters were easy. But still if there is an unknown monster then there is going to be some trouble.

After standing near the edge of the platform, I waited patiently for Monster to appear.

A few seconds later,

There was sound coming from the "X" mark.

Soon, the door slid open and the large monster leaped high from the ground and landed on the platform.

Seeing the appearance of the Class Monster, I'm stunned.

From his jumping action, I thought it must be a wolf monster.

But it's fucling bear. It's almost 10ft in size. "Giant" I uttered.

Then I thought, where did Elder Thornton capture this monster from?

"Brown Armoured Earth Bear - Initial Class 2 Monster"

This monster is a common overlord of certain monster zones. Their body is covered by armor like a shell. Which gives them enough protection from all kinds of attack.

"Roar"

The Bear Monster roared at Zack upon seeing him straight away. Because it feels threatened by Zack.

"Its armour is quite interesting. I want to check, how hard is it actually?" I grunted.

Seeing that monster is getting irritated, I'm planning to use only body strength. It's been ages since I last fought some monster heartily.

Brown Cliff Monster Zone and Mountain Liz disappointed me. So right now, I'm going to fight my heart content.

"Rwwaaarrrrrrrrr"

The bear monster came screaming at me. Its giant claws and his powerful jaws were deadly weapons.

Even at my current mid level strength, I'm not sure whether I can turn unscathed from his sharp claws.

I clenched my fists facing against it, when the monster got closer to me. It raised its giant paw against me to tear me down.

But my target is something else, I targeted its chest part.

When its paw inched towards me, I crouched down to evade it. Then raised my fists to slam against its chest.