

BloodLine 351

Chapter 351 Annoying Bugs!

(From MC's Perspective)

This information is very hard to believe. No wonder the city was in such a state.

These people took bandit hunting missions from the city lord's mansion. Instead of killing them, they are actually helping the bandits. I guess Mr. Jonathan must have heard their words.

Various thoughts run in my mind.

I don't know who to blame for a moment. City Lord? I believe he must have known. How come these people didn't even react at all?

Fortunately, my uncle reminded me. If I had blindly trusted the city lord's mansion, my situation would have ended no different from that of fallen warriors.

I sighed internally. I hope someone will solve this problem. If this goes on, the iron post city will be deserted soon.

A slight glint flashes in my eyes as I recall another piece of information.

The Fire Sword Team had sent various teams to the inner area. I don't know whether to laugh or cry. Even for me, with perceptual ability in hand, it's hard to move around this area.

If not for my perception, I would have already fought numerous battles against the bugs.

Then again, it's also good for me. Only trainee warriors with good surviving skills can exit from the place. The Special Trainee Warrior won't dare enter the inner area.

If the trainee warrior teams die here, it will greatly weaken the Fire Sword Team. Then I can handle the rest of the teams staying in outer areas.

A confident smile rose on my face after making some plans. Then my attention shifted back to these people. What to do? Should I fight? Various calculations flash in my mind.

This location is not the ideal place for battle. I should follow them before finding a place to end them.

One hour later,

The five bandits walked out of the wooden house. After discussing with each other, the bandit team walked towards the inner area. A small hesitation rose in my heart.

They decided to enter the inner area. Is there any base ahead? A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

If I come across any treasure out there, then my trip would be meaningful. It's okay, I can't practise here, but I can find some treasures. such as herbal plants and energy fruits.

After careful contemplation, I made a firm decision. Next, I secretly followed the bandit team.

It's easier to walk along this path. Since you don't have to remove the vegetation, The bandit team is moving like a snail.

From time to time, the bandit leader checks the surroundings. He was very careful not to come across any monsters or bugs. Through my perception, I knew there was no danger around here.

But this also made me realise the seriousness of the matter. If not for my perception, I would have wasted a lot of time here.

Then I continue to follow the team. So far I haven't found any good places to start a fight. Suddenly, a few red dots appeared in my perception.

I slowed down my speed a little bit. After looking at the moving speed, I confirmed the red dots were not bugs this time. There is another bandit team coming from the front.

I thought there would be many bandits in a single team. But here, no one has more than 5 members in their team. Then I recall the last encounter, in which a swarm of bugs devoured many bandits.

Dispelling my thoughts, I decided to hear their conversation. Next, I immediately chose a good spot to hide.

As the bandit team walked forward, they met with another bandit team. Both teams halted their footsteps. The bandit leaders from both sides walked forward and exchanged some curious information with each other.

After gaining information, they nodded before walking past each other with their teams.

The new bandit team is coming towards my direction. Until the new bandit team disappeared from my sight. I remained in the same position.

When they completely disappeared, I appeared at my previous spot. Both bandit leaders spoke with each other in a low tone. Even their team members couldn't have possibly heard it.

I feel slightly disappointed by that. Next, I used the lightning phantom technique to reach up to them.

Soon, I saw five of their silhouettes. After reaching close to them, I stopped using the lightning phantom technique.

At that time, the old veteran observed the leader's expression carefully. Seeing that their leader is calm and composed

The old veteran asked, "Leader, is there any good news? That one-eyed bast**d also seems to be happy."
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Hearing that, the bandit leader laughed out loud, "Ha... Ha...Ha..."

"Old fogey, you're sharp as always," said the bandit leader.

After saying that, the bandit leader said, "Yes, you have guessed right." Orders came from our bandit boss. He gave the order to kill bandit hunting warriors.

The old veteran bandit was dumbfounded for a moment. He hurriedly asked, "Leader, what about teams related to the Fire Sword Team?"

The bandit leader smiled amusingly and replied, "Are you dumb? Various teams belonging to the Fire Sword team were currently entering the inner area, so orders were specifically given to remove them from our territory. "

Hearing that, the rest of them sucked cold breath. Everyone understands that the long-lasting friendships between bandits and the Fire Sword team are coming to an end.

Alternatively,

I heard every bit of conversation between them. Thank goodness, they started to discuss it. Otherwise, I would be clueless about it.

The clash between bandits and teams belonging to the Fire Sword team will soon impact everyone.

Dispelling the thoughts, I decided to focus on the current task.

Soon, the bandit team reached a rather wider path. It's enough for 20 people to walk along. This place also gives me time to move around.

Then, seeing five of their backs, a cold glint flashes in my eyes. The bandit leader is a Mid-Trainee Warrior, while the rest are Initial Trainees.

My last duel with Benny Sutton involved too many factors. That fool Benny Sutton didn't retaliate at all. He gladly took my attack. Otherwise, the battle wouldn't have felt easier.

But here, the situation is really different. I don't know whether I can take care of them all. If I attack the leader, then four of them will besiege me.

"Buzz!" "Buzz!" "Buzz!"

The sudden buzzing sound brought me back to reality. When I saw the swarm of red dots approaching us, my face tightened.

I saw the bandit team quickly get alarmed. The bandit leader started to give commands. Suddenly, five of them ran in different directions to hide.

"Tck! What kind of strategy is this?" I muttered to myself.

Then I saw two running back in my direction. I immediately disappeared from the spot. It's puzzling to me why they chose to flee.

"Buzz" "Buzz" "Buzz"

The sound reached closer to us. When I finally saw the appearance of these bugs, "Fuck," I cursed at myself.

Carnivorous insects! I thought these bugs went in the other direction. So, I selected the opposite direction to come here. I'm rooted in the same spot.

Now I can understand why the bandit leader made such a decision. He must have known it was carnivore bugs from that buzzing sound alone. His survival skills baffle me. How did he identify the bugs from the sound alone?

The bandit leader has some skills. I made a clever decision earlier to not confront them. Otherwise, everyone would have been exposed to these bugs.

Suddenly, I noticed some changes. The swarm of carnivore bugs looked like black clouds. The black clouds split into five small clouds. Leaving one behind, four clouds immediately chased the warriors.

I gulped my saliva after seeing that. At that moment, I prayed for their afterlife. It's impossible to escape alive from these bugs. These damn bugs won't even leave your bones.

Next, the last back cloud stayed in one spot. All of a sudden, I got goosebumps all over my body. I feel like this swarm of bugs is staring at me.

Is this real? The small black clouds started to move. My expression changes drastically, as these bugs slowly come towards me. But their movement is somewhat slow.

When I found myself in front of a swarm of tiny bugs My heart starts to beat faster. I'm ready to use the lightning wheel technique at any moment.

But I'm more confused by looking at their state. These small bugs seem to scan me from head to toe. What is happening?

Next, the swarm of bugs suddenly flew back to their previous position. Then suddenly, I thought of something. I stared in a certain direction above.

It must be the work of Mr. Jonathan. I breathed in relief. With him here, I don't have to worry about my safety. But he acts as eyes and ears for my teacher. If I gave a sloppy performance, it would soon reach my teacher.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

I made the decision to pick a suitable opponent to fight. I can only impress Mr. Jonathan in this way.

Then I waited for these bugs to leave.

Chapter 352 Several Days Later

Several days went by.

While Zack Lockwood was silently training in the insect forest, so did others. Various forces vigorously trained their seed candidates and tried to raise their level to Trainee Warrior.

It is not hidden knowledge that many of the geniuses from Tier-7 cities have the strength of a Trainee Warrior.

So in order to compete with them, Tier-8 cities made their seed candidates to break through as much as possible.

On the other hand, various forces, including allied and hostile forces, had placed their spies near Crimson Hall.

Even after the strong deterrence shown by Grand Elder Chris, some forces still decided to send their spies to Crimson Hall.

A certain person felt annoyed by these spies. Especially, the headmaster of the Crimson Hall. He thought after Brody Roth's episode, no other force would disturb them further.

And yet he was wrong. Recently, he had noticed the presence of several spies in the city.

The headmaster of Crimson Hall felt a myriad of reactions. The first elder, Casey, didn't say anything. So he chose not to act against them.

Then, as per First Elder Casey's command, He carefully selected a few talented students for specific training.

He knows first-class Casey must have some plans for them. So he allocated various resources for the students.

At the same time, undercurrents surge under the main academy at Willow Peak City.

After their plans misfired, the May Ford Academy faced numerous troubles.

Everyone wanted to know about Crimson Hall's information collected by them. In response, the dean of the academy strongly denied the request of the forces.

During the council meeting, everyone discussed the mess created by them and how to solve it. But none of them criticised Brody for this.

Crimson Hall's response was speculated by a few elders in their council. Yet it was the last thing they expected.

Since nothing can be changed. After a long discussion, the crimson hall came to a conclusion. They ordered the dean of the academy to put out a statement.

Finally, due to pressure, the dean officially put out a statement saying, "May Ford Academy had sent Elder Brody to give a proposal for a joint sparring session."

This statement was a complete lie. But the dean didn't care. People will be more suspicious if academy stays silent for a long time.

When the statement came out, various forces didn't believe it at all. But the statement reduced the few troubles faced by May Ford Academy.

The Headmaster of the Crimson Hall sneered at these bastards for their shamelessness.

Time went on.

First Elder Casey and the alliance members began to plan for the competition.

From constructing basic infrastructure for seed candidates, staff, and other important guests to transporting a significant monster to a different experimental zone.

Various tasks were being completed as the days went on. People from the alliance are responsible for monitoring the workers.

While signing the contract, one of the things strongly demanded by First Elder Casey was to implement strict management.

He doesn't want any of the workers to blabber out the details to others. So both the Crimson Hall and Alliance people put so much effort into monitoring.

On the one hand, after negotiation alliance, people successfully transferred important monster species for their research.

The monster was left in Odyssey Monster Zones were the useless ones. They were deemed left over by the research people as the monsters held no research values.

But these seemingly leftover monsters alone can wipe out half of the seed candidates easily. Yet, First Elder Casey was not satisfied by these monsters.

He agreed to negotiations due to the promise he made to Grand Elder Chris.

Because Grand Elder Chris doesn't like the idea of too much blood shed. This promise was made before the contact.

First Elder Casey had no choice but to drop the topic of monsters. But his eyes shone with light as he planned to add some traps to compensate for the lack of deadly monsters.

There are several months left before the start of the actual completion. So he is not in a hurry. Once the infrastructure is built, he will then focus on the monsters and set traps at several strategic locations inside the Odyssey Monster Zone.

While this was going on, the Hansen campus in Redstone City conducted numerous activities for their students. It's not like Zack Lockwood is the only student who studies at Hansen Campus.

There are many students, teachers, and staff at Hansen Campus. Especially the warriors who were defeated at the hands of Zack Lockwood. They still held on to the hope of bouncing back.

Previous seed candidate challengers, as well as many senior students on the Hansen campus, plan to challenge Zack once he returns from his private training.

It's no secret to students and teachers that Zack Lockwood rarely practises in their Hansen Campus.

In particular, after his splendid performance at Star Tower, his fame shot up. There is not a single person in Red Stone City who doesn't know his name.

At the same time, students' ambitions did not go unnoticed by their elders. Elder Thornton's seat as chairman became firm after the last misadventure of some elders..

After getting approval from shareholders, Elder Thornton faced no more opposing voices. But that doesn't mean that other elders won't support the ambitions of the other students.

Everyone knows Elder Thornton's favouritism towards Zack Lockwood. Many voices died down when he won the seed challenge duels.

But still, there are people who don't want Elder Thornton's influence to increase. Yet their plans crumbled after the Star Tower Competition.

Zack Lockwood holds a firm position among students as a representative. Elder Thornton is acting as a strong supporter for Zack. These two names are known to outside forces.

Well, it doesn't mean none of them will cause trouble. Some of the elders decided to support senior students and other seed challengers.

If Zack shows any weakness, he will be challenged immediately. So few elders people are waiting for an appropriate chance. They are operating indirectly by secretly providing resources to some students.

Elder Thornton knows all of their operations. But he didn't even think about taking action against them. When it comes to combat prowess, he has the utmost trust in Zack.

Zack cleared the star tower trail floors with ease. So the ambition shown by students is nothing but a small obstacle to Zack.

Right now, there is a small friction between him and Zack Lockwood. It's been a few weeks since he left the Hansen campus. The Iron Post City is a weird place, especially since it's built adjacent to an insect forest.

No one wants to visit the city at a normal time. But in the last few weeks, terrible changes have taken place in Iron Post City. The whereabouts of the City Lord are unknown and the city is plagued by banditry incidents.

Especially with the recent migration of people. The city comes under the limelight. The reporters didn't miss a single day. They began to report on every happening in Iron Post City.

With a crumbling economy, it will be a matter of time before the city gets deserted. When it comes to Zack's current situation, his family is keeping a tight lid about it.

Mr. James conveyed that Zack didn't want to be disturbed by anyone. Zack is aware of the current situation. He will return quickly once he completes his training.

Mr. James wasn't disturbed by Elder Thornton anymore. Elder is annoyed that Zack is not responding to Hansen Campus. But at the same time, he thinks it's a good decision.

Because there are some pests waiting for Zack outside. Most of them were spies sent by force. There are also a few with a murderous aura. He knows these people have ill intentions towards Zack.

He didn't remove them straight away. He had given orders to Arthur to collect information about them. Once he gets information in his hands, he will take care of them.

Alternatively,

Brody Roth of the Roth family was preoccupied with another matter. While everyone is assuming that he is taking care of the mess created by his actions,

Only a few important elders and the head of the family knew that he was handling the different issues.

The turmoil in Iron Post City also came to their notice. After knowing the seriousness of the turmoil, they sent Elder Brody to deal with the issue.

If not carefully handled, they will be exposed to higher officials. Even if Crimson Hall decided to help them, it wouldn't work.

The head of the family proposed calling back Mateo from Iron Post City. But some of the elders in their family directly opposed it. They decided not to call back unless the situation worsened.

At the same time,

The Bandit Boss is quickly recovering from his wounds. After smuggling all the resources collected by bandits, he had received some precious herbs to cure his injury.

It will be a matter of time before he gets back to his peak state. Even so, there are chances of a possible breakthrough. Once he gets better, he will soon escape from this place.

From the beginning to the end, he didn't put City Lord in his eyes. In order to deal with the City Lord and other powerful enemies. He had made several poisonous traps to kill the opponents.

Even the elite will fall once he triggers the trap.

Chapter 353 City Lord's Move

"CLANG"CLANG" "CLANG"

Several clashing sounds resonate throughout the area. The Bandits were fighting against the warriors, those especially who went deeper into the inner area.

Rivers of blood flow; mutilated corpses can be seen all over the ground. One would puke at the sight of such a horrible scene.

It's impossible to recognise from the mutilated bodies whether they belong to bandits or warriors.

Such things have been taking place for the past two weeks.

Ever since the order came down from bandit Boss Soren, The bandit warriors wasted no time in acting against the warriors.

They knew their boss would reward the person who had the most kills. So they leave no stone unturned.

A similar situation happened with a bandit hunting warrior. Actually, they came here to find the culprit as per Fire Sword Team order.

But things quickly turned around when they took a step inside the inner area of the insect forest.

Out of nowhere, bandits launched a barrage of attacks against them. In response, the warriors fought back. But the mounting of corpses increased on the bandit hunting warriors' side.

The bandits knew how to make use of their environment to kill the enemy. While the bandit hunting warriors entered the inner area without prior knowledge.

As a result, the number of teams entering the inner area on the bandit hunting warriors side was drastically reduced.

This sudden action of bandits caused a chain reaction. which quickly reached everyone's ears in the outer area.

Many of the survivors start to flee; they don't want to take part in the Fire Sword Team's mission.

Some of them even started rumours that the Black Fist team was annihilated by the Bandits.

And the bandits' sudden actions were also tuned with rumors. The survivors didn't refute the words. As most of them were trainee warriors, it didn't take much time to convince the special trainee team in the inner area.

Quickly, the news started to spread like wildfire. It soon reached the ears of the five leaders. Even Mateo Roth started to believe the rumors. At first, he didn't take the reports seriously.

He thought his warriors must have come across some bandit maniacs. These manics won't care about the rules set by their bandit boss. These maniacs would kill any of them, it seems.

Mateo also thought this must be the case. Why would bandits attack him? He is the one who has actually been helping them since he came here.

He knew the bandits were smart enough to not forget that. Besides, he also had a hunch that his family must have informed the bandits' boss about him.

So there is no way for bandits to retaliate against him. But soon, his belief started to crumble when numerous reports started to pile up on his desk in a few weeks.

The insect forest itself is a tough place to survive. It would take plenty of time to move from one point to another. So Mateo Roth was actually receiving delayed reports.

He wasn't able to draw any conclusion from these reports. He doesn't know why the bandits are retaliating against him.

Soon he came to learn from one of the reports of the survivors.

One bandit leader they came across spit out some information before killing his team members.

After learning the news, Mateo Roth's expression condensed. Because the bandit leader spoke, it was an order given from their bandit boss.

He wanted to convey the information to his family. But they won't believe a report from a single survivor. So he ordered Carla's testimonials of survivors as much as possible.

If it's truly an order given by the bandit boss, then he didn't need to worry that much. Because his family will take direct action, using that chance, he will return to his family.

As the days passed, Carla was successfully able to collect similar reports.

After getting it from Carla, Mateo didn't waste any time in informing his father.

But the result made him disappointed. His family would reach a conclusion after the council meeting. Because such a sudden twist of events made him forget about the Black Fist Team.

As he begins to suspect that something is wrong with the bandit boss and his black fist team, they bear the brunt of it. With that, his suspicion about the other four team leaders was also removed from his heart.

Now that the bandit leader started to make noise, he knew the city lord wouldn't remain silent. And it will be a matter of time before they put out a notice.

This shocking development from the insect forest quickly affected the lives of the people who lived in Iron Post City. Fear and despair spread among the common folks.

At first, there was a small migration due to the failing economic condition of the iron post city. Soon it turned into a large migration when all the weak teams joined under the banner of five strong teams.

And now, with the current development, everyone is expecting a mass exodus. It was fine when the City Lord Mansion chose to remain silent. People's only source of belief was bandit hunting teams.

In particular, the five strongest teams, though their recent actions have caused displeasure among the masses. But still, they are the strongest line of defence acting against banditry.

When the news swept away that bandits were taking on the strongest team, It sent strong messages to everyone residing in Iron Post City.

It doesn't matter whether it's rich or poor. Everyone knew this was the huge turning point in their bandit hunting mission.

If the five strongest teams fail, then it would need the city lord to personally step up. If he still chooses to remain silent at that point, the mass exodus of people is a foregone conclusion.

The city was swarmed by reporters and streamers from various cities. Instead of assisting the masses, they are obsessed with creating content.

Whether it's negative or positive information, the news is broadcast to other cities. Yet the only thing that remained unchanged was the city lord mansion's inaction.

Which only sends negative signals to other cities. If they have such a city lord, their cities' result will be nothing different from that of an iron post city.

Weak-hearted people got cold shivers going down their spines.

Soon, no one knows whether it's the immense pressure made by Media or something else.

The City Lord Manion put out a statement: 1 million credit points will be rewarded to those who collect the heads of bandit leaders residing in the inner area of the insect forest.

Another shocking piece of news swept away the city. The City Lord Mansion's sudden awakening from their sleep surprised people. The news reports and streams started to pick up the news.

1 million credit points is not a joke. Only the cores of elite monsters are sold above a million points.

Adventurer warriors were those who made calculations with wide open mouths. Even warriors who came to know the iron post started making plans.

No one knows that a statement put out by the city lord will soon attract another wave of adventurers to their city.

In particular, the criminals and warriors who are in desperate need of money will surely make use of this opportunity.

When this piece of news reached certain strong teams, it made them uncomfortable.

"SMASH" "SMASH" "SMASH"

In a rage, Mateo Roth smashed nearby tables and flower pots. The broken pieces can be seen all over the ground. Things at this moment were going exactly the opposite to my wishes.

At first, there was trouble in the insect forest. Second, his family won't make a decision until the council meeting. Now, thirdly, the city lord started to move.

He had spent so much time gaining the status of the strongest team in this city. Then he made his team subdue other weak teams one after another.

Now the statement put out by the City Lord's Mansion will make him start from the beginning. Which is that he is not at all ready to do that.

Carla and the other team members chose to remain silent at this moment. The City Lord Mansion's move not only affected the Fire Sword Team. It also made their four teams wrinkle their eyebrows.

Morgan Buck is the leader of the Igneous Earth team. He chuckled after hearing the news. Even for someone from an influential family like his, such an amount is not easy to take out.

Numerous calculations run in his mind. Suddenly, he thought of a deadly idea. to go back to the inner area with his team.

Morgan thought about killing bandit leaders as much as possible.

He is already dreaming of making at least 50 million. He just needs to collect 50 heads for that. But suddenly, a flash of hesitation flashes in his eyes.

Along with the other three leaders, he agreed to cooperate with Mateo Roth.

"Harumph," he snorts after recalling Mateo's face in his mind.

At that moment, he made his decision to not let go of this opportunity. If he can collect 100 heads, then he will be rewarded with 1 billion.

This amount will help him purchase high-grade resources for a breakthrough.

After gaining some clarity, he decided to inform his friend, Caleb Green. He would not let go of this opportunity.

He needs to convince Caleb before a new wave of warriors comes to the city.

Chapter 354 New Mission Notice?

(From MC's Perspective)

My life has been a constant condition of survival since I entered this inner area. I encountered bandits, city warriors, and, most critically, these lethal insect bugs.

One thing was certain: none of them suspected my identity. Due to confrontations between bandits and city warriors, the city warriors eventually gave up looking for the culprit's responsible for black fist team's destruction.

It made me sigh with relief. I've been learning about the inner-area bandits' operations for the last few weeks. In contrast to the outside areas, the bandits appear to be operating fast.

The majority of the bandits I encountered were outside at noon. I rarely saw anyone walking out at night. This could be because of the threat posed by insect bugs. As a result, the bandits remained in their hideout after evening.

I wouldn't have made it through the night without my perceptual skills. Taking a risk might also be beneficial. Despite having a few kills, my loot items alone were worth a few thousand credit points.

THUP, THUP, THUP

Suddenly, I heard a faint noise that I almost overlooked. My perception revealed that the area around me was clear. And I have no red dots in my mind. But my instincts tell me that someone is nearing me.

I chose to be patient. Five red dots appeared in my mind shortly after. These red dots formed a line in the queue. Like a line of people following their leader. After I confirmed it, a slight smile appeared on my face.

I waited some more to see if the group was made up of bandits or city warriors. I confirmed their identities as bandit hunting warriors (aka city warriors) when they approached me.

My eyes brightened up with amazement when I noticed their strength. The group's leader is an Initial Trainee Warrior, and the other four members are Special Trainees.

Their bravery has really impressed me. The trainee warriors have been running like dogs every time they come across bandit groups for the past few weeks. This new team, however, enter this inner area.

"Lucky me!" I grumbled. Anyway, I can't complain about their stupidity. Because their items will add to my collection, I clutched my black sword to use lightning attack when the leader of the group approached my target range.

I then put lightning essence into the black sword. Purple light shone from the black blade. From bursting energy, a slight crackling sound can be heard. When the charge was finished, I released a lightning strike at the opponent

"SWORD DIVIDE"

Like a beam of light, the purple-colored energy pierces the air. It arrived at the leader in the blink of an eye and struck a hit on him.

BANG! A loud roar reverberates throughout the region.

Before the leader realized what was happening, he flew backwards like a broken kite and crashed into the trees. The other four team members were disturbed by these unexpected events. They were terrified of an unknown foe.

I took advantage of their panic to launch a series of sword divide assaults.

BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM!

Four of them smashed into the ground in different directions within a few minutes. These warriors will be unable to recover. Then I returned my focus to the leader.

In my current state, I can easily take care of those initial trainee warriors. If the opponent is clever, it will be difficult. But as long as I can catch them off guard with a sneak attack, it won't be difficult to end them.

The only ones who caused difficulties were the mid and Peak Trainee Warriors. But I've rarely seen anyone with peak trainee strength since I entered the inner area.

"SPURT" When I approached him, he spat blood from his mouth in rage. My lightning strike had shattered his chest region. I smirked and raised my black sword against him as I saw this.

The leader's eyes were wide with concern. In a panic, he blurts out, "Who are you?" He then spurted blood again as a result of the injury.

I didn't respond to his query because I noticed he was looking for a way out. But I'm not going to give him a chance to flee.

I swiftly poured a large amount of essence into the sword to charge it.

The leader's expression changed when he noticed purple energy emanating from the guy in front of him. This completely altered his perception of the world.

Realizing that person is going to attack with that purple sword beam once more. His expression was filled with fear. He quickly repositioned himself to avoid the enemy.

But when he saw the purple flickering blades aimed at him, his pupils pinched. Then he lost consciousness the following second after hearing only the word "SWORD DIVIDE."

I need to assess the others' vitality before disposing of the corpse. Four more fighters were thrown in different directions. The attack was so unexpected that four of them were unable to fully protect themselves.

I suppose the onslaught alone rendered them motionless.

I detected four little red lights via perception. They are no longer as dazzling as they once were. This confirms that their lives are hanging by a thread. I returned the blade to my storage ring after confirming it.

My fist is enough to take their last breath.

I walked up to the next Special Trainee Warrior. A gleam flashes across my eyes.

After my first attack, even the leader was half dead.

So, what's the deal with Special Trainee Warriors? What is preventing them from dying? I noted the first warrior was wearing medium-grade inner armor when I found him. The inner armor took the majority of the damage. That's why he's just half-alive right now.

I sighed as I realized I had encountered wealthy people.

The Special Trainee Warrior is still alive and well. When he saw me approaching, he began to speak.

"Wait a minute, I'll turn over the bandit leader's head." "Just give me a chance to live," he urged.

I came to a standstill when I heard that. I couldn't help but look at him in awe. This weak team is even capable of killing the bandit leader. It's not possible.

-Did your team killed the bandit leader?" I inquired, looking at him.

"No, we looted from another team," the Special Trainee Warrior admitted, averting his gaze in shame. After that, he erased the imprint on his storage ring and handed it to me.

Curiosity drove me to grab the storage ring and soak my consciousness into it. One bloodied head stood out among the pill bottles and colorless stone.

I didn't even glance at the head, but my eyes lit up when I saw the other goodies. I'm curious whether the other three were commoners or wealthy.

Now, looking at the half dead person in front of me, I thought as one would expect from a wealthy child.

After regaining consciousness, I asked nonchalantly, "There is just one head. What about the team members' heads?"

In disbelief, the Special Trainee Warrior spat blood. "Who is this guy?" The entire city is swamped by adventurers looking to sign up for a bandit hunting mission. "Does he live in a cave?" He reflected to himself.

When I saw the guy spacing out, I decided it was time to kill him. I raised my fist and prepared to attack him. But that individual quickly said, "City Lord Mansion rewards one million for the head of a bandit leader."

"What?" I was surprised. Then I realized my error and inquired, "What was going on?" The Special Trainee Warrior starts spilling the beans. Especially the recent new mission notice from City Lord Mansion.

My eyes twinkled with excitement at the million-dollar prize. The next thing I knew, I was cursing myself. I eliminated bandit groups. But I had never gathered their bodies, aside from the treasures.

What should I do? If I submit the head counts, I will quickly catch the attention of unwanted people. And it'll only be a matter of time before they suspect me of murdering the Black Fist squad.

Several thoughts occur to me. When I'm distracted, the special trainee warrior attempts to flee. When I noticed this, I curved my lips before throwing my fist at him.

I searched his body for loot after killing him. Seeing that there was nothing but the ring he offered. I dragged his body towards the leaders.

Then I went to take care of the other three members one by one. Three of them, unlike the first, were unconscious. It didn't take me long to put three of them to sleep.

I stacked up five corpses in front of me a few minutes later. I only recovered their valuables from the corpse.

Unlike the first day, I don't have to work too hard to get rid of the corpse. There is a fire artifact in my looted collection. And it is my favorite fire-related artifact.

It's an explosive fire artifact.

All I have to do now is set the artifacts on corpses before activating them.

After a few minutes, the ground is littered with blown-up body pieces. It is no longer feasible for anyone to identify the individuals.

Chapter 355 Insidious Means

(From MC's Perspective)

I checked my spoils after finding the safe spot. Apart from that first fellow, the rest of the special trainee warriors didn't have much in their storage ring. Which left me with disappointment.

"Sigh."

Anyway, at least I'm able to learn the latest news from their mouth. I feel it's time to make a decision about it. I can't let go of such an opportunity. In particular, the Hansen campus nowadays has become stingy when it comes to resources.

If I had enough money in my own hands, I could go around auction houses to buy resources. I knew Mr. Jonathan was taking care of me secretly. So there is no way to do things passively. Now, It's a golden opportunity to make money.

A small smile rose on my lips as I made my decision.

Then immediately, I began to look out for bandit groups through my perception. I also marked my previous routes on maps.

If I go back to the location where I found the small wooden house, there is a good opportunity to come across another team.

Time flies in the blink of an eye.

One hour later,

I stroll towards the small wooden house after searching other areas. Suddenly, a few red dots appeared in my perception.

Seeing that, my eyes lit up with surprise. I never thought that I would encounter a bandit team this soon. But the trick here is that none of them were weak. The leader is a mid-trainee warrior, and the other four members are initial-trainee warriors.

It's a strong team. My expression turned solemn. I quickly need to formalise a strategy to counter them. My brain springs into action. I need to make at least two of the bandits immobile before fighting them head on.

Then I quickly thought of a solution. It's a very dangerous option, but I think it's needed now. In my looted collection, there were some sealed herbs that I had collected from other bandit groups.

I don't know the exact name of the herb. But I heard some information from bandits. These specific sealed herbs are the favourite food of insect bugs. If the seal is removed, it will soon attract nearby bugs from the surrounding regions.

I gulped my saliva.

I knew my thoughts were quite insidious. But those bandits were way more cunning than me. I had never seen anyone fighting righteously before. These bandits always use insidious means to kill the warriors.

Like luring opponents to poisonous traps or attracting insects from nearby areas.

So I'm just going to give them a taste of their own medicine.

After making up my mind, I take out the sealed herbs from the storage ring. These bandits are conversing with each other. Once they step inside the wooden house, I will immediately use it.

Time flies,

The bandit leader seems to be tired after talking for about 15 minutes. He quickly entered the room, followed by four other warriors.

"Phew!" I breathed in relief. I almost thought these bandits would spend the entire day talking.

My pupils constrict as I stare at the slidy red box in my hands. I almost forgot about one important thing. I need to make sure not to touch the herb with my bare hands.

Otherwise, it won't be easy to erase the herb scent. Then my eyes fixed on the wooden house. After making sure no one was at the entrance, I swiftly rushed towards the entrance without making a noise.

I also looked at the window to see whether anyone was peeping from inside. Seeing that no one was standing near the window, I swiftly moved. After walking past the entrance gate, I walked up to the door.

But I need to use wooden stairs before reaching the door knob.

Having no other choice, I put the red wooden box on the wooden step slowly. After taking a long breath, I removed the cover swiftly before walking away from the place.

Within minutes, I arrived at the previous spot. My heartbeat rate increased slightly. Fortunately, these bandits were chatting inside. If any of them showed some caution, then it wouldn't be possible to reach the wooden house.

Then I sniffed my palms carefully to see whether there was any scent on them or not.

Time flies in the blink of an eye.

15 minutes later,

I have been using my perception to look out for my surroundings. But so far, there is no sign of insect bugs. I feel that it will be a matter of time before the scent is sniffed by some bugs.

BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ.

Immediately, red clouds appeared in my mind. Yes, it's red clouds, no doubt. It must be a swarm of bugs coming from the north direction. When I patiently waited for insect bugs to come here,

BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ.

"What the f**k?" My heart skips a beat. Suddenly, a new wave of red clouds coming from the east appeared in my mind. Seeing that, I immediately gulped my saliva.

Is this some kind of joke or what? This herb is too OP. It quickly attracted two groups of insect bugs. Now I thought about my own safety for a moment. I realise that, again, I'm relying on Mr. Jonathan's help to save my life.

I felt a little disappointed in myself.

Next time, I should not bring out this deadly herb openly. Instead, I should set up a trap and wait for the bandits.

When the sound became louder, "Creak," one of the bandits, walked out of the house to check the surroundings.

At this time, two separate groups of insects had already arrived above the small wooden house. These insects seem to find the location of the herb.

But the poor guy was standing near the stairs.

Next, I would never forget his reaction in my life. That bandit warrior was horrified by the sight of an army of insect bugs. His expression becomes pale with fright.

Soon, I saw another silhouette walking out of the house. When he spotted the insect bugs, his expression was nothing different from his usual. But unlike the first bandit, he quickly tries to flee.

When he walks down from the staircase, He accidentally stepped on the herb.

Seeing that, my heart skips a beat. This is not at all in my script.

"Hiss": This guy is dead now.

As I expected the two groups of insect bugs begin to act.

BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ.

Hearing that buzzing sound is getting louder. I knew the bugs were completely enraged. Fortunately, these bugs were just regular poisonous bugs. It will take time for their venom to act on the enemy.

If it were a certain deadly kind (carnivore), they would be reduced to bones within a minute.

The fleeing bandit was quickly swallowed up by the army of bugs. The second wave of the bugs quickly dashed to the other warriors.

I got goosebumps all over my body. I knew what it would be like in the aftermath of this. It's impossible to escape from a swarm of bugs.

On top of that, getting stung by all of the deadly bugs. Then the venom will quickly spread all over the bandit's body. It will be a matter of time before he loses his life.

While all this was going on, I heard no sound from the other three warriors, including the bandit leader.

I muttered, "Good guy."

The other three bandits must have noticed the situation. So they didn't walk out of the house, in order not to expose themselves.

But I smiled. All I wanted was to remove at least two warriors from the group. so that I can take care of the other three.

Suddenly, there is a new development.

One part of an army of bugs quickly flew inside the house.

"AAHHHHHHH," someone screamed out loud from the house.

It looks like these insect bugs will take care of everything. I just need to collect their heads in the end. A small smile rose on my face. This method seems deadly and vicious, but it's extremely effective in the end.

I continued to watch the horrific scene in front of me. A peculiar scene caught my attention. None of the insect bugs went forward towards the herbs.

Don't tell me these insect groups will fight against each other in the end? A hint of doubt rose in my heart. But it will help me further to understand these insect bugs.

Those two bandits became completely immobile. After taking care of them, the entire group flew towards the house. My heartbeats rise further.

10 minutes later,

Two clouds of insects flew out of the house and quickly came over to swarm the small herbs. I don't know what happened to the leader. His head value is more important than others. There is no sound of screaming either.

Then I patiently waited for these insect bugs to move away from the spot.

Surprisingly, these bugs didn't fight against each other. After consuming the entire herb, two groups immediately flew away in different directions.

I breathed in relief. I almost thought these things would find me. Fortunately, I didn't let the scent attach to me.

Chapter 356 Coming Of New Warriors

Through perception, I observed that the coast is clear. There are no more red clouds appearing in my mind. I made my way towards the wooden house after confirming it. This time I felt no pressure whatsoever. Because of these bandits lives were hanging by a thread.

Without an antidote, it's impossible to save their lives. While strolling, I held a black sword in my hand. First, I reached that foolish bandit warrior who tried to flee earlier. Seeing his unconscious body, I casually swung my sword at his neck.

PFFF

Blood spilled from the enemy's neck. After killing him, I walked silently towards the other one. Like the previous one, he too felt unconscious due to insect bugs' venom.

PFFF

After another swing, I removed two bandits from the team of five. Now, I need to take a look inside the house.

At this time, I observed my surroundings through perception. There is a faint flickering of a red dot. Seeing that, a small smile rose on my face. It looks easier than I thought.

"Creak," the door opens.

My left hand reached for the door knob to unlock it. Then I slowly stepped inside the house and found two unconscious bodies in front of me. My expression immediately condensed.

The leader of the bandit group is as cunning as I had expected. I knew, from my perception, that the leader was hiding in the next room. I didn't look at the two special trainee bandits in front of me. I plan to take care of the leader before coming back to them.

I gripped my sword tightly and moved slowly towards the nearby room. I find that the red dot is not moving at all. With that confidence, I stepped into the next room.

The next moment, I found the leader of the bandit group staring at me. "This guy is conscious," I muttered to myself. I thought he must have been stung by a swarm of insect bugs.

What is happening? A curiosity rose in my heart. But I noticed the faint flickering of the red dots. Suddenly, I realised something. This guy is clearly poisoned right now. But somehow, he is awake.

On the other hand, the bandit leader's pupils constrict. He had never expected someone to come here at this time.

Earlier, he was fortunate enough to swallow an antidote pill in time. Otherwise, the venom would have spread all over his body.

But right now, looking at the single person in front of him, the bandit leader wrinkled his eyebrows. He knew the person in front of him was not part of the bandits. Upon realising that, he feared others might be waiting outside.

Seeing the panic-stricken face of the bandit leader, I chuckled. These bandits used to instil fear in others. Now that he is facing that himself,

Instead of getting closer to him, I halted my footsteps all of a sudden. If the leader was unconscious, I wouldn't think twice about going near him. But right now, the situation is different.

I raised my black sword at him. Seeing that, the leader immediately said, "Why don't we solve it in a peaceful manner?"

I raised my eyebrows for a moment. Even at death's door, the leader is thinking about ways to save his life. A small smile rose on my face. Next, I concentrated on the sword divide rune in my mind.

When the rune begins to flicker, I begin to pour a huge amount of lightning essence to charge the black sword.

Within seconds, the black blade was flickering with purple light. A small thunder clapping sound can be heard from the blade.

Seeing the scene in front of him, the leader got completely dumbstruck. He widened his mouth in horror. "What the..?" He wasn't able to complete his words.

Because his eyes spotted a huge streak of purple energy dashing towards him. His expression became pale with fright.

BOOM

A deafening sound resonated inside the room.

When the lightning strike landed a hit on the bandit leader, he crashed into the wooden wall.

Due to impact, the wooden wall broke into pieces and fell on his body. Then I wasted no time in ending his life.

After collecting the decapitated head in my storage bracelet. I dragged his body to the outside.

Next, I killed the other two unconscious bandits. After collecting their heads, I used the same methods to dispose of the corpses. It may seem unsightly, but it's necessary for me to do this.

Then I turned towards the wooden house. which is damaged right now. I wonder whether other bandits will notice something or not.

After clearing my mind, I begin to search for the next target.

Time flies in the blink of an eye.

Two days later,

I stayed quiet at night and continued to kill weaker bandit groups at day time. From time to time, I also noticed the appearance of bandit hunting warriors in the inner area.

But I never came forward to greet them. At this point, it's best to have less contact with strangers. Especially after the recent mission notice. It won't be surprising for the bandit hunting teams to fight against each other so soon.

It's easier for them to loot each other items than to fight against strong bandit groups.

For the past two days, I only came across three weaker teams. I had also encountered some Peak-Trainee bandits, but acted swiftly to hide away from them.

The inner area of the insect forest is turning more and more dangerous as Peak-Trainee bandits are also coming out of their hideout. I figured it out. It must be due to the recent mission notice.

The bandit boss perhaps decided to send out Peak-Trainee bandits in his command to send a strong message to others. I'm not confident enough to face off against Peak-Trainee bandits yet.

To replenish my lightning essence, I cultivate at night using the lightning pearl. Without such a treasure, it's impossible for me to use lightning to move against the enemy.

Fighting against the cunning enemy head on is the last thing I want to do. After figuring out their means, I controlled my impulse to use the blood cultivation method.

Only after turning the opponent half dead, I did use my body strength to smash the opponent to death.

While this was going on, the city lord's notice had spread like wildfire to various cities. The reporters and the streamers continue to show the events of the iron post city.

On the second day after the release of the new mission notice, a new wave of warriors touched the land of Iron Post City.

Everyone came to know about the staggering count difference between the bandits and the city warriors (aka bandit hunting warriors).

And the City Lord Mansion never denied anyone from registering for a bandit hunting mission.

At the same time, upon realising the seriousness of the new developments, Mateo Roth was ordered to call back the teams under his command.

Before the new mission notice, the teams under his command had suffered enough from the hands of bandits.

Since, the new wave of warriors is coming. He doesn't want the teams under his command to suffer anymore.

He also spoke with the other four leaders to end their cooperation. It's not wise to stick to the reason for the black fist team's annihilation. Because before them, there is other challenges.

The other four leaders were also happy to end their cooperation. Even Morgan had a small smile on his face. Before, he wanted to discuss it with his team. But who would have thought his wish was granted by Mateo Roth?

Except, Fire Sword Team. The four other teams venture into the inner area of the insect forest. Like Morgan, everyone had decided to kill as many bandit leaders as possible to get reward money.

Only Mateo Roth remained indifferent after calling back the teams under his command. He shifted back to the luxurious hotel in Iron Post City. He also lost interest in his family tasks.

Mateo decided it was best for him to return to his family after seeing the bandit boss and city lord begin to awaken. His family elders had told him to wait. But Mateo doesn't know how long it will take for the situation to worsen.

So instead of worrying about the outside turmoil, Mateo simply stayed inside his hotel room. He had numerous resources in his hands to cultivate quietly in the room.

As their leader made his decision, Carla Gill and others in his team also chose to follow him. They too stopped caring about the outside disturbance.

The Fire Sword Team's inaction was quickly noticed by a few people. In particular, spies sent by the EastWood Company. The spies immediately sent the information back to the old man, Tucker Nelson.

Apart from Mateo Roth, Tucker Nelson is the second person in the city who is pissed off by the recent developments. He had holed out his wallet to collect information from the City Lord Mansion.

After spending so much money, he had failed to find clues about the Black Fist team's destruction. On top of that, he had never expected the situation to worsen for the Fire Sword Team.

The clashes that happened between bandits and Mateo Roth's other teams totally caught him off guard.

Chapter 357 Fighting Against The Peak Trainee Bandit

(From MC's Perspective)

When I found out the Peak Trainee bandits were making their move the next day, I opted to flee to the borders. Where I previously encountered the plant monster.

Certainly, these bandits will not allow others to move into their territory. Rather, they will move to the borders to eliminate the incoming City Warriors' teams.

I expect conflicts to erupt across the outside area in a few days. So there's no need for me to stay in the inner area anymore. So far, I've already put my newfound strength to the test.

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I knew it wasn't safe to stay in the inner area anymore after the last few events. The most surprising factor in the inner area is the abrupt appearance of insect bugs.

You never know when they will emerge in your path. I continued my journey towards the border after clearing my mind.

After an hour, I noticed a few red spots in my mind. Then I came to a standstill and studied the scene carefully.

CLANG, CLANG, CLANG.

The metallic sound echoes across the area. These lush green forests and dense bushes give me good cover from my enemies.

I waited for the red dots to fade away. I can confirm that none of them were in good enough shape to fight.

Half an hour later, the fight is over. There was no sound of clashing. With the exception of one bright red dot, they all turned gray. With that, I can confirm that, with the exception of one warrior, all of them were dead. He can seize the rest of their loot without hesitation right now.

Looking at all of this made me smile a little. Unfortunately for him. I'm going to put a stop to his dream. Then I boldly emerged from the bushes and approached the warrior.

But as I look at the person's level, my pupil suddenly constricts. My smile had vanished from my face.

I mumbled, "Peak Trainee Bandit." There were heaped up corpses all over the place as I saw the aftermath of the attack. Looking at their situation, I realized he had slain both city warriors and bandits. The scattered boulders on the ground are proof of this.

Peak Trainee Warrior is difficult to eliminate. Furthermore, this bandit has an earth element. As a result, his defense will be excellent. It's no surprise that others were crushed to death.

SIGH

This is going to be a tough battle.

My expression tightened as the bandit warrior approached. I realized at that instant that I had encountered one of those bandit maniacs that even kill and plunder their own team.

Without further thought, I focused on the blood cultivation method. At the proper time, I'll deploy the lightning technique as a sneak attack. Meanwhile, I must deal with him solely via my physical power.

The bandit warrior, on the other hand, raised his brows in amazement. He mistook Zack for a member of the City Warriors.

On one side of his face, he had a long scar. When the bandit looked at Zack, he revealed a cruel smile.

He tightened his fist in rage, feeling that one rat had almost slipped through his grasp. Then a cruel glare appears in his eyes. He didn't even consider why the other party had decided to appear now.

Because there was little space between them, the bandit sprinted towards the opponent.

When I recited the blood method, changes began to occur at the same time. My body seems to be filled with unidentified energy. I recognized it as the result of the mind's red ink bone.

When I saw the bandit approaching, I raised my fist to attack him. His eyes light up with surprise as he watches me raise my fist at him.

However, it simply made matters worse. That guy is raging at me like a furious bull. He raised his fist in response to my threat.

BOOM! Happened when our fists collided. A loud noise echoed throughout the region.

I took a few steps backward as a result of the impact. But the bandit remained in the same spot like a statue. My hand is trembling as a result of the blow. "Damn," I said. My fists felt like they had hit with unyielding rock.

The bandit's body is no laughing matter. I need to be more cautious.

The bandit, on the other hand, was perplexed. He had no idea what had occurred. He seemed surprised at the last rat. "His comrades had not withstood my single punch. But who is this guy?" He thought to himself.

Various ideas cross his mind. Bandits start to think more seriously. Was he truly terrified?

In the previous attack, the bandit had used all of his strength.

The fact that he escaped unhurt from his punch demonstrates that the enemy is not easy. Anger caused the bandit's eyes to turn red. He had previously considered fleeing this location after killing and plundering everyone.

However, someone has disrupted his plan. He couldn't process it. The bandit decided to finish the opponent fast before anyone else arrived because of the commotion.

It took me a few seconds to stabilize my hands at the same time. Even after using the blood power, I couldn't see much of a change.

This demonstrates that engaging the Peak Trainee Warrior in close combat is challenging at my level. As I already stated, I must devise an effective plan.

I pull my black blade from the storage ring. I want to use the sword on him since my hand is trembling from the collision.

I had an unexpected thought. I thought an explosive artifact might be useful at this time.

I ran towards him using the lightning phantom technique while the bandit looked at me with a scrutinizing stare.

My legs' quick rush of purple energy astonished him. I took advantage of the situation and moved quickly towards him.

The bandit, on the other hand, suspected something was wrong. He made the decision to deploy the earth element against the enemies. He no longer wants to make fists move against his opponent.

The bandit noticed the opponent wielding a blade. As a result, he immediately directed the nearby earth elements to build armor around his body.

A black sword slashed into the chest region as the earth armor wrapped around the body.

"Clang," a clashing sound reverberates throughout the region.

At the same time, I was deterred. I strengthened my grasp and attempted to insert the blade's point deep into the opponent's armor.

But the bandit quickly realized what I was up to and leapt backward to make some room.

I will become a suitable target for the opponent if I stop moving. I'm not going to let him utilize his earth element technique against me.

I utilized the lightning phantom approach once more to get closer. I moved erratically rather than in a straight line. The bandit attempted to find me. I knew the earth element warrior's weakness was speed.

I took out the explosive artifact after reaching his blind area. I'll activate this item when I move closer to him. At the same time, the robber placed several rocks on the ground to slow down the opponent.

I jumped over all those boulders to get to him. I reached behind his back this time and placed several explosive artifacts around his feet.

I appeared in front of him and made a horizontal cut before he realized it. Seeing that bandit exposes a cunning smile. He mistook the opponent's next move for the previous one.

The bandit is self-assured in his earth armor. As a result, he dismissed the sword attack. I laughed inside my heart when I saw the bandit's smile. This sword motion is really a deception.

A clanging sound could be heard across the region.

This time, like the last, my black blade is greeted with fierce defense. I couldn't even scratch the surface of the Peak Trainee's armor.

After such a setback, I retreated utilizing the lightning technique.

"Ha... Ha... Ha..." exclaimed the bandit.

"You can't kill me because my armor is powerful," he said.

But, once again, he was irritated. He was forced to employ his defensive maneuver. The bandit roared, his pulse pounding with hatred. He can't wait for his opponent to exhaust his essence.

He detects something odd about his opponent. The opponent is always moving at breakneck speed. However, the bandit believes that the purple light is not caused by the wind element.

The bandit's chest tightens unexpectedly. The purple streak flew at him before he could recognize it. When he realized this, he immediately reinforced the armor by pouring earth essence into it.

Surprisingly, the purple streak had nothing to do with him. It landed right at his feet.

BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM

Several loud roars reverberate throughout the region. The explosion of the purple streak set off nearby explosive artifacts. All of the explosive artifacts exploded one by one within seconds.

Chapter 358 Four Strong Team's Decision

When the aftermath was settled, I witnessed the deep pit in front of me. And the body of the bandit is nowhere to be seen. Then I quickly walked up to the deep pit to check.

This time I placed numerous explosive artifacts without thinking. After reaching the deep pit, I saw the burnt body of the bandit.

He is completely disfigured. There is no sign of vitality coming from his body.

Seeing that, a small smile rose on my lips, I paid a small price to reap his life.

It is satisfactory. I knew from the beginning that it was impossible to get a win from a straight fight. At my current level, without employing some means, it's impossible to counter peak trainee bandits.

Then I removed his head and put it inside my storage ring. I also placed all the loot inside my storage ring. I will look into it after finding some quiet place.

After taking a look at the surroundings once again, I made my way towards the outer area.

I didn't follow the route used by bandits. I'm again making my way by clearing out all the vegetation again.

If I follow the old route, it's quite possible to encounter both city warriors and bandits.

The last thing I want to do is to put myself into such a desperate situation.

After clearing my mind, I continued to move forward slowly and steadily.

Time flies in the blink of an eye.

While I was resting on the branch of the tree. A few red dots appeared in my mind. I wasn't surprised anymore. Because it's normal to encounter people as I'm getting closer to the outer area.

Instead of getting out to see, I decided to wait and watch the fun. The team of five is coming in my direction. Watching this, a small smile rose on my lips. They made my life easy by creating this narrow path.

If I follow the route, I will soon reach the outer area. Next, I observed their strength. The warrior coming at the front has the strength of an initial trainee warrior, and the rest of the members were special trainee warriors.

Soon this team came closer towards the path which I had cleared out to come here.

Seeing that, the leader quickly becomes vigilant. He ordered the rest of the members to check out the surroundings.

Seeing that, I chuckled. Normally, I wouldn't greet city warriors in this insect forest. But these fellows literally saved a lot of time for me. It doesn't hurt me to warn them about what's coming next.

Maybe it will save their lives.

After making up my mind, I jumped from the branch and landed on the ground. My appearance startled him. He quickly asked, "Who are you?"

I replied in a solemn tone, "I'm just a city warrior like you."

The leader was taken back. Seeing that, I added further, "I advise your team to proceed with caution; your team's strength is not enough to survive the harsh conditions of the inner area."

The leader looked at me from top to bottom. I don't know what he is thinking. But I'm confident that he didn't buy my words. In particular, he had a knowing smile on his face.

At this time, the rest of his team members also came back. Everyone looked at me with a strange gaze. Suddenly, the leader uttered something which completely stupefied me.

"Hey, bandit. I heard you guys trick others by using cheap tactics like this. Do you think I will fall for your words?" The leader said, with a smile.

When he uttered those words, the rest of the members drew their weapons to fight.

I mumbled under my breath, "Fools."

But at the same time, I understand his reasoning. I came from an inner-area without any team members. So, it's normal for him to misunderstand me as a bandit.

SIGH

If I continue to say something, it will only make things worse. After gaining some clarity, I commented, "It's up to you whether you believe it or not. I'm off now."

After saying that, I walked towards the path that they had come from.

The leader was taken back. He had expected something else. But the bandit went past them without alerting anyone. For a moment, he hesitated to make a move.

At this time, one of the team members opened his mouth to say, "It's impossible for someone to venture into the inner area alone except bandits. So don't fall for his words."

Hearing that, the leader suddenly realized something. He completely believed his team member's words.

Seeing the disappearing back of the bandit, he quickly shouted, "Wait."

The leader was alarmed. He wants to take care of the bandit before he tips off others.

On the other hand, when I heard the bandit's shout, I immediately used the lightning phantom technique to disappear from the spot.

When the leader came with his team, he found no one on the spot. "Damn, he is gone," the leader grumbled. Then he quickly decided to leave before the bandit arrived with others.

At the same time, I observed the whole situation from a little distance. I don't know whether to laugh or cry. I went out to help them, but these guys mistook me for a bandit.

Then I decided not to make the same mistake anymore. After gaining some clarity, I followed their path. These guys made a clear route to come here. Seeing that, a hint of appreciation rose in my heart.

I also noticed none of them had any serious injuries. All of them seemed fine. A quick glint flashes in my eyes. I uttered, "Lucky ba***rds!"

I recalled what I had gone through to reach this place. It looks like they had not even come across any insect bugs. I can't imagine their reaction when they encounter carnivore bugs.

I can't count how many city warriors and bandits have become food for these bugs. One good thing coming out of the inner area is escaping from these carnivore bugs.

Now I only need to worry about those bandits. I continued to move towards the destination while keeping an eye on my surroundings.

Time flies in a blink of an eye,

My journey is going a little smoother than expected. But even after walking along this path, I didn't come across any other team.

I want to see which part of the outer area this path leads to. Even in the outer areas, there are some dangerous places similar to the inner areas.

Before coming here, I simply avoided those places. Then, dispelling these thoughts, I continued to walk along this path.

Alternatively,

The four strong teams quickly got separated after entering the outer area.

Each of them had the own path to follow.

Like an experienced team, the four teams quickly avoided all the dangerous areas. Each team had their own customized map of these insect forests.

Time flies in a blink of an eye,

After experiencing their own fair share of battles, the four teams reached the border area. So far, none of the team has encountered Peak Trainee bandits.

The first one to enter the inner area is the igneous earth team. Morgan Buck and his team members were lucky enough to escape from grievous injuries.

His team members were completely fine compared to the other three teams. Before coming here, he had a tacit understanding with the other three leaders.

Everyone wants to make money separately, especially Morgan. He didn't let go of any opportunity to find the whereabouts of bandits.

From the information he had gathered so far, The Peak Trainee bandits were coming out of their hideout. It will be a matter of time before his team encounters those Peak Trainee level bandits.

Morgan's expression couldn't help but condense with this piece of information. He is not arrogant enough to fight against the Peak Trainee bandits.

He made up his mind to flee whenever they came across such strong bandits. Furthermore, he came here to make money, not to lose his life.

Soon, the igneous earth team came across their first wave of bandit warriors in the inner area.

This simple bandit team, made of three Initial Trainees and two Special Trainee bandits, got completely crushed by the igneous earth team. The fight didn't take more than a few hours to finish.

After collecting their heads, the igneous earth team continued their journey. The same thing happened with the other three teams. They made their way through the insect forest easily.

So far, none of them have encountered any setbacks.

Alternatively,

While this was going on, the city wall's gate was swarmed up by the new wave of warriors. The city guards were finding themselves in quite a tough spot. The manpower is not enough to handle the crowd.

It is taking a long time to verify the background of the warriors. There is no sign of a decreasing crowd. This situation is streamed and reported by various people.

The remaining common folks residing in the city felt somewhat relief. For them, more warrior means more safety. Only with this kind of force, it is possible to eliminate all bandits.

Chapter 359 New Situation

Roth family,

Elder Brody Roth is completely dumbfounded by the recent news. He didn't like the events happening at Iron Post City. In particular, the news he is getting one after another about insects in the forest makes him perplexed.

Earlier, as per the family head's orders He tried to see what was happening out there. Unfortunately, he lost all means of contact with bandit boss Soren. If he wants to see him, he has no choice but to visit him in person.

SIGH

Elder Brody let out a deep sigh. He doesn't want his Roth family to get dragged into this mess. After gaining some clarity, "Looks like I need to go to the insect forest," he muttered to himself.

If the bandit boss's identity is exposed to the public, then they will face serious repercussions.

After seeing the city lord's move, he feels it is more necessary to meet bandit boss Soren in person.

Elder Brody decided to let the family head know about his decision. Then he will leave the family in a few days.

Alternatively,

City Lord Mansion-Iron Post City,

The City Lord is yet to recover from his injuries. He has been monitoring the situation through his manager. Earlier, when he heard that the city was being deserted He didn't know what to do.

As a city lord, he can exercise a lot of power to solve the current situation, but due to some personal problems, he is unwilling to request any help from his superior.

So, in order to stop the migration, he came up with a plan to attract nearby city warriors. He thought at least it could give him a few weeks' time.

But who thought that the current situation would worsen more than expected? He had no clue how Soren had managed to get so many Peak Trainee Warriors under his command.

The numbers that he had heard from his manager were astonishing. It's not anywhere lower than that of some small-scale organisations.

Even in some medium-range forces, such numbers of peak trainee warriors are hard to see. But here is where Soren was able to gather so many warriors.

For a moment, the atmosphere around his room turned pin-drop silent. He needs some time to think of a plan. He can't let this atrocity continue.

As a City Lord, he needs to do his job, otherwise he can't even escape the punishment. He doesn't want to end up behind bars after having such a stupendous career.

BUZZ

When he was contemplating, suddenly his communication watch lit up with a notification. Looking at the contact name, his expression became pale with fright.

He knew if he attended the call, he was goner. His superior is calling him right now. Maybe the situation in the iron post city has already reached his ears.

The city lord had thought his superior wouldn't mind the situation of a mere Tier-8 city. But it looks like it's not. As his communication watch continues to buzz, his expression becomes unsightly.

Finally, the buzzing sound died down after 10 minutes.

A small drop of sweat begins to drop from his forehead. The city lord took his handkerchief to wipe out the sweat. For a moment, his mind went blank.

He now realised he had lost his time. Even if he tries to mend things now, it's useless. His superior had already taken note of this city.

"Getting my revenge is going to be difficult now," he muttered to himself.

If he didn't answer the phone call, it would be a matter of time before his superior sent his men to oversee the city.

Should I attend the call or not? Either way, he is going to suffer. Then suddenly, he made up his mind to attend the call. He can't delay it anymore.

When the call was connected, he heard a deep voice, "Are you alive?"

Hearing that, the City Lord's heart skips a beat. He was very familiar with this voice. He hasn't had the courage to say it in a long time.

He replied, "Mr. Anderson, I'm recovering from an injury."

There was sudden pause for a moment.

Mr. Anderson asked, "How long will it take? You have been using this same excuse for so long. " There is a hint of mocking in his tone.

The City Lord didn't know whether to laugh or cry. But he knows he will have to face lots of trouble later if he lied to him now.

"My foundation was hurt during the last fight. It will take a year to recover completely," he said.

The City Lord's mind is occupied with lots of thoughts. His superior is up to something. But he doesn't know what it is.

Then Mr. Anderson said something that finally shocked him to the core.

"Someone will take care of that bandit for you. So you don't need to exert yourself. All you have to do now is to govern the city properly, "Mr. Anderson commented.

The City Lord had actually expected the worst to happen. But now he is hearing good news all of a sudden. He couldn't help but ask, "Why?"

"Ha.... Ha... Ha..." , Anderson laughed heartily.

The City Lord was dumbfounded. He couldn't make any heads or tails out of this conversation. Earlier, he was even afraid to answer the phone after seeing his name.

At the same time, Anderson stopped laughing and replied, "Count your luck, stars." That's all I can say. "

Then he suddenly thought of something. Recalling that, he added further, "And one more thing, be ready to handle the aftermath."

Anderson didn't close the information directly. He only spoke about what he had to do now.

Then they talked about a few other things before ending the call.

The City Lord directly collapsed onto the bed. He couldn't believe what he had just heard now. The conversation itself feels surreal. He thought his career was going to be over.

A small smile blossomed on his face. He feels some regret that he is not going to get revenge on his own hands.

SIGH

He somewhat understood why his superior let him go. It must be someone else who must have talked to him. Otherwise, he wouldn't be this jubilant.

Soren is an Elite Warrior. Even officials think twice before taking action against him. If not for his own personal reasons, he wouldn't have volunteered to be the City Lord of Iron Post City.

He doubts anyone else would have been ready for the post. For this sole reason, his superior, Anderson, didn't poke into the internal affairs of Iron Post City for so long.

Now that the situation has been solved somehow, He couldn't help but feel a huge weight had been lifted off his shoulder. Like his superior had advised, he can now focus on governing the city.

Alternatively,

After ending the call with the City Lord, Mr. Anderson immediately dialled another esteemed person.

The other esteemed person is none other than Mr. Jonathan.

When the call was connected, Mr. Jonathan asked, "What happened?"

Hearing that, Anderson let out a small laugh before replying, "Mr. Jonathan, you don't have to worry." I spoke with the City Lord. He won't interfere in the matters of the culprit Soren anymore. "

Anderson is speaking with a very humble tone. His way of conversing has totally changed in comparison with the last conversation.

A quick glint flashes in Mr. Jonathan's eyes.

He is extremely pleased with the news. Then they talked about other things before ending their call.

Right now, Mr. Jonathan is secretly acting as guardian for Zack Lockwood. So far, he is extremely satisfied with Zack's performance.

Zack has now entered the outer area to kill other bandits.

Mr. Jonathan recalled the past few days' events. What impressed him the most about Zack? His knack for avoiding evil

Mr. Jonathan doesn't know how to describe it. But he feels it has a lot to do with Zack's instincts.

At the same time, Mr. Jonathan was also aware of the events happening at the iron post city. Apart from protecting Zack, Mr. Jonathan went to gather information from time to time.

He knew the situation was starting to deteriorate. If this goes on, the city won't be safe for the people. Not only for Zack, but also for the good of the people. Mr. Jonathan decided to help.

He had already informed his master of the situation. and in response, his master had given the green signal.

It will be a matter of time before the bandit boss, Soren, comes out. So Mr. Jonathan took his time contacting Anderson about this. Now that the trouble on the city lord's side is solved,

He can take action at any time he wants. Then Mr. Jonathan set his eyes on Zack. He knew Zack is hell bent on gathering wealth. He has personally seen his method of looting.

Recalling that he doesn't know whether to laugh or cry about it. Shaking his head, he decided to contact Zack right now. Once Zack walked out of the insect forest, he will take action right away.

Then suddenly Mr. Jonathan notices the new situation. Zack is going to involve in another fight now.

Chapter 360 Morgan Buck's Bad Luck

(From MC's Perspective)

Mr. Jonathan made up his mind to confront the bandit boss, Soren. Before doing that, he waited for Zack to finish his fight. Right now, Zack is fighting against the new team of bandits.

Time Progresses,

CLANG

As time went on, Zack began to overwhelm others. Soon he eliminated the weakest link of them all. followed by the next strongest warriors.

One by one, he begins to eliminate others, finally gaining victory by defeating the leader, a Mid-Trainee Warrior.

When he finished collecting their heads and loot, he saw another figure appear in front of me.

"Mr. Jonathan!" I exclaimed in surprise.

I never expected him to appear in front of me all of a sudden. I saw him sizing me up from top to bottom.

Mr. Jonathan said, "Zack, I'm totally impressed by your performance." In particular, your survival skills are top notch; I have updated the report about your improvement back to master. I'm sure he is very much pleased with you. "

Finally, I let go of my hanging heart.

Hearing his appreciation, it swept away all of my worries. I don't need to be wary about my actions any more.

But his next words completely stunned me.

"Well, I want you to end your training session right now and go back to the Red Stone City," Mr. Jonathan stated in a solemn tone.

On the other hand, I felt I heard something wrong. I blurted out words in confusion, "Come again,"

Hearing that, a small smile rose on Mr. Jonathan's face. Then he said, without hiding anything, "Zack, I'm going to take action against the bandit boss. I have already got clearance for this. So this place won't be safe anymore."

He added, "I want you to leave the city. In this way, I can focus on dealing with the aftermath without worrying about you anymore. "

It took me some time to digest his words. I knew there was going to be a clash between the bandit boss and the city lord. But I hadn't expected such a day to come sooner.

A hint of appreciation rose in my heart after hearing his words. I guess he didn't plan it earlier. It's because of me that he came to know about Iron Post City.

Recalling the past events, my expression turned a bit solemn. Then I said, "Mr. Jonathan, I have to say, it's very kind of you to lend your helping hands to others."

Hearing that, Mr. Jonathan simply shakes his head in denial. Then he asked, "So, what's your decision?"

I looked at him before pondering for a moment. Summarizing my experience in this insect forest, it's very gratifying. I used a very calculative approach to deal with danger.

Thanks to perception, which has saved my life a number of times.

Right now, under Peak Trainee Warrior, I can beat everyone. When it comes to Peak Trainee Warrior, it's impossible for me to contend against them at my current level.

After calculating all those things, I made my decision. Unless I get an immediate breakthrough, my experience won't change that much.

So it's better to listen to him and leave this place now. Later, I'll ask him about monster zones for further training.

Then, looking at Mr. Jonathan, I replied, "Well, I'm ready to leave this place now."

Mr. Jonathan nodded and said, "You've got plenty of time on your hands. As long as you get a breakthrough before the competition, it's fine. So, don't rush yourself now. "

In response, I simply nodded.

Next Second,

WHIZZZ

I felt my head spinning for a moment. Due to dizziness, I lost track of time and direction. A few minutes later, my feet landed on the ground near the exit of the insect forest.

It took me some seconds to stabilise my body. Then I looked around to find Mr. Jonathan. But he is nowhere to be seen. I realised he must have gone after dropping me.

"What a terrible flight ability!" A gleam flashes in my eyes. This shows just a fraction of his terrible power. Earlier, I was somewhat worried about the situation. In particular, the bandit boss is a person who had previously injured the city lord.

But after knowing the means of Mr. Jonathan, my worries were swept away.

So it will be a matter of time before the good news reaches everyone.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

I need to collect the rewards before leaving the city. "The City Lord Mansion, here I come," I muttered to myself.

Then my eyes focused on the narrow path that leads to the exit. Without further ado, I walked down the path.

Alternatively,

CLANG, CLANG, CLANG.

"Damn it!"

"How come there are so many trainee warriors in this little area?" Morgan Buck screamed out loud.

After coming across the first wave of the bandits, the igneous earth team effortlessly gained their victory.

Yet they soon came across another team of bandits. After a long and fierce fight, the igneous earth team emerged victorious.

But as time goes on, they begin to encounter the bandit teams very frequently. It was at this moment that the leader, Morgan Buck, felt something was wrong.

He knew the health condition of his team. The injuries begin to worsen due to the continuous fight. Even for small injuries, it takes some time to recover.

Morgan made a hasty decision to enter the inner area now that he was aware. It feels good as long as they win.

But it can't be the same in the future. Who knows? If his team comes across two bandit groups at the same time, it will be horrifying.

After understanding the seriousness of this situation, Morgan made the decision to retreat.

Soon, the igneous earth team retreated back to the safe place. After finding some sort of resting spot, they all begin to recuperate.

Morgan Buck tried to contact his friend Caleb. In the inner areas, it's difficult to establish good connections. After trying it out many times, Morgan gave up and chose to hatch his plan.

He decided to keep an eye on things from the outskirts. It will give them ample time to prepare for the next fight.

BUZZ

When everyone was recuperating under the shade tree, the sudden buzzing sound alarmed everyone.

When Morgan got up from the ground, he had a bad premonition about this. Even if it's a normal poisonous bug, in their situation it could become even more deadly.

They have yet to recover from their injuries. Injection of slight venom at this point may lead to their death.

Then Morgan quickly thought of something. He takes out the bug repellent power from his storage ring. He hoped that whatever was coming would be repelled by this powder.

Morgan then begins to spread bug repellent power around them. While they were doing it, the buzzing sound continued to increase.

Morgan knew it would be a matter of time before the swarm of bugs reached here. His teammates' expressions become pale with fright.

Soon the dark black clouds will fly above them. Morgan's pupil constricts before his expression turns into complete horror.

"Carnivore bugs," his team members exclaimed in horror.

For a moment, Morgan's mind went blank.

He had heard about the bugs. But this is the first time he has come across such a deadly bug.

The black clouds didn't go past them. Instead, the clouds came to a complete halt. Seeing that, Morgan began to lose strength in his leg.

His senses screamed at him to run away from this place as soon as possible. Morgan knew he couldn't waste time any more.

So he used the last ounce of his strength to scream at his team members, "Quickly, follow me!" His teammates broke up from fear and immediately chose to run behind him.

At the same time, watch the movements of prey. The black clouds are beginning to act. The swarm of carnivore bugs quickly arrived at the first warrior at a breakneck speed.

The warrior was immediately swallowed by the sea of carnivore bugs. This scene caused terror to other ignoble team members. They quickly increase their speed to escape. None of them want to look back at the situation of fallen team members.

Other team members who knew enough about carnivore bugs knew their teammates had no chance of survival.

Morgan Buck is quickly dashing towards the narrow path. He is literally fleeing for his life. which he almost forgot that his teammates were behind him.

In the blink of an eye, the first warrior was reduced to bones. The black clouds of bugs quickly chase after the next target.

AAAHHHH

An agonising scream resonated throughout the area. His scream sent chills down everyone's spine.

Morgan Buck cursed at his bad luck. First it was a continuous wave of bandits. Now, it's clouds of carnivorous bugs.

At this moment, his eyes caught on a safe spot. In Front of him, there is a shade tree, which has a wide hollow space in its trunk.

Seeing that, Morgan's eyes gleamed with surprise. "Finally, there is some hope," he mumbled under his breath.

Then, without thinking further, he quickly dashed toward the tree. After arriving at the tree, he hid in the hollowed space to escape from the swarm of carnivore bugs.