

Bloodline 411

Chapter 411 - Devastating End

[Sprint + Dash]

The instant he reached out and took a step forward, the place vibrated.

He grabbed onto Deitrick's head and raised his body high before slamming it into the ground and dashing forward.

Bang! Krrrhyyrrrrhhh!

The ground was being split open as Gustav ran across the place while burying Deitrick's head in the ground.

He reached a part of the ring and leaped upwards.

He arrived at over five hundred feet in the air while still holding onto Deitrick's body.

As he reached the limit in the air and started free falling, he held Deitrick's head and pointed it downwards as they fell.

Bang!

He brutally slammed his body into the ground creating a three feet deep crater.

Dust and debris scattered across the place, reducing the visibility of the environment around the battle ring.

The spectators couldn't see through the dust and debris. They were curious since they couldn't hear any more sounds.

After a few seconds, the dust covering everywhere began to reduce.

They noticed a silhouette walking out of the dust-filled area, and as expected, it was Gustav.

He was currently moving towards the other end of the battle ring.

The dome covering the ring had been deactivated.

When the dust cleared completely, everyone could see Deitrick's unconscious body buried at the bottom of the three feet deep craters.

His body was covered in bloodstains, and his mouth was wide open with only a few visible teeth and many gaps left.

Deitrick was actually very suave and handsome-looking, but at the moment, no one was able to trace his current look to his initial look.

He also happened to be quite popular among the cadets due to his high ranking and magnanimous behavior.

They had expected that he would be defeated but not in this particularly disgraceful manner.

However, when they thought about it, they realised that every cadet Gustav had fought today was defeated in the most brutal and disgraceful manner.

Gustav was the type that wouldn't stop until he was sure he had totally destroyed whatever was standing in his way. His determination to utterly crush his opponents made his battles brutal. Even after his attacks had caused a lot of damage, he would still continue until he was sure that whatever he was battling with would stay down, leaving it or them in a state of inability to battle.

If this was a real-life scenario, everyone could tell that Deitrick and the others would be dead by now.

Gustav arrived in his seat later on. He made use of atomic disintegration to remove the bloodstains on his hands and some parts of his body.

Of course, the medical team had started treating Deitrick, who happened to have the most serious injuries among all the cadets Gustav had battled today.

Because Gustav took a lot of time fighting Deitrick because other battles had already ended.

Aldris also won his duel as expected and didn't take as much time as the others.

Everyone that fought Aldris today realised that the power of their attacks reduced in his presence. None of them knew exactly what his bloodline ability was. Still, the reduction in power of their attacks was something they realised.

He still didn't open his eyes when fighting anyone. His attacks were usually gentle and less brutal like that of Gustav. However, they always packed quite the punch.

The last opponent he battled was laid out in three hits.

Minutes later, Falco also had his last duel. As expected, his alter ego totally ended the battle in a short duration.

Since this was literally the last bout and some cadets had already fought their last duel for the day, the event was slowly ending.

However, Elevora still hadn't had her duel yet.

Among all the other duels with the special class cadets, asides Gustav, Falco and Chad were also quite brutal to their opponents, soliciting fear in many of the normal cadets' minds.

Chad didn't even activate his bloodline throughout the battles. He defeated his opponents quite easily.

Right now, he had just left the battle ring after the last opponent failed to show up.

Gustav was particularly focused on this turn because Angy was battling a tricky opponent.

This normal cadet was able to turn any part of the ground into an explosive.

Angy had been speeding all across the battle ring for a while now because wherever she stepped on was like a landmine and would instantly explode.

So the moment she stopped running and stood in one spot...

Kaboom!

The force of the explosion would blast her across the place.

What made things even tougher was the fact that this particular cadet could also phase into the ground, so he was currently hiding underneath the ground of the battle ring, which made it harder for Angy to get to him.

He could also change spots while being under the ground, so Angy wanted to be sure of the spot he was in, particularly before making her move.

Booom! Boom! Boom!

Three more explosions occurred within the battle ring as Angy dashed in a zig-zag manner across the place.

Her fast silver-like figure dashed straight right out of the explosions unscathed.

Swwwwhoooooshh!

Even though the explosion was fast, it was only happening in slow motion in Angy's line of sight.

'The pattern of the explosion... Sometimes when I change locations from end to end, it takes time for them to start blasting again,' Angy noticed and dashed towards the far west of the battle ring.

She arrived at around two thousand feet away from her location, and just as she had noted, the explosion didn't happen for the next three and a half seconds before it started blasting out again.

She would purposely slow down her speed and go faster again. All this was so she could confirm her theory.

'Whenever the explosions doesn't happen the instant I change locations leaving a distance of over a thousand feet behind, it means he is within that vicinity and will be affected by the explosion,' Angy thought as she dashed in a zig-zag format across the place once again.

Chapter 412 - Powerful Incineration

Her third horn suddenly grew from her head as her speed increased exponentially.

Fwwwoommssh!

Her speed was causing air splits across the place.

Whitish energy gathered around her body in a circular format as she moved across the place.

The cadets spectating had widened eyes as they noticed her speed and wondered what the whitish energy gathering around her was.

As she arrived at the southeastern side of the ring where the edge was, she prepared herself to dash towards the far north side of the ring.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The explosions were still happening around her here, 'He should be somewhere around there right now,' She assumed as she dashed forward with speed.

Zhooommm!

Still carrying the circular mass of whitish energy surrounding her as she moved, Angy arrived at the far northern side of the ring.

The instant she noticed the explosion delayed for one second, she released the whitish energy gathered around her figure.

Thhhwwiiihhhhh! Shhrrroouummm!

It was like an epitome of destruction as the whitish energy spread across the place, destroying the entire vicinity around her.

The grounds were split open and disintegrated as the whitish energy touched them.

"Kiiiiaarrhhhhh!"

There was a loud scream in the vicinity a moment later as the body of a person was sent flying outwards.

The whitish energy covered the entirety of the battle ring before it disappeared.

The body that flew outwards earlier had slammed into the barrier, and the person had fallen unconscious.

Angy stood in place as she opened her eyes and looked around.

Where she was currently standing was the only place in the entire battle ring that was still intact.

It was practically like an extended pole at the moment since the rest of the vicinity had been leveled by over seven feet.

Everything around her had caved in, 'It has gotten more powerful?' Even Angy was surprised at the strength of this move because, formerly, it wasn't this strong.

The cadets in the vicinity had wide-open mouths. Most of them had no idea that she could do this. They thought she was just a mixedblood with superspeed.

The cadet she was battling with was laid out on the floor several thousand feet away, naked.

His uniform, along with the protective vest he wore underneath, had been completely incinerated, and he was covered in injury and blood.

The spectating cadets had open mouths as they stared at the destruction.

- "How is she not top ten?"

One of them voiced out with a disbelieving look.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The whole place became quite noisy as the spectators spoke to each other.

Angy, who had won her battle, still stood in place with widened eyes as she stared in the direction of the unconscious body.

Her body trembled slightly as her sight turned a little blurry.

She breathed in and out profusely before falling to her knees.

Blergh!

Angy started vomiting out the contents of her stomach.

Gasp!

-"What's wrong with her?"

-"Hey, is she sick or something?"

The cadets spectating wondered out loud as they noticed this.

Gustav stood to his feet with a worried expression while staring at the platform area.

Swwoooovvv!

An officer dived into the battle ring to attend to her.

In a few seconds, he brought her out of the ring with him. It still looked like she was in a dizzy state.

The other cadet, too, was also taken off the battle ring and was attended to by the medical personnel.

They still couldn't believe so much destruction could be caused by a first-year cadet.

The grounds started to mend themselves back as the orb floating above started displaying different images once again.

Gustav sat down back once again.

"Hehe, looks like you still care," E.E laughed lightly and spoke the moment Gustav took his seat.

"What?" Gustav exclaimed with a look of confusion.

"Didn't you say that you would no longer care about her?" E.E responded with a cheeky smile.

"I don't," Gustav denied and closed his eyes before resting his back against the chair.

"Of course you don't," E.E kept laughing.

Minutes went by, and finally, the last turn came.

It was finally Elevora's time to duel. Since she had just one challenger, this was her first and last battle for today.

The eyes of everyone spectating were focused on her as she walked down from the west area of the spectators' corner.

It was as if the others who also had their turns now had turned invisible. Only she hogged the spotlight at the moment.

She arrived in one of the battle rings after a few moments and waited for her challenger to arrive.

In a few seconds, a cadet with spiky orange-coloured hair walked into the stage.

He had a kind of goofy vibe as he stared at Elevora with a smile.

"Don't go easy on me... I believe my rival is stronger than you are," He voiced out.

Elevora raised one eyebrow up with a look of confusion as she heard that.

"Your rival?" She questioned.

Back in the spectators' area, Gustav, Teemee, E.E, Angy, Matilda and Falco had surprised expressions on their faces as they noticed the opponent.

"Ria?"

They all voiced out with looks of disbelief.

"That idiot," Teemee's face palmed from his location while shaking his head with a look of pity.

"Out of everyone to challenge, he decided to go for her? What is he smoking?" E.E voiced out loud.

Elevora and Ria gazed at each other for a while before the go-ahead was given.

"Begin!"

Ria instantly lunged forward.

Ffwwooommm! Brrrihhiibbrrriihhiii!

The instant Ria stomped on the floor, it parted way and opened up.

Pieces of the ground began to pull towards him and wrap around his body as he dashed forward.

Just as he arrived in front of Elevora, his entire body had been covered by rocky hardness.

"Take this,"

He voiced out as he punched forward towards her.

Elevora touched her headtie, 'No.. that would be an overkill,' She said to herself before smoothly swerving to the side to dodge Ria's first attack.

Chapter 413 - Ria's Frustration

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Fwwwoomm!

The rock-like fist passed by Elevora's side as she moved away.

Ria gritted his teeth as he retracted his fist and threw out another one as quickly as he could.

Elevora slowly descended and shifted to the side, causing the fist to pass over her head.

Swweeii! Sweeii! Sweeii!

Elevora kept moving back and forth, left and right across the place dodging every of Ria's attacks.

Her movement was both fluid and fast. It was almost like she was dancing as she dodged with ease.

Ria was starting to get frustrated after throwing fists and kicks for the last two minutes without managing to land one. He was getting even more frustrated at the fact that Elevora didn't even retort in any manner.

"Hhhyaaahhh!"

Ria screamed out as he suddenly stomped his feet on the ground again, causing the battle ring to tremble.

Ggrrruuuurrruuu! Fwwii! Fwwii! Fwwii!

The ground surrounding Elevora's feet suddenly caved in, and her legs were instantly covered up by rocks and held in place.

Swwoooooosshh!

Ria suddenly dashed forward after Elevora's feet had been trapped by the solid ground.

Fwwooommmm!

He leaped up and threw a flying kick towards her belly region.

Wwhhhhiii!

Elevora suddenly bent backwards with speed, causing her back to nearly touch the ground as she dodged Ria's kick.

Ria's eyes widened slightly as he leaped over her and landed on the ground behind her after missing.

He suddenly turned around with speed, swinging out his leg towards her body that was still bent backwards.

Elevora straightened herself like a pole at that moment with speed. Once again, Ria missed and threw out a fist towards Elevora again in compensation.

Even while being trapped by the ground, she twisted to the side dodging his fists once again.

The cadets spectating had shocked looks on their faces. Even after trapping her, Ria could not land a hit. He threw fists at her several times, but her flexibility allowed her to dodge in ways that seemed impossible.

Ria descended at that moment and swung out his rocky leg towards hers.

It was at this moment that Elevora pulled her left leg forcefully from the rocky entrapment on the ground.

Grhhhiiii!

As Ria's massive right leg swept forward, Elevora's left leg had already been raised up.

The instant it swept underneath her raised left leg, Elevora suddenly brought her leg down with force.

Bam!

A loud sound reverberated across the place as Elevora's left foot stomped on Ria's right leg forcefully, holding it in place.

"Hnnngggh!" Ria groaned as he felt the pain from his legs even though they were covered by rocks.

The instant she stomped on his leg, Ria's body, was trapped in place on the ground, and Elevora proceeded to pull out her second leg from the entrapment before swinging it forward with speed.

Bang!

Her right leg crashed into Ria's chest, sending him flying into the distance.

The rocks around that part of his body crumbled to pieces as he flew across the air, spitting out blood.

Ria slammed into the barrier on the other side and fell to the ground afterwards.

The crowd was not surprised at the current outcome, but they were still wowed by her strength.

Ria's line of sight turned blurry as he raised his head up and stared at Elevora's moving figure in the distance.

"Stand down. Don't embarrass yourself any further," She said with a kind but dominant voice as she walked forward.

"Hng!" Ria groaned and spat out blood to the side before pushing himself up.

He cleaned his mouth and nose of the blood leaking out.

"Who do you think you are to tell me that? Secluded princess," Ria voiced out after standing up with an angry smile.

Elevora's facial expression changed slightly as she heard that, "Don't call me that," She voiced out.

"I will call you whatever the hell I damn want," Ria said before stomping his feet on the ground again to reinforce his rocky suit.

Ria swiped his arms forward, causing the ground on both sides of Elevora to suddenly pull out and form walls.

Pah!

He slapped his palms together, causing the walls to close up with force, with Elevora within.

Ria smiled after the successful sneak attack, but in the next second, his smile froze.

Bang!

Both walls were suddenly smashed apart as Elevora appeared from within the dust created unscathed.

"You'll have to do better than that to cause me harm," She said provocatively as she kept walking forward.

Ria gritted his teeth and dashed forward while stretching out his right hand.

Crrryhhkk! Crrryhhkk!

The ground below once again began to crack open, and rock fragments floated into the air as if being pulled by something.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

The rocks slammed into each other and merged, forming a gigantic boulder full of cracks that kept increasing in size as Ria dashed forward.

The rocks fragments and broken parts of the battle ring were still being pulled upwards.

In a matter of a few seconds, it had become as massive as a building.

Ria suddenly leaped up with speed and spun in the air before landing a very heavy kick on the massive building-like boulder.

Bang!

The massive boulder traveled forward with intense speed and velocity towards Elevora, who was a few thousand feet ahead.

Fwwiiihhhh!

As Ria landed on the ground, he squatted slightly and put both his arms on his right.

His face squeezed up with intensity as he pushed his hands forward with force.

The rock suddenly transformed into black color as its speed suddenly multiplied by two.

The entire vicinity turned hot the instant this happened.

Elevora was surprised at the sudden acceleration of the rock, which was only about fifty feet away, when it transformed, and its speed suddenly doubled.

It arrived in front of her in an instant, causing the temperature of her vicinity to increase with intensity as her uniform started peeling off.

Chapter 414 - She Is Stronger Than I Am

Elevora's arms suddenly emitted a mysterious purplish glow as she pushed her palms forward.

Bang!

Ria smiled as he imagined the rock crashing into her from his point of view since it kept moving forward with speed even after arriving before her.

Meanwhile, Elevora was currently sliding back as her legs dug into the ground, causing a line of cracks to appear due to the immense force of the rock, which was still pushing her backwards.

Elevora, seeing that this wasn't working, raised her right leg up as she slid back and stomped it on the ground with force.

Bang!

Her leg broke apart that part of the battle ring, digging three feet into the ground as she clenched tightly into the hot building-sized boulder.

She firmly stood her ground and raised the boulder up above her head, preventing it from going further forward.

Ria's eyes widened as he stared at Elevora up ahead, lifting the massive building-like boulder he created.

He was filled with frustration as he raised his hand and made a falling gesture.

Elevora suddenly felt the weight of the rock multiply by two, pressing down on her immensely.

Her legs buckled a bit as she was surprised by the sudden weight increase.

Grrrrhhiiii!

The battle ring was being leveled due to this, causing cracks to spread all over the place from her position as her legs began to sink into the ground since it was giving way.

The cadets witnessing the battle realized that Ria was also quite strong since he could manipulate rocks however he felt.

To everyone's surprise, Elevora raised her right foot and put it forward before raising her left and putting it in front of her right.

She walked out of the ditch, still carrying the massive building-like boulder. However, due to the weight of the rock, which was still increasing by the second, her legs once again sank into the ground as they gave way.

Ria stomped his feet on the ground once more, causing the ground to wrap and tighten around Elevora's legs.

Elevora was once again trapped with the massive load she was also carrying.

"This time... I will land a hit," Ria voiced out with a tone of determination before dashing forward.

Swwwwhoooooshh!

Elevora stared at his frame as he made a beeline towards her.

Ria had his right arm arched back to the limit as he prepared to land a heavy hit on Elevora.

The instant he arrived in front of her, he swung out his fist fiercely.

However, at the same moment, Elevora also started bringing down the heavy building like boulder she was lifting with force.

The boulder descended with heavy pressure upon Ria as he swung out his fist.

It was so unexpected, and the speed at which it descended was also unprecedented.

Bang!

A massive sound of collision rang out as the entire battle ring was suddenly covered in debris and dust.

The cadets witnessing the battle could feel the tremors from their sitting position, which shocked them immensely.

They couldn't imagine just how much force Elevora used in dropping the massive boulder that would cause them to feel the tremor from their sitting position.

As the dust cleared up, everyone could see pieces of rock fragments scattered all across the place.

Ria and Elevora were standing about a hundred feet away from each other.

They gazed at each other with weird expressions.

Ria had parts of his rocky armor broken apart again, and blood could be seen dripping down exposed parts of his body.

He was fortunate that his bloodline ability lay in the manipulation of rocks. If this wasn't the case, he would have been way more injured than his current state.

He realized just how much of a monster Elevora was pulling that off.

She used such a massive and heavy structure as an attack source, yet her attack was still faster than his fist.

"Just give it up," She said as she pulled her legs out of the ground entrapments once again and started walking forward.

"Don't tell me what to do," Ria shouted out and dashed forward with an angry look once again.

Elevora shook her head with a look of pity as her right arm emitted the purplish glow again.

Ria arrived in front of her as he transferred all the rocks on his body to his fist area, causing it to increase in size immensely.

Swwwiiii!

He swung it forward with force.

Elevora arched her arm back gracefully after sliding to the side and squatted slightly.

Ria's fist glided over her right shoulder as she swung her palm forward.

Booomm!

It sounded like an explosive went off as Elevora's palm slammed heavily into the middle of Ria's chest.

A chain effect was created, as his sternum fractured instantly and cracks spread from that part of his chest to his ribs area, and then other internal organs around that part of his body were also affected.

His back caved out as he spat out a jet of blood while the force shot him straight into the air.

Fwwooosshhhh! Bang!

Ria slammed into the dome on the other side, and to everyone's surprise, his body broke through it.

The people on the west side of the arena quickly shifted away as they noticed his body flying in their direction.

Bang!

He slammed into the seating area, causing a cloud of dust to spread across the surroundings and destroying a bunch of chairs in the process.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The entire place erupted in chaos after witnessing this incident.

Elevora stood in the battle ring and stared at the direction in which Ria's body was sent flying.

She shrugged her shoulders and proceeded to walk out of the ring while dusting her uniform.

The medical team quickly swooped into action and went to attend to Ria.

Teemee shook his head from his seating position, "That idiot... Just what did he aim to achieve with this," He muttered underneath his breath with a look of disappointment.

"Well this was pretty much expected," E.E voiced out besides Gustav.

"Yeah... Why did he do that though?" Falco wondered out loud.

"Hmm, maybe he was looking to prove himself," Aildris said with a low and mysterious tone.

They stared at him with a slightly confused look, but before they could say anything else, Gustav spoke.

"She is stronger than I am,"

Chapter 415 - Updated First Years Ranking

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"She is stronger than I am,"

"Eh?"

E.E. and Falco turned to stare at Gustav as they heard him say that with looks of surprise.

"But the probability of her defeating me is fifty to fifty..." Gustav added.

"I can't really predict how things will end up eventually," Gustav explained.

They realised that Gustav was talking about the physical aspect with this little explanation of his.

'That attack of hers... She barely used sixty percent of her original arm force,' Gustav had been watching the battle between her and Ria with God Eyes so he could practically see how the energy within their bodies circulated.

Aldris wasn't surprised to hear this since he knew firsthand just how monstrous Elevora's strength was.

She was the first special class cadet to reach the Gilberk rank, and it had only been a month since they arrived here, and she was way more powerful than a normal first or second step Gilberk ranked mixedblood would be.

Gustav was interested in sparring with Elevora one of these days. He felt like he might have truly found a peer on his level besides E.E, Falco and Aldris.

Although he decided he wouldn't be the one to initiate it since right now, he had more important things to worry about.

Endric was back. He had to secretly train Vera on the usage of her original ability and was still in the process of doing research about her origins. He found out that her cousins, Damon and Grimm, were true mixedbloods. Which had him wondering why she was the odd one out in the family.

Also, Angy was practically going through some kind of internal issue at the moment after inflicting more damage than intended on her opponent.

'This is the first time she attacked without holding out... She didn't kill but she already can't bear the feeling that comes with inflicting such damage on a person... This might be tougher than I thought but this is a good start,' Gustav said Internally with a contemplative look.

In a few more minutes, the special class duel ended.

It was a really crazy experience because many of the cadets didn't expect most of the scenarios they had witnessed here today.

One normal cadet had managed to become a special class cadet today, and another one had managed to bring their battle to a tie.

At the moment, Glade and Havrina had been treated. They were still out of energy, but their injuries had been treated.

Officer Cole walked up to the platform to address the crowd of cadets.

He mentioned that Teemee would now take the spot of the special class cadet he defeated and also mentioned the new update of the first-year rankings.

<<<Top Four Hundred First Years>>>

»1. Elevora Tuquese +10,000 Points

»2. Aildris Goalding +8,000 Points

»3. Gustav Crimson +8,000 Points

»4. Chad Buruku +7,900 Points

»5. Chutlu Evans +7,800 Points

»6. E.E Emmanuel +7,500 Points

»7. Falco...

The list continued like that, displaying those who had moved up the rankings and those that had gone below.

Chad had a squeezed-up face as he stared at his rank.

"Tch, faulty A.I. calculation," He said with a look of displeasure.

Chad was not happy with this and made a decision in his mind as he stared in the direction of Gustav's seating position.

"Hell yeah! Guess who's number six now! Wooo!" E.E. stood up with a look of joy as he shouted out.

Silence~

Everyone turned in their direction to stare at them. E.E., who was about to say something else, had his mouth wide open as he noticed the stares.

He slowly sat down with a wry smile, "Uh carry on carry on," He said with a slight look of embarrassment.

Falco facepalmed before bursting into snickers with Aildris. Gustav couldn't maintain his poker face after seeing E.E.'s embarrassed expression. He also laughed lightly.

The crowd soon went back to focusing on Officer Cole's speech.

"Damn, I almost shit my pants... What's with those stares," E.E. said with a light laugh.

"Maybe try keeping your excitement inside next time," Gustav said while shaking his head with a wry smile.

"Nah y'all are just too uptight," E.E. replied before turning to look up at the rankings again.

'Mama, just watch... I'mma make you proud,' He said internally with a smile.

"Now for the tie between Glade and Havrina... The leading board has decided to make Havrina a special class cadet," Officer Cole suddenly announced after he finished speaking on the ranking board.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The whole place turned loud as they heard that.

-"That means Glade is no longer a special class,"

-"Oh well, a decision had to be made,"

- "I think they were both spectacular,"

From her sitting position, Angy had a worried look after hearing that.

Glade had not returned to her sitting position, which was besides Angy due to the treatment they were undergoing.

However, Angy had tried going over to the medical rooms underneath the arena, but Glade had instructed that no one should be allowed in. It would seem she wasn't interested in seeing anyone right now.

"Havrina is now a special class cadet," Officer Cole voiced out.

"However... Glade is also still a special class cadet. They have been placed on probation. They will both face each other again next month and whoever wins, keeps their special class title," Officer Cole announced.

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

The whole place turned noisy again after the cadets heard that. They hadn't been expecting this, but now they were looking forward to both girls' rematch next month.

It looked like the MBO was really pitting cadets against cadets, which encouraged and created a lot of competition among themselves.

Gustav could understand why the MBO would favor competition against one another here.. After all, competition pushes people to want to do better and get better.

Chapter 416 - Suspicious Observation

In this way, every cadet will want to improve themselves since they don't want to get left behind by their peers, which would, in turn, allow everyone to improve together.

It was understandable why the MBO had the most powerful force on the planet.

After a few more announcements, the cadets were allowed to leave the battle arena to their residential locations.

Glade later came out of her medical room. However, it was obvious that she was in a very bad mood.

"Don't worry, you'll get her next time," Angy and Matilda comforted her.

Glade really hated losing. As they left, they bumped into Havrina, who still had a happy and playful smile while moving towards the special class cadets' residence.

"Hehe, Greenie, prepare yourself very well for next month... I won't be so nice next time," She said while passing by their sides.

Glade gritted her teeth as her green veins popped out of her skin, "We'll see," She responded with a venomous glare.

Ria, on the other hand, was still wrapped in bandages and kept within one of the medical wards.

"Hey so no one came to see me... How rude of them," He shouted out to the lady in white uniform by the side.

"Maybe if you weren't so much of a loud mouth, they'd do that," She said while administering his medicine and moving out of the ward.

"Tch, I will win next time," He voiced out.

Gustav and the others moved towards their residential areas after the special class duel ended.

It had lasted for over six hours, and presently it was evening time.

Their group was practically a fearsome one as everyone gave way for them while they moved across the place.

Most of them had jittery looks when they stared at Gustav especially.

He may have been ranked below number two, but not only did he get the same number of added points with Aildris, but his battles were also the most brutal ones they had witnessed today.

Gustav, Aildris, E.E and Falco, it was practically a group of powerhouses moving together.

In a few more minutes, they arrived at their residence, and everyone quickly moved towards Gustav's room.

They happened to bump into Endric, who was coming from the other end of the hallway.

"Guess who's your new neighbor," Endric said with a cocky smile as he walked past them.

He suddenly stopped and slightly turned his head to the side.

"I hope you're ready... This time no restraints or disturbances," Endric voiced out before he kept moving.

"Get your head outta your ass kid... Why are you speaking to your big bro like that?" E.E voiced out with an annoyed look.

"Huh? Who's this black bozo? Was I speaking to you?" Endric retorted while turning around to stare at E.E with a provocative expression.

"Yo, looks like this kid ain't got no..." Before E.E could complete his retort, Gustav interrupted.

"E.E, don't bother... I'll handle it myself," Gustav said as he turned around and walked towards Endric.

"Looks like you didn't learn nothing kid," Gustav said while staring into Endric's eyes intensely.

Pah!

Gustav suddenly placed his hand on Endric's right shoulder. It looked normal, but it was actually a hard slap that nearly popped Endric's shoulder out of its socket, causing him to tremble slightly.

"Alright then, the next time will be the last time," Gustav said before taking his hand off Endric shoulder and turning around.

"We shall see about that," Endric said with gritted teeth before turning around.

"Why the hell is he acting like that?" E.E asked with a disappointed look.

"Long story... Also don't call him my brother anymore," Gustav said before walking forward.

E.E was confused with the way things were and started asking, but Gustav didn't say anything because he was actually speaking with the system in his mind.

'Did you sense that?' Gustav asked.

("I did... Something's up with him. This encounter is not nearly enough to figure things out... I'll scan him more when you make contact with him next time")

The system responded.

"Why are y'all following me?" Gustav asked as he arrived in front of his room door and turned around to stare at E.E, Aildris and Falco.

"I'm hungry," E.E said with a famished look while rubbing his belly.

"Me too,"

"Me too,"

Aldris and Falco voiced out one after the other.

"Well, go cook something in your damn apartments for goodness sake," Gustav said while pushing his door open.

Before he could close his door, all three of them dashed in.

Swwoooosshhh! Swwoooooosshh! Swoosh! Bang!

It turned out he had just banged the door for nothing. Gustav turned around to stare at the three of them in his living room.

Falco's alter ego had taken over at this moment, "Go prepare something nice for me in the kitchen you lowly weakling," He voiced out.

"You four are hopeless," Gustav said while shaking his head.

Within a small dark room, a spherical projection displaying the image of a person floated in the middle, making the darkroom a little less dim.

"According to your report... They both lasted more than three hours," The person in the image asked.

"Yes sire... This is the first time any cadet had managed to break the three hours record the young miss set years back... And this time it's two of them," Within the dark enclosed room, the silhouette standing in front of the projection responded.

"Amazing... These two, you have to keep your eyes on them. Especially the boy. Not only is he connected to her but according to Mag, he's also trying to hide the full extent of his capabilities." The person in the projection spoke once again with a mysterious but intrigued and slightly excited tone.

"Yes I will make sure to keep observing him... The green asset has also been doing her own fair share of the observation work. She has given me a lot of exclusive info about him," The silhouette responded.

"Good good... She will do well to continue her task or she will be stripped of her status," The person in the projection said with a condescending tone.

"Now don't forget to send me the medical results after they have undergone the bloodline strengthening session," The person within the projection added before disappearing.

"Yes sire," The silhouette bowed slightly as he spoke before turning around to leave the darkroom.

Chapter 417 - Morning Routine Under Unfavorable Conditions

"Yes sire," The silhouette bowed slightly as he spoke before turning around to leave the darkroom.

Just like that, a few days went by.

The hype and constant discussions about the cadet challenge battles were not dying down anytime soon. It remained a widely discussed event all over the MBO camp. It was even discussed amongst the seniors who were in attendance.

Even though the second years were stronger and could perform better presently, they were still astonished by the strength of the first years.

They could recall that they weren't as powerful back then.

During these past few days, the cadets had continued their morning routine with their bloodlines sealed.

They had thought the morning routine would change or stop, but they had thought wrong.

Officer Briant explained to them that if they wanted improvement on the expansion of their bloodline channel points, it was necessary to maintain the routine for at least a year or more.

The special class cadets had been informed that they would be undergoing bloodline strengthening by Friday, which was only two days away.

On this particular day, the weather was very cold.

The first years had woken up for their morning routine, but then the rain started to pour.

Tra! Tra! Tra! Tra! Tra!

Crystalline-looking droplets of waters fell from the sky, repeatedly showering the residential areas, roads, and practically every area of the MBO camp, causing the fog to spread across the place.

It was still some minutes past five am, so obviously, the skies were dark. However, the coldness of the environment, along with the slightly heavy rain, had the cadets wondering if the morning routine was still gonna hold.

To their disappointment, the alarm still rang out by thirty minutes past five am.

They rushed towards the starting point the instant they heard it underneath the pouring rain.

Gustav and the others made use of E.E's vortexes to arrive there promptly.

A massive circular structure with flat surfaces was floating above the starting point.

Officer Briant, along with his two assistant instructors, were waiting for their arrival.

A lot of cadets were there already waiting.

The rain was unable to touch them underneath this massive circular structure.

For unknown reasons, even the winds couldn't infiltrate this vicinity.

Regardless of the cold, the cadets were unaffected since they were all-powerful, but they couldn't imagine how bad it was gonna be when their bloodlines got sealed.

"Well, you guys didn't think the drill wasn't gonna continue, did you?" Officer Briant voiced out with a burst of light laughter.

Some of the cadets' faces paled slightly after hearing that.

"The weather is gonna make it even more fun... Let's see how long y'all are gonna take," He said before dashing forward.

Pah! Pah! Pah! Pah!

Slaps rang out as Officer Briant went about the place, putting seals on the cadets once again.

The instant they lost their bloodlines, everyone felt the cold seep into their bodies due to the weather.

- "Damn I didn't know it was gonna be this bad,"

- "Oh my, we're supposed to scale through those landscapes in this state,"

- "This is impossible,"

The voices of the cadets complaining in the background could be heard.

"Haha, now we'll be here waiting, good luck to y'all," Officer Briant said with a loud and dismissive tone.

The timer began again, counting down from three hours.

Even though most of the cadets were reluctant, they had no choice but to obey.

Tah! Tah! Tah! Tah! Tah!

The sounds of footsteps stomping all over the wet and muddy grounds reverberated across the place as the cadets ran towards the direction of the forest.

The wind blew fiercely from time to time, making some cadets shiver subconsciously as they ran.

In a few seconds, some of them had been soaked by the rain from head to toe.

They were struggling to see up ahead due to the reduced visibility from the excess fog covering the environment.

Gustav dashed across the forest of dense trees along with everyone else.

This wasn't a race of speed now. To him, it was more of a race of endurance.

Gustav made sure to observe his surroundings with utmost caution as he darted across the forest.

Occasionally cadets would collide with trees since they couldn't see the environment properly.

Also, a lot of cadets were falling into traps due to the distorted view of the environment.

Swwoovv!

Gustav quickly squatted as he noticed something in the distance.

A body came flying through the air passing over him before slamming into the trunk of a tree.

Gustav moved a few feet towards the side as he continued to run forward.

More and more cadets gained injuries as they fell to different kinds of traps that they would have been able to avoid on a normal day.

Gustav, at this point, had his hair falling as it stuck to his face and ran down his neck due to being wet. His uniform stuck to his body, and water kept running down his face.

Misty-colored air oozed out of his nose as he ran forward.

A few minutes later, he arrived in front of the mountain area and started to climb along with many others.

There was not much gap between cadets in front this time. However, there were still hundreds of cadets behind in the forest area trying to find their way here.

Most of them were even going in the wrong direction without realising.

In about twenty minutes more, cadets that had climbed started to experience difficulties in holding onto the pieces of rocks piercing out of the rocky mountain.

The rain had made them slippery, and now that their grip strength had reduced, they could barely hold on tightly to it.

'It's just a matter of time before someone...' Before Gustav could complete his thought process, a scream was heard below.

Someone's fingers slipped when they grabbed onto a piece of rock above them to climb higher.

Luckily for them, it was only about twenty feet above ground level.

Gustav shook his head as he continued climbing upwards after a short break.

He predicted that only about half of the cadets would be able to scale this mountain today.

Chapter 418 - Accidents

Gustav focused on climbing and observed his environment carefully. His body had improved since he started this daily routine for the last month.

Even with all bloodlines and stats sealed, his regular body was stronger than normal, so he had been finishing the morning routine in about two hours like the rest of the special class cadets.

However, this time he couldn't tell if he would be able to get there in three hours.

He scaled over three hundred feet in about thirty more minutes and had finally reached halfway across the mountain.

The rain was still pouring crazily, and one of the cadets almost got struck by a lightning bolt a few minutes earlier.

However, even though the lightning bolt missed the cadet by a few centimeters, the sloppy area it slammed into crumbled into fragments and affected an area of around thirty feet, causing rocks to roll down.

The cadet fell along with the rocks that pulled out of the mountain and slammed into several cadets climbing downwards.

Some cadets also got slammed by the rolling rocks and instantly passed out due to the heavy force.

Fortunately, the flying mechanical drones with arms saved those who were spiraling downwards due to the rocks that slammed into them.

They were swooped away from underneath the rocks before they fell to the ground and got crushed by some bigger ones.

At this point, many more cadets had fallen to traps, and others had slipped while climbing due to the weather.

Gustav looked up once again before he resumed climbing.

Only about fifty feet higher was the limit of his visuality.

Beyond that, he couldn't see anything else, and even before that, the visuality of the environment wasn't so sharp.

He could only see one person towards his Northwest at this point also climbing up.

This person was also a special class, and just like Gustav, he was resting.

Gustav continued to climb and moved to the side whenever he observed any weird area.

Gustav grabbed onto another piece of pointed rock as he arrived at the seven hundred feet mark.

Only about fifteen special class cadets had managed to make it this far. Gustav pulled himself up again, and suddenly the rocky part pulled out.

Gustav was surprised as the rock pulled out, but he was lucky to still have his other hand on a firm part of the mountain.

He dipped his hand into the hole formed from the rock that slipped out and pulled himself up.

'Hmm?' Gustav felt a little touch of a breeze on his fingertips as his hand dipped into the hole.

He pulled his arm back and raised his head to stare at the hole, which was the same size as the rock that got pulled out.

It was pretty dark as it should be, but Gustav could see a little fingernail-sized opening at the bottom of the hole.

Gustav put his hand back in the hole and waited for a few seconds. He felt the small touch of breeze again.

'Hmm... Should I..?' Gustav thought of something then discarded it.

He pulled himself upwards once again and pulled out his hand to place it on another piece of rock before placing his right kneecap in the hole.

As he lifted himself up again...

Grrrrhhkkkk! Jjrrkkyhh! Crrunmm!

More rocks pulled out of that particular mountainside and started rolling down.

Gustav quickly pushed himself upwards more so as not to be affected.

He leaned his back against the slightly sloppy mountain and turned to look down.

The rocks kept rolling down, and in a few seconds, he could hear the sounds of screams underneath after they disappeared into the fog below.

'Oh, looks like some unlucky ones are following my trail,' Gustav shook his head in pity.

In a few more seconds, the rocks had stopped pulling out.

Gustav's eyes squinted as he stared at the door-sized hole that had been created within the mountain after those rocks pulled out.

'What's up with that?' Gustav wondered as he gently descended to the position of the hole.

Gustav's eyes widened as he spotted an entrance to the interior of the mountain.

It was really a dark and deep hole, but Gustav could see a small orange dot in the distance even though it was barely glowing.

Gustav felt he should continue climbing, but he was also curious to see where this passageway would lead to.

He slowly moved into the hole and squatted a little as he started moving forward.

There was no one in the vicinity, so no one had witnessed this incident, and it was mostly due to low visibility.

As Gustav moved forward, he noticed that the orange glow was getting brighter and brighter.

After a few more twenty steps, he arrived in front of a square-shaped opening where the orange glow seemed to be shining through.

Gustav moved closer and looked through the hole.

"What in the world? Why are there stairs?" Gustav wondered with a low tone as he noticed the stairs on the other side.

The square-shaped opening was too small for him to fit through, so Gustav stepped back nine paces.

Swwiii!

He suddenly charged forward and pushed forth his right leg.

Bam!

His foot slammed heavily into a side of the wall close to the opening.

A part of the wall broke apart and fell in, but it still wasn't wide enough.

Gustav had to step back and charge forth several times while kicking the wall for it to get wide enough.

Brrrrhhh!

Some more parts of the wall fell in after the tenth charge, and Gustav finally had enough space to fit in.

He slightly lowered his body and pushed himself into the hole.

Upon arriving on the other side, Gustav found himself on a fifty feet wide stairway that went as high as the eyes could see.

On the walls ahead and below, small orange-colored crystals could be seen protruding out of different areas.

Each of these crystals had a small light glow that brightened up the dark stairway.

Gustav now understood where the orange glow was coming from.

'What is this?' Gustav wondered as he looked around.

'Could it be that this stairway leads to the top of the mountain?'

Chapter 419 - Arriving At The Top

'Could it be that this stairway leads to the top of the mountain?' Gustav wondered as he kept observing his surroundings.

The stairway was erected in a curved format as it extended upwards.

If Gustav had his bloodlines and stats unsealed at the moment, he would have tried dashing down and up across the stairs just to check it out.

However, at the moment, he decided to listen to his instincts and started climbing upwards.

Since this was a stairway, it was way easier than having to pull himself up, making use of his fingers and the muscles in his arms and legs.

Gustav had no trouble with visibility as he climbed upwards. Those orange crystals were also embedded into the ceiling area of the stairway.

'Why would such a place even exist?' Gustav wondered as he kept climbing up.

In the next fifteen minutes, Gustav had climbed up to three hundred steps without taking a pause.

Since there was no fog within this place, he could already see where the stairway led hundreds of feet away.

He was closing in on the top of the stairs, and he could see that there were no openings of sorts that led to outside the place.

Even after squinting his eyes and looking around several times from his current position, he still couldn't see anything like that.

Gustav decided to get to the end of the stairway to get a closer look before jumping to conclusions.

After about three minutes, he finally arrived at the end of the stairs, where a slightly wide podium could be seen.

He climbed to the top of the rectangular looking podium where the rooftop was only nine feet away.

There were even more orange glowing crystals embedded into more parts of the wall over here, but Gustav hadn't tried taking any of them for two reasons.

The first is that he couldn't sense any fprm of energy from them due to having his powers sealed. Second was the fact that he didn't know if he would trigger something by pulling any of them out of the walls.

He had decided that after the morning routine, he would come back here to properly investigate.

Gustav looked around him, trying to find an opening, even touching some parts of the wall. Still, he couldn't find anything even after checking for five minutes.

On the outside, the cadets were still climbing the mountain, and no one had managed to reach the peak yet.

The closest to reaching the peak was still about one hundred and fifty to two hundred feet away.

The more time Gustav spent looking for a way out, the others slowly caught up even though he was currently ahead of them.

On the bright side, he didn't have to suffer the harsh weather like they did, but if he didn't find a way out, all this would have been for nothing.

Gustav, remembering that he was probably way ahead of everyone at the moment, decided to sit down in the meantime and wait for a while.

He didn't want to arouse any suspicions when he finally came out, so he decided he was going to hold on for the next twenty minutes, which was the timing he was sure that Elevora would be close to the peak.

On the outside of the stairway area, lots of cadets that were climbing on the same trail as Gustav earlier had changed directions.

Especially after seeing those who were hit by the falling rocks.

Those who were fortunate shifted towards the side and climbed on the far ends of that path.

The side of the rocky mountain that everyone was climbing was thousands of feet wide, so the cadets could spread themselves out as much as they wanted to.

Due to this development, those who had gone higher than the point Gustav found the hidden passageway didn't notice the hole.

The fog reducing everyone's visuals made it even more impossible for them to notice the dark hole after distancing themselves from that trail.

Just as Gustav had predicted, many of the cadets had become incapacitated and unable to continue this morning routine after close to half of them fell while climbing the mountain and sustained heavy injuries.

Most special class were only a few hundred feet from reaching the top at this moment.

Everyone was soaking wet with both raindrops and their sweats which had mixed together.

After twenty minutes more had gone by, Gustav finally stood up. He literally had a timer in his brain. Even though his stats were locked, his normal intelligence was still quite high, so knowing how much time had gone by was easy for him if he truly wanted to pay attention to that.

Gustav had been looking around for twenty minutes. Although he couldn't find any passageway, still, he already noticed something off.

The same orange crystals he decided not to touch had grabbed his attention now.

Every one of them had a certain proportion to them, and all glowed. He had studied the brightness of their glow based on each of their sizes and noticed that one was off.

Every smaller sized orange crystal glowed brighter than the bigger sized ones except for a particular one. This one close to the ground on the east side was smaller but dimmer than the others of the same size.

The crystals were always in a kind of group protruding from the wall. He had never seen any group lumped together that was below six in number, but this particular one only had three.

Gustav moved over, hoping his intuition was right and grabbed hold of it after squatting.

'Hmm?' he waited for a reaction of some kind, but nothing happened.

Gustav gently shook one of the crystal-like he was trying to pull it out from the wall when it suddenly descended down like a lever.

Krrryhhhcchhh!

The place vibrated intensely, causing Gustav to nearly lose his balance.

Tssshhhhh!

The ceiling area above suddenly separated like a door.

Ggbbbiimm!

A massive opening that led to the top of the mountain appeared above Gustav.

Chapter 420 - Competition With Elevora

The raindrops started to fall in after the opening was revealed, causing Gustav to shut one eye as it dropped onto his face.

'Here goes nothing,' Gustav said Internally as he jumped up and grabbed onto the ledge before pulling himself upwards.

As he arrived at the top of the mountain, the opening closed up, causing the vicinity to vibrate a little.

Gustav's body that was initially almost dry after being within the mountain for nearly an hour, became wet again.

The dark clouds greeted him with silver-colored roots-like lines running through them from time to time.

Pita! Pita! Pita! Pita! Pita!

The raindrops drummed mercilessly on the surface of the mountain top, causing some slightly caved in places to be filled with murky water.

Gustav only stood there for a few seconds before he heard the sound of footsteps towards the far east side of the vicinity.

He turned to the side, and the person also did the same.

Even though they were around fifty feet away from themselves, they instantly recognized each other.

"Elevora,"

"Gustav,"

Both muttered lightly under their breath.

'Just as I calculated... Others shouldn't be too far off right now,' Gustav said Internally.

'Did he get here before me?' Elevora wondered.

She had no idea since the visibility of the environment was bad. She couldn't know if anyone was close to her or not.

She was still a bit surprised that he would get here this fast, though. She wanted to rest a little after arriving, but seeing Gustav here, her passion was ignited once again.

She breathed in and out profusely, causing her massive busts to raise and occasionally lower with her uniform sticking to her body.

Both of them stared at each other for a few seconds before Elevora started moving forward once again.

Elevora had expected Gustav to also start moving just as she did, but he was still standing there staring in her direction.

'Why is he not moving?' She wondered.

To her surprise, Gustav moved to the side and sat on a slightly large rock that protruded from the ground.

'What is this? Is he resting?' She asked herself as she paused in front.

Gustav noticed her hesitation as she turned to stare at him from a distance.

"I'm giving you an headstart, go," Gustav voiced out with a smile.

Elevora's forehead creased slightly as she heard that.

"Not needed," She said while returning the smile and moved towards the side to also sit down on a piece of large rock.

"Huh?" Gustav exclaimed with a light tone.

"You really should take the head start though... I can overtake you at any time," Gustav voiced out again.

Although they were around fifty feet away from each other, his voice echoed across the place, so she was able to hear him clearly.

"Oh, there's no need... I'm ready whenever you are," Elevora responded.

'She's quite hardheaded... I have no ounce of tiredness in me right now, so it'll practically be cheating if I competed with her right now,' This was Gustav's thought process.

He knew that even though Elevora was very strong, there was no way she wasn't fatigued from climbing the mountain, which was why he decided to wait for her to go further before following along.

They were both interested in seeing who would be first to get to the finish line due to this unique circumstance, but Gustav felt it wouldn't be fair.

This was how they sat for the next five minutes without exchanging more words or making a move.

Elevora didn't budge the whole time as she kept her sight on Gustav's position.

Gustav also didn't stand up in the meantime, giving her the opportunity to rest unbeknownst to her.

Another three minutes passed, and finally, another person arrived on the mountain top.

"Oh Gustav, you're already here?" Even Aildris was quite surprised because Gustav didn't pick up the pace during morning routines until they were on the last course.

"Don't worry about me, just keep going," Gustav replied with a dismissive expression.

Aildris nodded slightly and kept moving forward.

Gustav could tell that Chad and E.E had probably arrived at the top too. They just probably arrived on the far end where he couldn't see because of the reduced visibility.

Gustav still decided to wait for about five minutes more.

About three more special classes passed the middle of Elevora and Gustav's position with confused looks as they noticed them both.

They went on their way since they didn't know what was going on.

'She's really hard headed... She doesn't seem to care about the others passing her,' Gustav said internally before standing to his feet.

The instant he stood up, so did Elevora.

Trah! Trah! Trah! Trah!

Their footsteps reverberated across the place as they started running towards the edge.

Gustav adopted a moderate speed, moving neither too fast nor slow so as to avoid slipping and falling.

He slowly began to pick up the pace as they moved further ahead to a less slippery area.

He and Elevora slowly began to overtake some of the cadets that had surpassed them earlier and arrived at the edge in a few more minutes.

The ropes tied to the small poles sticking out of the ground could be seen leading straight into the fog up ahead.

This particular area was always foggy, but this time it was way worse.

It was as if the rain had decided not to stop pouring today.

It was currently seven am, but it still looked like it was midnight.

Gustav and Elevora quickly picked the ropes that they saw stable and started walking on them.

They didn't go for the dangling ones because they could tell that someone was already walking on those.

Gustav started walking steadily across the line with his arms slightly spread apart.

Elevora, on the other hand, was walking almost twice as fast as he was.

Although Gustav had improved his balancing, Elevora was just on another level when it came to things like this.

In a few minutes, Gustav had crossed fifty feet on the line and from the position of the mountain peak, he had disappeared into the fog.

However, the rope was still dangling slightly due to his movement.

Trah! Trah!

Another cadet arrived at the peak and instantly moved towards the position of the rope Gustav was walking on.

A smile appeared on his face as he squatted and brought out a small laser knife while reaching out for the rope.