

BloodLine 441

Chapter 441 The Competition Came To An End

Odyssey Monster Zone,

The actions of the super-elite warriors didn't go unnoticed under Lowell & Jonathan's eyes. For them, these super elite warriors were 5 bigger ants. You can crush them anytime you want.

So Lowell McClain didn't mind their little calculations. If they dare to cross their line, he won't mind erasing them. Also, he already noted down their expressions.

Especially the super elite warriors from the eclipse academy and the giant tower. He will put them back in their place later. But right now his attention is focused on the middle of the monster zone.

His eyes easily saw difficulties of Zack. Especially when Zack released the lightning power to escape, he sensed the changes.

A deadly mutation is occurring in a dark swamp, causing the swamp water to be more poisonous and corrosive.

He also realized that not everything was under the control of Crimson Hall. They carelessly played with the environment of this monster zone. Because of it, unknown changes were starting to take place in the dark swamp.

His eyes flickered with a slight glint. The competition is coming to an end. So he feels there is no need to interfere right now.

But after the competition, he made up his mind to collect a sample of the dark swamp.

At the same time, his servant Jonathan is watching everything silently. He is waiting for his master's order. If his master signals him, he is ready to take the life of these super elite warriors.

Meanwhile,

The super-elite warriors were clueless about the impending danger. Rather they had decided to join hands together to prevent Mike Smith from taking away Zack Lockwood.

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(From MC's perspective)

Sitting under a giant shade tree, I looked at the vast sky. The competition is coming to an end in a few hours. I don't know how many people will survive in the end. Thinking about the possible numbers, I sighed inwardly.

Suddenly the image of a beautiful figure comes to mind. She is none other than Maria Frazier. I wonder how she is doing. Is she alive?

The next moment, I shook my head. Her clan is quite strong. They must have provided her with life-saving items. There is a possibility of survival.

Then I waited for the competition to come to an end. The changes in the dark swamp already made me quite scared. It can pose a threat to elite-level warriors. It made me cautious not to barge into other places.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

A few hours later,

The loud announcement spread throughout the entire monster zone. Hearing that, I got up from the ground and rushed in the southern direction.

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I reached the outskirts of the southern area. The exit gate is located half a mile from here. So I will be there soon.

Swish!

Suddenly, three female silhouettes appeared on the opposite side. Seeing that, I paused my movement for a moment.

"Ella Downs" "Sallie Mills" and "Maria Frazier" I mumbled under my breath. I didn't expect these three to group together.

Especially after the recent turmoil in the red city. It's natural for Maria to not join them. The next moment, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

Perhaps, the hybrid monsters and extreme conditions out here changed their mindset.

By this time, the other survivors who hid near the southern exit gate also started to appear. My gaze immediately shifted to them. Seeing their almost unscathed body and armor, I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

Looking at their appearance, I realized they didn't even leave this place. To survive, they chose to hide near the gate.

Coincidentally, I saw Maria and others looking at me right now. Ella Downs and Sallie Mills revealed shocked expressions on their faces. And Maria revealed a small smile on her face.

Seeing that, I nodded my head in response. But I couldn't help but think about other crimson hall members.

What happened to them? My gaze then immediately swept past the surroundings. But I see no sign of crimson hall's warriors.

Then shaking my head, I walked toward the giant gate.

Meanwhile,

Sky Tower,

The atmosphere inside the sky tower again shifted to freezing point.

When the announcement was made. Everyone got up from their seats. Teresa York seemed impatient. Not only her the other 5 super elite warriors are looking at one particular screen.

Where the image of Zack can be seen. He is walking towards the exit along with other seed candidates.

"Let's catch him before he realizes something," Teresa said in a cold tone.

Autumn Holt shook her head helplessly.

Eduard Ortega clenched his big fist. Which sent a shock wave around him.

"Wait for a while, that kid won first place. We will catch him when arrives to collect his reward," Harvey Kim said with a smile.

He already calculated how to catch this kid without making much fuss. Because he gives more importance to the reputation of the academy.

Now the kid was watched by millions of people. And everyone knows that he is the final winner. If Zack fails to appear on the screen to get his winning reward.

Then people will suspect them eventually. He doesn't want such a scene to happen.

At the same, June Shelton gave a small applause. He is once again surprised by Harvey Kim's quick thinking. Now they can watch the kid die silently.

A hint of clarity appeared in Teresa's eyes. She almost forgot about the rewards. Suddenly, a hint of realization dawned upon her.

The reward for 1st place in this competition is an unknown elemental seed.

The unknown elemental seed is an expensive treasure. And the exact value can't be evaluated because of its lack of details.

The reason it's placed in a reward section is because of its damaged origin. Otherwise, the research people would have got this item by any means possible.

But now it has become cheap for this brat. Then thinking about the brat's end, she revealed a smile on her face.

Eduard Ortega eases his fist. Harvey's words made some sense. Right now everyone is looking forward to seeing Zack.

Subconsciously, everyone avoided seeing Mike Smith.

Meanwhile,

Mike Smith laughed coldly in his heart. These people are overestimating themselves. Shaking his head, he set his gaze on the screen.

Outside,

Cheer!

When I walked outside. I heard a loud cheer among the audience who were waiting outside.

There were all forces related to the survivors. But soon some of the seed candidates broke down. Those who were injured were taken to the emergency clinic.

Except for a few who went into a hide. Almost everyone has suffered some kind of injury. So the commotion quieted down quickly.

But the live broadcast has not stopped. Until the award ceremony, it is going to continue. Suddenly, I noticed Maria is greeted by her clan members.

Sallie and Ella Downs were quickly taken by their clan members as well. Seeing that, a quick glint flash in my eyes. Because there is no sign of other crimson hall members yet.

"So they are killed as well," I mumbled under my breath. But it's a pity, they didn't die in my hands.

Shaking my head, I decided to find some room to freshen up. I believe that the next announcement would come up short.

But before I could do that, the path was blocked by people.

There are plenty of people who want to see my face right now. Because of the security arrangements made by the event organizer.

The crowd can't break them. Hearing the loud chant of my name. I feel sudden dizziness. What to do now?

Beep!

Suddenly my watch lit up with a notification. Seeing that it was a message from Jonathan, I sighed in relief. After reading the message, a hint of relief flashed in my eyes.

Jonathan wants me to come to the backside of the administration building. After knowing that, I changed my route and walked toward the administration building right next to me.

I walked past the staff and quickly arrived backside of the administration building. Seeing the face of the familiar person, I smiled in response.

"Zack," Jonathan uttered. The next moment, he grabbed Zack's shoulder and disappeared from the spot.

After a few seconds, the staff who followed Zack stood in disbelief.

At the same time, Jonathan dropped Zack on top of the sky tower.

Swish!

I landed on the ground slowly. But the smile on my face didn't disappear. Looks like Jonathan forgot that I can still fly because I'm an elite-level warrior now.

Jonathan also quickly realized his mistake and let out a small laugh, "Ha...Ha....Ha..."

"You are an elite-level warrior now. I still remember the helpless face of a special trainee warrior back then, " He said with a sigh.

How long has it been? Zack's astonishing growth rate surprised him a lot. Then after pushing these unnecessary thoughts back off his mind. He shifted his attention back to the main topic.

The super-elite warriors made up their minds to kill Zack. So Zack should know about them before accepting the reward.

Chapter 442 Award Ceremony

From MC's perspective:

Jonathan's face turned serious. Which made me think about what could go wrong. No one could beat him and the teacher.

Before I could ask, Jonathan began to speak. After a few minutes, I raised my eyebrows. I had never expected my lightning movement to get noticed by these people.

And now they know that I'm a lightning elemental warrior. It will be a matter of time before the news goes to their organization.

But the worry appeared on my face for a moment before it disappeared completely.

Since both of them are present here, they will take care of everything.

At this time, Jonathan said, "They are planning to capture you after the prize ceremony. So don't worry about it, I'll be hiding in the shadows. If any of them raise their hand, I'll take care of them silently."

Jonathan's strong words assured me. So I nodded my head in response. After some talk, he dropped me back to the old place and disappeared from the spot silently.

The back of the administration office is a blind spot. So the media can't naturally cover everything. Then I slowly appeared before the staff.

My sudden appearance surprised them greatly. Then the event staff quickly led me to the Sky Tower, where the prize was going to be awarded by the academy representatives.

I eagerly looked forward to seeing the representative from the Saw Scale Viper Academy.

Gasp!

At the same time, I saw my image on the big screen and those waiting outside started to chant my name.

Seeing all this, I didn't know how to react. I felt they were purposely shifting attention from the actual tragedy.

The bodies of the seed candidates had yet to be recovered from the monster zone, and I didn't know if the management was planning to retrieve them or not. Similar thoughts came to mind.

The staff then led me to the conference room, where the top participants would be seated. After walking into the room, the staff guided me to the front row.

Then I sat silently in my chair. After speaking a few words to me, the staff quietly left the room.

A few minutes later,

The other seed candidates began to come in. After taking a quick look at me, everyone found an empty chair to sit in. Apart from me, no one was sure of their ranking.

The monster cores have not been collected yet. As the warriors began to arrive, my gaze passed by everyone. As I expected, they were all Trainee Warriors.

I noticed that some of the warriors had missing body parts. Such a scene was becoming more common. Only those who chose to hide were unscathed.

Shaking my head, I returned to my usual position. After a few minutes, the broadcast staff arrived with their equipment.

Soon after, the event staff arrived. It was time to collect the monster cores from the participants and announce the rankings.

As I glanced around, I spotted familiar faces. Three girls were sitting together and talking. Then, my gaze swept over the rest of the people.

"Only 100 of them were seated," I muttered under my breath. I guessed that the people behind the scenes already knew the rankings because the competition was alive.

Therefore, the staff was carefully observing every movement of the warriors.

Suddenly, I felt a cold gaze behind me. Then, I saw a stranger approaching the stand. Judging by the reactions of the staff, I guessed that he was related to the management.

But when the staff introduced him, a look of understanding came over me. The next moment, my eyes glinted coldly. So he was the famous elder of the Crimson Hall.

And the main cause of my difficulties was him. He was the one who ordered the Crimson Hall members to kill me. Also, the previous assassination attempt on me had a lot to do with him.

If the event hadn't been broadcast live, I would have taken action against him right now.

Meanwhile, Casey's hatred towards Zack did not diminish, but he controlled himself. He knew the plan of the super-elite warrior.

Five of the super-elite warriors were planning to kill Zack after the awards ceremony, so Zack only had a few hours to live. And as for the other super-elite warrior,

He didn't think that the representative from Saw Scale Viper Academy could fight against the rest of the super-elite warriors. After gaining some clarity in his thoughts, he laughed to himself.

Then, he proceeded to collect the monster cores from the seed candidates.

On the other hand, the five super elite warriors were watching the event. Seeing Zack seated in the first row, everyone controlled their impulse. From now on, there was no chance for that kid to escape.

"Ha...Ha...Ha...", Harvey Kim burst out laughing before turning his gaze towards Mike Smith.

"Mike, I feel sorry for you. You won't be able to do anything now," he added.

Hearing that, others revealed small smiles on their faces, but Mike Smith remained indifferent to their behavior.

Because he already knew how everything was going to end. In his eyes, these people were just jumping clowns.

Teresa York observed Mike's expression. She felt something was wrong, but she didn't know what it was. Mike Smith came alone without any support,

So how could he stay calm and composed? Then, upon seeing Zack's face on the screen, she calmed her heart. It was just a matter of time before they would present the award to him.

Everything would come to light at that time, there was no need to overthink too much.

Eduard Ortega grinned wildly upon seeing Zack's face on the screen. Thinking about uprooting the future powerhouse, he was glad in his heart.

Only Autumn Holt and June Shelton remained calm compared to the other three. Autumn Holt felt the rising tension, but more than that, her attention was shifted to something else.

She was looking at one particular screen where the image of Maria Frazier could be seen. She had already selected her as a student of the White Palace.

She didn't care about Zack's ending, rather, she hoped that these people wouldn't stop her from recruiting Maria Frazier.

"Other two girls were quite good as well," Her gaze then fell on Sallie Mills and Ella Downs. "These three seed candidates were quite eye-catching in the competition."

"Cough."

Teresa York noticed the expression of Autumn Holt. She was well aware of the condition of the White Palace right now. Was she planning to recruit someone? She raised her eyebrows in surprise.

Then she followed her gaze and finally saw the faces of the three seed candidates on the screen. She quickly connected the dots. She knew that the seed candidate named Maria Frazier was a Water Element Warrior, so it was normal for Autumn to be interested in recruiting her.

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Meanwhile, First Elder Casey was proceeding to collect the monster core. When my name was announced in the first place, I wasn't surprised.

I got up from my seat and walked up to the desk. Then I started taking out the monster cores one by one.

"Gasp!"

When I placed the monster core of the Class-3 Monster on the table, the seed candidates behind me exclaimed in surprise.

But the reaction of the staff was normal.

After a few minutes, I submitted all of my monster cores and then went back to my seat.

Casey then calculated the points and listed my name in the rankings. I was ranked first with 12,000 points.

Gasp!

The staggering number left people speechless. They knew how difficult it was to kill even one hybrid monster in the monster zone, but I had killed many more.

It was something that others couldn't even imagine accomplishing. The high score even wiped the smile off Casey's face.

Meanwhile, Maria's mouth hung open in surprise, along with Sallie Mills and Ella Downs, who also showed a similar reaction.

"How is that possible?" Ella Downs exclaimed in surprise. She remembered that Zack was not this strong when she first met him at Star Tower.

Even Sallie Mills found it hard to believe. Everyone else had come out of life-threatening situations alive, but this person had made so many kills. It seemed like the majority of the hybrid monsters had been wiped out by him. A wry smile appeared on her face as she thought about it.

Maria Frazier calmed herself down. She remembered the advice Zack had given her back in Red City. She thought Zack was just a Trainee Warrior like her.

But looking at the score, she realized that Zack was hiding his true strength. Was he above the Trainee Warrior level? The thought made her face show disbelief.

She knows what's above Trainee Warrior, but that base is difficult to achieve. Shaking her head, she pushed these unnecessary thoughts behind her.

She feels it's better to ask Zack directly some other time. Right now, it's given that Zack will easily join one of the six academies. Thinking about it, she felt happy in her heart.

Chapter 443 Part One: Final Clash

From MC's perspective:

Odyssey Monster Zone,

After my turn, the other seed candidates submitted their monster cores. Feeling the gazes around me, I remained silent.

As the time gets closer, I see the expression on the person from the crimson hall getting brighter.

Does he know? I couldn't help but think of Jonathan's words. My eyes flickered with a cold glint. But the next second it recovered back to normal.

Time passed,

When everyone submitted their monster cores, the final rankings were listed and shown on the screen. My eyes set on the 1st place and then followed other names.

Looking at the number of points in the 2nd position. My mouth curved into an arc. "Someone managed to achieve 2000 points," I mumbled under my breath.

The people must have hailed from a strong background. Then after taking a glance at other rankings, I recovered back to my usual position.

It's strange, there is no name of three girls in the top 10. But I know they are stronger than average warriors. Maybe the majority of them in the top 10 rankings might have looted the monster cores from other warriors.

Meanwhile, the staff came forward and stated the top 10 will get the prize from the hands of the representatives from the different academies.

Hearing the announcement, I sighed inwardly. The time has come. Don't know how many will survive at the hands of Jonathan?

Right after, the staff told the top 10 warriors to follow the event head. He is none other than the person from Crimson Hall. The person named Casey looked at me with an evil grin on his face.

If I wasn't aware of his real face, I must have believed this person is genuinely happy for me. Ignoring his evil grin, I followed him to the top floor.

The rest of the seed candidates quietly followed me from behind.

When we reach the top floor. I slowly walked into the room. But the next moment, I feel a terrifying malicious intent.

My expression changes drastically. When I raised my head to see. I see six strong warriors seated next to each other.

"Strong," I said in my heart. No doubt, the strong presence of these people tells me that all of them were above the Elite level.

And that level is called Super Elite.

A small sweat bead appears on my forehead. From Jonathan's words, I knew except one other 5 Super Elite Warriors wanted me dead.

And the strong malicious intent comes from the burly figure. The heavily built middle-aged man is looking at me with red eyes.

I think if not for the occasion, he wouldn't have patiently sat on the seat.

Meanwhile, the super-elite warrior scrutinizes Zack as well.

Mike Smith from the Saw Scale Viper Academy was impressed by seeing Zack's calm temperament. He believes such a temperament comes from inner confidence.

Recalling Zack's teacher, a hint of envy flashes in his eyes but it's for a moment before it disappears.

On the other hand, Teresa York observed Zack's expression. Seeing there is no hint of fear on Zack's face, she is quite surprised.

At this time, she looked at Mike's reaction. Seeing his calm, made her even more confused. How come the other party is so calm and composed?

Shouldn't he step toward saving Zack's life? She furrowed her eyebrows in confusion.

Harvey Kim revealed a bright smile on his face. He knows that the event is going live. So he didn't reveal malicious intent carelessly like Eduard Ortega.

Only Autumn Holt and June Shelton remained quiet and looked at everything silently.

Meanwhile,

Lowell McClain already arrives above the dark swamp. Looking at the dark swamp from mid-air, his eyes flickered with a slight glint.

He just needs to collect the sample. Later, he can do all the testing back in his home. Then he slowly descended to the ground and proceeded to collect some samples.

He didn't worry about other things. Because Jonathan is capable of handling other Super Elite Warriors. Now his attention is entirely on the contamination.

He wants to know how the mutation works ? Apart from him, no one is aware of such changes.

Meanwhile,

The staff began to announce the winner's name.

And the person who is going to present the award is none other than Super Elite Warrior from Red Moon Tower, Teresa York.

Teresa York got up from the seat and walked forward. She didn't expect that she is going to present the unknown seed.

After arriving in front of the camera, she is ready to present the prize.

On the other hand, my face looked calm but my heart was not calm at all. I don't know when Jonathan will barge here to save me.

I think these people won't do anything before the live camera. But once the live telecast comes to an end. They will act for sure.

Suddenly, the staff uttered my name.

Click!

The sounds of the camera clicking appeared louder all of a sudden. People behind the camera zoomed in on Zack's image.

"Sigh"

I let out a small sigh before walking forward in front of everyone's gazes. When I stood opposite the Super Elite Warrior named Teresa York.

I subconsciously felt tremendous pressure. Thankfully, I'm an Elite Warrior. I don't know what will happen. If it's someone else.

Teresa's eyes gleamed with a twinkle. She released a fraction of a pressure unknowingly. But Zack didn't suffer any disadvantage.

Teresa knows if it were an ordinary warrior, he would have suffered a few broken bones.

But right now there is no time for such thinking. Because the staff brought the prize. It is a golden box.

Seeing that she retracted her thoughts and focussed on the present event. When the staff handed over the treasure, she took it from the staff.

On the other hand, my eyes gleamed with twinkles seeing the golden box. Huge expectations rose in my heart. The important moment has arrived.

I participated in this competition for the 1st prize. Earlier, the teacher told me about treasure. He said the prize is more suitable for me. I can't wait to see what's inside the box.

In front of everyone, I received the golden box. After receiving it, I stored the Golden box in my storage ring.

Next, I stepped backward and let other people receive the reward. I turned around and walked toward the exit.

But suddenly I paused, the elder from Crimson Hall blocking my path. "This guy?" My eyes flickered with a cold glint.

What to do? Then I turned around and returned to my previous position, standing together with other seed candidates.

Seeing that first elder Casey revealed an evil grin on his face.

Meanwhile, Eduard Ortega sneered inside. He doesn't know what's with the event organizer. His deliberate action is helping them. From the beginning, his eyes never left the sight of Zack Lockwood.

Time passed,

One by one other seed candidates got their prizes. The live broadcast comes to an end.

With that, the competition comes to a formal end as well. Right after that, other seed candidates and event staff began to leave the room.

Seeing that, I am also looking forward to leaving. But before I could do that I heard a strong voice from behind.

"Zack Lockwood, wait for a second," Mike Smith said all of sudden. His words surprised everyone.

I turned around and looked at the person.

"Hi, Zack. I'm Mike Smith from the Saw Scale Viper Academy," Mike Smith said.

Hearing that, a hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

Before I could reply, the other super-elite warriors surrounded us in a blink of an eye.

Seeing that my expression changes drastically. The worst thing has happened. When I looked around, except other seed warriors and staff had already left the room.

So there was no more live broadcast. Seeing the changes Mike Smith didn't get flustered. Rather he is waiting for a certain person to barge in.

Instead of looking at the warriors, I looked through the window. Jonathan, where are you? I don't want to get attacked by the super-elite warriors.

Meanwhile, seeing the reactions of these two. Teresa got alarmed. The unknown feeling in her heart is starting to get heavier. From the beginning, she knows something is wrong.

Now seeing their relaxed look from them. She realized there must be some kind of backup.

Swish!

All of a sudden, tremendous pressure appeared. The 5 super elite warriors felt humongous pressure weighing on them.

Boom!

Before they could think five of them were crushed to the ground. What? Harvey Kim exclaimed in horror.

Pfff!

Coughing up blood, again he fell and lay down on the ground.

Teresa York's pupil constricts in disbelief. She wasn't able to lift her body. The pressure is so huge that she can't tilt her head.

Feeling that, she looked at Zack and Mike Smith in horror. Her assumption became true. These guys have a strong backup. So strong that even super-elite warriors were pale in comparison.

Chapter 444 Part Two: Final Clash

From MC's perspective:

Sky Tower,

Seeing everyone crushed down to the ground. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. Jonathan started to act now. I can let go of my hanging heart.

Then I see Mike Smith break out in cold sweat. I wasn't surprised by his reaction. He must be surprised by Jonathan's power. While I'm pondering, I suddenly noticed one of the rats is hiding cleverly.

He is none other than the Elder from the crimson hall. Feeling my gaze, that guy is genuinely terrified. But I have no sympathy for him.

From the beginning, he had devised a plan to kill me. Fortunately, I broke through before the start of the competition.

Swish!

I disappeared from the spot and instantly appeared in front of the guy. First Elder Casey starts panicking, his worldview has turned over completely.

Seeing the super elite warriors lying down on the ground like an ant. His legs completely lost their strength. Now Zack appeared in front of him all of a sudden.

Meanwhile, I took out the black sword from the storage ring and made a slash. Under the horrifying gaze of Casey, the blade sliced through the neck like butter.

Pfff!

The next second, a headless corpse dropped down to the ground. No one would have thought that Crimson Hall's First Elder would be met with such an end.

After taking one glance at the cold corpse, I placed the black sword back in my storage ring.

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Mike Smith is dumbstruck by Zack's actions. He had never expected this brat to dare to kill someone under his nose.

But then a sudden realization struck his mind. Zack's actions must be approved by his teacher. So he didn't dare to ask Zack.

Meanwhile, the super-elite warriors' faces are discolored in fear. Zack's bold actions stunned them as well.

Autumn Holt's hands became pale in color, her whole body trembling in fear. Suddenly, she realizes what went wrong.

She looked at Mike Smith who was standing without any expression on his face. "It must be those federation guys. They had sent a powerful house to take away the special element warrior," She said in her heart.

And without realizing that five of them stood against Mike. She doesn't know whether to laugh or cry. Teresa York and Harvey Kim hastily made the decision.

Now everyone is experiencing the heat of it. She can only hope to get pity from the powerhouse.

Meanwhile, June Shelton's face was also covered in dust. He couldn't even see what was happening around him.

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Swish!

Jonathan appeared in the middle of the room. His appearance startled everyone.

At the same time, ignoring everyone. I walked up to him. I can't wait to leave this place to check the golden box.

Seeing Zack, Jonathan then glances at the headless corpse for a second. Before turning back his attention toward Zack.

A hint of surprise flashes in his eyes. He had never expected such a daring move from Zack.

Jonathan didn't even look at the figures lying on the ground. The super-elite warriors felt great humiliation. Like Teresa York, her heart is boiling in anger.

At this moment, she remembered her advice from Mike. He knew about the backup. That's why he was calm and composed all along.

A small miscalculation on their part made them offend someone who shouldn't be offended. Five of them knew that the federation powerhouse was many times stronger than them.

His pressure alone can make them surrender. Such a horrible feeling appears in her heart.

Harvey Kim gritted his teeth in anger. He couldn't help but curse at Mike in his heart. The other party knew something. But he didn't reveal the news a bit.

If he had known such a powerhouse was for the lightning elemental warrior, he would have kept silent. Now the situation has worsened, his life is in the hands of the powerhouse.

Meanwhile, Mike Smith felt chills down his spine, seeing Jonathan. He knows this person is the servant of that big man.

Feeling such strong pressure, he wasn't able to guess the real cultivation of the powerhouse.

Feeling the gaze, Jonathan simply nodded at him. Looking at Zack, he asked, "Are you ready?"

Hearing that, I nodded my head. Because It's time to leave this monster zone.

Jonathan then glances at the super-elite warriors lying down on the ground. Feeling his piercing gaze, everyone is terrified.

"Ahem, I have been observing your movements since the start of the competition," He uttered while looking at everyone with a cold gaze.

His words fell like a thunderclap in everyone's ears. Harvey Kim's heart skips a beat. Apart from him and Teresa, no one spoke that many words.

He fears that the powerhouse would take action on him.

Seeing the extreme fear in everyone's eyes, Jonathan canceled the pressure. The next moment, everyone gasped for breath.

"Zack is part of our federation now. I hope everyone will forget about him. Otherwise, no one can save your life in this entire outer post," Jonathan said while looking at everyone.

His words completely jolted awake them from their dream. They didn't doubt his words. The pressure alone can make everyone believe.

"And you," Suddenly, Jonathan pointed his finger at Eduard Ortega.

Eduard Ortega's pupils constrict. He remembered his earlier words. Facing a powerhouse, he started to stutter.

"Do you want your Giant Tower to be destroyed?" Jonathan asked in a cold tone.

Eduard Ortega's face darkened. Facing thunderous questions, he stepped backward in fear.

"No"

"I made a mistake," Eduard Ortega replied in fear. He thinks he is going to die.

Hearing that, Teresa York turned stiff. She is the one who exposed Zack's lightning power.

Beep!

A notification sound comes from Jonathan's watch. Seeing that, Jonathan looked through the window. "Looks like Master finished his sample collection," He said in his heart.

"Harumph," Then he gave a cold snort, looking at Eduard Ortega.

"Remember my words," Saying that he grabbed Zack's collar and disappeared from the spot.

Tud!

Right after his disappearance, everyone slumped back to the ground.

"Damn it," Harvey Kim uttered. His back was drenched in a cold sweat. Ignoring everyone, he panted heavily.

Teresa York also sighed in relief.

," Eduard Ortega uttered in relief. He felt that huge weight lifted off his shoulder. For a moment, he thought he was gone.

Autumn Holt and June Shelton are also not in good shape either.

Looking at everyone, Mike Smith revealed a smirk on his face. He had advised them earlier. But none of them listened to his friends.

Then looking at everyone, he said," Alright, guys. Don't you want to recruit other seed candidates?"

"Shall I call them?" He said in a mocking tone.

Pfff!

Hearing that, Harvey Kim coughed up blood. Feeling the mocking tone, he gritted his teeth in anger.

He had never expected such a mocking tone from Mike. Veins began to pop up from his forehead.

The expression of others also turned dark. Right now, Teresa has managed to stand up.

Ignoring the words, she sat back in her seat and swallowed the healing pills.

The healing pills are very high-grade. Right after consumption, her internal injuries were instantly healed.

And she returned to her peak within minutes. Seeing her doing that, the rest of them took the healing pills immediately.

A few minutes later,

Everyone returned to their peak. Seeing that Mike Smith shook his head and returned to his seat.

For a moment, the atmosphere quieted down all of a sudden. None of them spoke any words.

Meanwhile, the staff was getting impatient. They don't know what happened to Elder Casey. By this time, the recruitment should have happened.

Seeing the absence of First Elder Casey, they were confused. Why hasn't Elder Casey arrived? The staff started to discuss with each other.

The seed candidates also appeared to be clueless. No one dares to go to the top floor. If they disturb the representative, then the consequences will be disastrous.

Meanwhile, Sallie frowned. She feels something is wrong. Because she hasn't seen the silhouette of Zack yet.

Which means Zack is still on the top floor. On top of it, there is no news about Elder Casey. What happened to them?

Has the elder made any move against Zack? Sallie thought to herself.

Similar thoughts appeared in the mind of Ella Downs. She looked at Sallie and asked, "Can you contact other elders?"

Hearing that, Sallie nodded her head. They must have the contact information of Elder Casey.

Besides, Maria Frazier is busy speaking to her father. Everyone wants to know the update. Since the live broadcast ended. No one had any clue about what happened next.

The entire Frazier Clan wants to know about the recruitment process. They are looking forward to seeing which academy their young miss is going to join.

Similarly, the atmosphere back in the red city is not any different. The entire city is celebrating Zack's success. Zack's winning made their entire city famous. Now, the entire outer post knows about the Tier-8 City called the Red City.

Chapter 445 Part Three: Final Clash

From MC's perspective:

Before I could realize where Jonathan is taking me. I arrived back at a familiar place. Seeing the teacher standing in mid-air above the dark swamp. A lot of questions come to mind.

What is he doing here? A cold shiver went down my spine. Something is wrong with this dark swamp.

Is he coming to investigate this place?

Meanwhile, Lowell McClain is already aware of their presence. After retracting his glance from the dark swamp, he turned towards the two.

There is no need to ask. Lowell knows that Zack got 1st place and received the prize as well. And when it comes to those Super Elite Warriors. He didn't even bother to ask.

"Did you get that seed as a prize?" Lowell inquired looking toward Zack.

Feeling the gaze of the teacher, I immediately brought out the golden box and handed it over to him.

Lowell McClain picked up the golden box and opened it. Inside, a black color seed is placed inside the box. Seeing the black seed, he revealed a satisfied smile on his face.

The Super Elite Warriors didn't recognize the seed. Not only them but in the entire outer post. Nobody knows about the exact origin of the black seed.

If they had known, the black seed wouldn't have appeared in the competition. It would have been snatched away by the powerhouses. After closing the box, he gave it back to Vincent.

Then he slowly said, "Do you know why? I want you to win 1st place."

Hearing that, my gaze fell on the golden box in my hand.

I asked back, "Teacher, what exactly is the black seed?"

"The black seed is related to your lightning element. If you absorb the energy, it can increase your lightning talent further," Lowell said in a calm tone.

I widened my eyes in disbelief. But the teacher's next words poured cold water on my head.

"But the black seed is damaged right now. It will take a huge essence of lightning power to recover. You can keep the seed with yourself for the time being," Lowell added further.

I don't know how to react for a moment. So the black seed is nothing but a waste product right now. A wry smile appeared on my face.

Lowell McClain saw through Zack's thoughts. He said, "Now that your talent is exposed. It will be a matter of time before you see the wider world."

"And to face all of the challenges ahead, the black seed will be immensely helpful when you go to the Inner Post."

Hearing such positive words from the teacher, my mood becomes much better. The seed is great but it's nothing compared to the Ancient Inheritance.

Thinking about the inheritance, I broke out in a cold sweat. I almost forgot about it. The mysterious spirit gave me many conditions. If I fail any of those, I would be dead.

"Domain Physique," I said in my heart. I have to reach level-15 in physique improvement. Currently, I'm in level-4. Thanks to the blood element.

It helped me to increase my body strength. But it's not enough. Still, I have to improve my physique 11 times more. Only then, I can fulfill the condition of the inheritance.

What kind of horrible inheritance could it be? To think it needs such a perverted physique qualification.

My expression discolored for a moment.

"Zack, are you alright?" Jonathan's words reached my ears. Only then my thoughts came back to reality.

I quickly adjusted myself and replied, "I'm fine."

"What's bothering you?" Before I could think, the teacher's words reached my ears.

"I_" I opened my mouth to reply. But I don't know what to say quickly. Then suddenly the image of Crimson Hall comes to mind.

"Teacher, what to do with the Crimson Hall?" I asked.

Lowell McClain's eyes flickered with a slight glint. He knew Zack had killed that person from Crimson Hall a few minutes ago. Maybe he is worried about the aftermath.

"You are thinking too much. Now, you are going to join the academy. The status will be different hereafter. Even the Tier-6 City's City Lord will have to give respect upon seeing you."

"So don't worry about a mere Crimson Hall," Lowell said in a calm tone.

Hearing that, I nodded in response. But actually, I'm quite relieved in my heart. The secret about the Ancient Bloodline Inheritance is deeply buried in my heart.

Hereafter, I should act with more caution.

Lowell McClain felt it's time to go back to the castle. His free time almost comes to an end. If he stays any longer in the Outer Post, his whereabouts would be exposed.

Then it will create much more noise. After gaining some clarity, "Alright, it's time to leave." After saying that he looked toward Zack and added further, "Zack, use your free time well in the academy. Once you step inside the Inner Post, things will be dire."

My expression turned a bit serious. After some seconds, I replied in a confident tone, "Teacher, I will listen to your words. I won't waste my time on other things than improving myself."

Because the ancient spirit will kill me. If I fail to achieve the qualification. Sadly, these things can be only said in my heart.

A hint of approval flashes in Lowell's eyes. He didn't doubt Zack at all. Because Zack's strength is already at Elite level. Which is far better than other warriors of his age.

Lowell then looked at Jonathan and said, "Jonathan, I'm leaving. You can come back after handling Zack's affairs."

"Yes, master," Jonathan said.

Swish!

Right after, Lowell McClain disappeared from the spot.

I stood in the same spot for a moment. Only after a few seconds, I took a deep breath to calm down.

Then a small smile appeared on my face looking at Jonathan. From the beginning of the conversation, Jonathan has been staying silent.

I asked, "Jonathan, is the Inner Post that scary?" a look of longing appeared in my eyes.

Jonathan shook his head and answered, "It's too early to tell you something. But I can still give some comparison."

"Those super elite warriors can only act as cannon fodder in the Inner Post," He added further.

Hearing that my heart skips a beat. "Cannon fodder," I mumbled under my breath. Again, a cold shiver went down my spine.

Jonathan smiled in response. Then he said, "Let's go, it's time to drop two of you back at the academy."

Hearing that I nodded my head in response. Before I could think of something, Jonathan grabbed my collar again.

"Wait, I can fly...," Before I could complete my words. Jonathan dragged me back to the Sky Tower.

Swish!

In a blink of an eye, we appeared back on the top floor. Our appearance immediately startled everyone.

Five Super Elite Warriors got up from their seats in fright. This time everyone recovered from their internal injury. Their complexion looked much better compared to before.

Jonathan scanned everyone before his gaze fell on Mike Smith and asked, "Are you going to recruit other seed candidates?"

Mike Smith gulped his saliva in fear. He controlled his emotions before replying, "Yes, I'm going to recruit at least 4 seed candidates excluding Zack."

Jonathan nodded his head and answered, "Okay, you can take your time. I'll drop Zack at the academy."

After saying that he grabbed Zack's hand and disappeared from the spot.

Meanwhile, Harvey Kim and others broke out in cold sweats. For a second, everyone thought the person came back to silence them.

Seeing him disappearing again, everyone sighed in relief.

Even Teresa York was shocked in her head. "What level is he?" She was surprised by Jonathan's strength again. But this time, the person didn't attack them.

She recalled the words spoken by that person. He is going to drop that lightning kid at the academy. So he is not going to take that kid away from the outer post?

A lot of thoughts come to her mind. But the next moment, she removed the unnecessary thoughts. She doesn't want to offend the person again. Otherwise, the consequence will be disastrous.

Unlike her, other super elite warriors were having different thoughts. Autumn Holt and June Shelton also understood that it's best to forget about this incident.

As a special element warrior, June Shelton knows the importance of special element power.

After witnessing the power of that person, he realized their background might be terrifying. The Silver Clouds Academy can't afford to offend such a person.

After gaining some clarity, he decided to completely forget about this incident.

Meanwhile, Harvey Kim is fuming in anger. He has suffered humiliation after humiliation. It is not like their Eclipse Academy didn't have any connection to the Inner Post.

He began to hatch an evil plan in his mind. He made up his mind to report this incident to his higher-ups. Especially the information about the lightning element warrior must be reported back.

Eduard Ortega from the Giant Tower has decided to report this incident as well. The relationship between their two academies is not good in the first place. So this will add further fuel.

Chapter 446 Part One: Selection

Odyssey Monster Zone:

Sky Tower,

Seeing the atmosphere is not right. Autumn Holt opened her mouth to say, "I don't know about you guys. But I want to leave after recruiting one person."

She had already decided to recruit Maria Frazier into White Palace. But she is worried that Maria might walk away from this place.

Teresa York was stunned. She slightly looked at Autumn Holt before saying, "Alright, we should start recruiting before that person comes back again."

When she uttered those words. Everyone jolted awake. Because there is some truth in Teresa's words. Soon, Teresa's voice reaches the staff.

She instructed them to send the top 100 seed candidates one by one for screening. Though six of them had chosen their seed candidates.

But still, they need to check the warrior in person before recruiting.

Harvey Kim's eyes dimmed a little. Even though his mood worsened he still had to recruit some people to fulfill his responsibility. He can't return empty-handed.

Mike Smith was the happiest person of all. It's been a long time since 5 of them had their noses cut together. Situations have completely changed compared to before.

He is in a completely relaxed state.

Meanwhile, the staff sighed in relief after getting commands from the Super Elite Warrior. But they don't know what happened to First Elder Casey.

Right after the staff immediately revealed the news to the candidate who was perfectly waiting for the updates.

Shortly after, Maria, Sallie, and Ella Downs grouped.

"I was scared before. Fortunately, they have started the recruitment, " Maria said with a sigh.

A few moments ago, her father nagged her about the updates. But nobody knows what's happening on the top floor.

Sallie and Ella were not in good moods. Which is quickly seen through by Maria. She realized something was bothering them.

She asked, "What happened guys?"

Sallie answered, "There was no news about Elder Casey. Signals can't get through. The communication was blocked."

Maria's heart skips a beat. Her happy-go expression was replaced with seriousness. She asked in a solemn tone, "What do you mean?"

Because everyone saw him an hour ago. So what happened later? But when she uses her brain to come up with an answer.

She arrived at a horrible conclusion. Sallie saw through her thoughts. She said, "That's right. He didn't leave the top floor."

After saying she dropped the topic. She didn't want to say her speculation. Which might offend the Super Elite Warrior.

Ellen Downs remained quiet. Unlike them, she is thinking about Zack Lockwood. She fears that there might be some confrontation between Zack and Elder Casey.

Meanwhile, the staff guided the next ten seed warriors to the top floor. When the group walked into the room, a headless corpse caught their attention.

Gasp!

Which immediately alarmed the group. But none of them dared to voice out. Because everyone noticed the presence of 6 Super Elite Warriors in front of them.

The leading male staff recognized the headless corpse. Because he is from Crimson Hall as well. How come he did not know Elder Casey? Who was turned into a cold corpse right now?

Ignoring their grave expression, Teresa York said, "Okay guys, you can start selecting."

The ten warriors stood side by side.

The Super Elite Warriors scrutinize them from head to toe. They want to select suitable candidates for their academy.

Whether it's an inheritance or element power. The super-elite warriors have to screen out suitable people to avoid wasting resources.

Time passed,

A few minutes later,

From the first batch, three people were selected by June Shelton for the Silver Clouds Academy.

After that, the next batch consisting of 10 seed candidates was entered. But unfortunately, none of them got selected.

The primary reason that some of them didn't participate in the competition was that they chose to hide until the end of the competition.

Such behavior was not appreciated by the sixth academy.

Later, Eduard Oretaga from the Giant Tower recruited two people for his organization. Followed by Harvey Kim for the Eclipse Academy. Harvey had selected one warrior to his side.

At the same time, Autumn Holt is waiting for one person to appear. But she knows that the ranking of that warrior named Maria Frazier is low.

She had no choice other than to wait for her to appear.

One hour later,

Mike Smith has successfully recruited four warriors for the Saw Scale Viper Academy.

Right now apart from the Red Moon Tower and the White Palace. Everyone else had recruited people.

"What are you doing?"

"Teresa?"

Harvey Kim asked out in surprise. He then added, "I can understand the White Palace' situation. But the Red Moon Tower can afford to recruit people. So why are you not selecting anyone."

Teresa York frowned. She didn't find any suitable female warrior so far. There are some good male warriors. But their performance was average in the competition.

Before she could reply another batch stepped in. Maria Frazier, Sallie Mills, and Ella Downs are also among the batch.

After entering inside, the headless corpse caught their attention. Some of the weak-willed warriors puked after seeing the corpse.

At the same time, Sallie's hands tremble a little. Even Ella Downs is panicking in her heart. The horror can be seen on both of their faces.

"First Elder is dead," Ella Downs shocked to the core. Who killed him? But the most shocking thing was that his corpse was discarded just like that.

Sallie Mills' heartbeats increased slightly. The change in the appearance of these two was quickly noticed by Maria.

When she followed their gaze. She too spotted the headless corpse. No need to wait. She immediately recognized the identity. This corpse is the body of the Crimson Hall Elder.

Thinking about such a powerful elder met with such an end. Her expression changes drastically. The other seed warriors also started to fear.

The three of them immediately thought of Zack Lockwood. But there was no sign of Zack Lockwood in the room. And they haven't seen him walking out either.

What happened to him? Maria began to worry in her heart.

Sallie and Ella also worried there might be something wrong with Zack Lockwood. But this is not the time to investigate. They will report it back to the headmaster later.

Meanwhile, the super-elite warriors noticed their expression. But none of them wanted to explain anything.

Even Teresa thought this headless corpse scene was testing everyone's will. Which in turn helped them to find good warriors.

Upon seeing Maria, Autumn relaxed a lot. Because Maria is more suitable to join the White Palace Academy.

Meanwhile, Maria is also looking forward to joining any one of the six academies. But unfortunately, her father didn't want her to join the academy connected to the Army Federation.

She doesn't know the reason. But she knows Zack is related to the Army Federation. Sallie Mills and Ella Downs also have trouble choosing the academy.

What they don't know yet is that Teresa York is interested in recruiting these two. Before Teresa could open her mouth.

Autumn Holt asked, "Maria, would you like to join my organization?" She had already gone through her details.

She doesn't need excessive background verification.

Maria Frazier found one of the recruiters staring at her. But when she heard her words. Her heart skips a beat. She had never expected someone to take interest in her. It was a pleasant surprise.

But she doesn't know much about the academy. There are only two female recruiters here.

For a moment, she remained silent.

Autumn Holt saw through her thoughts. She said with a smile, "I come from the White Palace Academy. It's the largest academy for female warriors. Our inheritance techniques related to the water element."

"So I believe you should join our academy," After saying that, she stretched her palm. In the blink of an eye, several water drops appear in her palm.

But if anyone gets close to the water drop, they can feel the immense power hiding in it. Such a scene attracted everyone's attention.

Maria Frazier immediately felt the power of the water element from the small water drops. Hearing her description, she finds no fault in it.

Because she also realized the White Palace might be a suitable organization for her. Coupled with water element inheritance, her future development would be smooth.

After gaining some clarity, she agrees to join the White Palace. A bright smile appeared on Autumn Holt's face. She feels it's worth to come here.

The other super elite warriors didn't stop her from recruiting. Because, she made it clear a few hours ago. And they also feel it's best for Maria to join the White Palace.

Besides, everyone else has recruited two or more seed warriors except Teresa and Autumn.

Now that Autumn has finished her recruitment. Everyone's gaze turned toward Teresa York. Because, it's time for the Red Moon Tower to be selected.

Meanwhile, Sallie Mills and Ella Downs began to feel nervous. Maria successfully joined one of the six organizations. Before coming here, they thought it would be easy to join.

But now they are starting to feel some pressure.

Chapter 447 Part Two: Selection

Odyssey Monster Zone:

Sky Tower:

Teresa York has finally made up her mind. She looked at Sallie Mills and Ella Downs. After scrutinizing them up and down, she asked, "Would you guys like to join the Red Moon Tower?"

Her words brought immense joy and relief to Sallie Mills and Ella Downs.

Sallie immediately agrees by nodding her head. Ella also felt a lot more relieved in her heart. Two best friends are going to join the same academy. She can't ask for more. Then she also nodded her head in agreement.

"Well, come here and stand beside me," Teresa York said. She didn't show much expression on her face. Right after that, Sallie and Ella quickly walked up to Teresa and stood beside her.

Right after that other Super Elite Warriors began recruiting the warriors.

Time passed,

Two hours later,

In a blink of an eye, the 6 Academy recruited their warriors. And the rest of the seed warriors' names were recorded. There is a high possibility of the warriors being recruited by other grade institutions.

"Let's leave," Harvey Kim said in a cold tone.

Then without waiting for others to react. He disappeared from the spot along with the recruits.

Seeing that Eduard Ortega from the Giant Tower got up to leave. He was already impatient to leave. Now that the work is over. It's time for him to leave.

Recalling the humiliation, he has suffered. A hint of anger flashes in his eyes. He glanced at Mike Smith before disappearing along with the recruited students.

June Shelton from the Silver Clouds Academy didn't wait either. After glancing at everyone, he too bid goodbye.

Now, Autumn Holt and Teresa York rose from their seats. It's because of the three female warriors. Maria Frazier looked toward Sallie Mills and Ella Downs.

Autumn Holt didn't plan on her stopping her. She knows Maria is friends with the other two.

Teresa York said, "I'll give you 2 minutes."

Hearing that Sallie and Ella nodded their heads. And walked up to Maria to say some words before parting.

Meanwhile, Maria frowned. She remembered the image of Zack Lockwood. Her gaze fell on Mike Smith and other seed warriors standing beside him.

But no silhouette of Zack could be seen among them. "Look, there was no sign of Zack yet," Maria looked toward the side of Mike Smith.

Sallie and Ella followed her gaze. They too noticed the absence of Zack. Three of them looked at each other.

"Was he killed?" Sallie said in her heart. Because they have seen the headless corpse of their elder. So it wouldn't be much of a surprise if Zack was killed by these people.

Ella Downs' face is full of worry. Autumn Holt and Teresa York observed their reactions.

"They are looking in his direction," Teresa York slightly glanced at Mike's side.

At this time, Autumn Holt also noticed something. She immediately asked, "What happened?"

Maria, Sallie, and Ella immediately turned toward their teacher. "We are looking for our friend, Zack," Maria said.

Teresa asked, "You mean Zack Lockwood." Don't know why? The image of Zack comes to her mind.

Hearing that, Maria nodded her head. Sallie and Ella were surprised by Teresa's answer.

Autumn and Teresa looked at each other. Teresa's eyes flickered with a slight glint. "Is this coincidence or what?" Teresa said in her heart.

Then she sighed to herself before replying, "Your friend is fine. He joined the Saw Scale Viper Academy."

Maria's eyes lit up with joy. She let go of her hanging heart.

Sallie and Ella Downs breathed in relief. Now their confusion has cleared. They didn't have to worry about unnecessary things.

Maria's eyes scanned the surroundings. She calmed down her heart. She doesn't know why but she feels it's best not to inquire further.

Sallie and Ella also saw a change in the expression on Teresa's face. They too kept their mouths quiet.

"Alright, we are leaving as well," Mike Smith said to Autumn Holt and Teresa York.

A moment ago, he too felt that those seed candidates were searching for someone. But he didn't bother to inquire.

His purpose of the visit was fulfilled. And now he can go back to the academy.

Swish!

The next moment, Mike Smith disappeared together with his students. Leaving only the other two behind.

Seeing that Teresa looked at Sallie and Ella. "It's time for us to leave as well," She uttered.

She too wants to leave the place right away. After a long time, she had such a bad day.

Sallie and Ella said their words before parting. Teresa York didn't waste any more time. She left immediately along with the seed candidates.

Shortly after, Autumn Holt left with Maria Frazier. Surprisingly, the White Palace Academy was the last to leave.

All the staff breathed in relief. Since the six academy delegates left the Sky Tower. They can now announce that the competition selection has ended.

Some of the staff looked at the headless corpse lying on the floor. "What to do now?" One of the staff asked.

"Who killed him?" Other staff started to gossip. Other knowledgeable staff contacted the Crimson Hall officials.

Everyone thought it best to leave this matter to them.

Shortly after, the Crimson Hall members arrived. When they looked at the cold corpse lying on the ground. Everyone became pale with fright.

"Quickly collect the corpse and contact Great Elder Chris immediately," A certain elder from the Crimson Hall hurriedly said in a panic.

Hearing that others rushed to collect the corpse first.

Meanwhile, the forces who were waiting outside were leaving after the event ended. There was no point in staying further.

But the media reporters were waiting to catch the glimpse of Zack. None of them had seen Zack leaving the Sky Tower.

So they are patiently waiting to catch the image of Zack Lockwood. But as the forces have one by one.

They are starting to lose patience. Some of the media reporters took the initiative to step inside the Sky Tower.

They hid their gadgets and walked upstairs. On the way, they come across the warriors from Crimson Hall.

But the Crimson Hall officials seemed in a hurry. When the reporters walked past the group. They overheard the conversation. But the content of the conversation was shocking.

So much that they forget about Zack Lockwood. "Crimson Hall's First Elder is dead," the reporters shocked to the core. They immediately turned back to confront the Crimson Hall officials.

They brought the gadget forward and started to ask questions.

The officials did some loose talk. So the news started to spread like wildfire.

Hansen Campus:

The situation inside the Hansen Campus is pleasant. After the news broke out about Zack's victory, the Hansen campus turned into a celebration mood.

The entire Red City is beaming with joy. The dignitaries started to come in. The Hansen higher-ups were busy dealing with the people.

It will be a matter of time before the recruitment details will be released. But before that, another shocking news came out of the blue.

It's about the shocking demise of First Elder Casey. Everyone here in Tier-8 city knows about Crimson Hall. The Hansen warriors in particular.

When they heard the news about Casey's demise. They celebrated even more.

Thornton is watching the news in a daze. He couldn't believe his own eyes. How come the most powerful elder of the crimson hall is dead?

What happened? Thornton looked for further news. But there is no news about other events. Like who killed him? When did he die?

A lot of questions appeared in his heart.

Beep!

His watch lit up with a notification. When he read the message. A hint of relief flashed in her eyes.

"Elder, did you get the news?" At this time, Arthur came hurriedly with a happy face.

Hearing that, Thornton came back to reality. He turned toward Arthur and asked back, "Which news are you talking about?"

Arthur gave a doubtful look. Before he could open his mouth. Thornton said, "The Crimson Hall's Casey is dead. It's all over the news. You can see it for yourself."

"What?" Arthur exclaimed in surprise. The next moment, his face lit up with joy. The lingering fear about Crimson Hall is completely swept away at this moment.

Seeing the disbelief on Arthur's face. Thornton let out a deep sigh. He can understand Arthur's mood. Previously, the Hansen Campus was targeted by Crimson Hall intentionally.

At that time, they were completely helpless. Now the situation has taken a complete turn. Before the competition, everyone was dissatisfied with Crimson Hall's methods.

Now the main pillar is gone. He can already predict the future somewhat. Many hostile forces have waited for this opportunity. He is sure that they will attack the crimson hall.

Especially those forces whose descendants have died in this competition in numbers. The rage is already boiling in people's hearts. Before they couldn't stop the ongoing competition.

Now the event is over. It will be a matter of time before Crimson Hall collapses. Thinking about it, Thornton let out a happy laughter in his heart.

Chapter 448 The Higher Realms

From MC's perspective:

After leaving the odyssey monster zone, Jonathan used the familiar bird monster for travel.

We crossed many miles within two hours. But I haven't seen a single city so far. Currently, we are heading in the northern direction.

Except for the vast open plains down the ground. No other habitat can be seen. I couldn't help but think we are heading in the wrong direction.

But looking at Jonathan's closed eyes. I decided not to disturb him. The image of uncle James and Granny Park comes to mind. I wanted to contact them.

But traveling is hindering communication. After sighing, I thought about my plans. Now that everyone knows I'm a lightning warrior. I don't have to hide it in the academy.

Which is good for me. But at the same time, I should keep an eye on the other 5 academies. Thinking about other academies, I don't know whether the three girls were able to join any of the academies or not.

But unfortunately, I can't contact her at this point. I don't even know whether it is possible to return to Tier-8 in the future.

Before I was longing for the outside world. But now there is a trace of uneasiness in my heart. I don't know what are the challenges waiting ahead for me.

In particular, I remembered the teacher's words. He said that super elite warriors are nothing but cannon fodder in the Inner Post. What is the inner post? How big is it?

At this time, Jonathan opened his eyes. Seeing that, I sighed in relief. Finally, he has opened his eyes. I thought he was going to be silent for the whole journey.

Feeling my gaze, Jonathan turned toward me and asked, "Do you have any doubts?"

Yes, I do have a lot of doubts. But before I could ask. Jonathan began to explain.

"Alright, I will tell you a few things about the Academy and city. I guess you have heard about this before. The Saw Scale Viper Academy is divided into four grade institutions.'

"Starting from A to D based on warriors' talent. From your earlier quota, you should have entered a D grade Institution. But now everything changes because of your special element of power and ranking in the competition."

"On top of it, the Master also has made arrangements for you to join the A-grade institutions. So your position in A grade institution was already set."

My eyes gleamed with a twinkle. This is what I'm waiting for. Finally, I'm starting to hear the news about the wider world. Then I perked up my ears to listen further.

Jonathan is aware that Zack is listening keenly. So he continued to explain further.

"I believe you remember the master's words. The Inner Post is for anyone who can enter. Only powerful warriors can enter the Inner Post."

"Because the resources and energy in the outer post are scarce. It can't support the development of high-level warriors. So many choose to enter the inner posts after choosing to join one of the forces."

I wasn't surprised by Jonathan's words. I knew how difficult it was to cultivate lightning techniques. When there were no abundant lightning resources.

Thanks to the chance that I came across the old ruin. Because of it, I stepped into the Elite level. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for me to kill those hybrid monsters that easily.

Suddenly, I wanted to know what the realm above the Super Elite Base was.

"Jonathan, what is the level above the Super Elite?" I asked.

Jonathan furrowed his eyebrows slightly. He doesn't know whether it's okay to tell without the Master's permission.

But after thinking about Zack's Elite level base. He felt it was okay to reveal a few levels.

"There are levels that exist above Elite level. Namely 1. Super Elite 2. SS Elite 3. SSS Elite and other levels," He said without turning back.

Jonathan uttered it casually. But my heart was set off by storms. "Super Elite" "SS and SSS Elite," I muttered to myself.

What kind of naming is this? But my attention was attracted to other unknown levels above these three.

"Jonathan, what about other levels?" I asked back.

Jonathan shook his head in response and replied, "You can search for other information in the academy."

I know the horror of Elite-level Base. I can casually kill the level-3 monster. Because I'm walking on a dual path. Both body and essence are in the Elite Level.

This is the secret only known to me. I don't know how long it will take for me to rise to the future ranks in both paths.

Not every time, I can come across some random chance. In the future, I need to figure out a way to earn money and collect resources.

Jonathan said, "When it comes to the academy. Remember, there is a fierce battle going on between all the six academies."

"Your appearance will attract a lot of hate again. People will find a way to attack you. Some academies won't hesitate to send an assassin to kill you," He added further.

"What?"

"Assassination again," I exclaimed in surprise. I regret asking him to open his mouth. I thought I would be at peace hereafter. But his words poured cold water on me.

I couldn't help but slightly massage both sides of my temple.

Jonathan saw through Zack's mood. But he doesn't plan on consoling. Then before changing the topic, he said, "Alright, just be wary of the Giant Tower and the Eclipse Academy."

"The Giant Tower has hostile relations with the Army Federation. They won't digest the fact that you joined the Army Federation."

"And their means are stronger than the Crimson Hall. On the other hand, the Eclipse Academy may seem righteous. But they will do anything for their interest," Jonathan continued to advise Zack.

"Eclipse Academy" "Giant Tower" I remembered two people looking at me with murderous gazes at that time.

No wonder, they harbored such hatred. It's because of the Army Federation. A slight glint flashes in my eyes.

Before I had one enemy called the Crimson Hall. But now it feels boring to deal with Crimson Hall. When I killed the Crimson Hall's Elder. Most of the hatred in my heart was completely gone.

At my current level, I can single-handedly destroy the Crimson Hall organization. But those two academies were not simple. I don't know how many people were strong like clouds out there.

A gloomy glint flashes in my eyes.

Looks like the future is not going to be that simple. I have to again adopt the low-key policy. But fortunately, I can use lightning elements without any constraints.

Jonathan observed Zack's expression. So he stopped talking about it. He feels this information is enough to let Zack act with caution.

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Hansen Campus,

While Thorton and Arthur were discussing. The news about Maria Frazier also reached his ears. The Frazier Clan head texted Thornton in particular.

The news came as double joy for Thornton.

"White Palace," He mumbled under his breath. He heard about the academy while he worked in the federation. But that was a long time ago. He only knows that the academy recruits female warriors.

Then he shared the news with Arthur who was equally surprised as well. "Elder, should we reveal the news?" Arthur asked.

Thornton shook his head in denial. He answered, "Maria had participated on behalf of her clan. It's a family power. She is not part of our Hansen anymore."

"Pity," Arthur uttered in a low tone. He imagined advertising Zack and Maria's name to the whole city.

Thornton furrowed his eyebrows. He got no reply from Zack. Which puzzled him a lot. Are they traveling to the academy right away? Thornton became hesitant.

But he thinks Zack's uncle would know a lot. He decided to contact him right away.

Meanwhile,

James Lockwood couldn't control his happiness back at home. The news about Zack Lockwood is all over the news. He recalled the past. Where he had saved Zack from the flowing lava.

Now Zack has successfully stepped into the wider world. He couldn't help but feel a little proud. Initially, he wanted Zack to practice and join the federation as a small officer.

But now he realizes Zack will go beyond the ranks of the superior. Then he immediately shared the news with Ms. Park who is taking bed rest.

Shortly after, Granny Park shed happy tears. She is now relieved after knowing Zack had the strength of protecting himself. Images of an orphanage flash before her eyes.

She recalled how Zack had trained with a wooden stick at a young age. From the little outskirts to this white snow city and then later to the Red City.

Zack has experienced the journey of various cities and monster zones in these years. She hopes to see Zack one more time before her final moments.

But she is afraid it's not possible at all. James saw through her mood. No need to ask if he understands the mood of Ms. Park. She dedicated her later years to the upbringing of Zack.

Because of her, Zack didn't ask about his birth parents. Right now, he is waiting for Zack's call.

Chapter 449 Part One: Tier-6 Viper City

From MC's perspective:

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

The bird monster crossed several regions and cities in two months. The next morning, fortunately, I got to see the destination.

A huge black wall came into view. The wall is many times higher than that of one in level-7 Baguva City.

Suddenly, the bird monster slowed down its speed. I raised my eyebrows in confusion. Because I see there is no entrance gate to the city.

"Is it hidden?" I mumbled under my breath.

Jonathan guided the monster to land slowly in front of the wall. There is nothing but empty land on the ground.

Tud!

When the bird monster landed, I jumped off it and landed slowly on the ground. Right after, Jonathan landed.

I raised my head and tried to look at the end of the wall. But the wall's height is extremely high.

"It's not a city wall," Seeing the confusion on Zack's face, Jonathan said.

My eyes lit up in surprise. "Not the city wall," I muttered. But I only see Jonathan smiling knowingly.

Then I see him contacting someone. A few seconds later. A huge noise came before me.

When I turned toward the black wall. I see a new door being opened to let the visitors in. Seeing that Jonathan guided the monster to enter.

I followed him in disbelief. I'm looking forward to seeing what's inside. The monster, Jonathan, and I, three of us walked through the huge gate.

But when I crossed half of the path and took a step forward to walk the future. I felt like I'm passing through transparent film.

The feeling appeared for a moment before it disappeared. By the time, we reached the end of the path. I am already starting to feel the changes.

"The World energy seems to become thicker and more abundant," My heart set off storms. I felt nothing like this before. This feeling is similar to that I have experienced in a special environment.

I looked toward Jonathan and wanted to inquire. But we already reached the end of the path by that time.

I feel like passing through some secret tunnels. When we walked out of the tunnel, a magnificent scene came into view.

"What a magnificent place?" I uttered in disbelief. In front of me, several sky-rising towers and glass buildings can be seen. On top of it, I see several dots flying in a pattern.

What's more, what caught my attention is the huge forest levitating in mid-air at the center of the city. It's more like a garden. But looking at its massive size. It's safe to say it's a small forest.

Jonathan saw Zack's expression and smiled. He didn't disturb Zack's mood. Rather let him experience the new feeling.

The bird monster seems to enjoy the abundance of world energy present in the atmosphere.

It took me a moment to realize what was happening. This place is a city. It looked many times more magnificent than the Tier-7 Baguva City.

Wherever I see, I can only see the tall structure.

No need to guess. It's a city related to the academy.

"Jonathan, is this Tier-6 city?" I asked in a calm tone. I already know but I want to confirm his words.

Jonathan nodded his head and replied, "You are right, This city is a Tier-6 city under the control of your academy. It's called the Viper City."

"One more important thing. I guess you have already realized the abundance of world energy in front of you," he added further.

Hearing that, I nodded my head in response.

"It's because we are not in the outer post region anymore," Jonathan said without blinking his eyes.

But his words fell like a thunderclap in my ears. What about home? Images of home, Uncle James, Granny Park, White Snow City, the Red City, and the Hansen campus come to mind.

At this time, Jonathan's words again brought me some clarity.

"Don't think too much. Let's go and find an inn. I'll explain to you slowly later," Jonathan said to me.

I calmed down after listening to his words. But my gaze fell on the bird monster.

I asked, "What are you going to do with it?"

Jonathan glanced at the bird monster before replying, "Don't worry, there is a place here. Where they take care of the tamed monsters."

"But before doing anything. We should first register your identity. Let's go to the city lord's mansion," After saying that, he started walking along with a monster.

"City Lord Mansion?" I said in my heart. Don't know why the City Lord Mansion gives me an uncomfortable feeling.

The experiences in the Iron Post City left a bad taste in my mouth. On top of it, the City Lord of the Red City was not good either.

I hope this is not the case here. Walking, I found a lot of pedestrians on the street. Aura from their body gives me heart palpitations.

I remember the three realms above the Elite level. Coming across several powerful auras, I feel powerless after a long time. It's like coming to Tier-8 city again.

But this time, the scale is bigger. The next second, I put these unnecessary thoughts behind my mind.

I believe with enough resources, I will step into the higher ranks eventually.

A few minutes later,

We reached the City Lord Mansion. Like other cities, the mansion looked good with the usual architectural model.

Fortunately, the mansion is located quite close to the wall. And it's also a walkable distance. The monsters are not allowed to trespass. There is a place where we can rest the tamed monsters.

Strangely, I haven't seen anyone using tamed monsters. Apart from seeing different types of flying cars, I have yet to see any sign of a monster here.

The area right next to the mansion is where tamed monsters were put together. When I walked into the place, the bird monster seemed to be restless.

"Alright, I'll be back in a few minutes," Jonathan assured the monster. Seeing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle. It is nice to have pet monsters.

But unfortunately, to raise pet monsters you need capital. I'm not in a position to take care of myself. It's unwise to think about the pet monsters.

Sighing, I decided to roam around the place. It will take a few minutes for Jonathan to handle the matter. I see him walking with the staff.

Seeing that, I walked past several rooms. These rooms were specially built to keep the pet monster. This reminds me of those iron cages back in the ruin.

It was a bad place. But I got the opportunity from that bad place. Shaking my head, I walked past several empty rooms before spotting a room with the monster.

I paused my footsteps and walked up to the room. I looked through the glass, I saw a green snake resting on a wooden branch. Seeing the small size of the snake monster, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

"Is this class monster?" Doubt appeared in my heart. But it's too small for a class monster.

Seeing the small green snake. I don't know what to think for a moment. Then I thought about the mutated monster back in the mysterious forest.

But as far as I remember, apart from a change in strength and appearance. The hybrid monsters didn't change in overall size.

Which makes me think further. After a few minutes, I heard the sound of footsteps from behind my back.

Turning around, I see Jonathan walking back.

Seeing him, I immediately asked, "Jonathan, what is this monster?"

Jonathan recognized the monster at a glance. But he became hesitant for a moment. "Who could be the owner of this special monster?" a doubt appeared in Jonathan's heart.

Then he said, "It's a monster of a different category. It's not the same as Class Monster, Hybrid Monster, or Mutated ones." after saying that he looked toward Zack.

Zack is the one who has faced rare mutated monsters.

Meanwhile, I note down his words in my heart. Special Monster uh? I will look into it later.

Then we walked out of the facility. The bird monster seems to rest in a good room. Now Jonathan can act freely.

After leaving, we then walked toward the mansion. Soon a familiar suit caught my attention. The two city guards who are standing at the front gate are covered in full body armor suits.

The grade of the full-body armor suit looks expensive.

By the time we got closer, the guard stepped forward to inspect us. After seeing we came here for registration, the guard let us in.

But when I walked past him. I vaguely sensed his horrible aura. A small sweat bead appeared on my forehead.

"Don't probe him. High-level warriors have keen senses," Jonathan said without turning back.

Hearing that I collected my thoughts and hurriedly caught up to Jonathan.

Jonathan noticed Zack's expression. "The rules here are strict. Act with caution hereafter," Jonathan said with a smile.

Hearing that, a wry smile appeared on my face. Looks like I have to change my old habits.

Chapter 450 Part Two: Tier-6 Viper City

A couple of days ago,

Crimson Hall,

The entire Crimson Hall is in a state of panic. First Elder Casey's demise came as thunder. The headmaster of Crimson Hall fainted on the spot after hearing the news.

Who would have expected such a tragic end for the First Elder? Right after the news broke out, the clans and other merchant families under the Crimson Hall cut ties to their relations from the Crimson Hall instantly.

Already millions of people are dissatisfied with the live broadcast. Especially witnessing the massacre of talented warriors from various cities.

Public sentiment against Crimson Hall is starting to increase. Protests are happening in front of the various Tier-7 and Tier-8 cities.

In a few cities, the City Lord Mansion got directly attacked. Especially the forces of the deceased seed candidates directly or indirectly causing the protest to rising.

Back in Crimson Hall, chaos can be seen everywhere. Some of the elders wanted to escape. Because the news about the protest is already starting to reach their ears.

Now, on top of it, the First Elder was gone. No one can support Crimson Hall anymore. The Grand Elder Chris is already old. He can't handle the aftermath alone.

"Headmaster, what are you going to do?" One of the elders wanted the headmaster to take some action.

Because the voices of fleeing started to increase. No one boldly acted on the surface. But some of the elderly and students' families are already shifted to other cities.

"Hateful," The headmaster of the Crimson Hall cursed at the deceased Casey. He thought First Elder Casey was creating trouble for him even after his death.

He remembered something during those discussions. At that time many elders were against Casey's plan. Even the Grand Elder Chirs didn't support the competition plan open-heartedly.

After learning about the Odyssey Monster Zone, even the allied forces stood against First Elder Casey. But he had conducted the event against all odds.

Now he doesn't know how the First Elder Casey has died? Information says that he was found dead at the top of the sky tower.

Where the dignitaries from the six academies watched the duel. Has he offended the academy people? When this thought arises in his mind. His expression became pale with fright.

"No, it's impossible," He got up from the seat in disbelief. If the First Elder had offended those dignitaries, then there would be no place for them to stay alive.

Extreme fear appeared in his heart. Right now, his expression is being watched by the elders. If he shows any fear, then this guy will spread this to others.

The next moment, he made a firm decision in his heart. Right now the only person who can save him is Grand Elder Chris.

After gaining some clarity, he replied, "I'll talk to the Grand Elder." He then immediately left the room to see the Grand Elder.

Walking, small sweat beads started to appear on his forehead. On the way, he comes across many elders. But unfortunately, the strength of the students dropped by half.

He doesn't know when the remaining ones will flee.

A few minutes later,

He arrived at the isolated courtyard of the Grand Elder Casey.

"Elder..?"

"Grand Elder?"

He immediately started to call him.

Creak!

The door opens. Right after, an old figure walked out of the room. Seeing the headmaster, a wry smile appeared on his face.

"Casey messed up everything," Grand Elder said with regret. Everything went beyond his belief. Now the foundation of Crimson Hall is being threatened.

Grand Elder Chris felt that he had underestimated the public sentiment. He should have stopped Casey at that time. Now it's too late to regret everything.

Everything is messed up now. He looked at the sky and murmured, "I don't know which force is ready to attack?" He can't even ask for allies' help at this time.

"Ha...Ha...Ha...", Grand Elder Chris let out a bitter laugh.

The Headmaster who was watching everything was scared sh!t. "Grand Elder?" He called out again. He came here to ask for help. But after watching Grand Elder's expression.

He doesn't know what to say. He hopes that Grand Elder will say something.

A few minutes later,

Grand Elder Chris calmed down himself. The next moment, a fierce glint appeared in his eyes. He turned toward the headmaster and instructed him, "If anyone wants to leave Crimson Hall, they can leave now."

Hearing that, a look of disbelief appeared on the Headmaster's face.

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Tier-6 Viper City,

City Lord Mansion,

Jonathan and I, both arrived at the front office. This administration office belongs to the City Lord Mansion. As we entered inside, we were greeted by the staff.

Jonathan began to speak to the staff. When Jonathan uttered the academy name. The staff gave me a normal look without much surprise in her eyes.

Her gaze seems like she was used to seeing people like me. Then I see her doing something on the system screen.

"What's your name?" The female staff asked without turning her back.

"Zack Lockwood," I said.

Hearing that she immediately searched for my name in the database. Seeing that quick glint flashes in my eyes.

"How come?" I said in my heart. Because this is my first visit to the city. It's normal to think that they don't have any information about me.

"Looks like the academy has already given the name list," Jonathan commented beside me.

A look of understanding dawned upon me. Like me, there will be other students in the coming days. To ease down the process, the academy already gave our information to the City Lord.

I quickly connected the dots and gained some clarity in my thoughts.

Soon my image with my name and other background information appeared on the screen.

Gasps!

The staff let out a low exclamation. Seeing that, my eyes scanned the details. Finally, I spotted the source of her exclamation.

[Element - Lightning(Special Element)]

"So quick," My eyes gleamed with a twinkle. My information was updated so quickly.

"I hope you don't attract much attention," Jonathan said with a smile.

Hearing that the female staff shuddered for a moment. But she quickly controlled her emotions. Fortunately, there was no one to witness this scene.

Several minutes later,

We walked out after registering my information. I looked at the new I.D. on my communication watch. With this, I can roam freely in this city.

"Alright, the important thing has been done. What next?" I said to Jonathan.

Walking, we followed the same route toward the gate.

Jonathan smiled and said, "I'll take you to the academy tomorrow after spending the night here."

I nodded my head in response. Then we left the City Lord Mansion after walking past the guard.

Soon we entered the facility to take back our bird monster.

Time passed,

20 minutes later,

We came to the hotel. Looking at the size of the hotel, I stood in a daze again. Because this hotel is one of the giant skyscrapers in the city.

What's more amazing is that? I see warriors entering the hotel together with their pets.

After walking into the front desk. Jonathan inquired about the accommodation which can facilitate the pet monster.

After paying the amount, the staff gave us the access code. Soon we found the lift to reach our room. Jonathan booked two separate rooms.

I don't know what he is going to do with the bird monster. But the answer came soon.

When the lift reached the 5th floor. We both stepped out. But the next moment, a look of amazement flashes in my eyes.

Because the entire floor has only four rooms. And among the four rooms, two rooms were specially built for the pet monster.

No wonder, Jonathan chose to come here. The surprise appeared for a moment before it disappeared.

"This is your access code. If you want to roam around the city alone, you can go," Jonathan said after giving me the access code.

"No, I'll see you around the city some other time," I replied.

Jonathan nodded his head before leaving with his pet monster. As I guessed, he opened the special room for the bird monster. Because the ceiling was so high it could accommodate the monster easily.

Then I walked toward my room. After entering the access code in the door's smart system. The door opens in the next second.

Creak!

As I walked into the room the door behind me closed automatically. In front of me is the beautiful living space. Through the window, I can see the opposite and nearby buildings.

"What a spot?" A hint of amazement flashes in my eyes. My heart tells me to explore the city. But I feel it's not good to move around without knowing how deep the city is.

My decision became firm after knowing that my background information was updated. Now it looks like the city government knows. I won't be surprised if the city lord himself knows about me.

Then shaking my head, I decided to sleep after taking a long shower.