

## **BloodLine 471**

### Chapter 471 Part 1: Zack Vs Ron

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Stadium,

After a few minutes of walking, I reached the stadium. I see a few people waiting at the entrance. Once I got closer, I heard them talking.

They are actually waiting for me.

"You are Zack Lockwood right?"

"Vice-dean has been waiting for you. Go to the dueling stage directly," the middle-aged man guarding the gate said.

I nodded my head and walked past them. When I stepped inside, a magnificent arena came into view. The gallery was filled with people.

It looks more amazing in real life than live video. Suddenly a silhouette caught my attention. On the dueling stage someone is waiting for me.

Seeing that my mouth curved into an arc. Then I walk toward the dueling stage. My appearance immediately attracted attention.

Right after I hear loud chanting of my own name. People are familiar with faces because of the challenge issued by the Giant Tower.

At the same time, Vice-dean Franklin sighs in relief. He thought that kid was being intentional. But after seeing his appearance. He changed his mind.

Standing beside him, the red elder also noticed the appearance of a lightning warrior. He muttered, "So he is Zack Lockwood. I heard his lightning element is very domineering."

Franklin's eyes flickered with cold glint. He said, "I hope you don't make unnecessary moves."

The red elder sneered inside. Now he realized the higher ups of the Saw Scale Viper Academy have figured out their intentions.

But it's too late to stop them. Then his gaze fell on the dueling stage.

At this time the whole crowd's eyes were set on the dueling stage. In particular everyone's gaze fell on two people. Not many people are familiar with Zack Lockwood.

They only knew that Giant Tower had challenged this person. Which intrigued everyone's curiosity.

Inside the special faction common room,

"Hey, the wait is over. I hope he can do well in this duel," Laverne Morrow said to herself.

Three of them glued to the screen.

At this time, Ernest Kirk furrowed his eyebrow.

He asked, "Michael, why does the Giant Tower pose a challenge specifically to Zack?"

"And how come they know each other?"

This sudden question made them realize one thing. This duel is not easy.

"Yeah, why haven't I thought about this before?"

Michael remained silent before saying, "I don't know? We might better ask him in person later."

He already thought about this silently in his heart. He thinks there is some grudge between Zack and the Giant Tower.

Similarly, dean Rebecca glued to the screen as well. She is worried in her heart. Because it's not a simple exchange. The Giant Tower is here for a kill.

And that Giant Tower member on the stage won't let go of this opportunity. Suddenly, she made up her mind to go to the duel stadium.

Though Franklin is watching everything. But under her monitoring nothing can happen to Zack.

Meanwhile,

Dueling Stage,

After stepping up, I stood opposite the Giant Tower Warrior. And I know his name as well.

"Ron," I said in my heart. When I met his eyes, he suddenly broke out with a wide grin on his face.

His eyes look like he wants to swallow me directly.

When the bell rang, the crowd erupts in cheer. And at the same time, I released my perception and covered the dueling stage within seconds.

Now his every action will be under my perception.

Ron raised his fist to punch me. Seeing that my eyes gleamed with twinkle. Right after a golden palm released from his fist. The attack was directed at me.

But I easily side stepped to evade it.

Seeing that Ron burst into laughter, "Ha...Ha...Ha..."

"Interesting, I see how long you can evade my attack," He said. Right after he again released the punch attacks.

But this time there are more than one. Seeing the barrage of golden punches coming towards me.

My mouth curved into an arc.

"Lightning phantom technique," I said. The next second, my legs wrapped up with a purple lightning arc.

Swish!

In a blink of an eye, I disappeared from the spot and appeared closer to him. The barrage of Golden punch hit the empty air.

Boom!

A few attacks land a blow to the empty ground.

Ignoring the noise, I raised my hand and pointed my fingers at Ron.

My sudden appearance startled the Giant Tower Warrior. His face filled with shock and surprise.

He underestimated the speed of lightning movement technique.

Seeing his bewildered face, I smirked.

"Lightning finger technique," I muttered. Right after, a deep purple lightning arc covered my fingers. This is only the 1st stage of the technique.

But I can still feel the horror of it. Without wasting any more time, I shot the lightning attack at him.

A straight purple beam comes from my finger and breaks through the air in the blink of an eye.

Gasp!

The crowd let out a huge gasp. Everyone saw a purple arc appear on the stage for a moment before it disappeared.

But the next second, the person appeared right before the Giant Tower. Yet the next scene will forever be etched in their mind.

Inside the dean's office,

Dean Rebecca's eyes filled with surprise. The speed generated from the lightning element can only be equaled by a bright light element or dark element.

But when she saw the next scene, Her heart filled with surprise. "Broken finger technique," She uttered in surprise. The name broken finger technique is derived from incomplete lightning finger technique.

But what caught her attention was that Zack had entered the 1st stage. Which is not easy at all. She knows it has only been a couple of days since Zack got that technique.

Which shows Zack comprehension is really good.

Meanwhile,

The red elder's face darkened. He doesn't know why? He suddenly started to lose confidence. The lightning movement technique is no joke. That brat broke out with such a speed. Which was unexpected.

The next moment, a murderous intent flashes in his eyes.

"Red Elder," A powerful voice reached his ears. The next moment, he recovered his expression back to normal.

Vice-dean Franklin was surprised by Zack's speed as well. But at the same time, he had kept his eyes on the red elder.

Seeing the killing intent, he called out his name in a stern voice. Their small means immediately scared people around them.

Dueling stage,

Seeing the lightning beam, Ron's expression turns pale with fright. He can feel the dangerous aura from the lightning element.

He hurriedly released his defensive technique. In a blink of an eye, his body is covered with golden cover.

At the same time a lightning beam collided with a golden cover.

Boom!

The collision was so loud that it sent a shockwave across the dueling stage.

Crack!

A cracking sound can be heard clearly. Through my perception, I see the golden cover is damaged. Seeing that I released another lightning beam in succession.

It was just before the dust settled down.

At the same time, horror can be seen on Ron's face. His golden cover is crumbling into pieces. "What kind of power is this?" He screamed in his heart.

The lightning power is total domineering and destructive.

Right after, another lightning beam collides with the golden cover. The next moment, the golden cover broke into pieces. It fails to withstand the blow, the remaining power of the lightning beam lands a blow to his chest.

Pfff!

He coughed up blood. Ron couldn't believe his own eyes. In a blink of an eye, he was injured to this extent. He looks at his chest. He feels severe pain from his chest bone.

He has to re-access the plans. Zack is only in the Initial stage of Elite. On the same level, he realized he is not an opponent.

Before coming to the stage, he suppressed his realm to the Initial Stage. But now he broke out with full strength.

Peak Elite aura emitting from his body.

The sudden aura swept away the nearby dust.

Swish!

At the same time, I retreated back using the lightning phantom technique.

"Peak Elite," My eyes lit up with surprise. Before coming here, I heard we are going to fight in the same realm. So what happened to this guy now?

Gasp!

The commotion broke out among the audience as well.

"Red Elder, what does this mean?"

"Are you going to break your own words?"

Vice-dean Franklin asked out loud. The surrounding students also glared at the red elder in anger.

Ron's Peak Elite aura surprised him. Seeing that his face turned ugly. No way, the challenge is going to continue like that.

Dueling stage,

Ron also overhears the commotion. But right now, he has no time for that. His eyes flickered with overwhelming killing intent.

The duel challenge is just an excuse to kill Zack. He is not going to waste anymore time. The lightning element gives him a bad feeling. He decided to attack Zack with overwhelming strength.

He raised his hand to release the punch attack. The next moment, his fists were covered with a deep golden color aura. Seeing the power brewing in his fist, he grinned evilly.

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Dueling Stage,

Rebecca knitted her eyebrows. She is directly hiding in the void. She also noticed the actions of the red elder and Franklin.

She is not worried that the red elder would do something. But her gaze fell on the dueling stage. Where Zack is confronting the Giant Tower Warrior.

As per the word, the Giant Tower Warrior should suppress his realm and fight. Now that the Giant Tower Warrior broke the rules. She decided to intervene in this duel when there is a threat for Zack.

She also witnessed Zack's progression. She only knew about the finger technique from the written records. But after witnessing the lightning finger technique in person.

She felt everyone had underestimated the power of the technique. The attack can injure warriors above one realm easily.

So she decided to watch more. And this also gives her an opportunity to understand Zack's bottom line.

Meanwhile,

Inside the Giant Tower,

The elders' eyes were filled with killing intent. "It was the first time for me to witness the power of lightning. It's truly violent and domineering as per record says," One of the elders made a comment.

"Yeah, it's a pity. He is not ours," certain elder said with a sigh.

The Giant Tower Head frowns. He clearly didn't like the actions of Ron. He shouldn't have suppressed his realm. For others it's a challenging duel.

But for him it's clearly a mission. Instead of using the opportunity to kill, he had suppressed his realm to fight.

He was also surprised by the power of the lightning. Fortunately, the lightning brat was exposed in the competition.

Otherwise they wouldn't have got that intel. He only fears that the old hag would intervene in this duel. If it happens then everything would be for not.

And next time, it would be very difficult to kill that lightning brat.

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From MC's Perspective:

Dueling Stage,

The opponent has released the golden fist technique again. Right after several golden fist shots at me.

Seeing a thick oppressive aura around the golden fist. I realized this is a peak power of the elite.

When the attack reached closer to me. I burst out with great speed using lightning phantom technique.

I disappeared from the spot and evaded all those attacks in a blink of an eye. Then I released "Blood Field Technique " for a short moment.

This was all happened in a blink of an eye,

Ron who was smiling happily. Suddenly he felt a bad premonition in his heart. It was so sudden that before he could think of it his brain went blank.

Followed by heart wrenching pain. No one from outside can see what had happened. Ron was feeling internally.

At the same time, I released the lightning finger technique right after the blood field technique.

A thick purple color formed at the tip of my finger. The next second, the lightning beam is shot at him. In a blink of an eye, it reaches the target and lands a huge at his chest part.

Boom!

The lightning hit caused his body to fly backward like a broken kite and got smashed into the ground.

Ron who was experiencing heart wrenching pain was caught off guard by the attack. There is not even a golden cover to protect his physique.

Pfff!

He coughed up blood from the terrible impact force. At this moment, he was completely woken. When he opened his eyes to look around. He saw he was thrown off from the stage.

"What happened?" He said in his heart. He only remembers going blank for a moment and experiencing severe pain. But now he sees his chest region was injured.

He is clearly feeling the cracking in the bones. When did he release his finger technique? He then looked toward Zack on the dueling stage with horror.

The feeling of unknown sent a terrible chill down his spine. And with this deep injury, he can't continue the duel even if he wants to. Because he was eliminated.

He was thrown off the dueling stage. A wry smile appeared on his face. He doesn't know how to explain this unknown to the red elder and the Giant Tower head.

But next second, he remembers the stern warning from the Giant Tower Head. The Giant Tower Head doesn't want to hear about the mission failure.

Gritting his teeth, he decided to walk up to the dueling stage to fight again.

"Zack wins the official duel"

When he was lost in thoughts, he heard the loud voice. Which reached the entire stadium. He raised his head to see. A figure appeared before everyone who is none other than Rebecca.

Meanwhile,

On the dueling stage, I sighed in relief after hearing the announcement. And the voice seems so familiar. The next moment, I see Dean Rebecca appear before us.

Finally, I relaxed a lot.

Rebecca's eyes fell on Zack for a moment before turning toward the red elder.

The red elder himself couldn't believe his own eyes. The Peak Elite warrior was thrown off the stage strangely by the lightning attack. He doesn't know how to explain the situation.

But what's more annoying is that the dean of the academy appears here. How long has been she watching the duel?

He can't take action under her nose. The mission was a total failure.

The audience was also in a state of shock. But after hearing the dean's voice. Everyone erupted in cheer.

The duel was way beyond their expectations. Nobody had thought someone could fight across two big realms. Especially Zack's performance broke their cognition.

This was the first time everyone had witnessed the power of a special element called the lightning element.

Special Faction Common Room,

Three of Zack's classmates got up from the ground. "How could it be?" Ernest Kirk uttered in surprise.

Earlier, three of them worried about Zack. But now three of them have strange expressions on their faces. Mostly it was shock and disbelief.

A complicated glint flashes in Michael's eyes.

He said, "Looks like we all misunderstood him."

Laverne asked, "What do you mean?"

Ernest also looked at him. He thinks Michael might have spotted something.

"Have you noticed one thing?"

"Zack used a new lightning technique this time," Michael said.

Hearing that a look of understanding dawned upon Ernest. "That's right, Zack said before that he had only three lightning techniques. One sword attack technique, a defensive technique and a speed technique."

"So what's about this finger technique?" Ernest said.

Laverne widened her eyes in disbelief. Everyone misunderstood that Zack is being cooked up in his room. And he was taking too much time to adapt.

But now their view was completely broken.

Michael remained silent. What he didn't tell others was Giant Tower Warrior's late reaction? How come the Peak Elite Warrior failed to react?

If he had used the golden defense technique, the lightning beam wouldn't have penetrated.

So why didn't he use the defensive technique?

Michael became more confused. But when he saw the appearance of the dean. He eases down his eyebrows.

On the other hand, Giant Tower Warrior Ron was taken to the clinic. He still has a lingering lightning element left in the injured parts.

Seeing that Red Elder and other Giant Tower members immediately left the stadium and walked towards the clinic.

Rebecca nodded her head after seeing the red elder's actions. Then she instructed the Vice-dean to follow them. Before disappearing she uttered, "Zack you can return back to the dorm."

On the dueling stage, I feel a huge being lifted off from my shoulder. Fortunately, Dean Rebecca is here. Otherwise, the Giant Tower Elder might have done something.

Then I turned around and walked toward the exit. I still hear the roaring chants of my name. I twitched my mouth.

Hereafter, everyone will know my name. It would be similar to the Red City. But the scale would be completely different.

I hope to reach Mid-level in essence before the enemy comes up with other sinister schemes.

A few minutes later, I returned to my dorm room. Then I checked the online posts. The duel was a live event. I know it must have created an impact.

But right after seeing the headline, my eyes lit up with surprise. The students already started doing comparisons. Especially I see many unfamiliar names from each faction.

Then I began to go through the post. After a few minutes, I realized what was going on.

Some of the names mentioned in the posts were top 5 warriors in each faction. Surprisingly none of them were in the academy at this moment.

And those warriors who got a win against the Giant Tower Warriors were not even in the Top 5. Which was very surprising. I bet after this everyone wants to challenge me.

Then, shaking my head, I closed the online site.

Meanwhile,

Inside the Giant Tower,

The atmosphere becomes solemn. None of them expected to witness such a result. What happened in the end? The elders looked at each other for some explanation.

But everyone remained silent and finally turned toward the head.

The Giant Tower Head's eyes flickered with murderous intent.

#### Chapter 473 Change In Attitudes (The Giant Tower)

The following day,

The news about the Giant Tower's defeat began to wide spread. In particular, other 4 academies quickly learnt about this matter. They didn't expect Zack Lockwood to defeat Peak Elite Stage Warrior.

The news came out of the blue. Which caused other academies to take action and convey the meeting. In particular the eclipse academy.

Earlier they have arranged several assassins. But now looking at the new information. They plan to hire a Super Elite Warrior as an assassin. Zack's strength startled them. They don't want to see him raise them.

Ella Downs, Sallie Mills, Maria Frazier and many other warriors were shocked as well. Many of the warriors started to do comparisons between their warriors and Zack.

Inside the Giant Tower,

The Giant Tower Head is looking at the people standing in front of him. They are none other than the Giant Tower Team.

After losing the duels and failing to complete the mission, they returned to the academy looking dispirited.

But they didn't expect to get summoned by the Head that quickly. Ron, Vik and Will and other Giant Tower Members are worried.

The red elder in particular has no smile on his face. He is going to face more wrath than the students. Previously, the Head gave him a separate instruction to kill Zack.

But he hadn't expected the appearance of the old hag Rebecca. She clearly didn't give any chance to intervene.

The whole duel was watched by the Head and other elders. So he hoped that he would get away with harsh talks.

The Giant Tower Head raised his head and gazed at everyone from left to right. He released small pressure in displeasure.

Pfff!

The pressure instantly covered them and caused them to bleed heavily. Ron, Vik, Will and others half kneel on the ground.

Everyone's faces turned ugly. They didn't dare to voice out their displeasure. They knew if anyone says something he will suffer a huge clash..

Only the Red Elder has managed to withstood the pressure. But still he broke out in cold sweat in the end.

"I need answers," The Giant Tower Head said in a cold tone. He didn't even hide his disappointment in his face.

Cold shiver went down everyone's spine. The red elder's face turned ugly. He took the initiative to speak.

"Head, they already knew about our intentions. Otherwise, the old hag Rebecca wouldn't have appeared for the final duel," He said.

The Giant tower head suddenly turned toward the red elder. And attacked him with pressure.

Boom!

The red elder got smashed into the nearby wall. The attack was so fast that he couldn't even defend.

Pfff!

The red elder coughed up blood. He held his head down. He didn't dare to speak again. Even though it's an excuse, it's still not enough to justify their failure.

The Giant Tower Head said, "You guys had two days. But you insisted on finishing that kid in the official duel. In the end, you guys even failed to do that."

When he said those words everyone's face turned red with humiliation. In particular, Ron who was quite confident to deal with Zack Lockwood was defeated in the end.

Seeing no one dare to meet his gaze, he said, "Now the Saw Scale Viper Academy knows our intention. It's impossible for that kid to leave any time sooner."

"Next time, it's even more difficult for that kid," he muttered to himself.

Then he instructed everyone to leave. When everyone disappeared from his sight. His eyes flickered with murderous glint.

Now that the Saw Scale Viper Academy knows about their intention. It's inevitable that there will be more clashes in future.

He thinks that it's difficult to act alone. In order to remove the threat, he has to join forces with others.

In these past few days, he is also aware of other academy's attitudes. No one wants to fully offend the Saw Scale Viper Academy for a trifling Special Element Warrior.

If somehow that lightning brat manages to get inside the Inner Post, then it will leave a huge threat to their Giant Tower.

Now it's impossible to back track, he decided to collude with another academy. Right now, the White Palace is very weak.

They will not cooperate. Similarly, the Red Moon Tower won't offend the Army Federation behind the Saw Scale Viper Academy.

And the Silver Clouds Academy has a tiff with the Eclipse Academy. So they won't be involved.

Which leaves them and the Eclipse Academy. The Giant Tower Head doesn't know whether the Eclipse Academy is ready to tear off face with the Saw Scale Viper Academy.

Their Giant Tower has hostile relations with the Army Federation. But that's not the case with the Eclipse Academy.

Many of the graduates from the Eclipse Academy have chosen to join the federation every year.

So he is in a dilemma right now. Finally after some contemplation he decided to wait. He wants to see the attitude of the Eclipse Academy.

He knows that they have arranged several assassins secretly. He is going to wait to see their results.

Inside the Saw Scale Viper Academy,

Dean Rebecca conducts a meeting again. Apart from Special Faction Head, others were present here.

Rebecca seated in her main seat. While Vice-dean Franklin seated on the left side of her.

Franklin already guessed the objective of the meeting. The Giant Tower didn't put the academy in their eyes and they went on to challenge Zack Lockwood.

They had issued the official post without consulting the dean. Which was tantamount of insulting them. He was glad that their academy won in the end. And Zack had managed to secure a win.

Otherwise, their academy would have become a laughing stock in front of other academics.

Dean Rebecca raised her head and looked toward everyone.

"You guys should have guessed something," She said.

Then without waiting for anyone to speak. She added further, "Remember the first meeting. Where I said that Zack Lockwood's life is under threat."

"As I had expected the other academies started to make moves already. The Giant Tower people were bold enough to use the exchange meeting to kill Zack. Which shows their determination."

Vice-dean Franklin replied, "Dean, you can't simply lock up the kid in the academy. It will be detrimental for his future growth."

When he said those words. Others also echoed the same opinion.

Franklin was satisfied by the support. He didn't have any grudge against the kid. But he simply doesn't want to see the academy raise a greenhouse.

Dean Rebecca said, "I know. I just want to tighten up the security further. You guys are already aware of spies in our academy."

"The A-Grade Institute is completely safe without spies. Because it's our constant watch. But it can't be said for other grade institutions."

"So arrange someone to weed out the spies. I don't want to see anyone leak the whereabouts of Zack," She added further.

No one objected after hearing the instructions.

Dean Rebecca nodded her head. Then she said, "One more thing I would like to discuss is the annual meet between the 6 academies."

When she said those words everyone's expression turned solemn. The reason is because the annual meet is an important event. Which decides the allocation of the resources.

The allocation of resources is decided based upon the result of combat competition. During each annual meet, the 6 academies sent their warriors to fight in the competition.

In the end, the resources were allocated based on the top 6 rankings. But unlike the last time, this year is going to be difficult.

Major resources in the academy were dried up. Which caused their fortune to plummet. This situation was faced by other 5 academies as well.

Vice-dean Franklin's face darkened. He said, "Dean, I don't think this time will be any different. The other academy will not agree to our request."

Dean Rebecca's eyes gleamed with twinkle. She didn't want the allocation to happen this year. Not all the academy got equal strength.

If the allocation happens this year, then the top 2 academies will get huge benefits. The weak academies only get weakened further. Which will lead to a huge imbalance.

Right now the 6 academies were balancing each other. Even the small imbalance will lead to some conflicts. She doesn't want to see such a scene happen.

After some contemplation, she said, "Alright, let's see what is going to happen in the end. But I doubt other academies will be kind enough to share the burden. I don't want to see 6 academies become one less."

Franklin face was gloomy. He understands the meaning behind the dean's words. She is thinking about the big picture. Even if she is right, it's difficult to convince other academies. Unless they win the competition to become No.1

Then they talked about a few other topics before the meeting came to an end.

When everyone left dean Rebecca still seated. Though Franklin was being practical. But she doesn't want to give up like that. If their academy achieves the 1st position then the balance can be maintained.

Within the next year, the weak academy would become slightly stronger.

Chapter 474 Going To The Monster Zone Again

From MC's perspective:

Inside the dorm room,

5 A.M

After hearing the alarm sound, I got up from the bed. Today, I'm planning to enter the monster zone again. Hereafter, I will face numerous challenges like back in my hometown.

So it's necessary to upgrade the essence to Mid- Elite. After finishing the morning routine, I enter the training room to practice.

I sat cross-legged. After closing my eyes, I began to practice the lightning celestial scripture.

I began to absorb the lightning essence from the surroundings. The lightning energies were not abundant in the surroundings. But it's much stronger than the Tier-7 and Tier-8 cities environment.

Slowly, I guided the energy according to the scripture. After some circulation, the energy settled inside my dantian. Seeing that I repeat the process again.

Time went on,

After two hours, I opened my eyes. Feeling the half filled essence in my dantian. I sighed in relief.

Yesterday, I didn't consume that much lightning essence to defeat the Giant Tower Warrior.

Thanks to the lightning finger technique. It's efficient and powerful as well.

Then I decided to cultivate two other cultivation methods. The Blood Element Method and Healing Technique as well.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

8:30 A.M

I opened my eyes after completing the practice. Then I left the training room to take a bath. After several minutes, I changed to fresh clothes.

Then I walked out of my room. On the way, I came across a few more people. Strangely, few of them greeted me with a smile.

Soon I realized it's the aftermath of yesterday's duel. Now everyone is familiar with my name. It can't be avoided in the future.

After entering the building, I reached the dining hall quickly. My appearance immediately attracted attention.

Before no one paid attention to me. So I had my breakfast peacefully. Now everything is messed up.

I massaged my temple while walking. After receiving the food from the counter. I found an isolated spot to sit down.

Strangely, no one came to disturb me. But I feel multiple gazes on me. Many looked at me with curiosity while others looked at me with envy.

Surprisingly, there were no malice filled eyes. Then ignoring their gazes, I began to eat.

Time passed,

After having breakfast, I immediately went to the Teleportation tower. I didn't go to the Special Faction. I can meet with them later.

After entering inside the tower, I quickly viewed the server. There are many monster zones. So I selected monster zone with lot more difficulty.

I selected the monster zone where Class-6 Monster is overlord. After selecting the server, I stepped inside the platform.

The next moment, the blue lights lit up around the platform. When the activation was finished, I disappeared from the spot.

The next moment, I appeared in the bush plains. I raised my head to see the end. But apart from vast bush plains I see no other changes.

There aren't many trees around this area. Any Class-5 and above monsters can spot me easily. Now I understand what's more difficult about this monster zone.

There is no place to hide at all. But the next moment, a trace of heat appears in my heart. I decided to accept the challenge to get more experience.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca receives the news about Zack. Reading the report, a small smile appeared on her face. "This kid finally started to move," She said to herself.

She wasn't surprised. She knows many warriors want to challenge this kid. It's better for him not to stick in one place.

Also she rejected the idea of sending guards. Right now there is no threat for Zack inside the academy. When Zack decides to go outside for the mission she will arrange for a protection guard then.

Special Faction Room,

Michael and others expected to see Zack at this time. But as the time went on there was no sign of Zack.

Michael asked, "What happened to him?"

Ernest replied, "Let's send him a message. Next time, maybe he will join our team."

Laverne nodded her head and texted Zack.

On one hand, Zack went to monster zone practice. At the same time, there were many warriors interested in challenging him.

Most of them were Mid and Peak Elite Warriors. The Initial Elite Warriors are not ignorant. They knew they can't fight across two realms. The information about Zack is known to everyone by this time.

Zack is Initial Elite Warrior but he had defeated the Peak Elite Warrior easily. This has sent shockwaves across the academy.

On the other hand, some of the warriors are waiting for the top warriors in each faction to appear. Once they appear, they will definitely challenge Zack.

Many of them expect top warriors from the Flame Faction to return. Because the Flame Faction has more warriors.

Meanwhile,

Inside the monster zone, I cautiously move forward. I don't know when the monster will pop up.

I spread my consciousness around me. When I was walking forward. I spotted a monster in my mind.

Seeing that I stood in the same spot like concrete.

Suddenly, I spotted a few more monsters in my perception. The monster is a wolf pack. Seeing that a wry smile appeared on my face.

It takes me back to the memory lane. Where I fought with the wolf type monsters.

Pushing down these thoughts, I began to observe the monster's movements. If you make any sudden movements now, it will attract the monster's attention.

? Suddenly, a heavy wind passes in my direction. Right after the wolf pack starts to come in my direction. I knitted my eyebrows in confusion.

Everything was fine a moment ago. Then what happened now? I couldn't tell the strength of the monster from this distance.

If it's a pack of Class-6 Monster then it would be trouble. I have yet to find the nearest teleportation point. I hope it's a pure coincidence.

The pack of wolves has four full grown wolf monsters. I haven't spotted the leader yet. They appear to be looking for the prey. When the monster got closer, I slowly squatted down.

After a few seconds, the trace of monsters disappeared from my perception. Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in my eyes. Looks like they moved in different directions..

But still I didn't move an inch from my spot. I decided to move after a few minutes.

Time went on,

Seeing that there was no movement in perception, I stood up and moved forward. When I crossed half a mile in search of monsters. A bad premonition appears in my heart.

I slowly turned around. Then I spotted a huge wolf head. One of the wolves found me. It's clearly staring at me. But seeing the wolf's strength, I sighed in relief.

The wolf is a Class-4 Monster. It's no threat to me. But I don't want to attack the monster in order not to attract the attention of the wolf pack.

So I'm hoping that the monster will move away from here.

Howl!

Suddenly the wolf howls before rushing towards me.

My mouth twitches. I raised my hand and pointed my fingers at the wolf's leg. I immediately used the lightning finger technique.

A thick purple color energy formed at the tip of my finger. The next moment, I shot the energy at the monster.

Swish!

In a blink of an eye, the energy tore through the air and reached the monster.

Boom!

The lightning attack lands a blow to the monster's leg. Using the aftermath, I immediately used a lightning phantom technique to slip away.

Swish!

Right after my disappearance from the spot. I heard the angry howl of the wolf. Hearing that I increased the speed further.

The monster's wolf will definitely attract the attention of other wolves. I don't want to get swarmed by the entire wolf pack.

I used the blood element to cover my trails.

After a few minutes, I came across the Single Boar Monster. This time I took initiative to attack the Class-4 Bush Monster.

The fight is going to be challenging. The Boar Monster releases a peak aura. I'm going to use the finger technique to check its defense.

The Boar Monster raises its tusk before charging towards me. The sharp tusk looks deadly. But I got the fair share of experience fighting the same monsters.

When it got closer to me, I disappeared from my spot using the lightning phantom technique. And I appeared on the right side of the monster.

I gripped the black sword and made a vertical slash at the monster. I didn't use the lightning power instead it's a casual slash.

When the black blade comes in contact with the monster's skin. It slightly penetrated deep inside the monster. Seeing that my eyes gleamed with twinkle. It's better than last time.

My Mid-Elite body strength is powerful. Clearly, the brute force behind the slash made the injury more deeper.

Roar!

The boar monster let out a scream before turning towards me. Seeing that I raised my sword again to make another slash. But all of a sudden the howling sound reached my ears.

Chapter 475 Doing Some Research

From MC's Perspective:

"Trouble," I mumbled under my breath. Then I released the blood field technique to stun the boar monster. This all happened in a blink of an eye.

The boar monster stopped its crazy roar for a moment. Using this opportunity, I used the lightning phantom technique to flee.

"Crazy," I said in my heart. I thought the episode of the wolf pack was over. But somehow I came across a similar howl again.

I knew this was not the time to relax. I need to find the nearest teleportation point. Next time, I should research some monster zones before selecting the place.

When I crossed some distance, I finally found the nearest teleportation point. But just before I could reach that place.

Four wolves appeared out of nowhere and surrounded me all of a sudden. I gripped the black sword and looked toward the monsters.

[Wind wolves - Class-4 Monsters]

The wind wolves were triple the size of mine. But fortunately none of them were Class-5 Monsters.

Growl!

One of the wolves growls before rushing towards me. Seeing that, the other three wolves began to attack. A fierce glint flashes in my eyes.

When the wolves got closer, I released the lightning attack technique.

"Lightning wheel," I said. The next second a majestic ring appears around me. The purple color lightning power bursting out from the rings.

The wolves senses threat from the lightning power. But it's too late to change their direction. Eventually their bodies collided with the lightning wheel.

Boom!

A terrible sound resonated in the area. The lightning blow was enough to cause them a terrible injury.

Right after the wolves howled in pain. After the dust settled down, I clearly watched their condition. The wolves are not in position to move right away.

But I looked around the surroundings. Their continuous howl might attract the attention of the wolf leader.

So I turned around and rushed to the teleportation point to exit. The wolves' eyes turned red in anger. But they can't move around.

After reaching the teleportation point, I activated the signal. I disappeared from the spot and appeared back in the teleportation tower.

"Hey, Zack Lockwoosd is here."

"isn't he the lightning warrior?"

When I turned around, I saw a group of warriors waiting for the teleportation. Ignoring their gazes, I walked toward the dorm room.

My appearance immediately attracted attention.

Seeing their faces, I have a vague feeling that something is brewing up. After a few minutes, I returned to my room.

The first thing I did was to check my injuries. Seeing that everything is fine. I went to take a bath.

Several minutes later,

I walked out of the bath and changed to casual clothes. Lying down in the bed, I began to read about the different monster zones.

Today, the appearance of the wolf packs totally destroyed my plans. If not I would have spent more hours in the monster zones.

When I browsed the details through my student account. I see the name of the listed monster zone in the academy page.

Seeing that I clicked the page and began to access the list. The name of monster zones popped up. I sorted the list by least dangerous.

Then I see the least difficult one is the Class-4 Monster Zones where Class-5 Monster is over lord.

These monster zones are further divided into different environments. For example, bush plains, swamps and tropical areas etc.

Seeing that I couldn't help but recall some old memories. Where I fought with ugly worm monsters and ant colonies. That was a one of a kind experience.

I should select the place where there is no herd. For the time being, I decided to delve into the least difficult monster zones.

Since there are many environments to choose from, I decided to pick one of these for my next trip.

Soon I saw the name of the snow field. It immediately attracted my attention. When I read the description my eyes gleamed with twinkle.

This one is a special monster zone where it's home to the water and ice type monsters. I couldn't help but think of Laverne Morrow at this moment.

For her this place is the exact blessing land. But it's a pity I have to wait for half a month to enter the lightning blessed land. Thinking about it, anticipation appears in my heart.

But in the meantime, I can't waste these six months. Should I increase my body cultivation? At this moment, I fell into a dilemma. I need to choose the mode of my practice.

Without abundant lightning essence, I can't keep up the speed of essence cultivation. And I have only a 2 year period in this Academy. It's more or like a buffer period.

Only after getting into the Inner Post, I might come across harsh competition. Michael, Ernest and Laverne are Super Elite Warriors.

At least I should catch up with them. I made firm determination in my heart. I won't stop practicing the blood element method. Because, I have a vague feeling that body strength will play a crucial role when it comes to my safety.

An idea struck my mind. From the dean, I knew the academy didn't have a specific place for the lightning warriors. But what about blood element power and healing power?

I guess the Academy might have some weird places. When this thought rose in my heart. I had an urge to check out the internet.

Then after closing the monster zone list. I type blood in the search bar. When I entered, a various list popped up before me.

Soon a specific headline caught my eyes.

[Horror of abandoned borders]

Seeing the weird title, I became quickly interested. I opened the page to read it. One more thing about the academy and Tier-6 city is that the information is not restricted.

Unlike in lower tier cities, it's impossible to search weird places similar to this abandoned border.

The abandoned border page was opened and I began to go through the details. It looks like someone has done detailed research on this place and published his views.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After one hour, I closed the page. But my expression turned gloomy. I have never seen or heard such a worst place in my life so far.

The abandoned border is nothing but the actual border which isolates the Outer Post and the Inner Post.

Hundreds of years ago, the area of the Outer post was large. At that time there were many Tier-6 cities and more than 20 academies were operating in this region.

But as the decades went on. The outer post started to shrink. Because the space barrier started to push the outer post toward the edge.

Now the Outer Post is reduced to 6 top tier academies. But what caught my attention was the land of the border area.

The land appears to have buried many dead bones. Once upon a time the place had witnessed many battles. So this specific area was filled with malice.

So eventually the place was banned by the authorities. Most of them were concerned with the space barrier. No one wants anyone to mess with the space barrier.

This specific border area eventually became an abandoned area. But it's a pity no one is allowed to enter this place. I can understand their worries. I don't even want to go anywhere near the space barrier.

But I want to know a similar place where the battle took place. Then I continued to browse further. Soon I came across similar pages.

"Hmmm," A specific page caught my attention.

A small ruin is located close to the Academy. That place was explored completely and the resources were exploited by the academy decades ago.

But what I'm surprised about is that the small ruin has a lot of malice aura which has not been reduced to this day.

This place might be helpful to my blood element cultivation. And it's also mentioned that this place is private property of the Saw Scaled Viper academy.

Seeing that a quick glint flashes in my eyes. I want to check whether this place has any teleportation points. If there is any teleportation point, then my job would be much easier.

After closing the page, I immediately accessed the academy servers. Then I quickly spotted the teleportation point of the small ruin.

"Phew," I signed in relief.

Finally, I spotted a place where I can cultivate peacefully. Suddenly, a trace of doubt appeared in my heart. If I go there to practice, it's possible for the academy to know my location.

I don't want to expose the blood element method. What to do? Maybe I should make a special request to the dean. She can help me with the difficulties.

After closing the page, I decided to contact the dean right away.

When the connection was established. The holographic image of the dean appeared.

Rebecca asked, "Zack, do you need something?" Her eyes filled with surprise. This is the first time Zack took initiative to contact her. She wants to know why?

At the same time, I didn't plan on hiding it. Right away, I spoke about the small ruin.

Chapter 476 Going To The Small Ruins

From Mc's Perspective:

Dorm Room,

I spoke to Dean Rebecca about the small ruins. But she is maintaining silence. Seeing that a trace of worry appeared in my heart. I know that she must be wondering why I am asking about the place filled with malice aura.

"Zack, why do you want to go there?" Rebecca asked, she couldn't contain her curiosity. Though that place is empty without any treasures. But the amount of malice in that place can still affect the minds of the warriors.

On one hand, she is upgrading the security of the whole academy. But on the other hand, Zack wants to visit the dangerous place.

At the same time, I replied, "Dean, I want to practice there. Because the monster in the monster zones is filled with a savage aura. It's hard to fight them unless I got familiar myself with a similar aura."

"It also helps to train my mind," I added further.

Dean Rebecca remained silent. She fell into deep contemplation. She is also aware that Zack got trouble adapting to the environment of the new monster zones. Especially after his last trip with classmates, he didn't go back with them.

"Alright, I'll call you back in an hour," After saying that she ended the call.

Seeing the blank screen, I sighed in relief. It's not easy to convince her. Thankfully, the monster's savage aura is no different than the malice aura. Both are dangerous and evil can corrupt a warrior's mind.

I'm looking forward to seeing how the blood element is going to work.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca is looking up the information on small ruins. That place got a teleportation point but no one is stationed there. After typing the name, several pieces of information popped up on her screen.

She began to go through the recent reports. After seeing that there was no serious threat in that place. She made up her mind to accept Zack's request.

Back in the dorm, I received confirmation from the dean. She also gave me exclusive permission. After thanking her, I resumed my practice.

The following day,

I woke up earlier. After finishing my morning routine, I went to the training room. I sat cross-legged and started to run the lightning celestial scripture.

When I began to run the lightning scripture, the rune in my consciousness started to flicker. Slowly, I began to absorb the energies from my surroundings. When the energies entered my body, I guided the energy according to the scripture.

After circulation, the energy settled down in my dantian. Then I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After a few hours, I stopped cultivating the lightning essence. When I look inside my dantian, I found that dantian is almost filled with lightning essence. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

When it comes to body cultivation. I decided to do it inside the small ruin.

Then I went to take bath before planning to go to the dining hall.

Several minutes later,

When I walk into the dining Hall. A small commotion breaks out among the warriors upon seeing me.

Yesterday, the rumors about the top warriors' list were making the rounds online.

Quickly, people come up with the names of the top warriors from each faction and then they started to make comparisons.

And now looking at the expression of these people. I guess it might be something to do with that.

Ignoring their gazes, I went to the counter to receive the food.

20 minutes later,

I walk out of the dining hall and head to the teleportation tower. I didn't consume too much food except a few steaks and an energy drink.

On the way, I checked the social media site in curiosity. Then the image of mine getting good from the counter caught my attention.

"So fast," I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

Under the post, I see a lot of comments.

[Yo, is he the lightning one?]

[He looks so young. But he can defeat Peak Elite Warrior. What a monster?]

>>Monster? My brother is currently in retreat. If not for that he would have defeated the Giant Tower Warriors.

[tck! My flame faction is going through a similar situation.]

[So do my gale faction!]

[I can't wait to watch the fight between lightning warriors and other elemental warriors.]

[tck, it's pity that Zack is Elite Warrior. So no Super Elite Warrior can challenge him.]

>>Yeah, he got lucky.

[Let's hope our warriors end the retreat soon.]

My mouth twitched after reading all those comments. Looks like no one had seen through the details. They are thinking my lightning element made me win.

Shaking my head, I closed the page. By that time, I already reached the teleportation tower.

No one is near the teleportation tower this morning time. When I walked into the tower, the blue light under the platform lit up with light.

It means someone had activated the teleportation portal to come back.

Swish!

Right after that three figures appeared. Seeing that, my eyes flickered with surprise. But the next second, a wry smile appeared on my face.

Three of them were none other than Michael, Ernest, and Laverne.

"Zack?"

"What are you doing here?" Ernest blurted out in surprise.

Michael and Laverne looked at each other. Surprise can be seen on their faces.

I smiled in response to them and then answered, "I'm going to the least-risk monster zone."

"Monster Zone? So you are finally coming out. That's good," Laverne said with a smile.

Michael also nodded his head in appreciation.

"When you reach Super Elite Warrior. You can join us for the hunting," Michael added further.

Hearing that I replied, "Okay."

Then I activated the teleportation point to enter the small ruin.

Meanwhile,

Ernest gave a doubtful look. He asked, "Michael, what's wrong with you? Zack can easily defeat Peak Elite Warrior. Which means no Class-4 Monster pose threat to him."

Laverne is also confused. She doesn't know why Michael said something like that.

Michael sighed inwardly. He is still not convinced about Zack's strength. He still thinks Zack won the duel because of Giant Tower Warrior's mistake.

"Zack needs some alone time and practice. If we go with him, it will only attract attention," Michael said.

Ernest nodded his head in understanding. Everyone has seen recent trending topics in the academy.

Then the trio left the teleport Son tower.

Meanwhile,

I appeared on the outskirts of the small ruin. The very first impression of this place is gloomy and dark. The sky was covered with dark clouds, only allowing a small amount of light to reach the surface.

Which is more than enough to walk around this place. After stepping out of the teleportation point, I looked around. The place is full of dark terrain with no grass on the ground.

Turning around, I observed the teleportation point. Thankfully, the teleportation point appeared to be brand new.

After checking, I turned around and stretched my arms. Finally, I got this place reserved for me. No one will come to this place to disturb me.

I opened the map and started to access this place. These small ruins are similar to the size of the island. But instead of water, the border was covered with a space barrier.

In order to experience the malice aura, I decided to go deep into the ruins. After closing the map, I started walking.

On the way, I spread my consciousness to look for threats.

When I got close to the middle area, I feel hotter. The vibe around this area is heavy which gives me a dark feeling.

Suddenly, I saw something through my perception.

"Bones," I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

That place is perfect to test the blood cultivation method. The spot is located right in the middle.

After covering a few distances, I reached the dead spot. On the ground, I see many broken bones. It's hard to discern whether the bones were rotated to humans or animals.

Before coming here, I did some research. The bones belonged to the dead warriors. And the malic aura comes from the resentment of the fallen warriors.

I spread my consciousness further to check. Everywhere I see it's just a pile of bones. As time went on, I feel a heavy burden on my head. It's like something huge placed on my head.

But I knew the aura around here is affecting my mood. The malice aura coming from the dead is said to be very dangerous. Even I'm having second thoughts about using the blood element here.

I don't know where this idea comes from. But I strongly feel that the blood element has something to do with the wars, body strength, and bloody battles.

After calming down my heart, I decided to cultivate here. Out of curiosity, I started to run the blood element method.

Rumble!

Right after, changes take place. The malicious aura around me rushed toward me. Seeing that I immediately stopped running the blood element method in fear.

Chapter 477 Part 1: Gravity Chamber

From MC's perspective:

"What the fu#k?" I uttered in surprise. As I had guessed before, the malicious aura is useful. The blood element method is absorbing the malicious aura around me.

Then after taking a deep breath. I sat cross-legged on the ground and started to run the blood element method.

When I ran the blood element method. The bloody rune in my consciousness started to flicker. The next moment, a heavy malicious aura rushed towards me.

I calmed down my mind and began to absorb the aura slowly. I want to see what changes are going to take place inside my body.

But right after, the blood element inside my body got triggered. The hazy red light came out from the bloodstream and started to swallow the malicious energies.

Seeing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle. But the next process is going to be painful. When I'm looking forward to energy conversion. I see a sudden change in the process.

The red blood light didn't convert the aura into white energy. Instead, it completely swallowed up the malicious aura.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. What is going to happen next? I continued to observe the changes. As time went on, I spotted the minute changes.

The blood red light starts to increase in size and become a lot thicker. Seeing that look of understanding dawned upon me. The blood light feeds on the malicious aura and then grows slowly.

A higher concentration of red light will help to convert the energy more. To verify it, I stopped absorbing the malicious aura.

I opened my eyes and took out two Class-4 Monster Cores from the storage ring. I held it in my both palms and started to run the blood element method.

Rumble!

I slowly began to absorb the energy from the monster's core. But at the same time, a small amount of malicious aura seeped into my body.

Two processes are currently happening at the same time.

Seeing that I carefully continued the process. When the monster core's energy entered my body. They got quickly swallowed up by the blood-red light. Then the blood-red light converts the energies into white energies.

Seeing that I braced up for the upcoming pain. When the white energies drilled into my bones. The next second, I felt the heart-wrenching pain.

Even after reaching the Mid-Elite in body strength. The pain doesn't seem to reduce at all. I gritted my teeth and continued to repeat the process.

Slowly the red-marked area in my bones starts to spread further.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After two hours, the monster core in my palms crumbles into pieces. At the same time, the red light also increased in quantity due to the presence of a malicious aura.

"Phew," I sighed in relief. As I guessed before, cultivating here is more useful. The blood red light increases the monster core absorption rate.

If I continue to practice here then it will be a matter of time before I reach the Peak Elite in body strength.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca is already aware of Zack's whereabouts. That's why she is not worried about him. So her current focus is entirely on the annual meet.

The lack of resources in the academy is currently eating her up. With the current resources, the academy may sustain itself for at least five years. But beyond that, there is no hope.

After contemplation, she let out a deep sigh. Now she can only rest her hopes on the young warriors. If they perform well in the annual meet, they can avoid hitting the bottom.

Beep!

When she was lost in her thoughts. She receives a request from Vice-dean to enter.

Seeing that she collected her thoughts and gave permission.

Creak!

After opening the door, Franklin walks inside.

After greeting dean Rebecca, he immediately commented on recent happenings.

"Dean, why don't we conduct an internal competition?" Franklin asked.

"Internal competition?" Rebecca raised her eyebrows.

She shook his head and replied, "It's too early to decide on that. Most of the top warriors are in retreat. So we can talk about this next month."

Franklin is disappointed but he understands the meaning behind her words. Any competition without the top warrior is a waste of time.

Meanwhile,

I ended my cultivation inside the small ruin. And it's time to go back. I got up from the ground and surveyed the surroundings.

After making sure everything was fine, I walked back to the teleportation point.

A few minutes later,

I appeared back in the teleportation tower. Then without wasting any time, I returned to my dorm. I already decided what to do next.

There are many facilities in the academy. Which I have yet to access. For example, there is an Advanced Gravity Chamber built inside the campus.

It's many times more powerful than the one in Hansen Campus.

Several minutes later,

I changed into new clothes after taking a bath. Then I opened the map to view the location. The gravity chamber facility is located in the 2nd castle building.

After walking out of the dorm, I head straight toward the 2nd castle building. On the way, my appearance attracted a lot of attention.

Seeing the flame faction members, my mouth twitched. I already become a well-known person among the flame faction members.

So after seeing me, people started to talk in a hushed voice. Then ignoring their gazes, I walked inside the 2nd building. The Gravity Chamber is located in an underground facility.

I walk toward the facility. Unlike the 1st castle building, there are a lot of people here. My appearance immediately attracted attention. People want to see what I'm going to do.

Shaking my head, I used the lift to reach the destination.

After a few seconds, I reached the underground. The underground is nothing different from any other floor.

In front of me, there are many Gravity Chambers. Some of them were active. Then I immediately walk toward the nearest one.

The interface is more advanced. But the identification process remains the same. After entering the name and other information, the room opened suddenly.

Rumble!

The gravity chamber opened slowly. Seeing that I entered inside. The door behind me closed automatically.

Then I looked around and saw the room was more spacious than I had imagined. I quickly found the interface again. I can manually set the gravity setting.

So without wasting any more time, I set the settings to normal mode. I don't know the exact pressure of the normal mode here.

So I decided to start from the normal mode.

Right after the election, the gravity chamber turned on. I stood in the middle of the room to withstand the pressure.

After a couple of seconds, I slowly felt the heat of the pressure. In normal mode, the gravity seems to weigh more than 10,000 kgs.

Only the Elite Warrior and above can withstand such pressure. Since I'm Mid-Elite in body strength. I find it easy to withstand the gravity pressure as time goes on.

But unfortunately with this normal mode. I wasn't able to notice the changes in my body. Suddenly, an idea strikes my mind.

For a long time, I've been curious about the red-marked area of my bones. I believe it's some kind of power. But I don't know how to use it directly.

Besides, I want to check whether the red-marked area of my bone has improved further or not.

So I went to change the settings again. This time, I set the gravity to 2X mode.

Right after the pressure was doubled. I instantly felt the gravity pressure over 20,000 kgs. The high pressure instantly made the muscle fibers stretch further.

This caused agonizing pain. But I gritted my teeth and continued to endure it. The bones appeared to be a lot sturdier than I thought.

Time passes in a blink of an eye,

Outside, a lot of warriors gathered outside the gravity chamber. They knew inside one of the chambers Zack Lockwood is training.

But unfortunately, they don't know which gravity room it is. So everyone is keeping an eye on the locked gravity room.

As time passed, people started to exit and get inside the gravity chamber. But none of them were Zack Lockwood.

But people waiting outside were finally able to screen out the rooms. In the end, only one room remained closed.

"I'm sure he is using this room," One of the flame faction members said in a cold tone.

"Don't know how strong he is?" Another warrior commented.

"I think he must be practicing under 5X mode," Gale Faction Warrior said.

"Tck! 5X mode, only Super Elite Warrior is capable of handling that pressure." Another warrior refuted immediately.

Likewise, people started to gossip. As the crowd started to gather, it immediately blocked the entrance.

Such a scene quickly caught the attention of online users. A few Flame Faction Warriors started to post about the situation.

Already there are a lot of people who wanted to know about Zack Lockwood. So this news quickly caught the attention of interested people.

Chapter 478 Part 2: Gravity Chamber

From MC's perspective:

I somehow managed to withstand the settings of 2X Gravity Pressure. Right now, I want to increase it further. I'm sure it will lead to muscle tearing. But I'm betting my hope on the healing element of mine.

I want to test the efficiency of the healing element as well. I slowly stood up and walked toward the interface.

I took a deep breath before changing the settings to 3X. Then I walked back to my previous position and was ready to brace the new pressure.

I felt the heavy gravity pressure of over 30,000 kgs. "Aaaaghh," I let out a small scream, feeling the muscle tear.

My skin turned blood red. Fresh blood can be seen oozing from the skin. But surprisingly I didn't feel that much pain from my bones.

Only my inner organs and muscles were suffering under the huge gravity pressure. I gritted my teeth and continued to endure the pain.

The injury is slightly getting deeper as time went on. So I started to run the wood scripture. At first, I didn't feel anything, but as time went on deep green color dots appeared on the injured spots.

Seeing that my plan is working, I continued to repeat the process. But the gathering of healing essence was slow compared to constant gravity pressure.

Then I made a quick decision. I slowly managed to get up and walk toward the interface. I tapped the screen and turned off the gravity.

Rumble!

Right after, the gravity function stopped and pressure returned to normal. But I was covered with blood all over my body. If I go outside in this state, it would be nothing less than horror.

So I returned to my previous position and sat cross-legged. The small deep green essence was slowly healing my injuries. But the speed was slow.

Seeing that I turned my attention to the dantian. Under the thick purple essence. I see a small quantity of green essence.

I quickly used the green essence to make the recovery faster.

Meanwhile,

The crowd gathered outside of the gravity chamber. At this point, everyone is aware that Zack Lockwood is using this specific gravity chamber.

The situation also became a hot topic on the academy's social media site. Seeing some of the warriors quickly went to the 2nd building.

While everyone is waiting to see Zack Lockwood. Shortly after, shocking news came. Tyler Lane ended his retreat. Now he is interacting with the flame faction members.

Tyler Lane is Peak Elite Fire Elemental Warrior. Amongst the top flame faction members. He was ranked in the 5th position.

When the news is posted online. It quickly became a hot topic. And some even hoped to see a clash between Zack and Tyler. Because Tyler also holds the record of fighting across ranks.

So the clash between the two would attract a lot of attention.

The Flame Faction Area,

Tyler Lane is chatting with his friends. He appears to be twenty years old. He has black hair and eyes. He is 6ft tall in height. His skin color is fair. He was dressed in an academy uniform.

His friends were updating him with recent happenings. When Tyler learns that he was the first one to end his retreat. His face turned ugly.

Like everyone else, he is competitive with his peers. He doesn't want to lag behind them. At this moment, one of his friends spoke about the student exchange meeting.

"Student Exchange Meet?" Tyler raised his eyebrows in surprise. He was no stranger to the student exchange meet. But it was supposed to happen later.

What happened this year? He further inquired about his friend.

"Our academy has recruited a lightning element warrior this year. He was the one who defeated the Giant Tower Warriors," One of his friends made a point.

"Lightning element?" Tyler stood up in surprise. He thought he heard it wrong. He looked towards his friends and asked, "Come again?"

"Is it a lightning element user?" He added further.

His friends revealed amusing smiles on their faces before they confirmed the news again.

Tyler became excited and said, "So it's real. A real lightning element user. I don't know how strong is he?"

His eyes flickered with fierce glint. A strong fighting intent rose in his heart. At first, he was disappointed because he ended his retreat quickly.

But now he was glad that he came to know about the new warrior. "It's a nice opportunity to raise my reputation," He grinned evilly.

His friends beside him understood his character. They also want him to spar against Zack Lockwood.

Their flame faction failed to shine at the student exchange meet before. Now because of Tyler. They got wonderful opportunities.

After a few seconds, Tyler asked, "Where is he right now?" He is looking forward to fighting Zack before anyone else.

"He is training at Gravity Chamber Facility," His friend said while checking the social media post.

Tyler grinned and said, "Let's go meet him." After saying that he left the area together with his friends.

Meanwhile,

I opened my eyes one hour later. The bleeding injuries were healed completely. The inner organs seem to recover as well. Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

As I guessed before, the healing element comes in handy right at this moment. With this, I can practice for long hours inside the gravity chamber.

But I'm going to stop the experimentation for today. A few minutes later, I got up from the ground. Looking at the sweat mixed blood all over my body. My expression turned ugly.

"I need to take a shower," I said to myself. Then I logged out and walked out of the gravity room.

But the next moment, my expression changes drastically upon seeing the group of crowds blocking my moment.

"What the fu\*k?" I cursed out in my heart. At first, I was confused, but then I quickly realized. These people are waiting here to see me.

Ignoring their gazes, I immediately slipped away from the crowd and rushed toward my dorm.

"Hey, what happened to him?"

"Zack seems to be injured right now"

"tck, he must have used higher settings"

The warriors started to gossip all of a sudden. Some even managed to take some pictures and upload them online.

Right after Zack's disappearance. Tyler appeared there together with his friends. After knowing that Zack was injured. Tyler's expression becomes strange.

"Looks like he overestimated himself," Tyler said with a chuckle. He understands that Zack might be younger than him. So it's natural for him to make some mistakes.

Then while leaving he asked his friend to upload a duel challenge between him and Zack Lockwood.

Hearing that one of his friends refuted it by saying, "It's not easy. You need to ask for permission from our Head."

Hearing that Tyler was stunned. He asked, "Why?"

"Don't know but the Head warned us not to give him unnecessary trouble," His friend said with a sigh.

Tyler frowned but he knows the nature of their Head. So he decided to do it anyway. "Don't worry, I'll tell him later. In the meantime you guys have to promote the challenge," He said with a smile on his face.

Head Franklin never stopped anyone from challenging other warriors.

Meanwhile,

Several minutes later, I returned to my room. "What's wrong with these people?" he muttered to himself.

Then he quickly went to take a shower. On the other hand, Tyler's challenge post began to trend. This new challenge post came out of the blue. Which caught the people by surprise.

Tyler Lane is not an ordinary warrior. He is ranked 5th in the flame faction. So his challenge post quickly caught the attention of the grade institution as well.

Apart from A-grade institutions, many warriors are studying in B, C, and D-grade institutions. The number of warriors there is slightly larger than in the A- Grade Institution.

So any news from the A-grade institution was quickly shared by the warriors.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

Vice-dean Franklin learned about this challenge post as well. He doesn't know whether to laugh or cry. Because he predicted something like this would happen.

Many talented warriors are in retreat. So who doesn't want to fight the rare special element warrior?

Franklin starts to feel a headache. Tyler is just one of the many top warriors. "If everyone wants to fight Zack, then the dean would attack me," He said in his heart.

But at the same time as a Flame Faction Head. He doesn't want to stop the fighting spirit of fire elemental warriors. Finally, Franklin decided to let it go.

He will take care of things after this duel.

Meanwhile,

After walking out of the bath, I laid down on the bed directly. I didn't know what was happening outside.

But the amazing comforts washed over me. I shut my eyes without realizing it.

Sometime later, the special element faction members came to know about Tyler Lane. They quickly contacted Zack but unfortunately, Zack was asleep.

The notification sounds didn't wake him up.

## Chapter 479 Accepting The Challenge

Dean Rebecca quickly learned about the Gravity Facility incident. She wasn't surprised by Tyler Lane's challenge. The chain reactions were bound to happen. Since Zack had defeated the Giant Tower Warriors.

Tyler was the first one to end his retreat. Soon others will follow the same trend. But that doesn't mean she would force Zack to accept the challenge. It's up to him whether he wants to accept the challenge or not.

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From MC's perspective:

The following day,

I did my morning routine as usual. But for cultivation, I planned to go to the small ruin. That place is more suitable for body cultivation than here.

So I begin to get ready. I wore a fresh uniform after taking a bath. Then checking myself in the mirror. I feel it's good to go.

After closing the room, I left the dorm building. When I entered the dining hall. I overheard some conversation about me. This has become a daily habit of mine.

People would discuss recent events while having their food. But this time I knitted my eyebrows.

I couldn't help but think about yesterday's awkward moments. A group of people blocked my path on the last day. Then shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts.

I then walked up to the food counter to receive the food plate. After getting the food, I found a good spot to sit down.

"Tyler Lane," My eyes lit up with surprise. Listening to people's conversations, this specific name was repeated multiple times. I decided to check it after having the food.

Meanwhile, the female staff behind the food counter recognized Zack's face. Because Zack used to come at this time.

The female staff looked down at Zack's face. She hesitated to talk. She and Zack had no previous conversation.

But this time she feels she has an opportunity to strike up a conversation with him. When she wants to go there. She spotted the flame faction members walking by.

On one hand, the flame faction members easily found Zack. Everyone knows about Zack's morning routine. Because someone had posted a few pics of Zack eating food.

So it's normal for everyone to know his whereabouts.

On the other hand, I saw a few people coming in my direction. Feeling the fire aura from their body, my mouth twitched.

Ignoring their gazes, I ate the vegetable salad. Soon four people walked up to my table and looked down at me.

"Sigh,"

I let out a sigh before putting the spoon on the plate.

I asked, "What do you guys want?"

A young man with a short nose and brown hair stood cross-armed and answered, "Are you going to accept the challenge or not?"

His voice was not loud but it reached everyone's ears. The female staff behind the food counter looked worried.

At the same time, the warriors who were having their food also got up from their seats. The appearance of flame faction members didn't surprise them.

"Challenge?" I furrowed my eyebrows. What again?

The young man with a short nose was startled. He saw Zack's blank face and looked toward his members with confusion.

Then he said, "Tyler Lane wants to challenge you. So we came to confirm the date."

"Tyler Lane again?" My mouth twitched. No wonder people discussed it enthusiastically. From their tone, it seems that Tyler Lane is from the flame faction.

Then ignoring their gazes, I decided to access the information online. After a few seconds, I see many trending topics in the name of Tyler Lane.

I clicked the first one. A bloodied image of me walking out of the gravity room was captured. Seeing that a gloomy look appeared on my face.

Then there was the image of the average person. But when I read the name a look of understanding dawned upon me. I didn't see him yesterday. Maybe the picture was captured after I left.

Then I began to go through the post. After a few minutes, I figured out the ins and out of this matter. Tyler Lane who is currently ranked in 5th position wants to challenge me. He is a Peak Elite Warrior- Fire Elemental Warrior.

I knew defeating Giant Tower Warrior would attract a lot of eyebrows. And this person happens to be the 1st one. What to do?

Should I challenge him or not? If I do that then there would be no return. Thereafter I have to face endless challenges.

It feels like deja vu. I remember fighting against the top warriors of Hansen Institute back home. That time it was about selecting the seed candidate.

But here the numbers of warriors were high. They won't let me cultivate in peace. When my thoughts returned to reality. I see multiple gazes on me.

At this moment, I made a firm decision. The challenge is good. If I use the opportunity well, then I can gain good experience. It would be even better than Star Tower Trials.

I raised my head and looked toward everyone.

"I will face him one week later," I replied.

Gasp!

The surrounding people let out a small gasp. The flame faction members were disappointed by the date. But it's better than nothing. At least Zack has accepted the duel.

Then without making any noise, they retreated.

Others also sat down and continued to eat. Seeing that, I sneered inside. At least these people won't bother me for one week.

In the meantime, I should increase the finger technique to stage 2. In stage 2, the lightning attack would be more powerful compared to stage 1.

Then I resumed eating. After having food, I put the plate on the clean and walked back to the teleportation point.

The Gravity chamber training turned out to be useful. Combined with the cultivation of body strength inside the small ruin will further speed up the progress.

If this goes on, I will reach the Peak Elite in body strength sooner.

On the way, while walking. I thought about other special element warriors. Apart from Michael, Ernest, and Laverne. I have yet to meet other people.

I think they are in a retreat like Tyler Lane. The Flame Faction members were fortunate they could do the cultivation in the blessed land. And here I'm longing for lightning-blessed land.

Shirley after, I reached the teleportation tower. After walking inside, I reached the platform and stepped forward, and stood in the middle.

Then I selected the server of the small ruins. After selection, the platform lit up with blue lights. The next moment, I disappeared from the spot and appeared inside the small ruin.

Feeling the familiar vibes around me. I quickly adjusted my mood.

"Phew," I took a deep breath before starting walking toward the middle area.

Soon, I quickly arrived at the pile of bones. I found an empty spot to sit cross-legged.

Then I took out class-3 monster cores and held them in both of my palms. Then I started to run the blood element method.

Right after the blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Swish!

As usual, the malicious aura rushed toward me. I slowly began to absorb the malicious aura and monster core energies as well.

When the energy entered my body. I quickly guided the energies according to the blood element method.

Right after, a red light appears above my blood. The red light then quickly absorbed the monster's core energies and converted them into white energies.

The converted white energies drilled into my bones. This time I managed to endure the pain quickly. At the same time, the malicious aura was swallowed up by the blood light.

The two processes continued to happen at the same time.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After two hours of practice, I opened my eyes. Then I quickly checked my skeleton. The red-marked area of my bones was further spread. It almost covered up the entire leg.

Seeing the progression a look of bewilderment appeared on my face.

Then shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts. After checking everything was fine. I got up from the ground and decided to leave.

At first, I thought about trying to cultivate healing techniques. But the malicious aura here was too strong. This is not an ideal place to cultivate the healing technique.

Then using the teleportation point, I returned to the tower.

Swish!

After appearing on the platform. I didn't leave. Rather, I selected a new monster zone to enter. After selecting the several, I waited for the teleportation point to activate.

Shortly after, the platform lit up with blue lights and I disappeared from the spot.

Swish!

This time the monster zone is a new one. I appeared in the swamp area. Feeling the humid and wet atmosphere, I spread my consciousness around me.

Seeing that no monster was around me. I took some time to adjust. "Where do I start?" I mumbled under my breath.

Then I opened the map and started to go through it. The monster zone is smaller in size. And the core area appears to be a huge lake. My eyes flickered with a slight glint. After glancing around, I moved toward the core area.

Chapter 480 The Challenge Day

From MC's perspective:

Rumble!

When I crossed half a distance. I suddenly saw a massive scorpion moving ahead. The color was completely pitch black. If not for my perception, I would have missed it.

The monster noticed me. Seeing that I didn't stop my movement and moved closer to it.

[Class 4 Monster- Black Scorpion]

After confirming the level of the monster. I gripped my black sword and made a casual swing against it.

The scorpion monster moved its two massive grasping pincers.

Clang!

The sword blade made contact with the skin. Right after a metallic sound resonated. Looking down at its tough skin, a hint of surprise flashes in my eyes.

After realizing it's difficult to injure with sword moves. I retreated backward and was ready to attack again with the lightning attack.

I begin to charge the black sword with the purple lightning essence.

At the same time, the giant scorpion raised its stinger to attack me. The stinger looks deadly with sharp points.

Swish!

I sidestepped enough to evade the attack. When the stinger hits the empty ground. I raised my sword against the monster.

"Sword Divide," I said.

Rumble!

A purple color beam shot at the monster. In a blink of an eye, the lightning strike lands a blow to the monster's body.

Bang!

When the aftermath settles down. I see a massive crack on the tough skin. Seeing that, my eyes flickered with a slight glint.

Then I repeated the process. After releasing a few more lightning strikes, the scorpion monster lost its mobility.

"Lightning finger technique," I muttered while pointing my finger at the monster's head.

Rumble!

A straight purple beam shot at the monster.

Bang!

The attack lands a direct hit. The beam tore through the monster's head and within seconds the monster lost its final breath.

Finally, I gained a new Class-4 Monster Core.

Then I walked up to the monster and started to dissect the body.

After a few minutes, I collected the monster core and placed it in my storage ring. Then I resumed my movements again. The battle is sure to attract a lot of nearby monsters.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After spending a few hours fighting the monsters. I decided to return. On this trip, I collected 4 Class 4 Monster cores. Which is enough to sustain my body cultivation for two days.

I quickly found the nearest teleportation point and activated it.

Swish!

I disappeared from the spot and appeared back in the teleportation tower.

The whole academy must have known about my decision by this time. Shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts and walked back to my room.

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Meanwhile,

The academy's social media site was boiling because of Zack's answer. Yet some people criticized Zack for delaying the duel for one week.

Even Tyler Lane was unhappy about the duel date. He fears other warriors would return from the retreat. He doesn't want his limelight to be taken by others.

Days passed,

and Zack went to the different monster zone to practice the 2nd stage of the finger technique and to collect some monster cores as well.

While in the academy the momentum is taking place slowly. Everyone is pumped about the duel. And somehow the news was spread to the other 5 academies through spies.

The Giant Tower,

Because of the student exchange meet. The Giant Tower has become a laughingstock. Their utter defeat made them lose face in front of other academics.

In particular, the Eclipse Academy is taking greater pleasure in insulting them. But unfortunately, the Eclipse academy hasn't got a chance yet to kill Zack.

When they know about the inside information. They have realized it's impossible to kill Zack anytime soon.

So both the Giant Tower and the Eclipse Academy were thinking of ending Zack's life during the annual meet competition. Then they have to watch everything patiently.

Meanwhile, the two female warriors in the Red Moon Tower isolate themselves from the outside world to get strong. And the elders of the Red Moon Tower were taking special care in training them.

Only Maria Frazier in the White Palace keeping an eye on Zack's information. When she learned that Zack had defeated the top warriors of the Giant Tower. She decided to train harder.

She doesn't want to stay behind Zack forever. Especially after learning that Zack is a lightning-element warrior. Her longing for growth has multiplied ever since.

The Silver Clouds Academy is watching everything from the sidelines.

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From MC's perspective:

Days passed,

Eventually, the day for the duel challenge comes up.

Inside the dorm room,

I woke up after hearing the alarm sound. Then I got up from my bed to do the morning routine. After several minutes, I entered the training room to cultivate the lightning essence.

Today is an important day. I'm going to fight Tyler Lane in the duel arena. Sigh, It feels like I have accepted the challenge yesterday. But in a blink of an eye, several days have passed.

But I'm not without any improvement. Sitting down cross-legged, I began to observe my body. I'm getting closer to Peak Elite Stage in body strength.

I have a vague feeling that in a few weeks. I will touch the barrier. Then pushing down these thoughts, I started to run the celestial lightning scripture.

The next moment, the rune in my consciousness started to flicker as I started to recite the scripture. Then slowly from the surroundings, I began to absorb the energy.

When the energy entered my body. I guided the energy through meridians after the circulation of the energy gathered inside my dantian.

Slowly, I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After two hours, I ended my lightning essence cultivation. When I looked inside the dantian. The lightning essence reserves were half-filled.

Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

Then I took out two monster cores and held them in my palm. I started to run the blood element method. As time goes on, I begin to absorb the monster's core energy.

When the energy entered my body. I started to circulate the energy according to the blood element method.

The red light from the bloodstream appears and starts to convert the monster's core energies into white energies.

Then the white energies drilled into my bones. The next moment I felt heart-wrenching pain. I gritted my teeth and continued to endure it.

A few minutes later, the red color began to spread further in my bones. Right now, my two legs are dyed a deep red color. Now it has reached my hips.

Seeing that, I continued to absorb the energy from the monster's core.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After two hours, I opened my eyes. Feeling the increase in the red color of my bones. I revealed a bitter smile on my face. I'm still not clear about this situation.

I can tell that the red color has made my bones stronger and sturdier. But I have a vague feeling that it's not as simple as that. There must be some other use.

Then I look at the time which is showing 9 A.M. The time for the duel is 11 A.M. There is still some time left before the duel. In the meantime, I decided to cultivate the wood scripture.

After that commotion, I stopped going to the gravity chamber. I hope after today the gravity training place will be quiet.

Then I started to run the wood technique. Slowly, I guided the energy according to the method. As time went on, a small green color essence was gathered inside the dantian.

Seeing that I repeated the process.

An hour later, I walked out of the training room after completing the cultivation.

Several minutes later,

I wore an academy uniform after taking the bath. It's 10 A.M. An hour is left before the start of the duel. Seeing that I began to get ready quickly.

After a few minutes, I left the room and walked toward the dining hall. I guess the whole academy is assembled at the dueling stadium right now.

On the way, I came across many people. They were surprised to see me here. But none of them came forward to ask me.

Ignoring their gazes, I walked inside the dining hall. Right now, there was no one inside the dining hall except the staff.

I walked up to the counter and received the food plate. The female staff behind the counter stood in disbelief. "What is he doing here?" She said in her heart.

She knows the whole academy is waiting for this person to appear at the dueling stadium. But he came here to eat right now.

Feeling the gaze she began to put food on the plate. Small steaks, veg salads, and energy drinks.

After receiving the food plate, I took a nearby seat to sit down. Without minding the time, I began to eat the food.