

BloodLine 491

Chapter 491 Part 1: Zack Vs Brandon

From MC's perspective:

After ending the call, I changed my direction and headed to meet the dean. The people who are following me were surprised.

But soon many of them start gathering in the main arena.

A few minutes later,

I reached the dean's office and entered the room. As usual the dean is waiting for my arrival. I stepped forward to take a seat and sat opposite to her.

Dean Rebecca smiled brightly. When Zack entered the room. She felt the surging energy from Zack's badly.

"Looks like the high peak mountain turned out to be a blessing," Dean Rebecca said with a smile.

When her words reached my ears. I felt the assumption turned out to be true. She wants to know about the high peak mountain.

Should I tell her about those red moon tower warriors?

"Dean, the teleportation point was close to the high peak mountain. So I managed to reach the foot of the mountain under pouring rain."

"But shortly after I spotted red moon tower warriors. They came to collect herbs near the foot of the mountain," I replied calmly.

Rebecca's eyes flickered with a slight glint. She almost forgot about the importance of that place.

From time to time the red moon tower allows their students to visit there.

"It's good as long as you don't get caught. Otherwise, it would become difficult for us to even save you," Rebecca said in a serious tone.

It's not guaranteed whether they would spare Zack's life if they caught him.

I nodded in response. But she isn't aware of my capabilities. With perception alone, I can avoid a lot of dangers.

"Okay, you can get ready for the duel," Rebecca said.

Then I got up from the seat and walked out of her cabin.

Several minutes later,

I reached the duel arena. I took the participants' entrance and followed the path. Last time, I signed the papers before the duel.

When I walked inside. I found no staff yet to come. But the door to the arena was opened.

Seeing that I walked toward the door. When I stepped outside, I saw the whole view of the arena. Hundreds of empty seats came into view.

In the middle of the ground, there is this duel platform.

After taking a good look at the massive structure, I walked back to the registration spot and found the chair to sit down on.

Right now, no one is here. I can use this time to sit and relax.

1. Sword Divide: Big wheel (Beginner)
2. Lightning Wheel: Big wheel (Beginner)
3. Lightning Phantom: Big wheel (Beginner)
4. Blood Field Technique: Small wheel (Intermediate)
5. Soul Tower Method: Small wheel (Beginner)
6. Soul Needle Art: Small wheel (Beginner)
7. Lightning finger technique: (Beginner)

I reviewed the techniques in my mind. The Sword Divide and Lightning Wheel would consume more purple essence compared to the Lightning finger technique.

So I decided to try the Lightning finger technique. If the opponent is too hard to difficult then I will choose other methods to end him.

"Brandon uh?" I mumbled. I hope this guy will give me a tough time.

Then I closed my eyes and began to wait.

Meanwhile,

The Metal Faction Head, Marcus Lin is receiving messages from other faction heads.

They want to hear his opinion. Everyone is waiting to see whether Brandon can win against Zack Lockwood.

Even the Vice-dean Franklin asked him casually the other day. But last night the news came out as unexpected.

He too has seen the rude post yesterday. Earlier, the students are impatient regarding Zack's decision.

He feels the rude post triggered Zack to make such a fast decision. Anyways, he was happy. He got chance to show the other factions about metal faction warriors fighting techniques.

So today's duel is going to be important. He knows Zack is strong under Super Elite. But at the same time he wants to see the progression of Brandon.

Time went by,

As the time for duel gets closer. Dean Rebecca allowed students of A grade institute to watch the duel.

So the warriors from the Flame Faction, Rain/Water Faction, Gale/Wind Faction, Rock Faction and Metal Faction are entering the duel arena.

Meanwhile,

The Special Faction Common Room was occupied by three people as usual. Like last time, they have planned to watch the duel live from here.

Michael, Laverne and Ernest were sitting in their seats comfortably.

"What happened to Zack?"

"He approved the duel all of a sudden. I thought he was training hard the other day," Ernest said.

A quick glint flashes in Michael's eyes. Actually the newcomer Zack made him more interested. Lightning element is so domineering that he wanted to fight Zack when he reached their level.

But Zack's sudden show of strength shows that he can perform missions with them. If Zack can defeat Peak Elite warrior without breaking sweat. Then he can fight against Class 5 Monsters.

For some reason after that day he avoided their proposal. Ever since then this question weighed down his mind.

Suddenly, a good idea struck his mind. Next time, he decided to follow Zack to the monster zone and see what he is up to?

Laverne as usual didn't think that deeply. Three of them have their opinions when it comes to Zack Lcokwood.

Meanwhile, Brandon Hurst walks out of the metal faction common room and heads to the duel arena with his team members.

Duel Arena,

I was greeted by the staff. They are surprised to see me sitting here alone. After nodding at them, I continued to wait.

There is still half an hour left before the start of the duel.

Several minutes later,

Brandon Hurst came here to sign papers. Seeing me he was surprised. He asked, "You came early."

I smiled and replied, "I want to end the match quicker before going to the dorm."

Hearing that Brandon's face turned ugly. He purposely tries to probe Zack's base. But he didn't find anything.

He gave a slight snort before signing the papers.

After he entered the duel area. Seeing that I stood up as well and processed to finish the procedures.

After signing, I walked into the ground slowly.

At this time, the atmosphere of the duel arena is different. It was silent a couple of hours ago. Now I can hear loud noises.

As far as I can see the seats were filled with people.

After reaching the duel platform, I stepped forward and made direct eye contact with Brandon Harsh.

The Conference room,

"It's happening," Rebecca muttered, looking at the screen.

Right now, all the faction heads are sitting inside the conference room including Vice-dean Franklin and the Metal Faction Head, Marcus Lin.

Dean Rebecca wants to stress the importance of the year end conference after this duel. Though the faction heads are proud of their students.

She wants them to motivate the warriors further.

If Zack wins the duel, Brandon has to work harder to improve his strength.

Vice-dean Franklin seated expressionless. He knows Zack is a special person because of powerful background.

So the dean is paying special attention to him. He is aware that the dean has given special privileges to Zack so that he can enter any monster zones under the Academy.

It's a partial treatment. And it's unfair to the top warriors of the academy. He always wanted to confront the dean about this.

Fortunately, she called for this meeting. If Zack loses to Brandon, he decides to bring up the issue before everyone.

Whereas Marcus Lin is hoping Brandon will fight well.

Duel Arena,

[The official duel starts now.]

When the announcement came. I see Brandon making his first move.

I raised my hand and pointed fingers at Brandon to release the 1st stage of lightning finger technique.

The powerful lightning gathers at the tip of my fore finger in the blink of an eye.

Cheer~

The crowd let out a huge cheer in response.

The next moment, a purple beam shot at the target.

Brandon didn't get flustered. He forms a round metal shield in thin air to defend himself.

When the powerful beam collides with the shield.

Boom~

A loud boom reverberated throughout the arena.

The collision resulted in an explosion. The next second, smoke quickly covered the whole duel platform.

Gasp!

The warriors exclaimed in surprise witnessing the lightning power. The lightning element is rare. Not every day the warriors from other factions can witness the strength of the Special element warrior.

When the smoke cleared. Brandon's appearance came into view. The silver color round shield got black mark in the middle.

Seeing that my eyes gleamed with twinkle. Brandon started to use peak elite power from the get go.

"Harumph," Brandon gave a cold snort before forming several metal spikes in mid air.

Cheer~

Seeing this move the warriors from the metal faction erupted in loud cheer. The sharp spike technique is one of the killing moves of the metal faction warriors.

They didn't expect to see this move from the start.

Brandon shot several sharp spikes at me. They are coming at full speed. Without concentration, it's difficult to see each spike.

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From MC'd Perspective:

Several metal spikes were shot at me..

Swish~

The next second, the purple arcs covered my legs in a blink of an eye. I evaded those spikes by using lightning movement technique.

I was not planning to waste purple essence. But I underestimated the metal element killing techniques. I remember someone warned me about this before.

A small smile appeared on my face.

Boom~ Boom~

The metal spikes land a hit at an empty spot creating noise.

Using the opportunity, I raised my hand and pointed my firefighter at Brandon.

"Lightning finger technique-2nd stage," I said in my heart.

I mobilized the purple essence. The next moment, lightning power gathered at my fingertips.

Seeing this move, the crowd erupted again. Even I hear a booing sound all of a sudden.

Brandon reveals a smirk on his face. Seeing that I laughed in my heart.

The next second, I released the attack. The purple beam shot at Brandon. This time the attack speed was twice as fast as the 2nd stage.

"What?" Brandon was stunned. He hurriedly forms the metal shield to block. But he was too late. The purple beam collides with a metal shield when it's not fully formed.

Boom~

Unlike before, the 2nd stage finger technique output was powerful. It destroyed the half formed metal shield. And the remaining purple arc lands a blow to Brandon's body.

This all happened in the blink of an eye.

The aftermath immediately swept away the platform. The smoke covered the audience's view as well.

Swish~

Seeing that the purple arc covered my legs again and I dashed towards him to land a surprise blow.

Brandon's expression turned ugly. His shield took the majority of the impact from the attack earlier. Except superficial injury over skin. He is alright.

Just as the smoke is disappearing. He sees a purple arc before him. Before he could realize he was attacked. The opponent punched him on the face.

Smack~

The brute force pushed him towards the edge. His face filled with shock. "What the happened?" Why does he feel pain over a simple punch?

He realized this was not the time to doze off.

But again he was too late. A purple beam lands a blow to his chest.

Argh!

He let out a scream in agonizing pain and fell out of the duel platform. This time he took the brunt of lightning finger technique.

Silence~

The crowd uttered complete silence. Everyone hoped to see a fiery fight and that too a long standing one.

But the duel once again resulted in one sided crushing.

At the same time, a hint of relief flashes in my eyes. Brandon was overconfident. I realized I had to use fist to end this duel quickly.

[Official Duel: Zack Lockwood is declared as winner.]

Cheer~

This time the audience woke up after the loud announcement and let out a roaring cheer. Once again, Zack's domineering lightning etched in everyone's mind.

By this time, Brandon also came to his senses. Looking at the surroundings, he feels dumb.

"How?" he uttered. Veins begin to pop up in his forehead. He realized his mistake. "So he had planned this from the beginning," He said to himself, looking at Zack who was enjoying the praises.

He feels humiliated. He wanted this duel to be upright. But the opponent played cunning.

"Zack"

"You are a coward. No wonder you won against Tyler as well."

"Instead of defeating us fair and square. You had to resort to a trick. How despicable," Brandon uttered ruthless words.

When his words reached my ears. My mouth curves into arcs. Our conversation no one can hear because of loud cheer.

I looked towards him. His face looked distorted. Looks like the defeat hit him hard.

"Brandon. Don't forget you are a Peak Elite Warrior. So, don't find any excuse," I replied.

Then I waved my hand toward the audience before leaving the duel arena.

Conference Room,

"Ha..Ha...Ha...," Dean Rebecca let out laughter in joy.

Zack won the official duel again. And it's the 2nd one. This is the scene she wants to see. Peak Elite Warriors are defeated by Early Level Elite.

The metal faction head, Marcus Lin's face is not looking good. And Dean's laughter irked him more.

The Elite Section's 3rd powerful warrior in their metal faction has lost the duel.

Marcus completely lost his face in front of everyone here.

Even Vice-dean Franklin Madden was speechless as well.

He looked towards the dean and asked, "Dean, is that lightning element really that powerful?"

Hearing that question everyone turned their attention towards the dean.

Dean Rebecca sighed. She can understand the mood of everyone.

"The lightning element is a special element. And it's as powerful as the record says. But it also depends on the warrior who uses it," She said, looking at everyone.

"This time, Zack made Brandon let down his guard by revealing a small attack. From then Brandon used the killing technique right away."

"But unfortunately, he was overconfident and Zack tricked him in the end. The 2nd lightning attack was powerful than 1st one."

"Before Brandon could think. Zack made him fall off the platform," She added further.

Shock~

The faction heads revealed shocked expressions on their faces.

"So Zack used his brain and Brandon didn't," Franklin commented.

Marcus Lin's expression went down a little after hearing Dean's words. He too noticed Zack's quick thinking. Like somehow he came prepared.

But Brandon was blinded by his Peak Elite Strength. So he decided to talk some sense to him later.

Vice-dean Franklin furrowed his eyes. He knows that the dean didn't simply call them here to watch the duel. There is something more.

He was also disappointed by Brandon's defeat. He was planning to bring up the issue on the table. But Brandon spoiled all of his plans.

Now if he does that he will get on the dean's bad side.

At this time, Rebecca turned off the screen and looked at everyone.

"Now let's get down to the real business."

"I called you all for this meeting to discuss the year end conference."

Gasp~

The Faction heads expressed surprise.

Vice-dean Franklin was calm on the other hand. He was wondering what this was all about?

But a year end conference?

"Isn't it too early to discuss this matter?" Franklin asked.

Rebecca replied, "No, it's a good time to discuss. Because I want all the faction heads to train their students even harder. Especially the top 10 warriors in each faction."

"I don't want to see them defeated by Early Elite Warriors like Zack," When she said those words.

The faction heads were displeased. But they nodded their heads in understanding. They can understand why the dean arranged this meeting now.

The warriors from other academies are exceptionally strong as well. They won't be surprised if they see a warrior similar to Zack who can fight across ranks.

Seeing the serious expression on everyone's face. Dean Rebecca was satisfied. This is the reaction she wants to see from them.

If it was earlier, then they would have neglected her words. Now Zack's duel showed them a mirror. Hereafter, each faction will be well prepared.

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

The Special Faction Room:

Michael remained silent. His earlier suspicion became more. Even in this duel, it looked like Zack dealt with it easily.

"Good" "Good"

"As usual we were worried for nothing," Ernest said with a smile.

"Hereafter, no-one will challenge him," Laverene said.

"That won't happen," Michael interjected by saying that.

"Have you forgotten those hot heads from the flame faction?" Michael asked.

Laverne frowned. She almost forgot about those annoying guys. Tyler Lane was just one person. There are still many others in retreat.

If those hot headed guys are back, then they would pester Zack for sure.

The Metal Faction:

Brandon Hurst secretly went back without meeting everyone's eyes. At this moment, he can't see his friend and faction members' eyes.

It's totally humiliating and embarrassing. When he was about to enter the room.

He received a message from the faction head.

Seeing that his expression became even more worse. He knows what's going to happen next?

Several minutes later,

He reached the office after avoiding the scrutinizing gaze of everyone on the way.

The Flame Faction:

Tyler Lane was in a better mood compared to a few days ago. "He...He..He..."

"This guy Brandon was worse than me," Tyler Lane said to his friends in front of him.

"Yeah, he was an idiot. Lost without showing much of a fight."

"What about other factions?"

"I don't think the Rain Faction and the Rock Faction would participate in an official duel."

The flame faction members started to talk among themselves. Earlier, everyone thought that metal factions would embarrass them.

But in contrast to everyone else. Brandon has met with the same fate as Tyler. So those flame faction warriors who were dissatisfied with Tyler earlier. Now their anger was gone completely.

Meanwhile,

I came back to my room with a smile on my face. Brandon was not that strong. And he was not a quick thinker as well.

After pushing down these thoughts, I went back to take a shower.

Chapter 493 Class-5 Black Horned Snake

From MC's perspective:

The following day- 9 AM,

After getting ready, I decided to go to the dining hall. Last night, I had a good night's sleep. So I woke up a little bit late today. Before going to the dining hall, I thought about seeing the online post.

I hope people's opinion changed after the last day's duel. I opened my sci-fi watch and started to access the Academy's social media site.

When I opened the page, I saw images of yesterday's duel. Seeing that I scrolled down to see further news.

[Zack proved his dominance again.]

[Real or Fake: Zack showed his prowess in the duel.]

[Brandon's lack of judgment?]

[is the Rain Faction & the Rock Faction going to stay silent?]

I came across many posts. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. Unlike the day before yesterday, I see no negative posts this time.

"This is good news," I muttered to myself. I got up from the bed and walked out of the room.

Today I'm planning on hitting the gravity chamber. I have to push the body's limits further. So that I can absorb the monster cores better.

After a few minutes, I walked inside the dining hall. The atmosphere inside the hall is different from before. I stopped my walking before looking around the hall.

As usual I feel a lot of gazes on me. But this time there was some change. I see a lot of awe in people's eyes. I think it's a good start. As long as people are not hostile. It's fine for me.

I remember a similar thing happening back in the Hansen Campus. Before I got the place as a seedling candidate the senior students didn't like me that much.

Then nodding at them I walked to the food counter. I see a middle aged man behind the counter.

"What happened to her?" I asked.

The middle aged man was startled hearing my voice. He raised his head and answered, "She took a sick leave."

"Hmmm," I nodded my head in response before receiving the food plate.

Then I found a nearby empty seat to sit down on. While munching down the fruit said. I ponder deeply.

For morning practice, I plan on using the gravity room. Then I will go to the monster zone at noon.

I have a vague feeling that my body strength will hit the barrier soon. If I could collect monster cores, the breakthrough process can be .

Several minutes later,

I walked out of the dining hall and headed straight to the Gravity Training place. Walking, I see people looking at me with respectful gaze.

Sigh~

I sighed inwardly. Everywhere you go, only the strong are respected.

I reached the training spot quickly. The training place was located in the 2nd building. When I walked in, my eyes immediately scanned the available gravity rooms.

Right three gravity rooms were lit up with green signals. So I can use any one of them. I accessed the nearest one to enter.

Creak~

The gravity chamber door closed automatically. .

I then walked up to the monitor to change the settings. I set the gravity force to stage 4.

Rumble~

Shortly after, the vibration started. I stand in the middle of the platform. Slowly, the gravity pressure increases from stage 1 to stage 4.

When the gravity pressure hits stage 4. The sweat beads already started to form on my forehead.

As expected, I should train under gravity pressure every day. But the muscle tearing pain is getting higher.

I see strains on my muscles. If I increase the gravity to stage 5, I will bleed.

Then calming down my emotions. I tried to run the blood method. To see whether there is an effect.

This is quite a reckless move. Because I don't have the monster core with me right now. Feeling the pressure on my leg, I sat cross-legged to alleviate some.

"Hmmm," My eyes lit up with surprise. The red blood light again appears above flowing blood. Suddenly, I feel some cool down in my nerves.

The muscle tension reduced as well. After feeling such changes, I closed my eyes and continued to endure.

I know training under such extreme pressure will be beneficial to my body.

Time passed,

I opened my eyes two hours later. I realized I was completely soaked up in sweat. I got up from the ground and walked to the monitor.

I changed the settings back to normal.

Rumble~

The gravitational pressure disappeared. And I took a huge breath in relief. I felt a huge weight lifted off from my shoulder.

Creak~

I opened the gravity room and walked out. The time is almost noon. Seeing that, I decided to take a shower before going to the monster zone.

While heading back, I came across the metal faction members.

Seeing their gloomy expression. "Ha...Ha...Ha...", I laughed in my heart.

The metal faction warriors avoided my gaze and walked past me in hurry.

Shaking my head, I continued walking. Dean wants to win at the year end conference. But looking at these guys, I doubt whether it would happen.

Even the Red Moon Tower warriors are strong compared to these fellows.

A few minutes later, I walked back to the dorm building and entered my room.

The bad smell is attacking my nostrils. Hurriedly, I rushed to take a bath.

Several minutes later,

I changed to fresh clothes. I don't know why I got this strange feeling in my body. I feel a lot more relaxed right now.

Maybe the effects of gravity training are starting to work right now.

A small smile appeared on my face. Then pushing down these thoughts, I walked out of the dorm building and headed to the teleportation tower.

This time I am planning to enter the Class-5 Monster Zone. My eyes flickered with a slight glint. The Class-5 Monster Core can provide me with great energy.

After entering the teleportation tower, I stepped up and selected the server.

Right after the blue lights under the platform lit up.

Swish~

The next second, I disappeared from the spot.

When I opened my eyes. I found myself standing in the barren land. Unlike the dense green forest, I see the vast land in front of me.

Wherever I see, there is only an open field. There is no sign of green patches on the ground.

When I was observing the ground.

Rumble~

The ground starts to vibrate all of a sudden.

"It came," I muttered. I wasn't surprised by the sound.

I activated my perception ability. My perception covered the area surrounding me.

The next second, I spotted a huge crack on the ground. Something coming in my direction.

I took out the black sword and held it in my hand.

I don't know whether it's a Class-4 or Class-5.

But from the tremor, I have a feeling that it's a Class-5.

Boom~

A huge body rose up from the ground.

Seeing that my pupil shrank.

[Class-5 Black Horned Snake]

A dark brown snake with two black horns appeared before me. After recognizing the snake, my expression becomes dignified.

The reason is because this species of snake moves fast. Especially the Class-5 Monster, I can hardly imagine.

I remained still in the position. It's hard to judge the speed of the Class-5 Monster.

The Black Horned Snake looked at me. Its snake pupils moved.

Seeing that I became ready to use the lightning phantom technique.

Rumble~

The snake dashed to the prey at breakneck speed.

At the same time, I got alerted through my perception.

"Lightning Phantom Technique"

The purple arcs covered my legs. The next second, I retreated back at fast speed avoiding the deadly fangs of the snake.

Dust rose up from the ground. The snake monster movements swept away the surroundings.

After making a huge gap, a trace of apprehension appeared in my eyes. This gap is not enough. The monster can reach me in a blink of an eye.

For a moment, I'm having second thoughts about training here. Unlike the dense forest, this is an empty barren land. I have nowhere to hide.

The Class-5 Snake can reach me in an instant.

By that time, the dust had cleared. The snake monster turned toward me. I raised my sword to defend.

The next second, the snake monster swept its long tail against me.

Seeing the long tail, I covered the legs with purple essence again.

Swish!

I moved in the opposite direction in order to find some cover. While moving, I'm pondering how to handle the situation.

Suddenly, a good idea comes to mind.

I can target the snake's eye by using the lightning finger technique.

Boom~

The snake monster's long tail lands a hit on the empty ground. The force caused a crack on the ground.

The snake monster is not at all rushing to kill the prey.

Meanwhile, I stopped moving and turned towards the snake monster. Through my perception, I can clearly perceive the movement's of the monster.

I'm waiting for the exact movement to attack. I know the monster will turn towards me. So I raised my hand and pointed the forefinger at the monster.

Chapter 494 Calm Days

(From MC's Perspective)

Monster Zone:

Through perception, I see the monster's movement. The next second, I released the lightning finger technique targeting the eye.

Thunder~

A purple beam released from my finger and shot at the monster.

The Black Horned Snake senses danger coming towards it. It moved its massive body. Because of its fast ability, the snake monster manages to avoid the hit.

But the sense of danger coming from prey pisses it greatly. Hissing, the snake launched a full-scale assault. It dashed toward the prey at a faster speed.

Meanwhile,

I'm seeing an unbelievable scene through perception. I missed the target. It had never happened before.

Then I suddenly realized something. The Class-5 Monster is different. You can't treat it as dumb. The snake monster is especially cunning.

Seeing the monster get closer, I held my sword before me. It's not wise to run anymore. I will suffer more damage while fleeing.

It's best to confront the monster straight ahead.

The snake monster opened its mouth and it aimed its massive fangs at me.

Clang~

I blocked the fang with my black sword. The monster is slowly pushing me backward. Thanks to Mid-level body strength. I'm not crushed.

I want to use the finger technique at this point and it won't miss the target. Suddenly, a good idea comes to mind.

"Blood Field Technique," I muttered. I released the aura hiding inside my body. The invisible provides deterrence to hostile minds.

When the invisible aura appears around my body. The Black Horned Snake lost its mind for a moment.

"Good Chance," I uttered.

The next second, I held the black sword in my left hand and raised my right hand against the monster.

"Lightning finger technique,"

A purple ball formed in my forefinger in a blink of an eye. The next second, I released the purple beam targeting the snake's pupil.

Thunder~

A straight purple beam reaches the target in a second.

Boom~

The lightning pierces through the monster's eye. The monster gained clarity right before the attack. But it was too late.

Hiss~

Black Horned Snake monster hissed in agonizing pain.

Seeing it is one eye gone, I pointed my fingers towards the left eye.

But I saw a massive tail coming at me. I gripped the black sword in both hands and blocked the attack.

Boom~

When the blade comes in contact with the snake's scales. The collision caused a terrible sound.

I retreated backward several steps. Because of my body strength, I'm not getting overwhelmed right now.

I saw that the black-horned snake is not retreating at all. It's still glaring at me with its left eye.

It's been a while since I have used the other lightning technique. My mouth curved into an arc.

The next second, I dashed toward the monster without using the lightning technique.

The snake monster is charging toward the prey as well. The annoying prey is slipping away from its fangs.

The snake monster is enraged.

When the monster got closer to me. I used the blood field technique again.

Hiss~

Using the opportunity, I used the lightning attack technique.

"Lightning Wheel"

A massive lightning wheel appeared around me. The lightning power is more domineering than before because of the purified purple essence.

The back-horned snake senses danger. But it was too late. Even using the speed ability, the monster wasn't able to escape.

The massive body comes in contact with the lightning wheel.

Boom~

The lightning wheel explodes after coming into contact with the snake's body. The Class-5 Monster's scales are hard. It took the most of the brunt leaving behind the superficial injury.

Seeing that, I wasn't surprised. I clenched my fist and punched the monster.

This all happened within seconds.

I ran the blood method inside my body. The blood energy comes from redbones in my skeleton reaching my arms and finally, the power gathered around my fist.

The Power was invisible to the eye. But I know a massive force gathered in my punch.

When the punch comes in contact with the snake's scales.

Crack~

The punch tore through the monster's body and the scales broke into several pieces.

When I retract my fist, I see a massive hole in the snake's body. Seeing that disbelief appeared in my eyes.

I know my body strength is strong. But not to this extent. Then I realized it was due to weird movements earlier.

I gained certain force from the red bones of mine. When I realized the power. A wave of ecstasy rose in my heart.

After the blood field technique, I was looking forward to another blood technique. And this seems to be a proper killing technique.

The Black Horned Snake is hissing in pain.

I recalled the previous movement in mind. The next second, I charged against the monster.

The snake monster spotted the prey. But it can't move its body like before. The speed got massively reduced compared to before.

I got closer to the monster. Like before I try to mobilize the force from the red bones of my skeleton.

Right after, I ran the blood method. I felt a similar feeling inside my body. A certain force reached my arm from the bones.

This kind of domineering feeling is addictive.

Then I twisted my fist and punched the monster with brute force.

Boom~

This time I tore through the defense more easily leaving behind another hole.

Shortly after, the black-horned monster lost its vitality and dropped dead on the ground.

Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in my eyes. This time the trip turned out to be fruitful. More than the monster core, I gained a new fist technique.

Then I gripped the black sword and walked up to the monster. I started to dissect the body parts slowly.

Time passed,

Several minutes later,

I stored the monster parts and monster core in my storage ring. When I looked inside my dantian. I found the purple essence was reduced by half.

I furrowed my eyebrows. It took several lightning attacks to end the monster's life.

It even depleted half of my purple reserve.

Then after calming down my heart. I decided to leave. I was hoping to collect two or more monster cores.

But the purple essence was not enough. If I fight any other monster, my purple essence will be emptied.

Then without thinking further, I moved to find the next teleportation point to leave.

Shortly after, I reached the teleportation point. Fortunately, I didn't come across monsters on the way.

After stepping inside, I selected the server.

Swish~

The next moment, I disappeared from my spot.

When I opened my eyes. I found myself back inside the teleportation tower.

A few minutes later,

I walked back into my room. Before taking a shower, I decided to cultivate the blood element method.

I stepped inside the training room. I walked to the middle of the platform and sat-cross legged.

Then I took the Class-5 Monster Core and held it in my palm. I closed my eyes and started to run the blood element method.

Slowly, I started to absorb the monster's core energy. When the energy entered my body. A hazy blood light appears above my blood.

The next moment, the red light starts to absorb the energy. Immediately after, the energy was converted to white energy.

Those white energies immediately drilled into my bones. I felt extreme heart-wrenching pain the next moment.

I gritted my teeth and began to endure the pain.

The red color started to expand and slowly it covered the thigh bone. It completely looked blood red.

The Class-5 Monster Core still has some remaining energy left.

When I repeated the process. I felt the barrier. A wave of ecstasy rose in my heart. The process can't be repeated unless the barrier is broken.

So I started to absorb the energy to attack the barrier. The barrier remained solid after the first attack.

Seeing that I continued to attack the barrier. Even after some time, the barrier remained intact.

A trace of disappointment flashes in my eyes.

I opened my eyes and looked at the monster core in my hand. I can feel the small amount of energy in it.

"I was right. One monster core is not enough," I said to myself. Then I placed the monster core back in my storage ring.

I got up from the ground and walked out of the training room. The progress of the body method is good. But the essence of cultivation is lacking.

Then I went to take a shower.

Days went by,

I stopped going to the monster zones. Instead, I shifted my attention back to the essence of cultivation.

In the following days, I continued to visit the high peak mountain. One thing is to replenish the purple essence and another one is to reach the barrier in essence cultivation.

I got the opportunity to reduce the gap between body strength and essence cultivation. So I had made up my mind to reach the essence barrier as soon as possible.

And I hadn't come across any of those Red Moon Tower Warriors.

Strangely, no one came to disturb me. The academy site also became calm without any controversy.

These days the Saw Scale Academy is in peace without any turmoil.

Chapter 495 Mid-Level-Elite(Lightning Essence)

From MC's Perspective:

A week later,

After having breakfast, I head to the teleportation tower. For the past several days, I have been focusing on improving my essence cultivation.

I hope today I will touch the barrier in essence cultivation. If I break through the essence barrier, then I simultaneously attempt a breakthrough in body cultivation.

Everything has been calm lately. Even the flame faction warriors have been keeping silent for some reason. No one gave me any trouble lately. I hope this situation continues in the future.

After walking inside the teleportation tower. I stepped up and stood in the middle of the platform. Then I selected the server for transfer.

Right after, blue light lit up on the platform.

Swish~

I disappeared from the spot. When I opened my eyes I found myself standing in the dense forest.

Red Moon Tower- High Peak Mountain,

When I looked up at the sky, I saw that the clouds were clear. Then as usual I started to move towards the destination. The place at the foot of the mountain has become my daily cultivation spot.

After a few hours of walking, I reached the spot. I could have used the flight ability to reach here. But the risks are higher. I don't want to be spotted by the Red Moon Tower People.

So every time, I come here. I have been low key. Then pushing down these thoughts, I found the rock to sit down on. I sat cross-legged and activated my perception ability.

Then I closed my eyes and started to run the celestial lightning scripture. Right after, the lightning rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Slowly, I began to absorb the purple energy from the surroundings. When the energy entered my body, I guided the energy according to the method.

After circulation, the refined energy settles down in my dantian. Then I continued to repeat the process. After some time, I felt the presence of a barrier.

My heart was at ease. Finally there is some result. Then I continued to repeat the process. Slowly, after the barrier became clear and solid.

I feel I will breakthrough within the next two sessions.

Now that the limit has been reached. I can't refine the energy more. The dantian's space has to be expanded next. For that I have to be patient until I get a breakthrough.

So I got up and chose to exit.

Two days later,

I sat in the same place and started to attempt the breakthrough. I closed my eyes and started to run the lightning scripture.

When the energy entered my body, I guided the energy to break the barrier. The purple energy collides with the invisible barrier.

But the barrier remains intact. I felt no crack or weakness. The barrier appears to be solid. I have been doing this for two days. But the barrier is showing no signs of cracking.

I continued to repeat the process. After some time, I felt some changes in the barrier. It's loosening all of a sudden. Seeing that, a wave of ecstasy rose in my heart.

Then I continued to attack the loosened barrier.

Crack~

The essence barrier shattered. And I felt a new rush of energy inside my body. Inside the dantian, the size is beginning to expand.

The movement stopped a few seconds later. Compared to before, the size was increased by half.

Mid-level-Elite (Lightning Essence Cultivation)

The next second, I found changes in my physique as well. The changes were subtle but I know the veins and meridians looked somewhat sturdier than before.

I know the body changes are nothing when it comes to the blood element method. But I guess it has something to do with scripture. The ancient scripture also improved the physique slowly.

So that physique can adapt with a domineering lightning element in each level.

Then I continued to cultivate the purple essence in my dantian. From outside, the dantian looks normal. But inside the area is large.

The ancient totem is standing in the middle covered by mists.

After a few hours, the dantian was filled with purple essence. Earlier, the ancient totem made a move to purify the refined purple essence.

After seeing that everything was fine. I stopped cultivation and opened my eyes. The breakthrough brought me a sense of ease. Now I don't have to rely on body strength to defeat other Elite Warriors.

Even if those top warriors came back from their retreat, I can defeat them. I also feel the lightning element has become powerful after the breakthrough.

I suddenly got the urge to try out.

I turned around and spotted the tree close to me. I raised my hand and pointed at the trunk of the tree.

"Lightning finger technique," I muttered.

A thick purple ball gathered at the tip of my forefinger. The next second, I released the lightning power.

A thick purple beam shot at the target in a blink of an eye.

Thundr~

When the lightning beam collided with the trunk.

Boom~

The next second, the thick trunk was blasted into pieces. Leaving behind the tree debris on the ground.

I looked at the result in disbelief.

I just used a small amount of purple essence for the target. But the impact was great. A hint of satisfaction appeared in my eyes.

Then I got up from the seat and decided to leave.

A few hours later,

I appeared back inside the teleportation tower. The pendant in my neck is blocking the inspecting eyes.

No one can see through my realm.

After a few minutes, I walked inside my room.

A small black layer of impurities can be seen over my skin surface. Seeing that, I quickly went to take a shower.

Time passed,

At night, I began to search about the monster zones. There are quite dangerous monster zones present under the academy.

I decided to collect as much as monster cores in the coming days. Starting from the barren monster zone tomorrow. I don't know how many are required for the breakthrough. Shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts.

The following day,

I walked inside the teleportation tower. After reaching the platform, I selected the server for transfer.

Swish~

I disappeared from the spot and appeared back in the vast open field.

Seeing the familiar atmosphere, I immediately activated my perception ability. Last time, the black horned snake monster made it difficult to hunt it down.

This time, I don't know what will appear?

Through my perception, I saw no sign of a monster.

Then I choose the direction to explore. I moved from the spot and headed towards the east.

eaglesnov?1,coM Growl~

Shortly after, I heard a monster sound. Hearing that I stopped my movement. And dashed towards the direction where the sound is coming from.

A 10 feet brown leopard appeared in my sight. Not one but two. The two brown leopard monsters are fighting against each other.

[Class-5 Brown Leopard Monster]

My appearance stopped their fighting. The two male predators turned towards me. Seeing that I wasn't surprised but felt glad in my heart.

My workload is going to be reduced.

One of the brown leopards suddenly leaped towards me.

"Lightning finger technique"

I released the lightning beam targeting the monster's abdomen.

Thundr~

A dense lightning beam pierces through the air. In a blink of an eye, it reached the monster's abdomen.

Boom~

The lightning power tore through the monster's organs.

Thud~

The brown leopard dropped dead on the ground after losing its vitality.

Seeing that the 2nd brown leopard tried to flee.

I released the lightning finger technique again.

The powerful beam lands a blow in the blink of an eye.

Pfff!

Blood splattered on the ground. The monster then bleeds to death. Seeing that, my eyes gleamed with twinkle. Earlier, I needed more than one move to kill the monster.

But now single finger technique alone is enough to take a monster's life.

Then I collected monster cores from the corpses. After placing them inside the storage ring, I began to dissect the parts.

Time passed,

After killing the brown leopards, I didn't come across other monsters. Seeing that I decided to leave. I couldn't wait to consume these monster cores.

I returned to the academy a few hours later.

After walking inside the room, I went to take a shower. When I walked out of the shower. I finally noticed the time.

It's almost evening time. I sighed inwardly. I didn't even notice the time. After changing into comfortable clothes, I head to the dining hall.

The following day,

After completing the morning routine. I entered the training room to cultivate. I sat cross-legged and took the Class-5 Monster Core from the storage ring.

I held it in my palm and began to run the blood element method. Right after, the blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Slowly, the monster core energy entered my body. I began to circulate the energy according to the blood method. But immediately after I felt the solid barrier.

Then I guided the energy to break the barrier. When the energy collides with the barrier. It remained intact without any crack.

After feeling that, I continued to repeat the process.

Chapter 496 Peak-Level-Elite (Body Breakthrough)

From MC's Perspective:

Dorm room,

The barrier was loosened after the continuous attack. Right after, I guided the energy to attack the barrier again.

Crack~

Right after, the barrier broke into pieces. The next moment, the changes begin to take place inside my body. My veins, meridians, bones, and inner organs strengthened a lot.

Peak Elite- Body Strength

My body cultivation steps into the peak stage of the elite. No one will be my opponent in the elite stage hereafter. Now, I have the confidence to fight against the Super Elite Warrior.

After calming down my heart, I ran the blood element method to consume the remaining energy. When the monster's core energy entered my body.

The red light appears above the flowing blood. It immediately began to absorb the monster's core energy then started to convert them into white energies.

The process was faster compared to before. When the white energies drilled into my bones. The thigh bones are dyed with blood color. The area started to expand further.

Several minutes later, the monster's core crumbles into pieces. Then I took another Class-5 monster out of the storage ring to cultivate. I held it in my palm and started to run the blood element method.

One hour later,

When I finished stabilizing my new base. The monster core in my palm crumbles into pieces. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

Now my essence is at Mid-level & body strength is at Peak-level. The Class-5 Monsters won't be able to pose any threat. What about Class-6 Monster Core?

I haven't heard Michael, Ernest and Laverne talk about Class-6 Monsters before. Well, I feel there is no need to hurry right now.

During the Crimson Competition, I felt threatened by the Super Elite Warriors. So I was not thinking of going outside earlier. But now I have strength to protect myself.

I should do some missions to earn some points. I can't ask the dean anything for free. She had already made a big concession by giving me the teleport address to the Red Moon Tower.

After gaining some clarity, I decided to leave early. I walked out of the training room and headed to the bath to take a cold shower.

Time passed,

I intended to buy fresh clothes several minutes later. For this trip, I didn't prepare that much. After getting ready, I left the room.

Then I walk towards the mission hall to get some missions. After walking inside the building, I head to the mission hall.

My appearance attracted people's attention. But after giving some glances. They stopped bothering me.

When I reached the mission hall. I see warriors coming and going. Some came to accept the mission and while others submitted the report.

"Hey, what is he doing here?"

"Isn't he practicing?"

"I heard he has been spending time in the gravity chamber?"

Everyone was surprised to see me here. Ignoring their gazes, I walked up to the front. The missions are displayed on the screen.

They are differentiated based on difficulties. Starting from D-level missions to A-level missions. Apart from these categories, there are special missions that come under the category of S-rank.

A level mission attracted my attention. But these missions are for Super Elite Warriors. That too only top warriors normally do A The restions. Rest of them were given B-level missions.

And C & D level missions were given to the Elite Warriors like us. After reading the notice, a hint of disappointment flashes in my eyes.

Then I shifted my attention to the D-level mission. And I began to read the task given.

There are escort missions, errbody gardens, body guard missions and even tutoring. These missions are basic without any difficulties.

Looks like the A & B mission and the C & B mission is divided into two categories. One is for strong warriors and the other one is for average warriors.

After taking a glance at D missions, then I turned to C - level missions. When I glanced at a few headlines. A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

The C- level missions are different. Then I slowly began to read the task details. After a few minutes, a realization dawned upon me.

The C- level tasks are composed of arresting the rogue, spying, killing the wanted warriors, corrupt officials and other miscellaneous tasks which involve risk of life.

After finding out the difference, I showed no hesitancy. The C- level tasks are suitable for me. I touched the monitor screen and selected the killing mission. Then I entered my student account number.

Beep!

The next moment, I received the mission information in my sci-fi watch. I didn't open the message to read it fully. Because this is not the place to read.

So I walked back to the dorm room.

Meanwhile,

Seeing the disappearing back of Zack. Everyone started to murmur again. Most of them saw Zack selecting the C-level mission. It will be a matter of time before it spreads to the entire academy.

A few minutes later,

I entered my room and immediately sat on the couch. It's a killing mission but I want to know who the target is?

I opened the message to read the mission description.

[Mission Grade: C]

[Target: Victor Philips. Age: 45. Base: Peak Elite Stage. Element: Mutated Fire]

[Details: Kill the rogue warrior who committed heinous crimes under Saw Scale Academy Jurisdiction.
Last seen: Outskirts of a small town located 50 miles away from the Viper City.]

[Mission Rewards: 1000 points. 10 mid grade affinity stones.]

My eyes flickered with a slight glint. The rogue's information doesn't look ordinary. Especially the information on elemental power. Mutated fire?

I heard about this before. It's not common for mutated elements to appear. But it was not rare either. Each year there are a considerable number of people who awaken mutated elements.

But what I don't understand is that the target is a rogue warrior. Then shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts. It's good that there is a time limit for the mission.

Then I glanced at the rewards. I'm not interested in affinity stones but points. I can buy some monster essence pills from the Treasure Hall with it.

There is no time to waste. So I got up from the couch and walked out the room after locking it.

After a few minutes of walking, I reached the monster facility. Where the tamed monsters reside here. In order to go to the Viper City, I have to register first.

Shortly after, I found the administration office. After a few minutes of registration. Someone came to me. The person appears to be a middle aged man.

He is an Early Elite Stage Warrior. He seems to be an employee here. No need to guess. Those warriors who failed to breakthrough within limited years.

Either they are expelled from the academy or they choose to work for the academy.

"Hello Sir, are you the one requested for the transport service?" He asked.

I nodded and showed the registration details in response. After confirming the details, he led me to the monster area.

There are different types of bird monsters used for the transport service. But the monster's strength is under Class-5 Initial to Class-5 Peak.

There were no Class-6 Tamed monsters here. Class-6 existence can rival the Super Elite Warriors. One Class-6 Monster's rampage is enough to destroy several low tier cities.

Finally, I saw the appearance of the monster. It's a distant relative of fierce falcons. The pointy claws and sharp beaks are showing some similarities.

I heard the fierce falcon monsters have elemental ability. But this one seems to have reached its potential. There was no follow up growth. No wonder it was domesticated.

We both sat on the bird monster's back. Shortly after the bird monster rose up from the ground. Its huge wings created a powerful wind force.

Right after, the bird monster started to fly towards the destination. Last time, I came here with the help of a bird monster. That monster looked a bit fierce compared to this one.

The middle aged man guided the monster to fly at appropriate speed. Seeing that, a hint of approval flashes in my eyes. Then I began to enjoy the view down below.

Meanwhile,

The dean office:

Right after, the giant bird left. Rebecca learnt of Zack's departure. A hint of surprise flashes in her eyes. She is glad that Zack is going outside for a mission.

But Zack's sudden decision surprised her. "Maybe he wants to gain experience outside," she said to herself. Sometime ago, she told him about the year end conference.

Rebecca thinks this might be the reason. But that doesn't mean that Zack will be safer outside.

She immediately dispatched one of the academy's strongmen to protect Zack in secret. When Zack joined the academy. She had arranged the safety measures. Including the guardian to protect Zack's life.

This time Zack is going outside under public eyes. She feels the news might reach some unwanted people. So Zack might face a threat from another academy.

But under the protection of the Guardian he will be safe. She is also aware of the mission details. The area is not far away from the Viper City. In case of emergency, the assistance can be provided in time.

Chapter 497 The News Is Leaked

From MC's Perspective:

Several hours later,

A huge city surrounded by massive walls on four sides appeared. Seeing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

"Viper City," I muttered to myself. I never expected to come here sooner. After a few minutes, the bird monster entered the city and the middle-aged man guided toward the monster facility.

My destination is not here. Otherwise, I would have taken the time to explore the city alone.

A few minutes later,

The bird monster landed in front of the monster facility. After stepping down, I bid goodbye to the person before walking away.

The target location is 50 miles away from here. I can use my flight ability to cover the distance sooner. While hatching the plan in mind. I continued to walk on.

The streets look busy. I remember the last time we had to stop outside of the city wall before entering the city.

But academy people have access to enter the city whenever they want.

People are coming and going out of the shops. There are many restaurants on either side of the streets.

Seeing that I got the urge to consume something before going out. I haven't had breakfast either.

Then I picked one of the busy shops to enter. I walked inside and glanced around the table.

I spotted two empty seats. Then I walked to take a seat.

Shortly after, I ordered the energy-rich monster meat. My appearance didn't cause any noise. All of them are warriors here. And it's normal for people from different cities to come here to trade.

When the food was served. I started to gulp it down.

Meanwhile, a middle-aged man with a slightly obese body greeted the customer enthusiastically. He was happy that the restaurant was filled with people. His name is Ronan Atick. The branch manager of a bright food restaurant.

After guiding him to the exit door. He glanced at the remaining customers. But his eyebrows trembled when he saw a certain someone. He immediately recognized the identity of the person who is eating right now.

"Zack Lockwood," He muttered in his heart. For Ronan, it was not easy to maintain the business. By using his connection. He had managed to compete with other businesses.

Among his connections, one of them helped him greatly. That person has a connection with the Giant Tower.

In return for helping his business run smoothly. That person requested something from him. Which is to share information on Saw Scaled Viper Academy Warriors.

And he has been doing the work without alarming the officials. But he had never expected to see the big fish here.

His friend has promised him a hefty amount. If he shares some important information on top warriors.

After realizing this his fat body trembled slightly. In order not to show any suspicion. He quickly walked to his office room.

He closed the door tightly before taking the seat. He then immediately typed and sent an encrypted message to his friend.

Meanwhile,

After completing the food, I got up from the seat. Shortly after, I left the restaurant after paying the amount.

Right now, I'm walking to the City Gate. Once I get out of the city, I will use my flight ability to move.

Several minutes later,

I reached the City Gate. There is a system installed to verify the identity. I used my academy identity number for verification. The entire Viper City is the property of an academy.

The next moment, I received the green signal.

Creak~

A door opened between the iron wall. Seeing that I entered to walk out. The door leads towards the exit. But I'm surprised by the thickness of the City Wall.

Even a level-6 Monster won't be able to make a dent in it. After walking out of the door, I breathe in fresh outside air.

The area outside is desolate. Outside of the City Wall, you can only find a vast open field. The lands were barren without any green dense vegetation.

Sighing~

After sighing, I opened the map to view it. There is only one town which is 50 miles away from here. And I think it's the target location.

Swish~

After closing the map, I rose from the ground and began to fly toward the destination.

Meanwhile,

The Giant Tower:

The SSVA academy has an intelligent network. Similarly, the Giant Tower has its intelligence department.

Right now, one of the lower-level staff is looking at the message with a bewildered expression on their face.

He doesn't know whether the information is true or not. He has known Ronan for a long time. Apart from working here, he too has a side business.

It was coincidental to meet someone from Viper City. But after a long time, their relationship became steady. He even used Ronan to gather intel on Saw Scaled Viper Academy Warriors.

If the news is true, then he will get a big promotion. He calmed down before texting his friend again.

Shortly after, he received a positive reply from Ronan.

"Ha....Ha...Ha...," He let out joyful laughter.

The news is good to be true. But he believes Ronan won't lie to him. Because Zack Lockwood is a famous warrior. His appearance was long known to everyone.

So there was no possibility of a mistake here.

Creak~

He hurriedly walked out of his room and rushed to the elder office. He should inform his direct superior. But he knows that sly would take credit for himself.

While he is rushing, people look at him with strange gazes. Seeing that he sneered inside. "It will be a matter of time before I get a promotion."

"Then I'll see your arrogant gazes then," He said in his heart.

A few minutes later,

He arrived in front of the elder's room. Looking at the high facility room. A dignified expression appeared on his face.

"Hey, you lowly ?"

"What are you doing here?"

At this time some people spotted someone without authority coming here. Because the distinction can be seen in their dress.

His uniform is given to bottom-level staff.

Hearing the smearing, he wasn't flustered.

"I want to see elder"

"I have some urgent news to share with him," He answered.

Hearing that people are surprised. But soon it was replaced with anger. Who is the elder? Why would someone like to see bottom-level staff?

The warriors started to scold.

Creak~

The next moment, the door in front of him opened automatically. He realized the elder is watching everything through the camera.

Ignoring their smearing, he walked inside. Right after, the door closed automatically. The warriors were stunned looking at the whole scene.

"You are?" An old man in his sixties looked down at the staff.

"Hi elder, my name is Miles. I got some information useful to you," Miles answered calmly.

The old man nodded his head. Signaling him to go on.

Seeing that Miles revealed the information.

At first, the elder was calm. But when he heard the word "Zack Lockwood."

He lost his composure. "How is this possible?"

"Are you lying to me?" The old man asked.

A heavy pressure broke out from his body and pressed Miles to the ground. Miles, who was unprepared, was caught off guard. He suffered small injuries to the body.

"Elder it's true, you can verify with someone else," Miles answered.

The next moment the pressure disappeared.

Tud~

Miles slumped on the ground. His entire back went cold. He regrets it slightly. He knows that high-level people won't believe him. So he decides to wait for the elder to confirm.

The Elder immediately contacted his subordinates to come here. People are investigating Zack Lockwood. If Zack was truly out of the academy, then they got a good opportunity to kill him.

He knows their Giant Tower lost face in student exchange some time ago. So now they have a chance to redeem it.

Shortly after, 6 people entered the office.

All of them looked burly. They are practicing Giant Tower's cultivation methods. So their physiques are well developed. Their body strength is similar to a small tower.

The elder turned towards his subordinates and asked them to confirm something.

Hearing that the faces of 6 of them changed. Right after, they began to collect the news from their channels.

The Giant Tower's informer is studying at the Saw Scaled Viper Academy. But he was a person of an - grade institution. Compared to A Grade Institute's monitoring. The rest of the institute isn't monitored strictly.

The weakness allowed Giant Tower Academy to make use of it.

After a few minutes, one of the subordinates stepped forward and said, "Elder, the news is true. The informer was not sure about the reason."

"He said that on their academy site, Zack Lockwood's name is trending. Some of them saw Zack Lockwood picking up a mission in the morning."

"That's right, he is going on a mission," Elder said in a cold tone.

The next moment, he turned toward the person on the ground.

"Your name is Miles, right?" The elder asked.

Hearing that, Miles answered, "Yes, elder."

"You did a good job. You will get your promotion soon. Now you can leave," The elder said.

Hearing that Miles hurriedly thanked before leaving the office room. He couldn't wait to get out and enjoy.

Chapter 498 The Sharp Daggers!

Giant Tower:

eaglesnov?1,coM An urgent meeting was conveyed in a short time. The Giant Tower Head and other elders were seated inside the conference room.

The elder from the intelligence department contacted the Head and talked to him about Zack Lockwood.

But the Head can't make a unanimous decision. Consent has to be reached in this quick meeting. .

Inside the conference room,

Seeing that everyone is gathered. The head looked at everyone.

"I don't want to talk long. The Special element seed, Zack Lockwood was spotted in the Viper City. As per intel, he is going out for a mission."

"I want to ask you. Are there any of our men lurking near Viper City?" He said.

Gasp!

The elders exclaimed in surprise. They have been waiting for this exact news ever since the student exchange meeting ended.

Now hearing the head's words. They began to murmur. There are many undercover men working for them. But they are not high end warriors.

But in order to assassinate Zack Lockwood they require Super Elite Warriors.

The Head furrowed his eyebrows. This was the least thing he wants to see. No one is giving him straight answer. If this goes on, it's hard to reach a consensus.

"Ahem, we don't have any Super Elite Warriors near the Viper City," One of the elders said at this time.

Hearing that the head nodded his head.

"That's why I'm thinking of submitting a mission request to the Sharp Daggers," He said.

Gasp~

The elders were surprised again. Most of them are aware that the head has his own answers. But he planned this meeting just for formality.

But they can't utter those words outside.

Seeing that no one is refuting his words.

"That's it. Contact the sharp daggers. Offer them a high grade artifact as a reward. I bet they would do anything to get it," The head said with a sly smile on his face.

"Sharp daggers," The Red Elder said in his heart. He was the same person who led the young team in the student exchange meeting.

But right now his expression was not right.

It's not every day you can find a high grade artifact. Each high grade artifact is a valuable treasure. Even in auctions you can't buy the artifact that easily. He doesn't know why the head offers such a reward?

He is quite dissatisfied in his heart.

Shortly after, the meeting ended. Everyone dispersed.

A few minutes later,

At a secretive place located 60 miles away from the Viper City. It's a massive hideout built underground.

No one knows such a secretive hideout is located under Saw Scale Viper Academy Jurisdiction.

At this time, a warrior wearing black sleeved clothes receives a message from the client.

After decoding the mission request, the warrior immediately rushed to meet the leader.

The Sharp Daggers is a medium scale organization. The force consists of rogue warriors. Ranging from Elite to Super Elite.

Surprisingly the leader of the force is half-step SS Elite Warrior. He is over 50 years old. Unlike the rogue's here. He had a noble background in the initial days.

But after that his crimes were exposed. In order to escape from the punishment and chasing from the Eclipse Academy. Not only did he change his name to Vik. He turned himself into a rogue warrior.

After spending several years in a mercenary job. He was able to cultivate into a half-step SS Warrior. Later, he himself created a force. Which now has become a medium size organization.

His power is metal. Which is considered to be strong in both offensive and defensive.

The warriors he recruited were personally screened by him. So there was no possibility of information leakage. And he chooses to act upon very few requests which favors him. So in order to say, he created this force for himself.

He has been amassing wealth from mission completion. So that he can one day complete the half step. As long as he can become a full-fledged SS Elite Warrior. He would then expand his forces to other academies as well.

Right at this time, his subordinates inform him of a mission request from the Giant Tower.

He wasn't surprised by the client's name. He has done some mercenary work for them before. So he knows among the 6 great academies. The Giant Tower is a dark hearted one.

They do a lot of dirty work. Even after creating the Sharp daggers. He has seen many mission requests from them.

But after hearing the mission details. Vik's eyes grew cold. This mission request is a big one. Completing the mission would lead to facing the wrath of Saw Scaled Viper Academy.

And their hideout is under their jurisdiction. Did our hideout get exposed? Vik couldn't help but frown. He was so sure about the secrecy of this place.

Because he has been keeping an eye on everyone. No single details can miss his eyes. So he is sure that the Giant Tower doesn't know.

But asking them to kill an important seed of Saw Scaled Viper Academy is nothing but grabbing the tiger's tail.

If there are any leaks, then the Sharp Daggers would be buried along with him. He is aware of Target identity. He is the most famous promising warrior in the Outerpost.

"Zack Lockwood?" Vik muttered to himself. He knows the target is a special element warrior. A lightning user. So it's difficult to say that he would travel alone.

The Saw Scale Academy's people are not brainless. He is sure that there must be some kind of protection. It may be an artifact or other means.

Then shaking his head, he decided to give up the mission. He is not in a hurry to head. Besides, the Giant Tower considers them cheaper. He owns several high grade artifacts.

So the Giant Tower's reward is disappointing him.

"Reply them back, we don't lack high grade artifacts. So we refuse their mission request," After saying that he closed his eyes.

He doesn't want to use a gun.

A few minutes later,

His subordinate again came to him with another report.

"What is it now?" Vik asked.

"Leader, the Giant Tower has changed the reward this time. They want us to complete the mission at any cost," The subordinate replied.

"Harumph," Vik gave a cold snort.

He hates the attitude of big academies. If not for rich awards for the missions, he wouldn't have accepted all of their mission requests so far.

He calmed down his heart and asked, "What is the reward?"

"Advanced Grade Artifact," The subordinate said in a low voice. He himself feels hard to believe.

"What?" Vik lost his composure.

"Are you sure?"

"Send me the mission request," Vik instructed.

The next moment, he received the information in his watch. When he began to access the authenticity. He confirms that the reward is true.

"It's, true"

"The Giant Tower is ready to reward an advanced grade artifact," He uttered in disbelief.

What is an advanced artifact? This thing can only be wielded by SS Elite Warrior and above. For any organization, such a treasure is a protective item.

But the next second, he calmed down his emotions. The advanced grade artifact is much needed for the Sharp Daggers. He can protect his force with it.

He just doubts the credibility of the Giant Tower. It's hard to imagine a sly like them can give an advanced grade artifact just like that.

There is a high possibility that they would backtrack. Vik held up his chin in contemplation.

"Alright, send three Super Elite Warriors for this mission. I want the target dead as soon as possible," Vik ordered.

"Super Elite Warrior?" His subordinate shuddered. He knows the target is an elite warrior. So sending the Super Elite Warrior is an overkill.

But he dared not stay outside. He quickly left the leader's room.

Vik noticed subordinates' expressions. He can understand his mind. The reason for sending the Super Elite Warriors. It's because only the Super Elite Warriors can kill Zack Lockwood.

As per the intelligence, that kid Zack Lockwood had defeated the Giant Tower Warriors easily. And he knows that Sharp Daggers' Elite Warriors aren't that strong. They can't defeat Zack Lockwood.

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(From MC's perspective)

After flying for a few hours in mid air. I finally reached the small town.

Tud!

I landed in front of the town's entrance. This small town is called Brownwood town. More than a town it can be named as a small post.

After pushing down my thoughts, I entered the town. Unlike the Viper City, there aren't many buildings here.

I saw people coming and going. From their aura, I can tell that they are not Elite level warriors. They seemed to be families. No wonder they are outside of Viper City.

It's not easy to get a residence certificate in Viper City. Many will find an opportunity to stay outside so that they can enter the Viper City whenever they want.

Right now, I have to find some clues. I don't have time to appreciate this small town. The next moment, I activated my perception ability and started to investigate.

Chapter 499 Victor Philips

From MC's Perspective:

I'm searching the whole of Brownwood town. But I haven't found anyone suspicious so far. When I was lost in thoughts, my gaze fell on the butcher shop.

The butcher shop appeared to be ransacked. This was just a thought. But to verify, I walked to the shop.

The butcher appears to be a middle-aged man. But his current expression was sad. Like he had lost something.

When I walked in front of him. He didn't even feel my presence.

"Cough"

I coughed to attract his attention.

The butcher came to his senses. Right after he agitated and asked, "Who are you?"

I raised my eyebrows but I didn't mind his rude words. Looking at him, I asked, "Have you seen anyone suspicious recently in this town?"

The butcher broke out in cold sweat right after hearing my words.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes. This guy knows something.

I slightly glanced at the damaged shop. Don't tell me this has something to do with the culprit.

"If you know something, you can tell me without any fear. Because I came here to kill him," I said.

When the words fell in the butcher's ears. He felt a hole reignited in his heart.

"Who are you?"

"Are you gonna kill him?" The butcher asked in a trembling tone.

My eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

"I'm a warrior from the Saw Scale Viper Academy. My task is to kill the culprit as soon as possible."

"Don't worry, I will help you. But first, can you tell me the appearance of the culprit," I asked.

The Butcher regained his hope and replied, "Yes my lord. A few days ago, a stranger entered my shop. I thought he was a customer. But he was eyeing my 15-year-old daughter."

"Because of that, a huge confrontation broke out. He then damaged my shop in anger before going out. He gave me a few days to agree to his request. He wants me to send my daughter to him on the outskirts of the town,"

After saying that the butcher broke down on the ground. He was weeping.

Sigh~

A single elite warrior causes such terror. This is nothing compared to his previous list of crimes. But fortunately, I got his whereabouts. This guy is lurking on the outskirts.

Maybe I can catch him now. Before leaving, I assured the butcher that I will kill the culprit for sure.

Swish~

I dashed towards the exit. I walked out of the town a few minutes later. I spread my perception around me.

Then I picked up a direction and began to search.

Shortly after, I spotted a burning smoke. The fire was not natural. Seeing that, I dashed toward the location.

When I got closer, I saw a campfire. Someone is roasting meat there. Seeing that my eyes flickered with a twinkle.

The aura coming from the person is that of a strong elite warrior. I spread my perception around the person and walked closer to him.

Hearing footsteps. The person suddenly turned toward me.

Seeing that my mouth curved into an arc.

"Victor Philips," I said.

Hearing the name the person attacked me straight away. He shot a green flame ball at me.

Seeing the strange flame color. A quick glint flashes in my eyes. "Mutater Fire," I said in my heart.

No doubt this person is the culprit. I evaded the attack and rushed towards him.

Victor Phillips was flustered at first. But when he saw the enemy's base. He regained his confidence.

"Harumph, I'm stronger than you," Victor said with a snort.

The next second, he covered his fist with green flames to attack.

When I got closer to him. I raised my right fist to punch him.

Right after my fist comes in contact with his green flame fist.

Boom~

The next moment, a strong collision force swept away the surroundings including the campfire.

Argh~

Victor's fist bones were crushed and his right arm suffered damage from the collisions. The next moment, a muffled groan escaped from his throat.

Pfff~

Coughing up blood. A hint of terror flashes in Victor's eyes.

"Body Strength comparable to Super Elite Warrior?"

"Who are you?"

Victor asked in confusion. He had made sure that his traces were erased. Then how come someone can come here in search of him?

Ignoring his question, I decided to end his life in the next move.

For that, I'm going to use my new blood technique.

I mobilized the red blood energy from my bones. In a blink of an eye, it reached my arm and gathered around my fist.

Feeling the power in my fist, I cracked up a wide grin.

Swish!

The next second, I raised my fist to punch him again. This time my fist is filled with blood power but it's invisible to the eyes.

Victor's right arm was crippled. At this moment, he made a decisive decision to flee.

Seeing that enemy is fleeing. I increased my speed. In a blink of an eye, I slammed his back using my punch.

Crack~

My fist tore through the enemy's back, smashing his inner organs.

Tud!

The next moment, the lifeless body of Victor dropped to the ground. My fist left a huge hole in his back.

"It's over," I uttered with a smile on my face. I thought it would take a few days to find him. But fortunately, I ended his life before he committed another crime.

Now, I can go back to Viper City. But before doing that I should revisit the butcher. Maybe he will gain peace after seeing the decapitated head.

I can't take the whole corpse back to the academy. It would arouse suspicions. Because I purely used my body's strength to kill the enemy.

The next moment, I took out the black sword from the storage ring and sliced the corpse's neck. The next second, a decapitated head rolled over the ground.

Then I glanced at the corpse's hand. I spotted the black storage ring. This guy? I don't know how many places he had ransacked.

I removed the storage ring and placed it in mine. This is not the time to explore the storage ring. It might contain restrictions.

Then I stored the decapitated head before destroying the headless corpse. My first mission went smoothly.

Several minutes later,

I arrived in front of the butcher shop.

"Lord?" Butcher said. His complexion was better than before.

Looks like my words affected him.

"The villain is dead," I said, looking at him.

"What?" The butcher exclaimed in surprise.

Then right before his eyes, I showed him the decapitated head.

"He was the one who caused the havoc here," The butcher replied with relief.

Then I left after showing him the evidence. On the way, I started to recollect my thoughts. On the mission request, the image of Victor Philip is different compared to the real face.

So this guy had been staying low-key without attracting the attention of the authorities. But it's a pity, he died under my hands in the end.

I plan to stay here tonight. Anyway, the mission was over. I didn't find it any rush to go back.

So I quickly found a small inn. I paid the rent to the inn owner before going to the room.

After entering inside, I looked at the room. The room was simple. There is one single-cushion bed and a small couch. And there is also one attached bathroom.

A surprise glint flashes in my eyes. The arrangement was better than in many lower-tier cities. Maybe I was right. This small town was built for some reason.

The following day,

I woke up earlier. After completing the morning routine, I looked at the outside view through the window. Seeing that town people are active this morning.

It reminds me of home.

Sigh~

After sighing, I decided to cultivate. There is a lightning element in the environment. So I'm going to cultivate the blood element method.

Before doing that, I thought about checking Victor's storage ring. It might contain monster cores.

The next moment, I took out Victor's storage ring. I observed the black storage ring before seeping my consciousness into it.

Seeing that there were no restrictions. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. Then I began to explore the storage ring.

I saw fire affinity stones, herbs, pills, and a few broken books. And finally saw some monster cores.

Seeing that, I wasn't surprised. The monster cores can be sold for a few thousand alliance points.

The next second, I took one Class-4 monster core for cultivation.

I sat cross-legged and started to run the blood element method. Slowly, I began to absorb the monster's core energies.

When the energy entered my body. Blood red light appears above the blood. It immediately sucked the monster's energy and converted them into white energy.

Then white energies drilled into my bones and started to expand the red-marked area.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Several minutes later,

The monster's core crumbled into pieces. Seeing that, I picked up another monster core to continue the cultivation.

Chapter 500 Encountering The Killers!

From MC's Perspective:

Several minutes later,

After stabilizing the base, I walked to the bath to take a shower.

Then I change to fresh clothes a few minutes later. The mission was over. Now I have the opportunity to spend time in Viper City.

After getting ready, I walked out of the room. A simple breakfast was served. Seeing that, I decided to take a bite before heading out.

The brown wood town people seem to be aware of my existence. But none of them had caused any problems.

After having breakfast, I left the small town. I used my flight ability to rush back.

Time passed,

I found something strange an hour later. Like someone is keeping an eye on me. But when I turned around to locate it. I found no one.

Little did I know at this moment. That someone is secretly guarding me.

Seeing that there was no around me. I resumed my journey. But shortly after, I met with new trouble.

In front of me, three people wearing long sleeved clothes blocked my path. Seeing that I tried to avoid them. But one of them blocked my path in mid air.

My eyes grew cold. Who are these people?

Three of them are being intentional.

Is this robbery? Or Someone calculated against me.

Swish~

Before I could realize one of them charged at me.

Seeing that I became ready to tackle. The stranger raised his fist to punch me.

In response, I replied with a similar punch. But when our fist collided.

Boom~

A simple brute force collision created a shock wave. Dust rose from the ground.

Meanwhile, the other two people are looking down at the fight with mockery.

These three warriors are none other than Super Elite Warriors sent by the Sharp Daggers.

They have been told to visit brownwood town first. But who would have thought they would meet the target here.

When the dust was settled. My eyes flickered with a slight glint. "Super Elite Warriors," I uttered in surprise.

No doubt, three of them are Super Elite Warriors. The collision earlier forced me to retreat a few steps backward.

But on the other hand, three of them are shocked. Especially the warrior who made the move first.

"What?" He uttered in surprise.

He couldn't believe what just happened. His attack was blocked by the target. As far as he knows, his blow is enough to cripple average elite warriors.

But the person in front of him is strong.

"Hank, don't waste time. He can fight across ranks."

Suddenly, he heard a voice from behind.

The next moment, he shot several flame balls at the target. The flame balls are emitting terrible heat. Which is enough to cause death to low level warriors.

Swish~

I took out the black sword from the storage ring and gripped it tightly. I had never fought against the Super Elite Warrior before.

This is going to be challenging.

Swish~

I evaded the attack by using the flight ability.

Boom~

The flame balls land a hit to empty ground one by one. Scorching heat spread across the area.

Seeing that I set my gaze on the other two. Before the full scale fight breaks out. I have to take at least one of them.

A quick flint flashes in my eyes.

"Hank?"

"What are you doing?"

"You rarely miss the target."

A heavy built middle aged man said it in a heavy tone. Compared to the other two, he is one realm stronger than them.

With Mid-Level- Super Elite Base. He can easily defeat and kill the target. But his companion wanted to fight himself.

Seeing him ineffective, a frown appeared on his face.

"Mark, you go down there," He said.

The next moment, the person standing left to him in mid air rushed to attack.

Meanwhile,

Hank was pissed off completely. He realized the target is genius. You can't defeat him using normal attacks.

Before he could attack, his companion Mark joined him. Now that fight becomes 1 vs 2.

Hank is displeased but he can't show it on his face. The elder brother seems impatient. He wants to kill the target right away.

The other hand, seeing the two teaming against me. I sneered inside. I was waiting for this exact opportunity.

Swish~

The next moment, I dashed toward them. In one hand, I held my sword.

Two might think, I would use sword technique.

But when I got closer, those two charged toward me.

Thunder~

A purple ball forms at the tip of my forefinger.

Seeing the abrupt changes. Two of them were shocked. But it was too late to evade my attack.

The next second, I released the attack targeting the 2nd person's eye.

In a blink of an eye, the purple beam reaches the opponent's eye.

"No?" Mark wants to escape. But the powerful beam was faster.

Pfff~

It pierces through the target's eye and lands a blow to the brain.

Tud~

Mark's body dropped dead on the ground. Until the last moment, he regrets his slow action.

This all happened in a blink of an eye.

Using the opportunity, I used the blood fist attack on the other one.

This time, I mobilized the blood energy from my bones faster. An invisible energy covered my fist in a blink of an eye.

Hank, who was looking at the corpse, caught off guard at this moment.

"You are dead," Hank scold angrily before raising his fist to attack. His entire fist is covered with blazing flames.

But when we first came in contact with each other.

Crack~

His bones are crushed. The right arm of his suffered damage. But it was not that severe compared to Victor Phillips.

Swish~

Right at this moment, I felt a terrific sound coming at me. Before I could turn back, I felt terrific pain in my abdomen.

Pfff~

A black dagger pierced my abdomen out of nowhere. Blood splattered on the ground.

My eyes gleamed with twinkle. The black dagger was not an ordinary weapon. But a medium grade artifact.

"What the ?" I mumbled under my breath.

When I turned around, I spotted the third warrior looking down at me sarcastically.

"How cunning?"

A purple arc covered my legs. The next second, I disappeared from the spot and retreated backwards.

"I'm a fool. I should have activated my perception earlier," I said in my heart.

The next second, I activated the perception ability. The area around me comes under my perception. Not a single detail can be missed.

I looked down at my injury. The dagger went deep inside. If I remove them carelessly, it would cause unnecessary problems.

Swish~

The two warriors dashed towards me one by one. I gripped the sword with both hands and was ready to use the lightning wheel technique.

The 2nd one is stronger than the 1st one. My eyes flickered with cold glint. Maybe he is a Mid or Peak Super Elite Warrior.

When both of them got closer to me. My mouth curved into an arc.

"Lightning Wheel Technique"

A purple wheel made up of lightning power formed around me. At the same time, both warriors' bodies come in contact with lightning wheels.

The movement was so fast that collisions couldn't be avoided.

Two of the warriors face discolored.

Bang~

The lightning wheel explodes right after the contact. A loud terrible sound reverberated throughout the area.

Argh~

Two muffled groans sounded right after the attack. They smashed to the ground as a result of the collision force.

The lightning power further damages the injured right arm of Hank. Even the Mid- Super Elite Warrior failed to remain unscathed.

His expression turned ugly. He thought the target was slowed down because of dagger thrust. But he underestimated the target's special element.

When he turned his head to see Hank. He is shocked. Hank's right arm is hanging. Already crushed bones were broken into pieces.

Seeing the state, his heart boils in anger. If they failed to accomplish the mission, then the consequences would be severe.

Then without glancing at Hank. He tried to attack the target again. But when he got up to release the attack.

A purple colored sword beam lands a heavy blow on him. The attack was so fast that he was caught off-guard.

Boom~

This time the lightning attack was more powerful than before. The Super Elite Warrior remained helpless against it. He couldn't have a chance to cover his body with earth elements.

This time the lightning sword attack broke the defense of Super Elite Warrior. The lightning element caused injury to his body. Deepening the wounds of previous attacks.

Pfff~

Coughing up blood, the Super Elite Warrior tries to take a healing pill from the storage ring.

Meanwhile,

I revealed a cold smile on my face. When I saw him looking at the storage ring. I released the lightning beam from my finger.

The purple beam lands a blow to his hands again.

Argh~

Ignoring his scream, I walked up to him. I gripped my sword and slit his throat.

Pfff~

The cut was clean. Blood gushes out from his throat. The super elite warrior looked at me with his unbelievable eyes.

Then I executed another injured warrior. Hereby, ending three of their lives.