

BloodLine 501

Chapter 501 Getting Treatment

From MC's perspective:

I took a deep breath looking down at the corpse. "That was intense," I mumbled under my breath. I had never expected to fight three warriors at the same time.

But fortunately, they underestimated me.

If not I wouldn't have escaped smoothly. Then I walked up to the dead bodies to remove the storage rings.

After collecting the rings, I used the flight ability to go back. On the way back, I observed my injury from time to time.

The bleeding stopped. But I feel something wrong with the dagger itself.

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Meanwhile, the bodyguard is hiding in the shadows. Noted everything he had witnessed. The dean had advised him not to interfere until it was necessary.

Because the assassination is something they had expected earlier. That's why he was sent to guard Zack Lockwood secretly.

The enemies are Super Elite Warriors. If it was the realm above he would have intervened directly. He had decided to wait and watch. But still, Zack Lockwood surprised him greatly.

Everyone had underestimated Zack's ability to fight across ranks. Zack is not only invisible in the same realm. He can even fight across one big realm.

The whole fighting process is deeply imprinted in his memory. He will report it back to the dean later.

But before that, he has to do something.

A quick glint flashes in his eyes,

He noticed the dagger attack by the enemy was not simple. It's poison. After realizing that, he contacted the authorities in Viper City.

He told them to arrange a medical setup immediately.

After doing that he collected the three dead bodies on the ground.

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A few hours later,

I reached the City Wall of Viper City. After landing in front of the gate, I verified my identity.

Right after, the 10 ft door opened. Then I entered inside and walked to the exit.

A trace of struggle appeared in my eyes. Should I go back to the academy? Or See an emergency medical facility here.

While walking, a slight drowsiness affected my mind. When this sensation hit me. I woke up like a lightning jolt.

I immediately observed my injury. The area around the wound is becoming black. Looking at this, I got a bad feeling about the color.

By the time, I walked out of the door. I feel like I'm losing consciousness very badly. I just took a few steps forward.

Tud!

Before I lost my consciousness, I fell to the ground.

Swish~

Right after, a shadowy figure appeared. He picked up the unconscious body and went to the medical facility.

Time passed,

When I regain consciousness. I felt my entire body being freshened. I opened my eyes and looked at the ceiling.

"Where am I?" I muttered to myself.

Then I recollected the memory before I fainted. A sudden realization dawned upon me.

"Dagger?" I uttered in surprise before I removed the quilt to see the abdomen injury.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. The injury was healed without leaving any skin scar.

Then I got out of bed and looked around.

No doubt, I'm in a medical facility.

Creak~

The door opened. A petite female nurse entered the room. Seeing that patient was woken up. She immediately went back to inform the healer.

"Hmmm," I raised my eyebrows in surprise. I didn't mind her behavior. But how did I get here?

Shortly after, an old man in his sixties wearing a white coat entered the room along with the nurse.

"You might be Zack Lockwood right?" The old man asked.

I raised my eyebrows. But I wasn't surprised. My face is quite well known.

In response, I nodded my head and asked, "Can I leave?"

The old man revealed a bright smile on his face. "Ha..Ha..Ha... You can leave whenever you want."

"But before that, I'll have to check your body condition for the last time. Because if there is any lingering poison in your organs, it would affect your future growth," The old man answered with a smile.

"What poison?" My heart set off storms.

The image of a dagger thrust into the abdomen comes to mind. I immediately connected the dots. They are killers. No wonder I had felt something ominous.

It must be because of the poison. The Super Elite Warrior intended to kill me with poison.

"Sh!t," I said in my heart. Fortunately, I was near Viper City. Otherwise, it would have been difficult to find the cure.

"How did I end up here?" I asked.

The old man is already prepared for this answer.

"The authorities found you unconscious at the entrance. So they brought you here. As far as your identity, we found it from the entrance log," The old man replied.

I nodded in understanding. Right after, verifying my identity. I had lost consciousness.

"Alright, you guys can proceed. I want to leave as soon as possible," I said to them.

The old man smiled before inspecting the abdomen injury. He placed his palm on the injured area which was gone now. He injected a healing essence

At the same time, I'm watching the whole process silently. I was not a stranger to the healing element.

I have seen this before back at Hansen Campus.

Several minutes later,

The old man stopped the treatment. He looked at me with relief and said, "Great, you are completely fine. There was no trace of poison."

"You can leave now."

I sighed inwardly. The old man doesn't know that I'm a healer too. The wood scripture might have worked automatically to remove the poison.

A few minutes later,

I walked out of the room and headed to the registration desk. A female staff member is working behind the desk.

Seeing me coming, she revealed a smile on her face.

Alas! Looks like my identity was not hidden anymore.

"How much do I have to pay?" I asked.

The staff hurriedly replied, "No sir, your treatment is free. It is one of the privileges of the Saw Scale Academy Warriors."

A look of understanding dawned upon me. I almost forget the whole of Viper City is the property of the Saw Scaled Viper Academy.

After thanking her, I walked out of the medical facility. I almost spent 6 hours here. Now it's time to go back. Fortunately, they didn't touch my storage ring and they also left the dagger on the table beside the bed.

After pushing down these thoughts, I booked an air cab and waited for it.

Shortly after, the air cab arrived. I asked the driver to head to the monster facility.

A few minutes later,

The air cab dropped me in front of the monster facility. After paying the amount, I stepped out of the car.

The monster facility is operational for a full day. When I walked inside. I quickly found the registration desk.

After booking the monster carriage, I decided to wait for the driver to arrive.

Several minutes later,

A giant falcon left the air space of Viper City carrying me and the driver. The Giant Falcon is a Peak level Class-5 Monster.

The Monster's speed was fast. If this speed continues, I will reach the academy soon.

Time passed,

A few hours later,

The Giant Falcon reaches the air space of Saw Scaled Viper Academy. It crossed the D-grade, C-grade, and B-buildings in a blink of an eye and reached the A-grade institution.

The Giant Falcon then slowly lands in front of the Academy's Monster Facility.

I stepped out and bid goodbye to the driver before going back to my dorm room.

Meanwhile,

Six hours ago,

The shadow guardian appeared before the dean and began to report the incident.

A few minutes later,

Dean Rebecca's eyes flickered with a slight glint. She had expected this before. She knew someone might target Zack Lockwood.

But they had sent three Super Elite Warriors to kill Zack.

Her eyes grew cold. It's hard to believe killers are lurking near Viper City. She looked toward the guardian and said, "Dispatch a team to Viper City. I want to know whether any other killers hiding nearby,"

Hearing that the guardian disappeared from the spot.

Rebecca fell into deep thought. She is wondering whether this is the work of the academy or some other force.

She also inspected the corpses of three Super Elite Warriors. They are certainly not warriors related to the academy.

Is it a Killer Organization? A frown appeared on her face. There was a lapse in the intelligence network. She hopes this would not repeat.

Not only for Zack but for the sake of the academy itself. Zack Lockwood is a warrior with an influential background. She doesn't want anything bad to happen to him.

After two years, Zack will enter the inner post. Until then, she has to protect him at all costs. If not, the person behind Zack will destroy their academy.

Thinking about the person means a cold chill went down her spine. Even the Supreme Elder is clear about the situation.

Next time, she made up her mind to send 2 guardians to protect Zack. It's not guaranteed that Zack's enemy would always be Super Elite Warrior.

The hostile force might even send powerful warriors to kill Zack.

Chapter 502 Gravity Training

From MC's perspective:

The dorm room,

The next day, I left the dorm room early to have breakfast. Usually, I go around 9 in the morning. But this time, I'm heading towards the dining hall half an hour earlier.

When I walked inside the hall. My appearance immediately attracted attention. But unlike before there was no commotion this time. The warriors from different factions were pretty used to my existence.

After taking a quick glance at everyone. I walked up to the food counter. After receiving the food plate, I sat on the nearby chair.

I slowly cut the mana steak and ate the pieces one by one.

10 minutes later,

I walked out of the dining hall and headed to the mission hall. 1000 merit points and 10 mid grade affinity stones.

Unlike others, I didn't have affinity stones for practice. Otherwise, I didn't have to set my eyes on a lightning special environment.

By the time, I arrived at the mission hall. The warriors are lined up in a queue. I walked to the mission submission desk.

I saw a female warrior of the Rain Faction sitting behind the desk. Approaching her, I slowly began to speak about my mission.

As evidence, I took the decapitated head of Victor and showed it to her.

A trace of disbelief appeared in her eyes. Then her expression quickly turned to normal. From her expression, I can tell that she recognised my identity.

The female warrior then proceeds to complete the process. After everything was done, she handed me the rewards. The 1000 merit points automatically get updated in my student account.

As for the 10 mid grade mana stones. I stored it inside my storage ring. Then I don't have much to do here. So I quickly left the mission hall.

The thrust of the dagger is still vivid in my mind. My training was not enough. I must polish my skills. Then only I can fight against the Super Elite Warrior effortlessly.

A few minutes later,

I arrived in front of the gravity training room. Seeing the familiar training room, my eyes gleamed with twinkle.

This time I decided to train harder. Doesn't matter even if my entire body bleeds. A firm determination appeared in my eyes.

Then I walked inside the room and selected an empty chamber to enter.

After entering inside the door behind me closed automatically. Then I walked up to the monitoring system and set the gravity setting to 4X.

Rumble~

Right after, the gravity mechanism starts.

I walked to the middle of the platform and sat cross-legged.

1X

Slowly, the gravitational pressure began to exert on me. The 1X gravitational pressure is not that much.

But the pressure will increase gradually after half an hour. In the meantime, I'm adjusting my physique to match the gravitational pressure.

30 minutes later,

2X

The gravitational pressure increased suddenly. Compared to the pressure before, the strain was slightly higher. But the real test awaits after 4X.

While I'm standing the pressure. At the same time, my attention turned towards my techniques.

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)

8. Blood Fist Technique (Beginner)

When I recollected the techniques in my mind. I realized my total techniques count to 8. But what was the use? I still got overwhelmed by the Super Elite Warriors.

Wait a second? I remember someone's gaze on me at that time. But when I turned around, I didn't find anyone.

After pushing down these thoughts, I turned my attention back to the techniques. All of my techniques are at the Initial Stage.

I should work hard to raise them on a big stage. So I made up my mind to allocate some time later.

3X

After half an hour, the gravitational pressure has increased again. Feeling that, I removed the unnecessary thoughts and focused on my body.

The pressure was greater this time. But it's manageable. A small sweet bead appeared on my forehead.

The pressure slowly causes strain on muscles. As the time passed, my skin turned red due to pressure.

4X

The gravitational pressure increased again a half an hour later. This time not only the skin. But the pressure being applied on my bones.

I felt muscle tearing pain.

But I continued to endure it. I have to push my body further. I want to see where my limit lies?

Time passed,

By the time 4X gravitational pressure was over. My entire body soaked in sweat.

5X

The next moment, 5X gravitational pressure appeared.

Argh~

A small muffled groan escaped my mouth. My bones are starting to make noise. Even my inner organs are affected.

Feeling the intense pain in my inner organs. I gritted my teeth to endure. As the time passes, the inner organs start to bleed under the intense pressure.

My eyes flickered with a slight glint. This was something I had expected. But I made up my mind to endure earlier.

So I continued to endure.

Time passes,

The small wounds start to appear on other organs as well. This kind of pressure was normally handled by the Super Elite Warrior. But I have trust in my physique.

Body Cultivation & Essence Cultivation improve my physique by leaps and bounds. So it can't be taken lightly.

6X

After half an hour, the gravitational pressure has increased again.

Argh~

The sudden increase in pressure caused inner organs to rupture. A painful groan escaped my mouth.

Pfff~

I coughed up blood. The damage was severe. But I tried to endure it again. My bones are starting to shake heavily.

Thanks to the blood element method. My bones are sturdier than I had expected. They are not going to break easily.

But before that I have to take care of the inner organs.

Sitting cross-legged, I started to run the wooden scripture. There is a small amount of wood essence inside the dantain. But it was not enough to heal all the wounds.

As I started to run the wooden scripture. I became slowly immersed in it. And I began to forget the pain slowly.

Slowly, the green essence entered my body. My inner organs quickly absorbed the green energy.

As the time went on, the injuries started to heal. But under immense gravitational pressure the healing is taking so much time.

But without minding it, I continued to run the wooden scripture. When the inner organs healed from the injury. The next moment, they suffer under the intense pressure.

The process of injury and healing continues to happen.

30 minutes later,

The gravitational pressure disappeared. As the training time comes to an end.

"Phew," I took a deep breath in relief.

I was soaked in sweat from top to bottom. Instead of getting up, I stayed still. Then I looked at my inner organs.

At this point of time my entire inner organ is healed completely. The one good thing happened during the training was my healing cultivation is improved. The healing becomes faster.

Then I got up from the ground and walked out of the training chamber. The next moment, a bad smell attacked my nostrils.

My skin was covered with black impurities.

Seeing that I quickly found the school bathroom to take a shower.

20 minutes later,

I walked out of the room. I don't know what changed in my body. But I feel refreshed.

Then I decided to go to the training room. Now I have to hone my lightning skills.

Shortly after, I entered the isolated training room.

Then I selected dummies for practice.

Swish~

A single moving dummy appeared.

Seeing that I took out the black sword from my storage ring and ready to discharge the lightning power.

I gripped the sword and started to pour the purple essence onto the black blade.

Thundr~

A thick purple arc appears on the surface of the blade.

"Sword Divide"

The next moment, discharged the powerful lightning targeting the wooden dummy.

A purple beam pierces through the air and lands a blow to the wooden dummy.

Bang~

The wooden dummy exploded into pieces. Seeing that I looked at the black sword and evaluated my attack again.

The release looked pretty ordinary. I haven't made much progress in Sword Divide lately.

Then I decided to practice the attack a few more times.

Swish~

This time the movements of the dummy are a little faster. It's hard to hit the moving target. But I have practiced it before.

I charged the sword again with lightning power.

"Sword Divide"

I discharged the lightning power. In a blink of an eye, the purple beam reaches the moving target.

Bang~

This time the hit was perfect. The wooden dummy explodes again. But I wasn't satisfied. So I increased the speed again.

This time the dummy is moving at a speed comparable to the average Elite Warrior. Seeing that my eyes gleamed with twinkle.

This time I released the attack again. And the target again broke into pieces.

Chapter 503 Two Weeks Later

From MC's perspective:

Days passed,

After two weeks, I entered the high mountain peak again. As my feet touched the ground. I raised my head to look at the sky.

As usual the high mountain peak has a rainy environment. Looking at the dark clouds, my eyes flickered with a slight glint.

For others the pouring rain might be annoying. But for me it's a blessing. The dark clouds will cause thunder rainstorms.

As a result the lightning element is abundant here. I gripped the black sword and started to cut the weeds along the way.

It will take some time to reach the foot of the mountain. I wish the teleportation point was closer to the high peak mountain.

Walking, I remember the old events. Especially the memories about my first trip here. The sudden appearance of the Red Moon Tower Warriors shocked me at that time.

Sigh~

I released my perception around me. My consciousness quickly covered the area. The giant trees, overgrown bushes, dense vegetation and even small trails. Everything comes under my perception.

Buzz~

All of a sudden, I heard a humming sound. I spotted something in my perception.

"Pseudo Monster?" I uttered in surprise. How long has it been?

Except for the Mountain Liz, I haven't seen any other pseudo monsters so far. The mountain environment is an ideal place for their growth.

Cut~

I swing my sword. The black blade easily cuts the black flying object like a tofu.

Tud~

When the body dropped to the ground. I take a good look at the monster's appearance.

"Blood Mosquito," I said, looking at the monster corpse. This pseudo monster is well known. It is spotted usually near the energy rich mountains in large quantities.

I walked past the monster corpse and resumed walking.

Time passed,

After a few hours of walking, I reached the foot of the mountain. Seeing the familiar bedrock, a hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

Then using my perception, I checked my surroundings. Seeing that the area is safe and sound.

I sat on the bed rock and started to cultivate the lightning celestial scripture. As I started to run the cultivation method, the rune in my mind started to flicker.

Slowly, I began to feel the purple energy around me. I concentrated on absorbing purple energies. When they got closer to me. I quickly absorbed the purple energy.

When the purple energy entered my body, I guided the energy according to the cultivation method. After circulation the refined essence gathered inside the dantian.

Seeing that I continued the process.

Time passed,

After a few hours, I stopped and looked inside my dantian. As the purple essence reaches the limit, the majestic totem makes the move.

The Totem purifies the refined essence and improves the quality.

Shortly after, the process comes to an end. The majestic totem returns to its usual position.

Then I opened my eyes and exhaled in relief.

Today's cultivation was fruitful. Now it's time to return. I stood up and started going back to the teleportation point.

Time passed,

I reached the teleportation point a few hours later. On my way here, I didn't come across any trouble. After entering inside, I selected the server.

Swish~

The next moment, I disappeared from the spot and appeared back at the Academy's Teleportation Tower.

Then I walk back to my dorm room. For the past two weeks, I have been training hard without going for missions and monster zones.

Not only that, all factions were peaceful lately. None of them had come to challenge me again. Which also gave me time to focus on my training.

After walking inside my room. I hurried to the bath to take a shower.

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The Giant Tower:

Inside the fortified building, a heavily built middle-aged man is inquiring about an old man. He is none other than the Head of the Giant Tower Academy.

The old man is the elder and chief of the intelligence department.

"So, what now?" The Head asked.

The Sharp Daggers Organization is not answering their call. He even wondered whether they had accepted their request or not.

He had even gone to offer a high grade artifact as a reward.

Standing below, the old man's expression turned ugly. The Sharp Dagger people were not answering him as well.

But he had expected them to listen to the Head. But not even he got the answer.

"Head?"

"I think they didn't accept our mission request," The old man replied with a solemn tone.

But it was a blatant lie. He was not sure himself. If the Sharp Dagger had failed to accomplish the mission, then the head would get angry for sure.

Then he would have to suffer the wrath.

Gulping down the saliva in fear. The old man hoped that the head would believe his words.

"Uh?"

The Giant Tower Head raises his eyebrows in confusion. "Zack Lockwood's mission location was close to Viper City. It's difficult for their spies to operate there. So it's normal that the killer organization was silent," He said to himself.

"Alright then!"

"What's the target doing right now?" He asked.

"The target means...", The old man muttered but he quickly realized that the target was Zack Lockwood.

"Head?"

"The target is staying inside the Academy till now. He never left the place again for a mission," The old man replied.

The Giant Tower Head frowns. He knew earlier, this situation could occur. That's why he wanted to kill that brat Zack Lockwood in the first place.

But now everything was spoiled. Now they have to wait for the next opportunity.

"Alright, you can leave. We will hit him next time," The Giant Tower Head said.

Hearing that old man below sighed in relief. "The head believed my words," He said in his heart. He felt glad that he escaped from angering him.

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Meanwhile,

The Sharp Daggers:

The leader Vik has been silent for the past two weeks. And there is a good reason for it. In his room, he looked at the call request from the Giant Tower office.

A gloomy glint flashes in his eyes. He had sent three Super Elite Warriors to assassinate Zack Lockwood. But then their soul cards were broken a few hours later.

Looking back at the timing. He feels someone must-have intercepted them or they must have been killed by the target's guardian.

But he never suspected that they had been killed by Zack Lockwood. That thought never came across his mind.

That's why he has been cautious in his next move. The reason he didn't want to reply to Giant Tower was because there was a possibility that they would cancel the mission.

If they do that then his losses would be great. Not only had he lost three powerful subordinates, he could even lose the high grade artifact.

A greedy glint flashes in his eyes thinking about the high grade artifact. The possibility of the target's guardian gives him fear.

"No, I must acquire the high grade artifact," Vik said to himself. A fierce glint flashes in his eyes.

There might be a guardian protecting the target. He is not denying that. But a good plan comes to his mind.

If he sends his men again, there is a possibility that they would get killed again. But what if he goes there in person?

He doesn't think that Zack's guardian is stronger than him. As this thought rose in his heart, he firmly believed that he could accomplish the mission himself.

Then the high grade artifact would be his property.

Imagining, he cracked a wicked grin.

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Dean office:

Dean Rebecca is looking at the files in her office. The files come from the intelligence department. Ever since Zack Lockwood came back from the mission.

She dispatched several teams to Viper City in search of spies. As a result they caught some small fishes having connections to other academies.

But they didn't find any big evidence. Looking at the reports, she furrowed her beautiful eyebrows. She had expected to see some results.

But the Viper City appears to be fine. Occasionally there were small fishes. But it can't be avoided. Since Viper City is open for business.

It's normal for merchants and warriors from other 5 cities to come here for business. And it's inevitable that these people might have close connections to the academy.

That's why she didn't care about the small fishes. But big fishes are different. They can be spies or assassins from other 5 big academies or there is a slight possibility for killers from other organizations to hide in their Viper City as well.

After closing the files, she sighed to herself.

She has a vague feeling that her direction of investigation is wrong. She thought the enemies were hiding in Viper City.

But in the end nothing concrete came up. Even the faces of the three dead Super Elite Warriors don't match up with the Viper City's database.

So three of the dead Super Elite Warriors are outsiders. There is a way where she can find their identities. But to do that it would involve some price.

A quick glint flashes in her eyes.

Chapter 504 Madman Chad

Days passed,

A week later,

The Saw Scale Viper Academy is slowly gearing up for the year end competition. The Flame Faction, The Gale Faction, The Rain Faction, The Metal Faction and The Rock Faction's warriors are challenging each other every day in the duel arena.

The only faction which avoided the limelight is the Special Faction. The Special Element Warriors are less in numbers to begin with. So their movements are rarely known by people.

The Special Faction Common Room:

Michael and his friends are passing time in the Common Room. Nowadays, their favorite pastime is to watch the duel between warriors.

There are quite a few warriors who have ended their retreat. Now they are preparing for the year end conference as well.

A holographic protection is displaying the current duel.

Now a duel is taking place between warriors from the Rain Faction and the Rock Faction.

The Rain Faction is mostly composed of female warriors. But some of their female warriors are gifted with powerful water elements.

Seeing the competitive fight between the warriors. A hint of longing appeared in Laverne's eyes.

Chuckle~

Michael couldn't help but smile.

"Laverne?"

"If you want to fight that badly, then you can challenge them," Michael said with a smile.

"Ha...Ha...Ha...", Ernest let out a laugh.

"Man, I'm itching to fight. But those elders won't let us play," Ernest said.

He wasn't exaggerating. But this was a fact. Their elements are special and they dominate over other elements.

Unless a warrior blessed with one of the five elements appears. None of the average five elemental warriors can defeat them.

"Harumph, when it's time for Super Elite Warrior. I'll request the dean for duel," Michael said.

While three of them were laughing and chatting comfortably.

Thud~

A person walked into the room without any warning.

Seeing the person appear. Three of them were stunned.

"Chad?" Michael said in a solemn tone.

Ernest and Laverne's faces turned serious as well.

The person appears to be 25 years old. He has red hair and black eyes. He stands 6ft tall in height. His skin tone is fair.

Like Michael, Laverne and Ernest. He is also a member of the Special Faction. Like other faction warriors, he too ended his retreat.

Chad Bartlett- Half Step SS Elite Warrior- Evil Wind Element.

Looking at the disbelief expression on their faces. Chad reveals a sly smile on his face.

He is not a kind fellow. He always looks for a fight. Seeing Michael, his heart boils in anger. Last time he was defeated by Michael.

In anger, he had secluded himself for a long retreat. But his patience paid him in the end. He broke through and became a half-step SS Elite Warrior.

Meanwhile, three of the friends are in a state of alert. The mad man had come back so soon. While Laverne and Ernest know the rivalry between the two. So they didn't think much.

Michael defeated Chad last time. So this time won't be any different.

But only Michael feels something is wrong. His instinct tells him to be wary of the unknown.

"Michael?"

"Are you surprised?"

"Well, I got some improvement during my retreat. So this time you won't be able to win that easily/"

"He didn't disclose his breakthrough for a reason. He wants to surprise him during the duel."

Chad spoke without minding the other two.

"Sigh"

"The duel arena is packed. The platforms are occupied by other factions. Why don't we fight some other day," Michael replied.

Laverne and Ernest are surprised by Michael's words. His tone changed all of a sudden. He is not the same Michael they knew.

"Has something changed?' Laverne squinted her big eyes.

Ernest is usually the quickest one. So he thought Chad was a bit unusual. He looks more enthusiastic about the duel.

"Ha...Ha...Ha...", Chad let out a small laughter.

"Don't you think your excuse is bit lame"

"Are you afraid of those loser factions?"

"Come with me. I'll clear out the duel platform. I don't think the elders will stop me. Like everyone we will also train for the year end conference," Chad spoke like a smart one.

Michael's mouth twitched. "Mad man's mind is fixed. He won't leave us without having a duel," He said in his heart.

He looked at Ernest and Laverne. He gave a slight nod before walking toward the exit door.

Chad revealed a wide grin on his face. He knew Michael agreed with his request.

Seeing Michael leaving, Laverne and Ernest hurriedly followed behind.

Chad is slowly following them behind. He is already imagining the condition of Michael.

The Duel Arena,

The arena is jam packed with people. All the warriors from four institutions gathered in the arena to watch the duels between the warriors.

Usually, there is one large fighting platform laid out in the middle of the ground. But this time the Academy arranged 10 fighting platforms.

Two warriors from each faction occupied the platforms. Resulting in no place for Special Faction Warriors.

Outside,

Michael arrived with his friends. Behind them Chad was one step backward. When four of them entered the gate.

The staff quickly recognised their badges.

"What are you guys doing here?" A burly middle aged man stood up from his seat and asked.

Michael's expression turned ugly. It's true that Special Faction Warriors are low-key. Partially due to the influence of the head. And then because they have less members.

Before Michael could answer.

Chad appeared before them.

"Who are you?"

"We are here to practice as well. Do these factions own these duel arenas?"

"Don't forget we are from Special Faction. We have the same rights as them."

"Are these losers going to win without our help?"

"Harumph,"

Chad finished his words with a cold snort.

The middle aged staff oppressed by Chad's aura. He broke out in a cold sweat. The other staff around him became speechless as well.

None of them were able to refute Chad's words.

A black line appeared on Michael and the other two's foreheads. Hereafter no one will stop them. As Chad rightfully spoke. The Special Faction have the right to use one of the dual platforms.

Then four of them walked towards the entrance. Leaving behind the dumbfounded staff.

Michael and Chad entered the ground. Followed by Ernest and Laverne. They can see that the arena is filled with people.

Below the duel is going on in each platform. There are warriors standing near the platform to fight next.

Chad gave a quick glance. His eyes scanned the surroundings and then finally set on the nearest platform.

In that platform, the duel is going on between Flame Faction Warrior and the Rock Faction Warrior.

Four of them walked to the platform. At this time none of them noticed the strange thing. But when four of them went closer.

The Elder who is also referee for this duel raised his hand to stop Chad from interfering.

Below, Michael, Laverne and Ernest's expressions darkened. But it can't be helped. No one can stop Chad now. Except their own head who is in retreat as well.

Ignoring the elder, Chad stepped inside the fighting platform. He looked towards them and said, "You guys can leave. Now this fighting platform belongs to us."

His words made them speechless. The flame faction warrior was displeased. He was in a dominating position. He was going to defeat the rock faction warrior.

But this person appeared out of nowhere.

"No, my duel is not over yet," The flame faction warrior said in a loud tone.

The Rock faction warrior stayed still. He wanted this duel to end anyway. He didn't mind someone stopping the duel.

But the referee was not clueless as them. He immediately recognized four of them after identifying their badges.

"Special Faction Warriors," His eyes gleamed with twinkle. As per dean's order, all factions have the right to use the fighting platform.

So he can't stop them from interfering.

Chad's eyes grew cold.

Swish~

His body flashes for a moment but it becomes clear the next second.

Tud~

Two bodies crash on to the ground. Both of their noses are broken.

Sudden movement caught everyone off guard. Even the referee himself was surprised by Chad's strength.

"Michael, you can come now. And Elder you will be referring to our duel as well," Chad said, looking at them.

The Elder dumbfounded but he nodded his head in the end.

Michael nodded at Ernest and Laverne before stepping in.

At this moment, the changes attracted not only attention of other warriors in the fighting platform but also audiences in the arena.

"What is going on?"

The audience exclaimed in surprise. Everything was going on smoothly. But someone intervened in the duel.

And the referee didn't say anything. Soon their images were shown in the projection. Right after, everyone recognised their dresses and badges.

"Special Faction Warriors,"

The crowd exclaimed in surprise. It's not an everyday sight where you can watch the Special Faction Warrior's fight.

Cheer~

So the crowd erupted in a loud cheer. All the warriors from the four grade institution are starting to make a loud noise.

Which in turn made all the elders set their sights on the 10th platform. Even the fight going on the other platform is stopped.

Chapter 505 Chad Wins!

Duel Arena,

Everyone stopped their fighting and turned toward the 10th fighting platform.

Chad Bartlett sneered. Everything is going according to his plan. Even Michael can't back away from fighting right now.

Michael Blevins stood opposite him. Facing each other, Chad Bartlett can't wait to make a move.

Michael's expression is solemn. From the beginning he knows something is wrong. But he has confidence in himself. And his Golden Aura element is not easy to defend.

The whole crowd set their eyes on the duel. The audiences are staring at the screen. Below, the elder feels it's time to start.

When the signal was given.

Chad made his move. He dashed toward Michael at breakneck speed.

Michael expected him to make a first move. So he wasn't surprised.

The next moment, he raised his hand to punch. His first bath in golden light all of a sudden. But anyone who is familiar with golden aura knows how tough it is?

Ernest and Laveren looked solemn below the platform. Both understand Michael is serious about the duel.

Laverne who was clueless earlier. She seems to understand something. Previously, Chad used to be cautious when facing the golden aura.

Now he is confronting it head on.

Ernest is looking to find some clues. He doesn't know where Chad's confidence comes from.

On the platform, Chad grinned widely. He courageously raises his fist to meet Michael's golden aura punch.

When the two fist comes in contact with each other.

Boom~

A terrible sound reverberated throughout the area. Shock wave swept across the platform.

"Hmm," Michael's eyes lit up with surprise. Not only he retreated a few steps backward. The golden aura depleted from the collision.

A sudden realization struck his mind.

"You..," He looked at Chad who was smiling from ear to ear.

"He broke through," Michael said in his heart.

So this is the reason. He is feeling something odd earlier. This mad man is now stronger than himself.

He was fooled by him earlier.

"Harumph," He gave a cold snort in his heart.

Swish~

The next moment, he disappeared from the spot and arrived in front of Chad. He twisted his fist to punch him in the abdomen.

Chad who was unfazed by Michael's move. He calmly blocked his punch again.

Boom~

Shock wave again swept across the platform.

The crowd who was watching the duel broke out in loud cheer. They are fascinated by the bright golden aura.

It is completely different from the other five elements.

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From MC's Perspective:

An hour ago,

I came to my room after completing the Gravity Training. Day by day, I'm pushing my body limit further. Even to the extent of getting injury.

But thanks to the wooden scripture. I can heal myself.

30 minutes later,

After taking a long shower. I changed to fresh clothes. I'm planning to head back to the building again to complete the lightning training.

But before that I casually opened my sci-fi watch and logged into the academics social media site.

Right after, my feed is filled with news posts. All of them are about duel arena. I know most of the warriors are watching duels right now.

When I scrolled down the page. I spotted one of the live feeds. Seeing that, I decided to watch a few duels before going back to the train.

A small holographic protection appears above the watch.

There are 10 duels taking place on 10 different platforms. So I selected platform no.1 to watch the duel.

The scene changed and duel taking place platform no.1 is shown.

Seeing that I sat on the sofa and began to watch the duel.

20 minutes later,

I'm watching the duel. But it's a little bit boring. The warriors are not strong. Most of the duels ended within a few minutes.

None of the warriors showed any dominance. In a few moves, either they admit defeat or get injured. They lost courage.

No wonder the dean is unsure about them.

If they show similar performance in the year end conference, then we would hit the bottom place for sure.

When I was lost in thoughts. I saw something strange happen on the ground.

Four people walked out of the entrance. Looking at their face, I immediately recognised.

"Michael" "Laverne"

"And Ernest"

"What are they doing here?" I muttered to myself.

"Wait a second?"

"Who is the 4th person?"

A warrior with red hair. I have never seen him before.

Suddenly, a realization dawned upon me.

He might be the warrior who ended his retreat. But what is he doing with those three?

I squinted my eyes in confusion. Then I focused my attention toward the projection screen. Something unusual happened again.

The red haired warrior beats the other two warriors on the platform. I don't know what they are talking about.

Otherwise, it's easy to follow their conversation. But that red haired warrior surprised me greatly.

After a few seconds, I saw Michael stepping inside.

"Is he going to fight?" I uttered in disbelief.

Michael is a Super Elite Warrior. So the red haired person might be Super Elite Warrior as well.

"Really?"

"What is going on out there?"

This is not an Elite fight anymore. Has someone challenged Michael for a duel?

A lot of thoughts come to mind. But I know it's impossible. Because Michael is the person who likes to be low key.

Even if someone challenges him, I don't think he will accept right away.

Because I haven't seen a single post online regarding the challenge. So something must have happened today.

The next moment, the referee announced the duel.

When the red haired person's identity was announced.

," I cursed out loud. I couldn't help but stand in shock.

"Chad Bartlett," I uttered his name.

So this guy is a fellow senior. No wonder, Michael is acting out like that. Since someone from the faction is challenging him.

Michael has no choice other than to accept the challenge.

After knowing that that person is a senior of mine. I became more interested in this duel.

Then I sat back on the sofa and continued to watch the duel.

5 minutes later,

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes.

Michael is losing the fight. I can tell that his golden aura is not working against the opponent.

And what's with the Senior named Chad. He is not using his Special Element at all.

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Duel Arena,

Swish~

A fierce evil wind strikes Michael all of a sudden.

The evil wind quickly overwhelms the golden aura.

In a blink of an eye, it broke through Michael's defense. And lands a heavy blow to Michael's body.

Pfff!

Blood splattered. Michael crashed on to the ground the next second.

Cheer~

The next moment, the audience let out a roaring cheer. The duel was so lit. But the duel time was short.

Chad Bartlett broke out a fierce move at the last moment. His special element was so domineering. Before it the golden aura fails to block it.

Pfff!

Coughing up blood. Michael tries to get up. Ernest and Laverne rushed to help him.

Michael was defeated without much of a fight. He was slightly injured.

"Ha...Ha...Ha....," Chad let out a joyful laughter.

He feels satisfied by the win. Looking at Michael's injured state is more pleasing to the eyes.

Earlier, he wanted to pay Michael back. And he has done it now. He cracked a wide grin on his face.

The loud cheer still rings in his ears.

After taking a glance at the referee, he stepped down from the platform.

Chad didn't wait for Michael to get up. He already showed the strength above the Super Elite Warrior. Unless, Michael breakthroughs. It's impossible to defeat him.

He then quickly left the arena.

Right after, Michael stood up with the help of Ernest and Laverne. There is an emergency clinic in this building.

So three of them slowly exit the arena to go there.

10 minutes later,

Michael swallowed the healing pill. Right after, a hot energy went down his throat and started to heal his inner injuries.

A few minutes later,

Michael's complexion turned better. Ernest and Laverne solemnly watch him. They can't wait to ask what had happened?

Because Michael was defeated in a blink of an eye. That moment was unbelievable for both of them. It's quite clear that Chad has become stronger than Michael now.

"Hmmm," Michael slowly opened his eyes.

He immediately checked his internal organs. Seeing that his injuries are gone. A hint of relief flashes in his eyes.

When he raised his head. He saw two of his friends standing in front of him.

"Michael, what happened?" Ernest asked.

Laverne is looking at him with the same questioning eyes as well.

"Chad has taken a half step lead," Michael said.

"What?" Ernest uttered in disbelief. He knows what this means. A clear shock written on his face.

Laverne shocked to the core as well. Both knew what half step means.

It may seem like a half leap in power. As long as another half is completed, Chad can become SS Elite Warrior.

Then they both looked at Michael with some concern.

At this moment, Michael seems to have made a tough decision.

He looked at both and said, "I'm going to retreat."

Chapter 506 Encountering Chad

From MC's perspective:

My gaze never left the projection. "Damn, what was that now?" I muttered to myself. Michael was defeated in a few moves. That Senior named Chad was truly strong.

From the announcement, I came to know about his element. "Evil Wind element?" I uttered. It's like an ice element. The Evil Wind must be a mutation of the wind element.

After pushing down these thoughts, I decided to visit them later.

2 hours later,

I walked out of the training room after completing the dummy practice. Then I returned to my dorm room to take a bath.

20 minutes later,

I left my room and walked to the faction building. When I walked inside. I saw people gathering in the hallway.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

They are looking toward the Special Faction Common Room. Ignoring them, I walked upstairs.

"Hey, look. He is here"

"Zack Lockwood"

"He is also Special Faction Warrior"

"Guess, why didn't he fight?"

"May be he will fight tomorrow"

Various noises reached my ears. Ignoring that, I walked in front of the door and began to verify my identity.

Creak~

Right after, the door opened. I slowly walked inside. Then I walked to the living room to see them. When I stepped inside.

I saw Ernest and Laverne. But there was no Michael. Sitting on the sofa, these two guys are seriously discussing something.

After feeling my presence, they turned toward me.

"Zack, what are you doing here?" Laverne asked in an icy tone.

Ernest was also not pleased by my arrival.

I can see hints of hatred in their emotions. Because, I rarely talked to these people.

"Ahem, I saw the duel," I said with a cough.

Hearing that both of their expressions turned ugly.

"So you came to make fun of Michael," Ernest said, while looking at me.

I shook my head in disapproval.

I replied, "I heard from the announcement the opponent is also a Special Faction Member."

"So what's going on?"

Laverne and Ernest looked at each other. They can understand why Zack is asking that. Because the members of Special Faction Members are less to begin with.

They can be counted in numbers.

Laverne said, "Yes, that mad man belongs to our faction. He was in retreat a couple of hours ago. But he broke through to become a half-step SS Elite Warrior."

"Michael found out during the duel. So he was defeated easily in the end," She added further.

"Half-Step SS Elite Warrior?" My heart skips a beat for a second.

No wonder Michael lost like that. He is just a Super Elite Warrior. But someone against half-step SS Elite Warrior. It's not easy to win.

The difference in power is huge.

For a moment, I don't know how to console them. But I don't know why they are feeling bad about this? Chad is our senior right.

Feeling the gaze, Laverne asked, "What?"

"Isn't he a senior of ours? Why are you guys sulking about the duel?" I asked.

"Harumph"

'What do you know?"

"Chad is not normal. He doesn't care about peers. He is an arrogant," Ernest said.

But suddenly his gaze stopped on me and said, "Don't meet him by the way. If he knows about you, then he will come and see you."

"Maybe he will find an excuse to challenge you," Ernest added further.

My heart skips a beat again. What? Fighting against him. It's not going to happen until I become a Super Elite Warrior.

After speaking to them. I left the common room a few minutes later.

On the way, I couldn't help but think about Ernest's words. I have a bad feeling about this. I think it's best to avoid coming to faction building for a while.

Then I returned to my dorm room a few minutes later.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca receives an intelligence report. Suspicious warriors spotted near the gorge. Which is located 100 miles away from the Viper City.

She knitted her eyebrows. But the next second, her eyes grew cold. For the past several days, she didn't stop looking at the intelligence report.

She knew it's impossible for unknown warriors to hide and lurk in their area. There must be some kind of base located under their jurisdiction.

Otherwise it's impossible for them to evade the patrol guards.

Looking at the report. She decides to send someone to investigate the place. Suddenly, the image of Zack Lockwood comes to her mind.

Rebecca held up her chin in contemplation.

"Why don't I send Zack to that place?" She thought to herself.

She knew Zack has been training vigorously ever since that incident. He even stopped going to high peak mountains and monster zones for some time.

She thinks this short mission will provide some relief. Her eyes flickered with a slight glint. Then she contacted a shadow guard.

A few minutes later,

Two shadow guards appeared in front of her. One male warrior and the other one is female warrior. Both of them are fully dressed in black.

Seeing them, she spoke to them about the mission. Their job is to protect Zack secretly from the assassination.

The following day,

After practicing the blood element method. I walked out of the training room. I ran out of the monster cores. If I have to cultivate tomorrow, then I will need some monster cores.

So I decided to skip today's training session and go to the monster zone.

Several minutes later,

I changed to academy clothes. After getting ready, I left the room and walked out of the building.

When I entered the dining hall. I found the atmosphere a bit weird. The warriors are looking in one direction.

When I turned my head to the right side.

I saw red haired warriors swallow a big chunk of meat filled with energy.

But my eyes immediately recognized the person.

"Chad Bartlett," I said in my heart.

He is eating here like everyone else. Then shaking my head, I walked to the food counter.

But suddenly I feel a hot piercing gaze behind my back.

My eyes flickered with cold glint. "He spotted me," I said in my heart.

No need to turn back. I know who the piercing gaze belongs to.

After receiving the food plate, I walked to an empty seat to sit down. Then I slowly began to eat.

But my mind is on something else.

Did he find out about me? A doubt appeared in my heart. Ernest warned me about this yesterday.

But what can I do? I can't avoid seeing him in the dining hall. Everyone has to come here to eat.

10 minutes later,

After having breakfast, I turned to leave. Seeing that Chad was gone. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

But when I walked out of the building. I saw someone blocking the path. Looking at the red hair again, a frown appeared on my face.

He is Chad Bartlett. What does he want?

"You got some nice energy there?" Chad Bartlett said, pointing at my body.

Did he feel blood energy or purple essence?

I didn't respond. I decide to walk past quietly.

Chad became angry. He was talking nicely just now. But someone decides to ignore him.

"How dare you?" Chad said, while releasing a small amount of pressure from his body.

While I was walking. My senses are alarmed with danger. The next second, I felt the weight of 5X gravity weighing on me.

"This?" I uttered and bent my knees slowly. I didn't use my perception. Otherwise, I would have spotted his minor moves.

But I didn't expect him to attack me. No wonder they call him a mad man. But he is crossing the limit

Meanwhile, Chad cracked an evil grin on his face. Looking at the person crouching down under pressure. He felt pleased.

By this time, the crowd starts to form. Warriors from other factions easily recognised the identity of the two people.

One is Zack Lockwood and the other one is Chad Bartlett. Seeing the tussle between Special Faction Members. Others began to enjoy the show.

Some of them started to capture pictures to post online.

Meanwhile, my inner organs start to rupture again. Seeing that, my heart set off storms. I don't think this is the full extent of his strength.

When I saw his evil grin. My heart turned cold. He is rotten to the core. Looks like he loves bullying.

Various thoughts come to mind.

I can handle the current pressure. But if I continue to endure it, then it would be suspicious.

So I quickly operated my sci-fi watch and contacted the dean.

When the projection appeared. Dean Rebecca asked, "What happened?" She saw something wrong with Zack.

Hearing that I asked for help and ended the call.

This process ended within two minutes.

Chad Bartlett saw everything. He thought the person was asking for help. But he knows no one will come to save him.

Chad Bartlett already found the identity of the new face last night. He was looking at an unread feed last night. At that time, he came across a post about Zack Lockwood.

A new special element warrior was recruited. Zack Lockwood- A lightning element warrior.

After seeing the post, he had made up his mind to fight him.

Chapter 507 Punishment

From MC's perspective:

"Come on," I uttered, while gritting my teeth. The inner organs are bleeding.

Chad Bartlett was grinning from ear to ear.

The crowd is watching the show without doing anything to stop Chad's actions.

Swish~

The next moment, an elder appeared before Chad out of nowhere. The pressure weighing Zack disappeared instantly.

A look of disbelief appeared on Chad's face. His face turned dark. He wasn't surprised by the appearance of the elder.

But he came too soon. He wanted to hear the pleading of Zack.

"Phew!"

Meanwhile, I took a deep breath before trying to stand. I caught the appearance of the elder. Goodness he appeared on time.

"Chad Bartlett, come to the disciplinary Hall," Elder said.

Gasp~

Hearing that warriors surrounding them exclaimed in surprise. Everyone knows Chad is going to face harsh punishment.

But Chad didn't retaliate. He had foreseen this situation. If they truly want to give him strict punishment, then they need permission from the Head. But he was in retreat.

Chad sneered inside. No one can give harsh punishment unless the dean herself gave order. So he was quite confident in his judgment.

The elder turned towards Zack. He quickly spotted Zack's discomfort. Looking at Zack, he said, "You should go to the clinic. Check if there is any internal injury."

I nodded in response. Then I walked to the clinic without turning back.

But my heart turned cold. Chad is overstepping his boundary. But I can't face him right now. There is plenty of time before reaching the Super Elite Warrior.

The Elder led Chad to the disciplinary Hall. And the crowd disperses right after. But the real discussion starts now.

People started to post the image online. Many were surprised why warriors belong to the same faction fighting each other.

Only old students knew the abnormalities. They knew about the Special Element Faction. Their numbers are less to begin with.

They find it boring to challenge other faction warriors. So some want to fight each other. Especially the warrior Chad is a person with similar traits.

Meanwhile,

I entered the clinic a few minutes later. To my surprise, the healer is already ready with equipment.

News sure reaches fast!

A wry smile appeared on my face. I lie down on the bed. Instead of a healing pill, he injected me with a syringe. It contained green color fluid.

Right after, I felt a warm energy entering my blood stream. Feeling such warmth, I closed my eyes.

The healing essence starts to work. Slowly, the injured parts are getting healed.

Time passed,

After one hour, I opened my eyes. I got up and checked my internal organs. A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. The injuries are all gone. My inner organs were completely healed.

I left the room after completing one more checking.

On the way to the dorm. I received a message from the dean. Seeing that I turned my direction and headed to the dean's office.

A few minutes later,

I entered the room and saw her working on screen. She gave me a quick glance to take a seat.

Then I sat on the opposite chair. I don't know why she called me here? Is it because of Chad?

A frown appeared on my face. I think it's unlikely.

Rebecca stopped looking at the screen before turning toward Zack.

"Zack, how are you?"

"Did you suffer any injuries?"

"I heard Chad had released overwhelming pressure," She said.

I shook my head in response and replied, "He wanted to test me."

I'm not lying but it's the truth. I believe he didn't even use his full strength. Otherwise, I would have been deeply injured.

Rebecca said, "Don't worry. He will be imprisoned for 2 months for his actions."

My eyes lit up with surprise. I didn't expect to take severe action. But that guy was a mad man. He won't be silent after the release.

After pushing down these thoughts, I looked at her.

I asked, "Dean, why did you call me?"

Rebecca came to her senses. She then smiled and said, "I called you here for important work."

"Are you ready to take the mission?" She added further.

"Mission uh?" I said in my heart.

I haven't thought about it since that incident.

Last time it was the Super Elite Warriors who tried to kill me. But this time I don't know what will happen?

But I decided to listen to it.

Rebecca saw through his thoughts. She said, "The mission is good for you. We found traces of suspicious activities near the gorge. Which is located a few miles from our Viper City."

"I want you to investigate that place thoroughly and report it back to me from time to time," She said.

"Hmm," I raised my eyebrow in surprise. If it's an investigation mission, then it's fine with me. I have a perception ability. So I can retreat whenever I want.

I took some time to digest the facts.

Then I answered, "I accept the mission. When should I leave?"

Rebecca smiled and answered, "Tomorrow morning. Don't worry, I'll keep an eye on your whereabouts. If there is a problem, I'll send the reinforcements there."

I sighed inwardly. Obviously, this is good assurance. With that I can gladly do the mission without any worry.

Then I left the room a few minutes later.

Meanwhile,

Clash between Chad and Zack has taken the academy's social media site by storm.

Ernest and Laverne are shocked after hearing the news. Ernest had warned Zack earlier. But he was glad that Chad was taken to the disciplinary hall.

Otherwise, it's impossible to stop him. Unless the faction head takes action himself.

The following day,

After completing the morning routine, I entered the training room. Yesterday I bought a few monster cores by using the alliance points.

If not for the mission, I wouldn't have spent the money at all.

Then I sat cross legged on the ground. I took out one Class-4 Monster Core and held it in my palm.

I closed my eyes and started to run the blood element method. The blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Slowly, I started to absorb the monster's core energy. When the energy entered my body. I guided the energy according to the mental method. .

Right after the red blood light appeared and began to absorb these energies to convert them.

The next moment, the absorbed energies were converted into the white energies. These white then began to drill into my bones.

Right after, I feel a heart wrenching pain. I'm enduring it. At this moment, I am quite used to it.

Slowly, the red marked area of my bones starts to expand. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time went on,

I opened my eyes two hours later. The monster core in my palm crumbles into pieces. Seeing that I took another one. And continued to practice.

After two hours, I walked out of the training room and went to take a bath.

20 minutes later,

I changed to fresh clothes. After getting ready, I left the room and headed to the dining hall. Last night, I received the mission details.

After reading it, I realized the importance of the mission. Several unknown warriors are wandering under the academy 's jurisdiction area.

If they are registered, then it's easy to find their identities. If not then it would be troublesome.

Majority of the warriors have identification. Those who are not registered are up to something. Especially with this mission. I have this feeling.

If they are crooked warriors then I don't have a problem in beating them down.

After walking into the hall, I received a lot of gazes on me. I spotted many ridiculous smiles. It was the first time for them to see me like this yesterday.

Shaking my head, I walked to the counter to receive food.

Then I found an empty seat to sit down on. While eating, I found these people didn't stop staring at me. But I know none of them had courage to confront me.

Suddenly, the image of Chad comes to mind.

My mouth curves into arcs. I don't know where they are imprisoning him. Shaking my head, I continued to eat.

After a couple of seconds, I felt the presence of two people in front of me. When I raised my head to see.

"Ernest"

"Laverne" I uttered in surprise.

I can tell that both of them come to see me.

"Zack, how are you doing?" Laverne asked, while taking a seat beside me.

Ernest also sat next to me.

Seeing the appearance of these two. The other faction warriors are shocked. They didn't expect to see this scene as well.

"I'm glad you have asked. I'm doing fine," I answered with a smile.

Ernest said, "Thanks to the elder. He came on time. Otherwise, the mad man would have attacked you."

Hearing that I kept silent.

Laverne and Ernest looked at each other.

Laverne suddenly asked, "What's your next plan?"

"Hmm," I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

I don't want to talk about the mission. It's best that less people know about this.

"I'm going to act as usual. Why did you ask?" I answered.

Chapter 508 Part 1: Investigation

From MC's perspective:

"We are going to enter Monster Zone. If you are free, you can join us," Laverne asked. Last time, Zack rejected their invitation. Since Michael is not here, she is hoping that Zack would agree.

"No," I replied.

"I have some other work to do for the time being. So I'll contact you when it's needed," I said

Ernest frowned. But it can't be helped. They can't force Zack to agree. Then the duo left the dining hall.

Seeing they're disappearing back, I sighed inside. Actually, it would be fun to join forces with them. But I don't want to reveal my cards this early.

10 minutes later,

I walked out of the dining room. Then I took large strides towards the monster facility. Shortly after, I walked into the place.

As usual I walked to the office to register. After registering the information, I waited for the tamer to arrive.

After a few minutes, an old man came to the office. He then led me to the monster residing area.

Many flying type monsters tamed here. He then stopped in front of the huge falcon. Seeing that, I wasn't surprised. Most of the monsters residing here are falcons.

A 10 minutes later,

A giant falcon flew out of the academy's air space. It flew towards Viper City. I'm sitting on the back. Whereas the tamer is sitting close to the neck region.

The Falcon is a Class-4 Monster. So the speed is quite high. I believe in a few hours we will reach Viper City.

Thinking about Viper City, I recalled the memories of my last trip. I have to be cautious this time. I activated my perception ability. Though we are flying in the air. But I still spread the consciousness around me.

I don't want to be startled by the surprise attack. After doing that, I opened my sci-fi watch to go through the mission again.

Especially I want to look into the gorge area. The suspicious sightings were reported by the adventurers at that time. The adventurers in their statements said that the suspicious people were stronger than them.

But the adventurers had returned safely. This shows that other parties are unlikely adventurers like them. Otherwise, there could have been clashes between them.

But such a thing never happened. They are unknown people with strong strength. What are they doing near the gorge?

Has something there in the gorge? My mind was occupied with many questions. I closed my eyes and pondered.

Time went by,

After a few hours, the gigantic falcon flew over the Viper City attracting the attention of the people.

Slowly, the falcon lands at the monster facility area.

Then I stepped down and walked out of the building. Last time, I spent time eating. But this time, I came prepared.

So I directly head toward the City Wall.

While walking, I didn't forget to observe people around me. But none of them were showing any suspicion signs.

Dean said that she had weeded out the rotten apples inside the city. So getting spotted by the spy is minimum.

Shortly after, I arrived before the City wall. Then I walked to the logging system. I entered my name and started the verification process.

When the verification was done.

Creak~

An iron door opened between the City wall. It's a path to the exit. Seeing that I entered and started walking towards the exit.

When I walked out of the City wall. I feel my heart at ease. There are no rules and restrictions anymore.

In front of me is a wide wilderness. It's a vast open field. After taking a glance at my surroundings. I opened the map on my watch.

Then I found the gorge area on the map. It's the only gorge which is located close to Viper City.

Swish~

After confirming the location, I used the flight ability to move.

Right after, two shadows appeared. Looking at Zack's direction, they choose to follow as well.

Meanwhile,

The Sharp Daggers:

A couple of hours ago,

The leader Vik wasn't able to delay the time. Past couple of days have been a headache for him. The people from the Giant Tower are asking for his response.

So he instructed his men to attend the call. After a few minutes, his subordinate came with the report.

"Leader"

Vik is sitting on the main chair. Seeing his subordinate, he squinted his eyes.

He asked, "Tell me, what do they want?"

"Leader, the Giant Tower asked you to get ready. If there is another chance, they will let you know," The subordinate answered.

"Harumph," Vik gave a cold snort in satisfaction.

He knows that they are using him as a gun. But because of the high grade artifact. He has to give in.

"Alright, tell them. I'll wait," He said.

Hearing that the subordinate showed some hesitation.

Vik caught the expression and asked, "Is there something else?"

"Leader, we still have our goods left near the Viper City. Someone has to go there to retrieve the goods," The subordinate answered.

Vik frowned. He remembered the old consignment. That mission was supposed to be over a week ago. But he almost forgot about it.

Now it's difficult to retrieve the remaining goods. Already the patrol guards are watching over the place.

If he sends his men now, then they will get caught. He knitted his eyebrows further.

He can't leave the goods to rot there. Because the client was an important person. Thankfully, the client didn't ask anything.

After contemplating, he decided to send his subordinates there.

Time passed,

After a few hours of flying, I decided to descend down to take some rest. I spotted a huge tree in the distance. Seeing that I flew toward the tree and sat on one of the tree branches.

"Phew," I exhaled in relief.

Hardly any green patches on these barren land. Surprisingly, I spotted these giant trees. Then I opened the map in my sci-fi watch.

A small holographic protection appeared. I quickly found the destination. It's a few miles from here.

Seeing that, I frowned. On the way here, I didn't find any suspicious warriors. If not for the reports, I doubt even adventurers would come here.

Shaking my head, I'm beginning to rest here.

Time passed by,

After half an hour, I decided to resume the journey. But shortly after, I caught something in my perception. It's neither adventurers nor monsters. But an uneven land on the ground.

Several weeds have grown above the uneven land. If not for my perception, I would have missed it.

Then I landed on the ground and slowly walked up to it. But as I got closer my senses were alarmed with danger.

Swish~

My legs were covered with a purple arc in an instant. I disappeared from the spot and retreated backwards.

Boom~

A flame ball hits at the previous spot. Causing the dust to rise from the ground. The shockwave uprooted the grown out weeds. It completely swept away the nearby rocks.

The next moment, a four silhouette appeared on the ground. They immediately released the sword from their sheath to attack.

At the same time, my pupil constricted.

Four of them are Super Elite Warriors. And there appears to be a mortar cell beneath the ground. What are they hiding there?

I took out the black sword and held it in my both hands. Looking at these people and their behavior. I doubt they are the killers who were after me.

My instincts tell me that something else is going on. They are dressed in long sleeved clothes.

Before I could access further. One of them released his attack at me.

His movement becomes clear under my perception.

Seeing the sword arc coming at me. I used the lightning phantom technique to evade the attack.

Boom~

The sword arc brushed past me and landed a hit on the empty ground.

A terrible sound reverberated throughout the area.

But I ignored the sound. By using this opportunity, I dashed toward the other two. I have to take down at least one of them quickly.

At the same time, the other three charged at me.

This all happened within seconds.

Thundr~

When I got closer, I immediately released the lightning wheel technique. A giant wheel of lightning appeared. Followed by the thundering sound.

The enemies were startled by the situation. But their bodies were so close. So it was too late to dodge now.

The lightning wheel bursting with power. When it comes into contact with the body.

Boom~

The next moment, the wheel explodes. The lightning power tore through the opponent's defense. And caused massive injury to their body.

From the collision force three of them smashed to the ground. But it was not enough to take their life.

Clang~

At the same time, I turned around and blocked the attack from behind. We came close to each other. I was able to counter the brute force because of the body strength.

Using this opportunity, I raised my fist and used the blood fist technique. A warm current came from my bones and reached my forearm in a blink of an eye.

Chapter 509 Part 2: Investigation

From MC's perspective:

"Blood Fist"

My punch lands on the opponent's chest. The punch tore through the opponent's body leaving behind a massive hole in his chest. The blood splattered.

Tud!

The next moment, the Super Elite Warrior dropped dead on the ground.

The other three warriors rose from the ground to fight. But the sudden changes caught them off guard.

At the same time, I dashed toward the opponent. Unlike the previous attack, the warriors stopped engaging in close combat.

The next second, I gripped my black and started to charge with the purple essence. In a blink of an eye, the black blade shone with the purple arc.

By that time, I found another sword attack coming at me.

A trace of apprehension appeared in their eyes. They seem to realize the danger of lightning.

Seeing the purple arc one of them tried to retreat.

"Sword Divide,"

I release charged power targeting the nearest one. A beam of purple lightning shot at the Super Elite Warrior.

The attack was so fast that he wasn't able to defend himself properly.

Boom~

The lightning beam comes into contact with the body. The next second, an explosion happens.

Dust rose from the ground. The shock wave again swept away the nearby pebbles.

The other two are dumbstruck by the turn of events. They failed to kill the Elite Warrior. Two of them found something wrong.

After glancing at each other, they decided to flee.

At the same time, I caught their actions in my perception. Seeing that they are up to something.

"Lightning finger technique,"

I used the lightning finger technique against one of them. The powerful lightning shot at the enemy.

The Super Elite Warrior tries to block the attack by using the sword.

Boom~

But the sword blade broke into pieces. And the remaining lightning power lands a heavy blow to his body.

Seeing the state of his friend, the remaining Super Elite Warrior starts to flee.

Seeing that my eyes grew cold. I don't know what they are doing here. So I can't let him escape.

So before giving him a chase. I used a blood fist technique to attack the standing warrior.

Creak~

The enemy's dantian collapses making him crippled. Without turning back, I used the lightning phantom technique to catch the last one.

The next moment, two shadows appeared. They looked at the condition of three Super Elite Warriors. One was dead. The other two fell unconscious due to heavy injuries on their body.

If they left here like that, they would bleed to death.

The two SS-Elite guardians looked at each other. A trace of shock was written on their faces.

Seeing the number of enemies. Earlier, they wanted to intervene. But somehow Zack was able to defeat them within a few moves.

"Have you noticed one thing?" The male warrior asked, pointing his finger at the corpse which had a massive hole in its chest.

The female guardian blinked her eyes. Seeing the massive hole in the chest. She was shocked to the core. They have been watching duels from the beginning.

Both saw Zack using his brute strength to kill the first one.

And these two are in a miserable state because of the lightning attacks.

The female guardian thought of something and replied, "Is it because of bloodline?"

A quick glint flashes in the male guardian's eyes.

He said, "It's possible."

"No wonder, the dean is so protective of him."

"Let's go and see. What happened to the last," The female guardian said.

These two people are elders. So they knew some of the secret information. Apart from the elemental warriors, there are warriors blessed with bloodline powers.

The bloodline powers offer superhuman strength with other abilities. So they mistook Zack's body cultivation for bloodline.

Meanwhile,

"Leave me alone," The remaining Super Elite Warrior said out loud. After seeing his companions' miserable state, his mentality was broken.

He just wants to escape from here.

My eyes grew cold. Already, the blood fist attack made him half-crippled. He is barely able to move his body.

"Tell me who you are?"

"And what are you guys doing here?" I asked him.

The Super Elite Warrior was left speechless. He knew the consequences of betraying the leader. So he is still hoping for a chance to escape.

Seeing the warrior is not answering me. I raised my fist again.

The warrior's expression becomes pale with bright. He had just witnessed the power of an ordinary-looking punch.

"Wait a second!"

"We are from sharp daggers."

"Our leader wants us to trans..." before he could finish his words his soul was broken due to the violation of restriction placed on his soul.

Tud!

His eyes went black and the body dropped dead on the ground.

Seeing that my expression turned dark. I understood that some kind of ban was placed on them.

So they can't spill the truth. Fortunately, I got some useful information.

"Sharp Daggers," I uttered solemnly. It's not the name of the academy. But third-party organizations. Maybe a mercenary force.

After figuring it out, I walked to the corpse to retrieve the storage ring. By the time I came back, I found one of them had already succumbed to the injuries.

And the other one was unconscious.

What to do now? I can't interrogate him because of the ban. If I do that, the same trigger will happen.

Meanwhile, the guardians hiding in the dark had reported to the dean about the news.

Beep~

My communication watches lit up with a notification.

When I saw the contact name. A realization struck my mind. It's Dean. She had told me to update her from time to time.

I attended the call. A small holographic projection appears above the watch.

"Zack, where are you?"

"What are you doing?" Dean's face appeared in projection as well as her question reached my ears.

For a moment, I'm stunned. Because the timing was perfect. Then I spoke to her about the confrontation that had happened now. Including the underground mortar cell.

And I also revealed the name "Sharp Daggers."

I couldn't see her expression through this projection. I want to know whether she knows about the Sharp Daggers.

"Zack, you can come back now after checking the cellar. You don't have to go to the gorge," Dean Rebecca's sharp voice sounded after a few minutes.

I nodded my head in response. I too feel it's good to return. We don't know who we are dealing with. Four Super Elite Warriors are found here. Then what about the gorge?

I don't want to fight against several teams. That situation would be scary. Besides, my purple essence was almost depleted.

So it's not wise to stay here anymore. After ending the call, I removed the remaining storage ring from each corpse.

After collecting that, I placed all of them in mine. Then my attention turned toward the underground cellar.

I walked to the spot and found the entrance leading to the small hideout. I stepped downwards. And at the same time, I'm using my perception to check the surroundings.

When I walked inside. I realized this is one single room. Some wooden boxes are kept in the corner of the walls.

A strange glint flashes in my eyes. I recalled the last guy's words. Four of them perhaps came here to move this thing.

In curiosity, I walked to the box and opened it.

The next second, a vicious smell attacked my nostril.

I closed the box abruptly and moved backward.

For a moment, I felt grave danger. I saw some deadly herbs inside the box. From the smell alone, I can tell that the items are poisonous.

I broke out in a cold sweat. After calming down my heart, I decided to hand it over to Dean herself.

My curiosity died down and I simply placed all the wooden boxes in my storage ring. Then I used my perception to check this place one more time.

After confirming, the room was clean without hidden items. I walked back to the surface. Then I picked up the body of the unconscious one and rushed back to Viper City.

At the same time, a hint of approval flashes in the guardians' eyes. They watched the whole process. They are satisfied by seeing how Zack handled everything.

Then they followed Zack from behind.

Time passed,

After several hours of non-stop flying, I got close to Viper City. To keep the criminal's vitality alive, I fed him with healing pills.

His veins and meridians were broken. He was not in a state of retaliation at all. By the time I entered Viper City, I was greeted by the Five Elders from the academy.

Unlike the Faction Heads, they are a hidden force of the academy. Feeling the pressure similar to Faction Heads. I guessed they are SS-Elite or above as well.

I simply handed over the unconscious criminal to them. After exchanging a few words, the elders went back.

A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. The overall situation feels overwhelming. Fortunately, I was able to subdue the culprits.

Then I made my way toward the monster facility to return to the academy.

Chapter 510 Restoring The Purple Essence

From MC's perspective:

A few hours later,

I returned to the academy safely. Before going to the dorm room. I decided to hand over the wooden boxes to the dean. I don't know exactly what the item is. Maybe she can find something about it.

After entering the building, I head straight toward the dean's office.

After a few minutes of walking, I came to the cabin.

Creak~

The door opened automatically. Seeing that I realized she saw me coming. Then I walked in.

Dean Rebecca stopped her work and asked me to take a seat. I sat opposite her. Before she could ask, I opened my mouth to say, "Dean, I found several wooden boxes in an underground cellar."

Rebecca replied, "Take it out." She sounded more serious than ever. The guardians had already reported to her.

Zack's fight again shocked her. But the situation of unknown Super Elite Warriors troubled her mind more.

After hearing her, I brought all the wooden boxes to the ground.

Dean Rebecca stood up from her seat to the insect.

Seeing that I backed away. My behavior didn't go unnoticed.

She asked, "What happened?"

"Terrible smell," I uttered while retreating backward.

Rebecca then opened the cover to see what was inside. The next second, a bad smell filled the office.

She closed the cover the next moment. But her expression was not right. She seems to guess something. Then she opened another four wooden boxes to check the items.

All five boxes have an unknown plant with a terrible smell.

At the same time, I kept silent. When she finished her checking, I saw her waving her hand. The next second, the bad smell in the room disappeared.

A look of disbelief appeared on my face. I wasn't able to tell what it was. But it looks cool.

Then I sat on the seat again and asked, "Dean, what is the item?"

After sitting on her seat, she tapped her fingers on the table in a rhythmic manner.

Seeing that I realized she is recalling something.

"The item looks familiar. Before confirming it, I have to check some sources," She answered.

Hearing that I nodded my head.

"Dean, what about the sharp daggers? Are they the ones who had sent killers or some other forces," I asked something which was bothering my mind.

How come there are so many unknown warriors roaming freely? Doubt appeared in my heart.

Rebecca replied, "Zack, elders are interrogating the culprits. Why don't you go back and take some rest?"

"By the way, you did a good job. It's not easy to fight across ranks. You even killed three warriors and caught one."

"It's a tremendous feat," She added.

Hearing that I revealed a small smile on my face.

"You can go now. I'll contact you after getting the information," She said.

Then I thanked her before walking out of the room. But my smile disappeared as I walked out of the building.

I feel strange right now. She speaks as if she had witnessed the fight herself. I did report to her about the fight a couple of hours ago. But her way of talking? I couldn't pinpoint exactly what was wrong.

After pushing down these thoughts, I head back to my room.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca recalls the report again. Where Zack had used his body strength to cause maximum damage.

"Bloodline uh?" She uttered in surprise.

She thought it was quite possible. Then thinking about Zack's background. She knows it's not good to dig more into this.

She had warned the guardians to forget about the bloodline. Their job is to protect Zack's life, not to pry into his secrets.

The following day,

9 A.M

After having breakfast, I take a stride toward the teleportation tower. My purple essence was depleted. I decided not to leave the high peak mountain unit. I recover my essence to the peak.

When I came to the teleportation tower. I walked inside. After stepping up the platform, I activated the server.

Swish~

I disappeared from the spot. The next second, I found myself standing in a dense forest.

Thunder~

As usual, the dark clouds covered the sky. I'm seeing the heavy downpour of rain. I wasn't annoyed. This is an ideal situation for me.

Then I started walking toward the location.

Meanwhile,

Two peak elite warriors are taking cover under the shade of huge bedrock. They are warriors from Red Moon Tower.

At this time, a huge rain pour is causing them trouble. They came here to collect herbs. But right now, they can only wait for the rain to stop.

These two warriors go by the name of Rick and Monty. Both of them are average warriors of the Red Moon Tower. Only by completing the mission can they earn more points to buy resources.

So they are frustrated by the situation.

Monty notices something odd. Normally, the ground around the bedrock is supposed to be covered with dense vegetation and grown-out weeds.

But right now, only small grasses can be seen on the ground.

Rick notices his friend's behavior and asks, "What are you staring at?"

Monty then told him about his doubts.

Rick is not stupid either. He quickly realized the truth.

"Are people coming here daily?" He asked.

Monty shook his head and replied, "Herbal collection mission is a monthly mission. For special herbs, I saw people coming here weekly once."

"And the Special herbs are rare. After collection, it would take 2 months to grow back. So no daily missions aren't allowed," Monty said.

Rick nodded his head in understanding. Then he asked, "So what about this place? Who else comes here?"

Monty shook his head.

He replied, "I don't know. Should we report it back to the academy?"

Rick said, "No. There is no evidence. We can't report it just because of speculation."

Monty also agreed with his answer. Then both of them continued to wait.

Time passes,

After a few hours of walking, I got closer to the foot of the mountain. Last time, I was startled by the sudden appearance of the pseudo-monster.

So I'm keeping an eye on the surroundings by using perception.

A few minutes later,

I caught something in my perception. But this time, it's not monsters but warriors. A frown appeared on my face.

This is the last thing I want to see. The warriors appear to be taking cover. They won't go until the rain stops. And I don't want to go back either.

If I move any further, it will certainly attract their attention. So I decided to wait here.

But as time passed, the rain stopped. My expression turned darker. If this continues, then it's going to waste my day.

When I was sulking. I don't know what happened. I see them leaving the place. Maybe they too realized. This heavy downpour of rain is not going to stop at all.

After they left, I waited for a few more minutes. Then I started walking toward the bedrock. I don't think those two would come back. And their direction of leaving also points toward the exit.

After reaching the familiar spot, I found a small cave space to sit down. I kept my perception activated. Then I sat cross-legged on the ground and started to run the celestial lightning scripture.

Right after, the lightning rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Slowly the purple essence started to enter my body from the surroundings. Then I guided the energy according to the celestial lightning scripture.

After circulation, the refined essence gathers inside the dantian. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed,

When the dantian was half filled. The majestic totem starts to make a move. Under its power, the pure purple essence becomes even more refined.

Then I continued to cultivate.

After two hours, I stopped cultivating as my purple essence recovered to its peak.

I didn't leave. Rather I decided to cultivate the wood essence as well. The healing energy plays an important role during a life-threatening fight.

So I made up my mind to give equal importance to the wood scripture as well.

Slowly, the deep green essence entered my body. I then guided the energy through my veins. After one circulation, the deep green essence gathers inside the dantian.

As time passes, the deep green essence like a small cloud gathers in the middle of the purple essence.

Time passed,

I opened my eyes three hours later. Seeing that it was a post-noon, I decided to leave. Before that, I checked my dantian once again.

The dantian is filled with purple essence and there is also a small amount of deep green essence in it.

A hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

I got up from the ground and started to walk.

I reached the teleportation point a few hours later.

By the time, I got back to my room. It's almost late evening. I walked to the bath to take a shower.

A few minutes later,

I changed into comfortable clothes and lay down on my bed. Today went well. But I don't know what happened to those culprits.

Sharp daggers ah? I hope she tells me later.