

BloodLine 511

Chapter 511 Monster Zone (Lake Area)

Sharp Daggers:

The following day, the leader Vik woke up with bad news. The supply of goods is gone. On top of it, three dead bodies were found near the underground cellar.

Vik was maddened completely. Each Super Elite Warrior is extremely important to his organization. Earlier, he had lost his men because of a killing mission.

Now three people died and one disappeared. It's a grave loss to the organization. When he came to inspect the corpse. He quickly found traces of a special element.

Only one person comes to his mind.

"Zack Lockwood," He uttered in anger. The purple essence is the power of the lightning element. Apart from Zack Lockwood, there was no other lightning user in this region.

After knowing the culprit's name, revenge occupied his rational mind. He thought that Zack Lockwood came for revenge.

And somehow his subordinate's mission collided with him. Because he had simply ordered them to retrieve the wooden box.

Now the wooden box is also gone. He fears that authorities would ramp up their security. If it happens, then it would become difficult for them to smuggle goods in the future.

Vik was pissed off. His heart wants him to take revenge. At the same time, he was troubled by the stolen goods.

Those wooden boxes contain banned items. These days only researchers are showing some interest in it. And his client is also one such person.

He can't expose the client's identity. Then it would cause bigger turmoil. For a moment, he doesn't know what to do.

But after some time, he came up with an emergency solution.

He instructed his men to stop all the operations. They are all going to hide for a while. When will he know the location of the stolen goods? Then he would make some decisions.

For now, they have to hide from the authorities.

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From MC's perspective:

I'm standing near the teleportation point. This time the place is unusually crowded with people.

"Zack?"

When I was waiting in the line. I heard someone calling my name.

I turned around to see the person.

Seeing Ernest and Laverne together, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle. Last time, they had asked me to join in their monster hunt.

Don't tell me they have tracked my whereabouts.

Before I could ask, Laverne said, "Zack, we are going to the Class-5 Monster Zone now. Are you coming with us?"

My mouth twitched. But looking at the longing eyes of both of them, I nodded my head in agreement.

These two are not as courageous as Michael. On top of it, Michael's golden light is hard to break.

When they are a team, their team combination is impeccable.

Ernest didn't say anything but he kept silent. Seeing that I sighed inside. I remember the early days. Where I look up to them.

Now both of them are clearly showing some respect for me being the Elite Warrior.

After some time, it was our turn.

Laverne asked, "Zack, do you have someplace in mind?"

"Lake area," I replied in a calm tone.

"What?"

"Are you serious?"

Ernest asked without holding back. Fortunately, Zack's voice was low. Otherwise, it would have become a topic of discussion among others.

I furrowed my eyebrows and asked, "Is there any problem?"

Laverne bit her lips and answered, "Okay, let's go to the lake area."

Ernest said, "Laverne?"

He was perplexed. He can understand why Zack was like that. He is not a Super Elite Warrior. But what about Laverne?

Right now there is no time for discussion. Laverne activated the server.

Swoosh~

Three of them disappeared from the spot.

Lake Area (Special Monster Zone):

When I opened my eyes. I found myself standing on the shore. In front of me is the massive blue lake.

There is no end to it. It's stretched along the horizon.

Cough~

When I was appreciating the beauty. I heard the cough from behind.

I turned around to see. Ernest and Laverne looking at me.

Seeing their look, I understood.

I said, "Now tell me, what's the problem?"

Before Laverne could speak. Ernest stepped forward. He said, "Do you know? Even Super Elite Warriors rarely choose to come here."

"Because the Lake not only has Class-5 Fish Monsters. Someone had even spotted a Class-6 Monster in the core area."

"Apart from Rain Faction who were proficient with water elements. The other elemental factions won't come here. Because they can't fight properly in the middle of the lake."

"Some of the fish monsters here have innate water ability. So it's difficult to fight them."

When Ernest gave a full explanation. I understood his worry completely. But I came here to gain experience. And fighting against the fish monsters is going to be more challenging than the terrain monster.

Looking at both of them, I replied, "I came here to gain experience in fighting against the fish monsters specifically. In the future, who knows? It might be helpful to me."

Hearing my answer, Laverne and Ernest looked at each other.

Ernest sighed.

"So that was the case. No wonder you insist on coming here," Laverne said with a smile.

My mouth twitched. "When did I insist? You guys simply joined me to come here," I said in my heart.

"So, what do we do next?" Laverne asked.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

I said, "Let's go and catch some fish first."

Swoosh~

Three of us then used the flight ability to fly above the lake.

I used my perception to scan around the lake's surface.

I spotted some fish monsters. But they all are lower order. So I'm not interested in killing them.

1 hour later,

We didn't even find a single Class-5 Fish Monster.

"This is not going to work. We need to change tactics," Laverne said, she then looked toward Ernest.

I saw the expressions of both of them. Looks like Ernest knows something.

Feeling my gaze, he quickly answered, "We need bait."

A sudden realization struck my mind.

Why haven't I thought of it before?

We can use the monster core to lure the fish monster.

I take out one Class-4 Monster core. Then I saw two of them taking out monster cores as well.

"Set the bait in the outer area. The water is not deep here. The high-level monster will eventually come here," Ernest said.

The three of us then split in different directions.

Splash~

I landed on the water. When my feet touched the ground. The water level reached my chest. The shore is a few meters away from here.

I held the monster core in my hand under the water. I followed Ernest's words. This guy had experience here.

Maybe it's a good decision to let them join.

20 minutes later,

I caught something in my perception. It's moving at extremely fast speed. When I found its moving direction.

My eyes flickered with a slight glint.

I have realized it's coming towards me.

"Zack, what happened?" Laverne asked.

I saw both of them are waiting for the prey to appear.

I smiled and said, "I'm going to catch one."

When the fish monster came closer. I saw a shadow at least 20 ft in length. "What type of monster it is?" I mumbled under my breath.

When the fish monster was a few meters away from me. A hint of disappointment flashes in my eyes.

[Yellow Toothed Catfish: Class-4 Monster]

I was disappointed by the Class-4 Monster's appearance. Yet, I'm thinking about tasting fish meat.

"Lightning Wheel," I muttered.

When the catfish opened its wide jaw. I released the lightning wheel attack. A purple-colored lightning wheel appeared around me.

At the same time, the fish monster's jaw comes in contact with the lightning power.

Boom~

The next second, the lightning wheel exploded. The lightning power passes through the fish monster's body. In water, the power of lightning was even more fatal.

When the smoke settled. I saw the catfish roasted beyond my imagination. It completely becomes black like charcoal.

I underestimated the power of lightning in water.

Forget about the monster core. I believe it has turned to ashes by now.

At the same time, Laverne and Ernest looked at each other in shock.

Right after, they too understood something.

"No wonder, he decided to come here alone," Ernest uttered with a sigh.

Lightning element is truly domineering in water.

Meanwhile,

Dean office:

Rebecca got the test reports in her hands. Yesterday, she sent the unknown herb for a test. Now looking at the report in her hand. She started to go through it.

After a few minutes, she closed the report. But her expression was grave. The Sharp Daggers are smuggling banned drugs into their territory.

She had underestimated the Sharp Daggers. She thought this was some third-rate force. But she has realized now this is going to be a serious problem.

The Sharp Daggers have Super Elite Warriors at their disposal. Then their leader must be someone stronger than them. For a moment, she kept silent.

Now more than anything, she wants to find this force as soon as possible. Apart from smuggling banned drugs, don't know what else they are doing?

There is also an issue with spies. After considering all of these, she decided to report it to the Supreme Elder.

Chapter 512 Class-5 Black Scaled Crocodile

From MC's perspective:

Lake Area,

As the time passed, we were able to collect a few fish monster cores. But the bait method didn't last long.

Some monsters possess intelligence. So right after, we didn't spot a single fish monster in the outer area.

Ernest and Laverne are pleased to collect so many monster cores. Especially in this lake monster zone. Where no one was able to do it apart from the Rain Water Faction.

If their feats were to be posted online, it would create storms in the academy.

Laverne's big eyes shone with bright light. She wants to hunt more. So looking at Zack, she asked, "Why don't we go a little deeper?"

Hearing that I nodded my head in response. The Class-4 Monster Cores are a bit tasteless. Only if you go deeper, you can get Class-5 Monster Cores.

She then looked at Ernest. He seems to agree as well. Then using our flight ability. We fly across the lake. After reaching the deeper area, the three of us stopped.

In my perception, I saw something huge appearing. Seeing that I recalled the appearance of Catfish again.

But when the monster got closer to me. I saw something wrong with the monster's head. Under the water, the monster's head appears to be large.

Other two failed to notice the changes. But when I turned to warn them.

The Monster raises its head above the water surface.

[Class-5 Black Scaled Crocodile]

A quick glint flashes in my eyes. This crocodile monster is the rarest of species. Compared it to the other swamp crocodiles.

Seeing that it's a Class-5 Monster as well. I decided to attack.

But before I could do that I heard the fanatic call from Laverne.

"Zack, retreat backward. It's dangerous," Laverene shouted, at the same time she released several ice spikes at the monsters.

This was all happened in a blink of an eye,

Even Ernest stepped forward to defend.

Boom~

The ice spikes hit the monster's body. But when the dust was settled. I saw that the monster's body was completely fine without any dent.

My eyes flickered with a slight glint. In the Class-5 category, the crocodile monster got the toughest defense. It's comparable to the skin of a Class-6 Monster.

After gaining some clarity, fighting intent appeared in my heart.

"Let me try," I said. Then I used the lightning finger technique to shoot purple beams at the monster.

In a blink of an eye, the lightning beam touches the monster's scales.

Boom~

A terrible sound reverberated throughout the lake area.

The Black Crocodile rolled sideways in water to alleviate the pain.

When the smoke settled, I saw a few cracks in the monster scales. Apart from that there was no damage.

A hint of surprise flashes my eyes. As I had guessed, this monster is special. And its monster core must be powerful.

Other two were shocked as well. Laverne looked at her hands before turning towards Zack. Her ice spike attack is pale in comparison to Zack's lightning finger technique.

Even Ernest was astonished. The ice spike attack power is Super Elite level. And Zack's lightning finger attack was only at Elite level.

Then why such a difference? Is it because of the element? But three of them belong to the same faction.

At the same time, the crocodile monster opened its wide mouth to launch an attack.

This sudden change appeared in my perception.

Roar~

The crocodile monster released powerful water beams at us.

"Lightning phantom technique"

A purple arc covered my legs. The next second, I retreated from the spot in a blink of an eye.

The water beam pierces through the air. And lands again on the water.

Ernest and Laverne are caught off guard by the sudden attack.

Swoosh~

A small river of sand released from Ernest's hand. He creates a wall in mid air to block the attack.

At the same time, Laverne created an ice wall to block the attack as well.

Boom~

The water beam manages to break the sand wall. But the force was not enough to cause injury to Ernest.

Similarly, Laverne's ice wall took the maximum brunt.

Meanwhile,

Seeing those two blocked the attack as well. I brought black sword outside.

The next moment, I started to charge the black sword with purple essence. The black blade beaming with purple lightning within seconds.

At the same time, the crocodile monster finally senses danger.

"Sword Divide"

I discharged the powerful lightning beam. The beam pierces through the air and reaches the monster body.

The Crocodile monster tries to go back into the water. But the attack came too fast. The lightning beam tore through monster scales.

The defense broke into pieces within seconds.

The Crocodile Monster disappears into the lake without minding the injuries.

Seeing that my mouth twitched. It's impossible to chase and attack the monster again. When I looked ahead, My eyes gleamed with twinkle.

If we go deeper, then we will find Class-6 Monster. So I stopped thinking about chasing.

Ernest and Laverne looked at each other.

"I have told you before. The monster has an obvious advantage here," Ernest said with a sigh.

"Should we chase it?" Laverne asked with a sly smile on her face.

Hearing the conversation between the two. I shook my head.

Then we decided to go back without wasting any time here.

Several minutes later,

We appeared back in the teleportation tower. "Zack, don't forget to call us next time," Laverne said before parting ways.

Ernest said, "Yes, it's quite fun to hunt together."

Hearing that I slightly gave a nod before heading back to the dorm room.

After entering the room, I walked to the training room. I plan to cultivate the blood method with these monster cores.

I entered the room and sat cross-legged on the platform. I took out the two Class-4 Monster cores and held it in my palm.

When I started to run the blood element method. The blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

I slowly started to absorb the monster core energies into my body. Then I guided the energy according to the blood element method.

The next moment, red blood light appears above the bloodstream. Then it quickly starts to absorb the monster energy and then convert them into white energies.

These white energies then started to drill into my bones. As the more amount of white energies starts to drill in. The blood red color in my bones starts to cover other parts as well.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After two hours, the monster core in my hand crumbles into pieces. I opened my eyes and looked inside.

I vaguely felt an increase in strength. But I know it's just a feeling. Then I got up and walked outside the training room.

A small black impurity covered my skin.

Then I went to take a bath.

Meanwhile,

Rebecca got permission from the Supreme Elder. She decided to dispatch all the five faction heads to investigate.

If everyone cooperates, then it would be a matter of time before they succeed.

Then without wasting time. She gave orders to other faction heads.

After two hours, several flying aircraft left the academy. The warriors were all shocked to the core. The next moment, panic began to spread among the institutes.

The situation is like the academy is going for a war. Shortly after, notice was released by the dean office.

After reading everyone sighed in relief. The notice says that it was a random inspection. There is no need to be afraid.

The commotion died down slowly.

Dorm room,

I'm looking at the online post. But suddenly I came across the Dean's notice. When I read the notice. My expression turned solemn.

I don't think it's random dispatch. I believe the dean has found something. Then I got up from the bed and decided to meet the dean Rebecca right away.

A few minutes later,

I walked out of the dorm building. On the way, I saw a solemn expression of a warrior. Looks like the notice was not enough to erase their worries.

Shaking my head, I stride towards the main building. After a few minutes, I reached the dean 's office.

Creak~

The door opened.

Seeing that I walked in. But when I saw Dean Rebecca. I'm stunned. Her expression was grave. "What happened?" I said in my heart.

Rebecca nodded at Zack before asking him to sit.

I sat opposite her. Seeing her, I couldn't help but ask.

"Dean?"

"Did you find the Sharp Daggers?" I asked.

Rebecca furrowed her eyebrows. This operation is confidential. But knowing Zack's strength, she decided to tell.

She asked, "Do you remember the unknown herbs in wooden boxes?"

Hearing that I nodded my head. "So it's true?" I said in my heart. I guessed the dispatch was related to this issue.

"The unknown herbs turned out to be banned drugs. It can affect the essence of Super Elite Warriors," She added further.

Hearing that my heart set off storms. No wonder, the smell was so powerful. I had felt the hint of danger from it at that time

Chapter 513 Exposed?

From MC's perspective:

It took me some time to digest the facts. Looking at the dean, I asked, "Then, what should we do now?"

Rebecca rolled her eyes before replying, "We are going to take care of this issue. You don't have to worry."

"I hope you just put your attention on training," She added further.

Hearing that, a hint of disappointment flashes in my eyes. But I can understand the meaning behind her words.

I'm still an Elite level Warrior. There is nothing much I can do to help. Then after discussing the other few topics, I left the room.

The following day,

The entire Viper City was in a state of alert. Four sides of the City Wall are under heavy protection. No one can enter or leave the city just like that.

People have to go through a secondary security check before going or entering the city.

Above the city, two people are standing in mid-air. A fiery old man with crimson red hair and a person with a white mask on his face are standing next to each other.

These two are none other than Flame Faction Head and Metal Faction Head.

Franklin Madden - SS Elite Flame Warrior and Marcus Lin - SS Elite Metal Warrior.

Both of them are looking for rogue warriors. The other faction heads have gone outside of the city.

Franklin is looking down at the people who are undergoing inspection. Marcus is also doing the same act.

A few minutes later,

Franklin asked, "What do you think?"

Yesterday, the dean briefed everyone about the killer organization working under their jurisdiction.

At first, no one believed me. But when she showed the evidence of unidentified warriors lurking in their city.

Everyone's expression changed at that time. On top of it, he also saw the banned herbs.

To think such a force working under their nose is an insult to their Saw Scaled Viper Academy.

Marcus Lin's expression was hard to see under the white mask.

But he replied, "I think Dean has her reasons to worry. Because we have been slacking in our patrolling."

"Otherwise, so many unknown Super Elite Warriors can't appear here," He added further.

Then both of them remained silent.

Meanwhile,

Inside the Sharp Daggers hideout. Things were not okay. Saw Scale Viper Academy's thundering response came out as a surprise for them.

The leader Vik was anxious. When the news reached his ears. He ordered everyone to vacate the hideout.

Their hideout is located near the gorge. It will be a matter of time before their hideout gets exposed.

Under his order, everyone started to leave one by one and went in different directions. After a few hours, the leader Vik was sitting alone.

He waited until everyone left. So that he can destroy the hideout himself before going out.

Right now, he walked to his treasury. The most valuable place in this hideout is the treasury. Where all the stolen goods are kept.

When he arrived, He saw a door made up of metal. He then opened the vault to retrieve the items.

Inside there are many lower-grade artifacts, banned goods, pills, and expensive herbs are kept.

Seeing that he began to collect the items. After a few minutes, the vault was emptied.

Boom~

Vik destroyed the hideout before walking out. He immediately fled from the spot. Shortly after, a team of warriors came to investigate the gorge.

Rising smoke and uneven areas quickly attracted their attention. When the team arrived at the spot.

Everyone's expression was filled with shock. The place seems to have been destroyed a while ago. After realizing that, they reported to their higher-ups.

Saw Scale Viper Academy:

Meanwhile,

I came to the teleportation tower to go to the high mountain peak. I wanted to go to the monster zone earlier.

But for that, I have to recover my purple essence.

Last time, I went as a team with Ernest and Laverne. This time I didn't let them know.

After stepping up the platform, I activated the server.

Swoosh~

I disappeared from the spot. The next second, I found myself in the dark forest.

Seeing the dark clouds again in the sky. A bright smile appeared on my face. It will be a matter of time before it starts raining.

I activated the perceptual ability. Then I started to walk towards the destination.

Time passed,

After several hours of walk-through, I reached the spot. But the next scene surprised me greatly.

In my perception, I saw people standing at the foot of the mountain. Thanks to my perception, I stopped my movements abruptly.

"What are they doing here?" I said in my heart.

Four warriors are talking leisurely near the bedrock. Right now, the rain is pouring down heavily.

But they seem to not care about the rain at all. If not for the mission, then what else could be?

Their activities sound suspicious to me. Fortunately, they didn't seem to be aware of my presence in this pouring rain.

At the same time, I perked up my ears to listen to their conversation.

"Hey, we are just wasting time here," A black-haired warrior said to his friend.

Four of them are completely wet under rainfall.

Hearing his words, the other three Red Moon Tower warriors were depressed as well.

Four of them came here to complete their mission. The mission is to find the traces of intruders.

Some time ago, one of their warriors reported suspicious activity near the high peak mountain.

To verify the claim, a miscellaneous mission was issued.

Four of them happened to be free. On top of it, they have to fulfill the mission completion count as well.

So this miscellaneous mission came as a timely help for them.

"I think we should leave. We haven't found anyone coming here so far," Another warrior uttered in support.

Then after some discussion four of them decided to leave. But at the same time, they are stopped by three people.

Seeing that face of the four people darkened.

"He...He...He..."

"Hey, Max. Are you going to ditch the mission?"

A stoic-looking warrior asked while blocking their way.

"Mitch?" Among the four, a person stepped forward. He is the one who raised the question earlier.

Max was pissed off. He never expected his rival to come here.

"Are you spying on us?" Max asked.

"Ha..Ha...Ha...", Mitch laughed out loud.

"What spying? I'm going to inform the elders about your conversation," Mitch added further.

"You dare!" Max and the other three stepped forward.

Everyone knows about Mitch's character. If he reports back, then he will add extra false news to the report.

Meanwhile,

My heart was not calm. If my assumption is right, then they must have found my tracks. I usually clear out the weeds near the bedrock before sitting down for cultivation.

This must have attracted the attention of others.

When I'm wondering, a fight broke out between the two groups.

The team with three warriors surprisingly overwhelmed the team with four warriors.

Seeing that I raised my eyebrows in displeasure.

I came here to cultivate. But something else is going on here. I don't want to return without recovering my purple essence.

Then looking at their fight, I made a firm decision. I decided to find some other spot.

Without making a noise, I slowly retreated backward. These guys are busy fighting each other. So they won't notice my presence.

I started to go around a high peak mountain. After one hour of walking through, I found a good spot.

It's a natural cave-like structure formed under the ground.

Looking at the pitch-black darkness, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

I spread my perception inside.

Hiss~

The next moment, I heard a hissing sound.

A brown-colored head appeared above the ground.

"Class 1 Monster," I uttered in surprise.

Then I brought the black sword outside to cut off the snake's head.

Pfff!

Blood splattered on the ground. The snake monster stopped moving after a few seconds.

Seeing that I spread my consciousness again.

After a few seconds, I found no other heat signature.

Then I entered the cave structure. I didn't go deep inside. Rather I stood near the entrance.

Seeing that rock ceiling is covering me from the pouring rain.

I decided to cultivate here. Before doing that I spread my consciousness once again around the surroundings.

I sat cross-legged on the ground and started to run the celestial scripture.

The next moment, the lightning rune in my consciousness started flickering.

Slowly, I started to absorb the purple energy from the surroundings. When the energy entered my body.

I guided the energy according to the cultivation method. After circulation, the energy settles inside my dantian.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

When a certain amount of purple essence was gathered. The majestic totem made a move.

It started to purify the purple essence.

Then I continued to cultivate.

Time passed,

I opened my eyes three hours later. When I looked inside. A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

My dantian is filled with purple essence. Hereafter, I can go to the monster zone without any worry.

Chapter 514 Unconscious!

From MC's perspective:

After cultivating the lightning scripture, I started to work on wooden scripture. Like the lightning method, the wooden method is special as well.

Right after, I started running the method. A deep green essence started to enter my body. These deep green essences are healing elements.

I guided the energy according to the mental method. Then the energy starts to flow through veins and meridians.

After circulation, the energy starts to gather inside my dantian. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Two hours later,

I stopped cultivating and stood up from the ground. Now, I'm ready to leave.

Crunch~

But suddenly, I caught the movements of people through my perception.

My eyes lit up with surprise. Then how did they discover my location?

These people are none other than the Red Moon Tower Warriors who were fighting each other earlier.

Now it looks like they have joined the group.

Sigh~

A soft sigh left my mouth. This is an unexpected situation. I can't magically disappear in front of them.

They almost reached the place. Hearing the sound of footsteps, I thought of something.

I took the piece of clothes from the storage ring and began to cover my face by wrapping my head and leaving only my eyes and nose visible.

The piece of clothing was from my spare dress. After returning, I have to make a new one.

Then I looked down at my costume. Anyone can see that I'm from the Saw Scale Viper Academy.

What to do? I furrowed my eyebrows.

The next second, I tore the badge off completely.

I decided to make them unconscious before they could see me.

I used my perception to find their exact location. Soon, I found them in two teams.

After confirming their location, I walked out of the cave.

Fortunately, the time is late evening. The environment looked completely pitch black and dark.

I stepped forward and the purple arc covered my legs the next moment.

"Lightning Phantom Technique," I uttered.

I disappeared from the spot and started moving towards the shade tree.

Meanwhile,

Mitch and others started approaching the cave structure.

"Are you sure this is the spot?" A warrior walking right next to Mitch asked.

The other one perked up their ears as well.

Mitch's eyes flickered with a slight glint. He looked down at the necklace hanging around his neck.

The necklace is a middle-grade artifact. Heirloom of Mitch's family. The heirloom is neither an offensive nor a defensive artifact.

It is a simple utility artifact. It does one job to detect the essence. The artifact glows when there are essence fluctuations within range.

Normally, Mitch has seen it glow during cultivation or inside the herb garden. But out of nowhere, it is shining with light today.

He immediately thought of Max's mission. No one from the Red Moon Tower comes here to cultivate. So there is only one possibility remaining, which is an intruder.

So he replied in a low tone, "Shut your mouth and follow me silently."

At the same time, Max and the team are also approaching the camp structure. Max also uses some artifacts in his hands to find the place.

But unlike Mitch, their speed was slow.

Earlier, both teams stopped fighting after getting a signal from their artifact. The artifacts in his hands were given to him by the mission hall.

Whereas Mitch is using the family heirloom. Now he feels trouble. Mitch's appearance caught him off guard. After an unexpected fight broke out, he thought that guy would leave in the end.

But he never expected to look for the intruder as well.

Suddenly, the artifact in his hand starts to glow brightly.

"Let's go, the location is nearby."

"We need to go there before Mitch's team," Max said.

But what these people don't know is that they have been marked by someone.

Meanwhile,

Through my perception, I saw everything. I understood what was going on. These people came with preparation.

Otherwise, it's difficult to explain the appearance of the artifact. Not every warrior has the luxury to buy artifacts.

So I'm sure that they are prepared for me.

A gloomy glint flashes in my eyes. I underestimated the Red Moon Tower again. High peak mountain is a critical resource point. They don't want any mishap to happen.

Now that I'm exposed. I should leave immediately after making everyone unconscious.

After gaining some clarity, I set my eyes on Mitch. In the pitch-black environment, the only source of light is the artifact.

I can easily target them now. Then I moved from my spot and inched closer toward the trio.

Three of them are clueless. But when I got closer. Mitch seems to turn around. But before he could do that I slammed his head by using my palm.

Slap~

The hit sounded hard. Mitch collapses on the ground. At the same time, the warriors next to him jolted awake.

Slap~ Slap~

I slapped their forehead in the blink of an eye.

Thud~

I knocked them out and their bodies dropped on the ground as well.

This all happened within seconds.

It's a pity that I'm exposed. But it can't be helped. The artifact turned out to be variable. Who would have thought such artifacts exist?

When I saw an artifact hanging around unconscious Mitch's neck. My eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

Should I take it for myself? A trace of thought appeared in my mind. But the next second, I shook my head.

There is no need to stoop so low. Besides, this is just a utility artifact. When it comes to their storage ring. I decided not to touch them as well.

Who knows what they are carrying? Then after taking a glance at them, I moved towards another group.

Fortunately, they turned out to be Elite Level Warriors. If it were Super Elite Warrior, then they can't make themselves unconscious by using a single hit.

Slowly, I found another glowing signal near the cave.

There are four of them. I have to act quickly.

Swoosh~

The purple arc covered my legs. The next moment, I rushed toward them in a flash.

The speed was so fast that I reached their back in a blink of an eye.

Slap~

I slapped the forehead of the person who was carrying the artifact.

The other warriors were startled by the situation. My eyes quickly scanned them. I can only block two, leaving behind the last one to attack me.

"Blood Filled Technique,"

I mobilized the power of the invisible aura and released it outward.

Three of their minds went blank after feeling the dreadful aura.

Using this opportunity, I slapped each of their foreheads one by one to make them unconscious.

Tud~

Three bodies collapsed on the ground.

Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

Then I decided to leave. But before doing that something struck my mind. I don't want to leave the cave structure just like that.

If someone found traces of purple essence, then I would be exposed completely. The purple essence is the power of the lightning element.

Apart from me, there were no other lightning-element warriors here. I could easily have a target on my back.

Then I decided to destroy the cave structure completely. So much that no one could guess why?

A few minutes later,

Boom~

A red flame rose above the cave structure. The glowing red ball is visible in this pitch-black darkness.

Seeing that my mouth curved into an arc. I just used explosive artifacts or blew up the spot. I had saved the explosives for emergency use.

I never expected to use it here. Then I started moving towards the teleportation point. On the way, I didn't rely on the lightning movement technique.

I came here to recover my purple essence and not to waste it. So I'm running using my body strength.

One hour later,

I arrived before the teleportation point. I immediately activated the server to go back to the academy.

Swoosh~

The next moment, I disappeared from the place.

A few hours later,

The unconscious warriors started to wake up one by one. When they regained consciousness everyone felt a severe headache.

Max and Mitch remembered what happened.

"Sh!t" Both of them cursed out loud. Right after, everyone realized they were attacked by the intruder.

Mitch touched his forehead in anger. Then suddenly he looked down at his neck. Seeing the family heirloom was safe and sound.

He sighed in relief. Then he turned toward others. Seeing that the other two are safe and sound as well.

A small smile appeared on his face. Thinking about the attack earlier. A cold shiver went down his spine. He thought the attacker was not an Elite level Warrior.

Otherwise, it's impossible to make them unconscious with a single hit.

At the same time, Max and the others got up as well. It had taken some time to adjust to their emotions.

"Fortunately, the intruder didn't kill us," Max said in a solemn tone.

The other three warriors' expressions turned grave as well.

None of them saw the face of the intruder. They can only report it back to the elders.

Chapter 515 Huge Mistake?

Dean Rebecca has been receiving reports from time to time. Suddenly, her eyes set on a recent one. The place Gorge is on her suspicious list. Quite a few activities are spotted at that place.

But she never expected there was a massive secret hideout near the place. She has now turned her attention to the footage.

When she saw the footage again. She can see the scale of destruction. Someone destroyed the place before going out.

A gloomy glint flashes in her eyes. On one hand, she is happy that such a secretive place was destroyed. On the other hand, she is worried about the escapees.

Especially their leader. The Faction Heads are separated and looking for escapees individually.

But she doesn't think they can find their leader. She began to think of the next course of action.

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From MC's perspective:

The following day,

I woke up earlier. After completing the morning routines. I didn't cultivate directly. Rather, I logged into the academy's social media site to look for the news.

Last night, it was a mess up. I guess those guys must have informed the Red Moon Tower by now. It would be difficult to enter the high-peak mountain anytime soon.

Thinking about their utility artifact. My expression turned solemn. Shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts.

Because of yesterday's mishap. I almost forgot to inform the dean. But thinking about her current situation.

I doubt whether she has time to see me.

Then I turned my attention to the site. I saw several trending topics. Most of them are about the faction heads.

None of the faction heads are currently in our academy. All of them are gone for the mission. After scrolling down a few pages, I saw no other new topics.

Most of the news posts are by academy students. So important information was controlled. Then I decided to meet the dean later.

After gaining some clarity, I stood up and walked to the training room.

After entering inside, I walked up to the platform and sat cross-legged.

I brought the Class-4 Monster Core outside and held it in my palm. The next moment, I ran the blood method in my mind.

Right after, the blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker. Slowly, I began to absorb the monster's core energies.

When the monster core energies entered my body. I guided the energy according to the blood method.

Right after circulation, the blood red light appears above the energy. The energy conversion process begins to take place.

The red light converted the monster's core energies into mysterious white energies. Right after, the mysterious white energies began to drill into my bones.

The process comes with heart-wrenching pain. But I'm enduring it. The red color part of my skeleton began to expand.

Seeing that I continue to repeat the process.

Time passed,

After a few hours, the monster core in my palm crumbled into pieces. Seeing that I began to feel the changes in my body.

As my power grows, the requirement of the monster core also increases. I don't know how many monster cores my blood method will consume.

My opponents are Super Elite Warrior and above. I have to step into Super Elite Warrior sooner.

There is also a year-end competition coming up. According to the dean, the real talented warriors will participate in it.

Thinking about the real talented warriors. I don't know when our academy warriors will end their retreat.

There are a couple of warriors who I have yet to meet. I let out a sigh before pushing down the unnecessary thoughts.

Then I walked out of the training room to take a shower.

20 minutes later,

I changed to an academy uniform. After getting ready, I walked out of the dorm building.

The campus atmosphere is serene as usual. When I reached the dining hall. I came across acquaintances surprisingly.

"Zack, what a surprise?"

"We are heading to the dining hall as well," Laverne said with a smile.

Right next to her, Ernest also showed his white teeth.

Seeing them, my mouth twitched. These two are purposely waiting here to see me. Maybe they are here for the monster zone again.

"Alright, let's go," I said.

Then three of us walked inside the dining hall.

Our appearance didn't attract much attention. Nowadays, everyone used to see us together.

After receiving our food plate, we sat at the corner table.

Seeing the tender meat, I decided to slice it.

But before I could do that Laverne opened her mouth.

"Did you guys hear our faction head is out?" Laverne said.

But her words feel like thunder to me.

"What?" I uttered in surprise. Last thing I know the Academy dispatched all the faction heads. But I thought the Special Faction Head was special. Because he was in retreat.

Laverne and Ernest looked at each other before turning toward me.

"Of course, he is out," Ernest said.

"The academy won't do major operations without our faction head," He added further.

Looking at his surprised expression of Zack. Laverne was struck with sudden realization.

"Oh, I see!"

"Zack, you have yet to meet our faction head," Laverne said with a triumphant smile.

Looking at her strange smile, I feel goosebumps all over my body.

Ernest said, "I almost forgot about it." But his scheming eyes tell something else.

I saw that both of their expressions are not right. The last piece of advice I heard from Michael is about Faction Head.

The Faction Head likes to be low-key. He doesn't like his faction members to stand out too much.

And I can already imagine the atmosphere of our first meeting. Fortunately, all the faction heads are out for the mission.

In the meantime, I can prepare myself.

Seeing his expression. Both looked at each other and decided to change the topic.

Time passed,

After having breakfast, we walked out.

"What's your plan for today?" Laverne asked.

Hearing that I gave a knowing smile to the duo.

"Let's meet in the afternoon. We will go to a better monster zone," I replied.

Laverne's eyes twinkled. Ernest smiled as well.

Shaking my head, I parted ways with them before heading to the dean's office.

"I hope she won't reprimand me," I said in my heart.

A few minutes later,

I arrived in front of the office. As usual, I heard a clicking sound. I glanced at the cameras before opening the door to enter inside.

"Zack!"

"You came to meet me this early," Rebecca uttered in surprise. Then she thought Zack must be interested in Sharp Daggers.

I gave a slight nod before taking a seat opposite her.

Then I decided to tell her about yesterday's incident. But before I could open my mouth. I heard interesting news from her.

"The Sharp Dagger's hideout was destroyed," She said.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. I never thought the academy could be so efficient. This must be the power of the SS-Elite Warriors.

Seeing Zack's smile, Rebecca thought he misunderstood something. Then she began to share what had happened.

After a few minutes, my smile disappeared. The leader of the killer organization managed to escape easily.

I don't know how to react for a moment.

"Well, I had a similar reaction yesterday. But someone went after him. I hope to hear positive news by this evening," Rebecca said with a smile.

Hearing that, I feel a lot more relaxed.

"Dean, it's good to hear. But I'm here for some other issue," I said.

This time Rebecca was surprised.

Without minding her expression. I started to talk.

A few minutes later,

There was deadly silence. I told her everything including their mission.

Rebecca's heart was not calm. Zack is saying the words easily. But she knows it's not that simple to cover the traces.

No one would go to a high-peak mountain to cultivate. If the Red Moon Tower can guess that then it would be a matter of time before they find out the truth.

Now she worries about the teleportation point. If the teleportation point is exposed, then the Academy name could come out.

"Zack you made a mistake this time," Rebecca said with distress.

More than the killer organization. She feels Zack's mishap would bring more damage this time.

At the same time, I furrowed my eyebrows. Her reaction was stronger than I had thought. I had made sure that I was leaving behind no traces.

But looking at her expression. I realized I'm missing something. What is it?

"Dean, what's worrying you?" I asked.

Rebecca looked into Zack's eyes before uttering, "Teleportation point."

Hearing that, I feel like lightning struck my head.

"Teleportation point," I said in my heart. I knew the teleportation point's existence was a liability. But I don't think they would go to such a length to search the entire forest.

"Dean, I don't think the Red Moon Tower will waste time," I replied.

Dean Rebecca shook her head.

"There is a possibility. You did well by not showing our element. But the teleportation point would give away our location," She added further.

I remained silent. But my mind sprung up in action to find some solution. Then a good idea comes to mind.

"What if the teleportation point is destroyed?" I said in my heart.

Chapter 516 New Elder Teresa York

From MC's perspective:

"Destroy?" Rebecca blurted out in surprise. She was shocked by Zack's boldness.

But the next second, a bitter smile appeared on her face.

"Do you know how much it costs to establish a secret teleportation point?" She asked.

Hearing that I shook my head

"Installation of Teleportation point requires the power of SSS-Elite Warrior and assistance from the formation master as well," Before Zack could spew nonsense she added further.

"SSS-Elite Warrior," I sucked a cold breath of air.

Finally, I realized the seriousness of the incident. Forget about SSS-Elite Warrior. It's hard to even find a single formation master.

"Looks like I have messed up," I said in my heart.

"I can't disturb our supreme elder right now. We will wait and see. If the Red Moon Tower finds out something, then we will do something," She said.

I sighed inwardly. Then after discussing a few other topics, I left the room. I'm starting to regret my decision. I shouldn't have touched them.

On the way back to the dorm room, I'm thinking about contacting Jonathan. Maybe he knows some solution to this problem.

A few minutes later,

I returned to my room. I sat down on my couch and looked at my sci-fi watch. It's been some time since I had contacted him.

But when I tried to contact him, I failed. I don't know whether he is staying in the inner post or the outer post.

Jonathan might not be here. The teacher gave me 2 years. I don't think Jonathan will appear before that.

Anyway, I typed a text message to him. After sending it, I closed my eyes for a moment. I hope the incident won't blow up big.

Shaking my head, I decided to take some rest before going to the monster zone.

Red Moon Tower,

Max, Mitch, and others quickly reported the incident back to the academy. Because of a lack of evidence, the issue didn't garner much attention.

But when they got back to the academy. They briefed everything that happened to them. Seeing the consistency in the statements.

The Red Moon Tower's dean decided to send their newly promoted SS-Rank Warrior to their location.

Only the existence above Super Elite Warrior can notice any abnormal changes.

Shortly after,

A long red-haired elder left the academy to investigate a high-peak mountain. She is none other than Teresa York.

Who was one of the representatives & judges of the competition back at Odyssey Monster Zone?

She was out of the limelight for a time. Because she was in retreat to break through. And she got successfully promoted a few days back.

The first thing she did was to check and update herself with recent events.

Apart from the important events that happened in the Red Moon Tower. She also knows a bit of news from other academies as well.

Including the news about Zack Lockwood. As a warrior of the lightning element, he became quite famous.

Almost everyone knows his name when the topic of the lightning element comes up. She also heard about the defeat of the Giant Tower.

If not for her breakthrough, she would have selected capable warriors to challenge Saw Scale Academy Warriors, especially Zack Lockwood.

Right now, she is moving at a fast speed. She wouldn't have thought that the current problem was because of Zack Lockwood.

A few hours later,

She reached the dense forest. Standing in mid-air, she can already see the high-peak mountain.

The academy sent her to find some truth. No one completely believed Elite Warrior's words. But their unanimous statement made them take the decision.

Recalling the discussion that took place in the meeting room. Teresa feels a headache again.

"What did Elite Warriors see?" She said to herself.

Next, her eyes turned toward the foot of the mountain. She remembers the group of elite warriors who were tasked to find the intruder.

In that report, it says that one side of the foot of the mountain was clean without any weeds. Like someone was using the same place regularly.

She and other elders knew as well. No mission asked warriors to go to high-peak mountains daily.

Swoosh~

She disappeared from the spot and moved towards the foot of the mountain.

When she arrived she began to observe the place. She saw several footprints on the ground.

She understood this footprint might be of their Elite Warriors. She spread her consciousness to observe changes in the surroundings.

She wants to check the traces of leftover elements. According to the reports, it stated that the intruder is cultivating here.

She feels absurd right now. Some of the statements mentioned in the reports are hard to believe.

She spent a few minutes checking the environment. Seeing that there was no clue. A hint of disappointment flashes in her eyes.

But she is not without any direction. She also saw the ground near the bedrock was clean. Which is in line with the reports.

This information might lead to something. If the details mentioned in the reports are true. She doesn't think the elite warriors dare to lie in the report.

So she decides to go with it by believing the reports. She then turned her attention toward another major spot where the explosion happened.

She reaches the spot in a blink of an eye. Standing in mid-air, she stared at the small crater which resulted from the explosion.

A gloomy glint flashes in her eyes. Before the explosion it stated in a report that someone was cultivating here.

And our Elite Warriors found out because of their artifact. But the intruder got alerted. Then he made them unconscious before destroying the spot.

Her mouth twitched after recalling the information. This place was mostly visited by the Elite warriors to collect herbs. So no Super Elite Warrior comes here.

So she can confirm that the existence of the intruder is real. But not one of their own but an outsider.

After gaining some clarity, she descended on the crater ground. She made an assessment. After seeing the range of destruction herself. She can tell that it's not the work of a fire elemental warrior.

Because here it's almost every day. And it's hard to attract fire essence from the surroundings.

So if the intruder came here to cultivate, then the person might not be a fire element warrior. And the destruction must have happened because of some artifact.

When she connected the dots. Her eyes gleamed with a twinkle. Now she feels interested in this case.

The only element available in high concentration here is water attributed elements like water, ice, and mutated water element.

But as far as she knows, why would someone go to such lengths to come here for water essence cultivation? So she removed the water element from her thoughts.

Because there are plenty of resource points for water elements available in this region. So she doesn't think of an intruder as a water-element warrior either.

Neither fire nor water. So which element user is it? The high peak mountain is known for its herbal land. Some rare and precious things grow here.

So what is it to do with the cultivation?

Was the intruder injured? He needed a large amount of herbs to heal his injury. That's why he made the warriors unconscious. So as not to expose himself.

Her brain comes up with unique answers. The more she thinks about it. The more she felt her answer was connected with the intruder's motives.

Because apart from water no other element is abundant here. When it comes to special element warriors. She doesn't even think about it.

The special element warriors are an asset to every academy. Such warriors rarely get out of their academy to avoid murder.

So she doesn't think the intruder is a special element warrior. Now she connected all the dots.

She has to look for evidence now. If there is any injured person here, she must find him as soon as possible.

Time passed,

After a few hours of scanning the high-peak mountain area. She returns to her usual position. Standing in mid-air, her expression looks gloomy.

There is no one present here at this moment.

Where could he have escaped? It's impossible to escape under their nose. Because outside of the high peak mountain.

Guards are monitoring the place all day. Because high-peak mountains are one of their resource points.

No one is allowed to enter inside without authorization.

So she pondered deeply. Then a sudden realization struck her mind. What if the teleportation point is here? The existence of teleportation points is not new.

Each academy has a secret teleportation point connecting to another academy. Red Moon Tower has one secret point connecting to White Palace Academy.

So what if others have teleportation points here as well?

But unfortunately, she doesn't know whether she can find it. Because she is newly promoted. The teleportation point is usually covered with formation.

It's hard to find them unless you are experienced. But still, she decides to try it.

Time passed,

She searched the nook and corner of this place. But after so many hours of searching. She was tired out completely. She is mentally drained as well.

So she finally made up her mind to return.

Chapter 517 Dean (Red Moon Tower)

Red Moon Tower,

Teresa York submitted the report to the dean. But she was asked to do an in-person explanation. Because the elders didn't consider the Elite Warrior's report.

So they sent Teresa York to confirm it. Now, Teresa York's report was also in line with the Elite Warriors' report. They don't know whom to believe for a moment.

Teresa York entered the meeting Hall. The Red Moon Tower Dean is an old woman who appeared to be in her sixties. But her vitality is strong. There is no wrinkle can be seen on her face.

Her skin was looking flawless. If not for minute pressure releasing from her body. Everyone would have thought of her as a teenage girl.

Her name was Lily Smith, SSS- Elite Wind Element Warrior. She is sitting in the main seat. While the rest of the elders are here as well.

Unlike the Saw Scale Viper Academy, there were no factions here. But the students have different clubs. Students can join any of these clubs to perform activities.

When Teresa walked in. Dean revealed a small smile on her face. Everyone was expecting Teresa's prison report.

"Dean," Teresa greeted before giving a small bow in respect.

Lily waved her hand signaling her to take a seat. Teresa nodded before joining the others.

When she was settled. Lily looked at the file placed on the desk. This was a report submitted by Teresa.

She then asked, "Teresa, care to explain? What did you find?"

Her voice sounded serious. Hearing her, the rest of the elders' faces turned solemn.

Dean is serious because she saw the mention of the teleportation point in the reports. That thing is no joke. Only SSS- Elite Warrior like her can achieve something like that.

That's why she summoned Teresa here.

Teresa wasn't surprised by seeing everyone's reactions. She took a deep breath before starting to explain.

When she began to tell her theories. Some of the elders' faces turned serious. While others had mocking expressions on their faces.

They had no respect for the newly promoted SS-Elite Warrior. Apart from the dean, the rest of the elders are SS-Elite Warriors.

There was not even a single half-step SSS-Elite Warrior here.

A few minutes later,

Teresa finished her explanation. But the expressions of the elders are not right. None of them believed. Even somewhat neutral elders feel skeptical.

But the dean was an exception. She was noticing every minute detail. So her expression remained neutral. Seeing the faces of the elders, she hummed.

The next second, monstrous pressure breaks out from her.

The elders' faces turned stiff. They are not only mocking Teresa York. But their action is similar to disrespecting the dean.

The atmosphere becomes pin-drop silence.

Apart from the dean, nobody else is seriously thinking about this issue.

Seeing that everyone behaved properly. Lily eases down her eyebrows. She turned her attention back to the topic.

She understood there was no flaw in Teresa's reasoning. But it's not 100% certain that intruders came to the high peak mountain for cultivation.

Unlike Teresa, the dean thinks that the intruder might be a trespasser. Perhaps he came here accidentally. It won't repeat.

When it comes to places for cultivation. There are plenty of resource points in Red Moon Tower. Where people can cultivate.

But the high peak mountain is the least of it. They are using that place for collecting herbs. After pondering, she made a decision.

Looking at Teresa, she said, "The evidence is not convincing enough. You can monitor the place for a week."

"If things return to normal, we will forget about it," Lily added further.

Right after, the rest of the elders echoed the same opinion as well.

Teresa's mouth twitched. She knows apart from the dean no one else thought about it seriously. But she can't voice her dissatisfaction here.

"Alright Dean, I will do as you say," Teresa said before walking out.

Before coming here, she wanted to talk about Zack Lockwood. Like Giant Tower, she wished their Red Moon Tower would send a team as well.

But the mood back in the meeting hall was unbearable to her.

Sighing, she began to walk back to her quarters.

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A place far away from Viper City. A golden-haired middle-aged man was hovering in mid-air.

He is standing in the middle of nowhere. Beneath him, four sand sculptures can be seen.

But if any warrior looked into it casually. They will find the sand sculptures are life-like. Because it was true.

They are none other than Super Elite Warriors. Those who escaped from the sharp daggers hideout.

From the sand sculptures, it can be said that the golden-haired person's power was the sand element. Which is also known as one of the special elements found in the world.

"Harumph,"

"These rats turned out to be a waste," He said with a snort.

The golden-haired warrior is none other but the head of the Special Faction. His name is Carlos Kent, Half-Step SSS- Elite, Soil Element Warrior.

Carlos Kent came here right after ending his retreat. When he ended his retreat. The dean gave him a task to apprehend the leader of a new killing organization.

After accepting the task, he immediately left the academy. On the way, he received information about the organization.

But when he reached the gorge, He saw that land was fuming with flames. At the same time, he spotted someone fleeing at terrific speed.

Such a speed was beyond any SS-Elite Warrior. At that time, he immediately understood. The fleeing person is the target. But unfortunately, he missed his trail after following him up here.

"What a drag!"

Carlos said to himself.

After destroying the sand sculpture, he decides to return. He is not interested in hunting these little rats.

They will eventually get caught by the authorities. The red headache seems to be the leader. He seems to be stronger than the average SS-Elite Warrior.

Was he using the artifact? A doubt appeared in his heart.

He feels a strong possibility of that happening. It's normal for a third-rate force leader to have an artifact in his hands.

But right now he doesn't know how to answer the dean. She will make him search for other places.

After shaking his head, he changed his decision back. He decided to investigate the nearby places.

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From MC's perspective:

A week later,

6 A.M, Dorm Room:

Apart from keeping an eye on the Red Moon Tower news. I never stopped my daily routine and monster hunting. My activities have almost become monotonous these days.

Looking at myself in the mirror. I saw some changes in my physique. I have grown a few inches tall. There are also some added muscles in my body.

I don't know why? I have this vague feeling that I will touch the barrier in a few days. Once I break the barrier, I will become a Super Elite Warrior in body strength.

It's a good thing that body cultivation is going smoothly. But when it comes to lightning cultivation. My expression becomes solemn.

High peak mountain was a good place. I don't want to miss such cultivation spots. But it's a pity, because of my carelessness. My essence progression has slowed down again.

But more than that I'm glad about one thing. My mistake was not exposed. I don't know what happened to the Red Moon Tower. The matter seems to have died down.

It's like nobody bothered to investigate the incident. Fortunately, I didn't go to high peak mountain after that incident.

Looks like people have stopped paying attention to the incident. Maybe I will ask the dean for permission to enter that place again.

After gaining some clarity in my thoughts. I walked to the training room. I entered the room and sat cross-legged to cultivate.

I brought one of the Class-5 Monster cores from the storage ring and held it in my palm. Then I started to run the blood element method.

The blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker. The next second, I began to absorb the monster's core energies.

When the energy entered my body. I guided the energy according to the blood method. After circulation, red blood light appears above the blood.

Right after, the red blood light converted the energies into white energies. These mysterious white energies begin to drill into my bones.

The next moment, I felt heart-wrenching pain. But within a few seconds, I was able to control it. The red color part of the bones began to expand and started to cover other areas.

Time passed,

The monster core in my hands crumbled into pieces two hours later. Seeing that I stopped cultivating and walked out of the training room to take a shower.

20 minutes later,

I changed into a fresh set of clothes. After getting ready, I left the room and walked out of the dorm building.

When I reached the dining hall. I saw two people waiting for me. Ernest and Laverne waving hands at me.

Nowadays, I'm eating together with them. But I don't know whether it will continue when Michael comes back.

Chapter 518 Seeking Asylum

From MC's perspective:

After having breakfast, we separated again. But we promised to meet at noon. Nowadays, we have a daily schedule of going to monster zones.

So I got closer to them. Then I headed toward the dean's office.

A few minutes later,

I arrived before the dean's office. After entering inside, I saw her working behind the desk as well.

But looking at her expression. A frown appeared on my face. Dean's expression seems solemn.

Rebecca noticed Zack's reaction. After closing down the file. She looked at him.

"Zack, do you need something?" She asked.

Her question brought me back to reality.

"Dean, what happened to the high peak mountain?" I asked.

A quick glint flashes in Rebecca's eyes. She understood. Then she revealed a small smile on her face.

"Good for you."

"The Red Moon Tower didn't take any action," She said.

Hearing that a look of disbelief appeared on my face. What is she saying?

Before I could ask for an explanation.

She added further, "According to our sources, their elders judged that it might be the action of some trespasser."

Hearing that, I sighed inwardly. I did good by not leaving behind any traces. It worked out well for me.

"So I can go back now?" I asked with some expectation. My purple essence is dried out now.

If I want to kill some monsters in the afternoon, then I have to gain the minimum purple essence.

Rebecca chuckled. She thinks Zack is still not aware of the severity.

"I said they didn't take it seriously. But that doesn't mean the high peak mountain is without any protection."

"As far as I know, a SS-Elite warrior is guarding the place now. If you go to that place now, then you will get caught easily," Rebecca said without blinking her eyes.

"SS-Elite Warrior," I gulped my saliva in fear.

Almost all the elder level figures have at least SS-Elite Warriors. So basically an elder is guarding that place now.

I sighed inwardly. I actually had great expectations to visit that place again. But it's a pity, I have to forget about it.

"Dean, is there any other place?" I asked.

Rebecca shook her head.

She said, "Right now, you need to stay put. The unknown leader of the sharp daggers is still on the run."

"The faction heads are still outside. So don't make any request right now. When everything settles down, I'll find a new place for you to cultivate lightning essence," Rebecca said.

Hearing that I nodded my head in response.

Because it can't be helped. I have to agree with her words. Then I left her office.

Meanwhile,

The Sharp dagger leader finally found some place to hide. He is currently staying inside a cave structure.

But his body condition is not right. He leaned his back on the wall and began to observe this body.

Slowly, he recalled the recent events in his mind.

After blowing out the hideout, Vik fled without turning back. But after a few seconds, he found someone catching up to him with breakneck speed.

At that time he had thought about confronting him. But when the person got closer. He was scared sh!t. The person's pressure was scarier than him.

Without second thought, he had burnt his blood to increase his strength. As a result, he exploded with great speed. Because of it, he was able to escape successfully from the enemy.

But such explosive strength was not without cost. His cultivation base fell down. He is a Super Elite Warrior right now.

Feeling the lack of power in his body. He revealed a bitter smile on his face. On top of it, he had suffered a deep injury as well.

He was reduced to such a state because of one person. "Zack Lockwood," He gritted his teeth in anger.

Vik's heart is boiling with rage. It had taken him several years to build the sharp dagger organization. Not only that he had to look for rogue warriors to join his force.

After all those efforts, he had developed the organization to some extent. But now it's all gone. He was forced to destroy his own organization.

His eyes flickering with killing intent. "Zack Lockwood, I will kill you," He swore in his heart.

His life effort was destroyed. His base fell back. He had no place to go. Now he has only a target behind his back.

Vik made a firm decision at this moment. He decides to go back to his place. And hide near the gorge.

When everything settles down, he will look for an opportunity to kill Zack Lockwood.

Suddenly, a good idea comes to mind.

If everything goes according to his plan, not only will he leave this place. He can get asylum in that place as well.

He is thinking about the Giant Tower. The Giant Tower had offered him an artifact as a reward. But right now, he has lost this luxury.

He is planning to seek asylum in the Giant Tower as a reward to kill Zack Lockwood.

Then suddenly he began to check the names. Finally, his eyes set on the Giant Tower representative's contact.

Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in his eyes.

"Finally, with this my revenge is possible," Vik said with a laugh.

He then tried to establish the connection.

A few seconds later,

The connection was established. The Giant Tower's intelligence department's member is attending the call.

"Giant Tower," Vik said with some hesitation.

He doesn't know who is attending the call. If it's a high level member, then it would be good for him.

When he heard the confirmation from the other end. He sighed in relief. Then he revealed his name and requested to contact an elder level figure.

On the other hand, the Giant Tower member wasted no time in contacting his superiors.

Shortly after,

The Giant Tower's elder who is responsible for the intelligence department learnt about the news.

He quickly took over and continued the conversation. For a moment, the elder was not sure of the other party.

But when the conversation started. He immediately realized the other person is none other than but the leader of sharp daggers.

Everyone in the Giant Tower thought. The Sharp Daggers organization was completely gone.

Because the action of the Saw Scale Viper Academy was swift. Everyone had thought their killing request was exposed.

But so far no such information has been acquired by them. They had thought that matter would disappear soon.

But here right now, the elder's eyes are shone with bright light. He received a request from the leader Vik.

This time there was no loss for them. They got the opportunity to kill two birds with one stone.

When the conversation ended. The elder immediately shared the news to the headmaster.

A few seconds later,

The Giant Tower Headmaster accepted Vik's request. He even allowed every source of the channel to help Vik.

The Giant Tower has spies in Viper City. From time to time they are informing everyone. Including the recent action taken by the Saw Scale Viper Academy.

If Zack Lockwood ever comes out, they will share the news to Vik. And with Vik's strength, it's easy for him to take down Zack Lockwood.

The Giant Tower Headmaster was pleased by the news. Not only he doesn't have to give high grade artifacts. But Vik can fulfill their request without any excessive demand.

Considering the state of Vik, he will be even more sincere in his job. Now they all wait for Zack to appear. Then it would be a matter of time before they hear good news.

"Ha...Ha....Ha....," The Giant Tower Headmaster let out a hysterical laughter.

Meanwhile,

The leader Vik grinned happily. He just ended his call with the Giant Tower Headmaster. He didn't expect the Headmaster himself to attend the call.

But he was glad anyway. He thinks it's good to make things clear with him. Since he was hoping to get asylum. The Giant Tower Headmaster is the right person to talk to.

The Giant Tower Head allowed the asylum. Now he can focus on the task. Apart from seeking asylum, he also requested for a healer.

His current state of body is in worse condition. Only after getting some treatment, he can move around freely.

Time passed,

The spies inside the Viper City have arranged for a healer. Some healers will do anything for money. So the spies have offered a hefty sum of money to treat the patient.

A day later,

A healer left the Viper City along with the two Super Elite Warriors. These two Super Elite Warriors are spies of the Giant Tower.

But they are doing work under a different name.

A few hours later,

Three of them managed to find out the location.

The leader Vik's condition became worse. Any delay in treatment will cause him to lose his base further. Already he was in the Super Elite stage. So he doesn't want his base to fall back further.

When he was lost in thoughts. He saw the presence of three people. When they got closer, he realized they were helpers.

Chapter 519 Carlos Kent

Saw Scale Viper Academy:

The Academy once again returned to normal. As all the faction heads came back from their mission. The uneasiness present in the academy was swept away completely.

Dean office,

"Carlos, I saw your report. Are you sure about his disappearance?" Rebecca asked.

The person is none other than Special Faction Head Carlos Kent.

His expression was neutral without any disappointment. He replied, "I had searched the nook and corner of all the important places. But somehow that person was not in my radar."

Rebecca frowned. It's not easy to escape from their territory. Because there is a space barrier blocking the borders.

Unless he finds his way back to Viper City. It's impossible to stay in one place. Because she has increased the activity of patrolling.

Now more guards are protecting the borders and keeping an eye on their surroundings. She sighed. She doesn't want such a threat to lurk in their city.

"What about the leader? In your report, you stated that he was injured. What level is he at?" Rebecca asked.

She thought the leader was like her in strength. But the report says something else.

Carlos revealed a small smile on his face.

"You don't have to worry about that pest. He had burnt his blood essence to escape from me. Otherwise, I would have caught him," Carlos said.

At that time, he was caught off guard by such tactics. He never expected him to be cowardly.

Rebecca's eyes gleamed with twinkle. Now that is good news. Hearing in person detail from Carlos, she can rest her heart at ease.

The blood burning is not a secret technique. Warriors use such a forbidden technique under desperate situations. The technique provides them with explosive strength for a short period of time.

When the power expires, then the body will be injured severely.

Rebecca nodded her head. She said, "If that's the case then we can rest assured. Even if he surfaces again, we will capture him."

Carlos nodded. Then suddenly he remembered something.

He asked, "Franklin told me that. There is a new kid in my faction."

Rebecca's expression turned serious. It was something she wanted to talk to him about. But she got no opportunity since he was in retreat.

Now she has time to explain something.

Carlos was confused by her reaction. But he waited for her to speak.

"He is a bright kid. His name is Zack Lockwood. A lightning element user. His strength is at Mid-level-Elite. He will be here for 1 and half years before leaving," Rebecca said.

A quick glint flashes in Carlos's eyes.

"Lightning element?" He uttered in surprise. Even among the special elements the lightning element is rare. Even for the entire region, there was no 2nd warrior with the same element.

But the surprise appeared in his eyes for a moment before it disappeared. He kept his usual bearing of a Faction Head.

Rebecca seriously observed the expression of Carlos. Because she doesn't want any clash between him and Zack Lockwood.

"And one more thing. I don't want you to disturb him," Rebecca added.

"What do you mean?" Carlos asked back. He knitted his eyebrows in confusion.

Sigh~

A small sigh left her mouth. She knew she had to explain the crux of the matter.

"He is a special student unlike others. He is here for a short period. Then he will enter the inner post," She replied.

Carlos pupil constrict. The matter of the inner post is not a joke. Only qualified warriors are eligible to enter the Inner Post.

Come to think of it. It was not rare for talented warriors to enter the inner post. Many of the geniuses in the past have gone there.

They are sent by the academy itself. So he doesn't know what is the difference between the two.

Rebecca can see that he still does not understand. But she can't reveal the identity of the person behind Zack Lockwood. It was top secret.

But she can warn him.

"Carlos, Zack have already found some background. I strongly advise you not to offend him," Rebecca said.

Carlos was stupefied. He looked at her again in surprise. She is telling it for real.

"I'm the Special Faction Head. He is under my faction. So it's normal for me to teach him."

"Are you saying that? I'm not even allowed to do that," he asked.

"You can do that. As long as he is fine with it," Rebecca replied. She feels defeated right now.

Carlos nodded his head before standing up. He can't wait to see his new student. When he got close to the door.

"Mind you, it's not my words. But it's the supreme elder's orders."

He heard a voice from behind. Hearing he paused his movements for a moment before walking out.

"Trouble," Rebecca massaged her temple. She knows about Carlos's temper. He won't be the same every time.

She hopes that Zack will get a good impression of him.

After walking out of the building, Carlos walked to the Special Faction Common Room. It's been some time since he has seen his member.

A few minutes later,

He walked into the hall. Seeing him, the other faction warriors are surprised. But some of the senior students recognised him at first glance.

Their expression turned pale with fright. Unlike the newcomers who are inquiring about him. The old students immediately fled from the place.

Carlos didn't mind the gazes of warriors. He casually verified his identity before opening the door to enter.

Seeing him entering the special faction common room. Others mistook him for a special element warrior. They quickly snapped some pictures and were ready to post them online.

Carlos entered the living room but he found no one here. Usually, this place was occupied by one or two members.

Then shaking his head he sat on the sofa.

He wants to update himself with the latest happenings. He began to access his sci-fi watch which was filled with notification.

Time passed,

Carlos learnt what had happened after his retreat. When the news about Zack Lockwood comes up. He became interested.

He starts to read the information. But shortly after, his face frowned. Because he is looking at the information on Zack Lockwood's duel against the warriors from the Giant Tower.

As he continues to read the information. His face became more ugly. Because he is currently viewing the duel video. The duel was not about the Special Factio vs Giant Tower.

It looks like Zack Lockwood vs Giant Tower. Then he continues to read further articles. Again most of the articles talking about Zack Lockwood's solo monster hunt.

He is rarely seen with other special faction warriors. Then he saw one more duel. It was against the Flame Faction.

Even there it was all about Zack Lockwood. There were no other Special Faction warriors behind him.

"What is going on?" Carlos muttered to himself. He even doubts whether Zack had met with other members.

When the video was over. Another video pops up, it was a duel against Metal Faction. Seeing that veins begin to pop up in his forehead.

He controlled his dissatisfaction before viewing the video. Then he saw Zack Lockwood appearing with Michael, Ernest and Laverne.

Seeing them his eyebrows ease down a little bit. Then he saw Zack defeating the metal faction warrior. When the duel was over. He fell into deep contemplation.

He recalled Dean's words again. No wonder, she told him he is a bit special. But since Zack is a Special Faction Warrior. He has a responsibility to teach him something.

Creak~

When he was lost in thought. He heard footsteps.

Ernest and Laverne entered the room together. Both stopped their footsteps, right after seeing the faction head.

Their eyes were filled with shock. Both knew their head was back from the mission. But when they saw the online photo, they immediately left their dorm room to come here.

Carlos finally felt their presence. He raised his head to see their appearance.

"Oh, you guys are here," Carlos said with a smile.

Ernest and Laverne greeted him with a smile.

Carlos asked them to take a seat. Laverne and Ernest immediately sat down on the sofa.

"So, who is Zack Lockwood?" He asked.

Ernest and Laverne looked at each other. They are surprised to hear Zack's name from their mouth.

Ernest immediately said, "Head, he is our new member. He is pretty strong."

Laverne also echoed the same opinion as well.

"Oh," Carlos raised his eyebrows in surprise.

"Then where is he now?" He asked back.

"This?" Ernest hesitated. He wasn't able to guess Head's mood.

Does he want to meet him? Or something else.

Ernest turned towards Laverne for help. But she was also in a dilemma.

Carlos chuckled and asked, "Don't worry. I'm just asking casually?"

Ernest, "Head, he usually stays in his dorm room. Apart from going to the library, he spends most of the time alone."

"Yes, head. He prefers to spend time alone. He rarely comes here," Laverne added.

Carlos shook his head in disappointment. He can see that these two are friends with Zack Lockwood.

Maybe he should summon him directly.

Chapter 520 Initial Stage Super Elite (Body Strength)

From MC's perspective:

Dorm Room,

Beep!

When I was lying down on my bed. I received a message from Ernest Kirk. Seeing that I raised my eyebrows. I knew they must be waiting for me.

This time I should avoid taking the lead when fighting against the monster. I can't expose my body strength.

Then shaking my head, I opened the inbox to read it. But when I read the message, My expression changed drastically.

"The faction head wants to see me," I mumbled under my breath.

So he is back as well. I saw an online post that all faction heads are returning back from their mission.

I stood up and began to get ready as fast as I could. I don't know what kind of person he is. But it's not good to make him angry.

A few minutes later,

After getting ready, I left the room. On the way, I saw people discussing something. And a familiar name reached my ears.

"Carlos Kent," I uttered.

They are talking about my faction head. I wonder, what happened?

Then shaking my head, I stride towards the destination.

10 minutes later,

I arrived in front of the Special Faction Common Room. The lobby floor is already filled with people.

Everyone is staring in my direction. I guess they must have known about Faction Head's presence.

I raised my badge and let the security system scan my I.d. When the green color light was lit up.

Creak~

The door opened automatically.

Seeing that I walked in. When I entered the living room. I was greeted by Ernest and Kirk. But I saw someone sitting on the sofa.

The next moment, my senses were alarmed with a hint of danger. "He is scary," I muttered in my heart. He feels way more stronger than the Flame Faction Head, Franklin Madden.

"So, you are Zack Lockwood?" Carlos asked.

His eyes are scanning me from up and down.

"Hello, faction head. It's nice to see you."

"I'm Zack Lockwood. Lightning elemental warrior," I said.

Carlos smiled but he observed for a moment.

Ernest and Laverne looked at each other. A trace of worry can be seen in their eyes. Their faction head is unpredictable.

They don't know what he will do?

"Alright, I know your circumstances are different. I heard from the dean herself. So you are free to do whatever you want most of the time."

"But whenever there is a mission you can't deny it," Carlos said with a serious expression on his face.

Hearing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

"Sure, faction head. I will accept the mission without any failure," I answered.

I can see that he was dead serious when it came to the mission. Maybe the reputation of each faction lies on mission clearance.

Ernest and Laverne sighed in relief.

"Alright, I'll take my leave right now," After saying that Carlos left the room leaving us alone.

Sigh~

A huge sigh left Laverne's mouth. She was scared for a moment. But fortunately, he didn't make things difficult for Zack.

Ernest also revealed a smile on his face.

Their reaction didn't go unnoticed in my eyes. I sighed inwardly. The faction head looks really tough.

"Okay"

"Can we leave for the monster zone right now?" Laverne asked.

In response, I nodded my head.

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Days passed in a blink of an eye,

Meanwhile, the Giant Tower's people helped Vik with fake identity. It's not easy to get into Viper City.

Because of their help, Vik is now staying low in Viper City. You can't use a fake identity for a long time.

Otherwise, it's easy to attract the attention of authorities.

The Giant Tower people were keeping an eye on information regarding Zack Lockwood. According to their intel, Zack is continuing his daily routine of training in morning and monster hunt trip in afternoon.

So it's impossible to tell when he will leave the academy. However, the Giant Tower Headmaster decides to be patient with this task.

He doesn't want Vik to surface sooner. The turmoil of the sharp daggers' destruction was not yet over.

Academy people are looking for escapees. Unless the situation returns to normal. The Giant Tower Head has stopped Vik from making any individual decisions.

He doesn't want Vik to seek revenge without proper planning.

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A week later,

6 A.M, Dorm Room:

Inside the training room, I sat cross-legged to cultivate. It's been a couple of days since I reached the limit in my body strength.

But unfortunately, my essence cultivation hadn't seen any progress. Ever since Dean stopped me from going to the high peak mountain.

She has been busy with some other issues. I couldn't even meet her these days. Then shaking my head, I pushed down these unnecessary thoughts.

Then I brought the Class-5 Monster Core which I got from Ernest.

After keeping the core in my palm, I started to run the blood element method. Right after, the blood rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Slowly, I began to absorb the monster's core energy. When the energy entered my body. I circulated the energy according to the blood method.

After circulation, the red blood light appears above the bloodstream. The next moment, red light started to convert the energy into mysterious white energies.

The white energies then immediately drilled into my bones. Right now, the bones below my hip are red bones.

The blood element method completely changes the bones making it more sturdier and powerful.

I can even mobilize the energy from this bone whenever it's needed. I named one such technique as a blood fist.

But as the red color starts to spread around my hip section. I feel the illusionary limit is loosening a bit.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Click!

After a few minutes, the shackles broke into pieces. At the same time, I felt a heavy burden being lifted off my shoulders.

The next moment, an invisible energy is changing my physique. Starting from bones to inner organs. My entire body structure is being improved.

"Initial Stage Super Elite," I said to myself.

I feel my bones have become wider and a lot more thickened. And the red bones give off a more menacing feeling.

A few minutes later,

The monster core crumbles into pieces. But one Class-5 Monster core is not enough. To stabilize the realm, I brought another monster core and started to cultivate.

Two hours later,

I stopped cultivating after stabilizing the realm. When I opened my eyes, I found thick black impurities covering my skin.

The bad smell attacked my nostrils. Seeing that I walked out of the training room. Then I went to take a shower.

10 minutes later,

I changed into a set of fresh clothes. After getting ready, I walked out of the building. I don't know how to react for a moment.

I only got a taste of mixed feelings in my heart.

On one hand, my body strength rose to Super Elite Strength. On the other hand, my essence cultivation is still at Mid-level-Elite.

I sighed inwardly. Then shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts.

Slowly, I reached the dining hall. After entering inside, I walked to the food counter. After receiving the food plate, I sat down on the nearby seat.

This time I got no company. Laverne and Ernest are both busy. Both of them are in retreat.

Looks like Michael's dedication has finally hit them. They missed him greatly. Both of them don't want to be left behind by Michael.

I put the thoughts back off my mind before eating food. I cut the pieces of mana steak neatly before tasting them one by one.

10 minutes later,

I walked out the building and headed to the training place. I want to test my new profound strength.

The Gravity Chamber is the best place to test it. On the way, I met the gazes of everyone.

Nowadays, everyone's gazes are normal. Earlier, people used to see me with envy, hatred and jealousy.

Now it has gone completely. Shortly after, I arrived at the gravity chamber. The gravity training room was as usual busy with warriors.

Fortunately, I saw one available empty chamber. Seeing that I walked in front of the chamber. The security system scanned my I.D

Creak~

The next second, the room opened.

Seeing that, I walked inside. Then I turned to the monitoring system to change the settings. I set it to gradual.

So that the gravitational pressure can rise from low to high level gradually.

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

I closed my eyes and waited for the gravitational force to work.

Vibration~

Right after, the gravitational pressure descends down. The 1st level pressure was normal. It wasn't able to cause any disturbance.

30 minutes later,

The 2nd level pressure appeared. Apart from minute tickling, I didn't feel anything. So I continued to meditate.

30 minutes later,

The 3rd level gravitational force appeared. Apart from slight pressure, it wasn't able to do anything. I continued to meditate under 3X pressure.