

## **BloodLine 551**

### Chapter 551 Suppressing The Black Dots

From MC's Perspective:

10 minutes later,

Small sweat beads dripped from my forehead. I thought that the healing element would eliminate the black dots. But the healing is slower compared to the spreading of the black dots all over my body.

When I found myself helpless. I decided to contact Jonathan. I opened my eyes and made a call to him.

The connection was established the next second. But he gave me a surprise.

Jonathan will be here in 5 seconds.

"What is he doing here?" I muttered to myself before leaving the practice room.

Then I walked toward the door.

Creak~

I opened the door and the next second I saw Jonathan's face. "Thank goodness, you are here," I said.

Jonathan's expression turned serious looking at Zack. He asked, "What happened to you?"

After saying that, he walked into the room.

I closed the door before starting to explain what happened to my body. Especially the appearance of black dots all over the inner organs.

At first, Jonathan's expression was calm. But after hearing he instantly appeared in front of Zack and started checking his body.

Seeing Jonathan's actions. I didn't stop him and let him observe the poison.

10 seconds later,

I asked, "Do you recognize the thing?"

Jonathan nodded before taking his hand off. His heart was boiling in anger. The black dots are colorless poison.

It's a rare poison. It was normally used to kill Advanced rank warriors. But someone dared to poison Zack with these cruel methods.

"Did you know who did it?" Jonathan asked. At the same time, he is thinking about the cure.

"I believe it happened during the duel," I answered.

Like the sudden realization. Jonathan's eyes lit up with surprise. He remembered Carlos' mumbling. That person was sure that something bad was going to happen to Zack.

Everything will come to light once he starts the interrogation. But before that, he needs to suppress the poison. He didn't have the antidote right now. But he knows who has it.

This colorless poison and its antidote is quietly popular among the influential circle. So he is going to make a trip.

He then takes out a high-grade healing pill from the storage ring. This healing pill was kept for emergency use. This pill works against the majority of poison.

Except in some rare cases such as colorless pills. He didn't expect someone to know this rare poison.

Jonathan decided to up his guard. Then he handed over the healing pill to Zack.

"This pill will help you suppress the black dots. They won't spread for at least a few hours. In the meantime, I will find the real antidote for this poison," Jonathan said.

I felt a huge weight lifted off my shoulder. If Jonathan recognizes the black dots. Then he must know the solution as well.

"Alright, I'm leaving now. We will discuss it later after finding the antidote for you," saying that, Jonathan walked to the door.

After sending him away, I closed the door and walked back to the practice room.

Sitting cross-legged, I swallowed the brown color healing pill. The next second, I felt a warm enemy running down my throat.

Then I started to run the wooden scripture. Then surprisingly the combination of the healing pill's energy and healing element is having a significant effect.

The black dots stopped spreading at a faster rate. Seeing that I felt the suppressed time might be longer because of my healing element's effectiveness.

A few minutes later,

I checked the body again after fully refining the energy. Seeing that the black dots stopped moving.

A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. Then I stood up and left the practice room. I went to take a shower.

20 minutes later,

After changing into fresh clothes, I simply lay down on the bed.

Meanwhile,

Jonathan arrived back at Carlos' mansion in the meantime. After using Carlos' I.D. card, he entered the practice room.

Seeing that Carlos is unconscious, he grew cold. He strongly believes that Zack's poisoning was something to do with him.

So he hurriedly came back to check Carlos' storage ring. He then walked forward to do the checking.

He easily destroyed the mind imprints and started to check the resources. There are many rare and high-grade resources stored in the storage ring.

But Jonathan's mind was set on finding the cure. After doing careful checking, he retracts back his consciousness.

His face showed disappointment. As there was no poison pill or antidote in it. "I have to use my connections," Jonathan mumbled under his breath.

Carlos was drugged. It will take some time for him to regain consciousness. So in the meantime, Jonathan decided to leave.

Right now, finding a cure for Zack is more important than interrogating this person. He then left the room.

A few seconds later,

He appeared outside of Viper City in mid-air. He turned back and took a good look at the city before moving toward the destination.

Right after, he left.

Carlos Kent's watch was lit up with a notification sound. Someone is calling him. But he is not in the condition to attend the call.

The person who made the call was none other than the Giant Tower Headmaster. He wants to know the status of Zack Lockwood right now.

But unfortunately, no one could answer him right now.

Time passed,

The news about Zack's win started to make rounds. The duel videos are trending online. Some new students are equally surprised by watching Eurice Frye's mutated water elemental's power.

Because of it, the crowd started to gather in front of the male dorm building. All the male faction members want to meet Zack.

It's still daytime. So some are expecting Zack to appear outside. But to their disappointment, this is not going to happen.

As time passed, some people realized that they were waiting in vain. So they started to walk away. While others are waiting.

Some warriors started to post this on the online social media site as well. They are hoping that Zack will appear outside after reading the post.

Right now, not only the warriors are keeping an eye on the dorm building but the teachers and elders are as well.

Even the dean herself had warned the protectors. So both guardians continued to monitor the dorm building.

Meanwhile,

Eurice Frye is also watching the development. She is watching for a different reason. She wanted to know when the academy would find out that Zack is dead.

"These people are unnecessarily waiting for him. He might be reading right now," She said to herself.

Then she saw the post about her and the teacher. A complex glint flashes in her eyes. She had chosen to hide this news from her.

She doesn't want to meet her right now. She can find something. Elder Alice has been guiding her for a long time.

So she was aware of her reactions. Eurice thinks that Elder Alice would raise questions about the duel.

Because she admitted defeat in front of the whole crowd. And she still had essence left to use at that time.

After carefully thinking about it, Eurice decided to avoid her for the time being.

An hour later,

Jonathan reaches the magnanimous city. It is many times more luxurious and larger than Tier-6 cities of the academies.

This was built on a different scale. But Jonathan directly flew over the city. He is speeding in mid-air toward the specific direction.

After a few seconds, he appeared in front of the high-rise circular building. This building is a chamber of commerce.

Jonathan showed the privileged cards to the guards before entering inside.

The guards were stunned in disbelief. Because the star markings on the card were high in numbers.

This was something only founders can have.

The guards knew how to shut their mouths. So after the initial surprise, they recovered their expression back.

Jonathan appeared on the top floor. There was someone already waiting for him in the guest room.

After entering inside, a fat middle-aged man is reading the magazine. But after sensing the presence of Jonathan. He placed the book on the table before starting the greeting.

"Jonathan, what a pleasant surprise?"

"I never expected to see you here soon," The middle-aged man greeted with a smile.

"It's good to see you again Peter. But I'm here for an urgent matter."

"Did you bring the antidote with you?" Jonathan impatiently asked back.

The middle-aged man's smile disappeared. Then he nodded his head in understanding. He brought the cure potion with him.

He then handed it over to Jonathan.

Jonathan's eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

He asked, "What's the cost?"

The middle-aged man smiled before saying, "I can tell that the cure is for an important person. Otherwise, you wouldn't have rushed here."

"So take it as a gift from me," He added further.

Jonathan squinted his eyes. He placed the cure in the storage ring before turning to the middle-aged man.

"I know about you. Tell me what do you want?" Jonathan asked straightforwardly to him.

Chapter 552 Part 1: Interrogation

From MC's perspective:

andasnovel.com Peter wasn't surprised by Jonathan's words. But he was interested in the poisoned person. Who can make Jonathan come this far? If he says it out loud, it will offend him.

Then he shook his head in denial and said, "I'm serious. You can take this cure with you. If I need something in future, I'll tell you."

Jonathan's eyebrows eased down a little bit. There was nothing free in this world. He thinks there is a calculation behind Peter's words.

But right now there was no time to think about it.



He said, "Alright, I'm leaving."

After saying that Jonathan left the room. The middle aged man Peter sat back in his seat. He believes sooner or later he will meet Jonathan.

Maybe during that time. He can collect more information.

A few hours later,

Jonathan comes back to Viper City. He didn't go to Carlos' mansion. Rather he is going straight to the academy.

Saw Scaled Viper Academy:

Dorm room,

When I was laying down in the bed. I woke up because of the message. After reading the message. I stepped out and walked to the door.

I opened it but I saw no one standing outside.

"Where is he?" I mumbled under my breath.

I thought Jonathan was back. Looks like he is still on his way. Shaking my head, I went back to sit down on the couch.

Several minutes later,

Jonathan entered the room. Seeing him, I stood up from the couch.

Before I could ask, he handed over something to me. When I looked at the potion bottle. A hint of understanding flashes in my eyes.

"It's a cure. Don't worry, the colorless poison will be eliminated," Jonathan said.

Hearing his words, I sighed in relief.

"You can consume the potion right now. "

"I have some important work to do. I'll call you later," After saying that Jonathan left the room.

From the beginning to the end, he didn't think about the efficiency of the cure.

After closing the door, I entered the practice room. I don't know where he acquired it. Because the potion bottle itself looks expensive.

Sitting cross-legged, I opened the cork and drank the liquid in one go.

The warm energy entered my organs. Then I started to run the wooden scripture. The next second, I started to feel hot all over my body.

Gritting my teeth, I began to observe the situation of the inner organs.

The black dots are reacting violently. The cure seems to be a natural enemy. Together with the healing element of mine.

They are starting to attack the black dots. Seeing the reactions, a hint of relief flashes in my eyes.

The cure is working fine. It was a lot more effective than the pill I had consumed a few hours ago.

The healing energy is slowly erasing the black dots all over my body.

Seeing that, I continued to refine the energy.

30 minutes later,

A rosy complexion appeared back on my face. The feeling of draining was not anymore. Right now, there were no black dots inside the body.

The cure has done its work. But I didn't get up from the ground. There are some lingering energies left. I'm going to utilize them fully.

Meanwhile,

By the time, Jonathan was already in the Carson Mansion.

Right now, he is standing in front of Carlos Kent in the practice room. The effect of the drug is slowly getting over.

It will be a matter of minutes before he fully regains his consciousness.

10 minutes later,

"Hmm," Carlos Kent started to wake up. When he regained his clarity. He felt the splitting headache the next moment.

For a second he felt blank. He took some seconds to adjust his thoughts. But when did it happen? His expression changes drastically.

He recalled what happened to him? Before losing consciousness, he was standing in the spectator area.

"Who are you?" Jonathan asked. He realized someone was standing in front of him.

But when he saw the unfamiliar face. He was shocked to the core. He doesn't know the identity of the person.

He is an SSS-Elite Warrior. No one can knock him out. Unless the dean or the Supreme Elder does it. But who was he?

Carlos confirms that the person standing in front of him was the reason for losing his consciousness.

But right now, he can't even ask it in a threatening tone. He understands that the person might be stronger than him.

What is the concept? Apart from the Supreme Elder, he didn't feel danger from other warriors.

This person was the 2nd time.

Jonathan watched his behavior and heard his words. He can tell that Carlos is behaving normally. Now he can start the interrogation.

"I'm going to ask you several questions. But you have to tell me everything without hiding the truth."

"If not, worse may happen. You will end up dead. You might not even know about it," Jonathan said.

Carlos Kent's eyes widened in disbelief.

Not only because of these words. But he also found he wasn't able to mobilize the essential energy in his body.

Like someone had put a restraint on his body.

"What did you do to me?" Carlos Kent asked.

The next second, a monstrous coercion released from the body.

Carlos Kent felt suffocating under the pressure. His expression turned pale with fright. The coercion alone tells you that person belongs to a different league.

SSS- elite warriors like him are trembling under the coercion.

The next moment, the pressure disappeared.

Carlos Kent collapsed on the ground. His body is twitching. Huge storm set off in his heart. The pressure was many times stronger than the Supreme Elder.

He knew the person didn't intend to attack him. Otherwise, he would have blasted into pieces from the coercion alone.

Carlos Kent's entire back was drenched in sweat. He looks like a weak shrimp. Earlier, haughtiness faded away from his eyes.

An extreme fear flashes in his eyes.

He didn't remember offending a person like him. What is going on?

"Are you going to cooperate?" Jonathan asked.

Jonathan heavily nodded his head before saying, "Sir, let me live in the end. I will tell you everything."

Carlos Demaneor totally changed. He recognized the strength of this person. Right now, he wants to save his life.

"Okay," Jonathan said with a smile. He appreciates the person who recognises the reality.

"Now, tell me. Why are you targeting Zack Lockwood?" Jonathan asked. At the same time, he locked Carlos Kent by using coercion.

Carlos Kent felt soul leave his body for a second.

"Zack Lockwood"

He trembled in fear the next second. He was wondering? When did he offend a person like him?

But now he realizes apart from Zack Lockwood. He was not targeting anyone.

Seeing that person is looking at him. Words failed to come out from his mouth. How can he tell him?

If this person has something to do with Zack Lockwood. There is no way he will survive after the questioning.

Seeing that coercion is increasing. An extreme fear took over his heart.

"Sir?" Carlos uttered.

"You live or die. It depends on my mood."

"So don't waste my time," Jonathan said in a cold tone.

Carlos shuddered in fear. He felt it was over. There was no running away from it. He can't even stand against the coercion.

How can he fight against him? His eyes dimmed. Carlos accepted reality. Like the person said. He doesn't want to anger him.

"Sir, the Giant Tower Headmaster asked me to kill Zack Lockwood," Carlos said.

A quick glint flashes in Jonathan's eyes.

His suspicion was now confirmed. There was something wrong with the Giant Tower Management.

The Headmaster was acting on his own. The inner elders are kept in the dark.

"Why does he want to see Zack Lockwood dead?" Jonathan asked.

Hearing that Jonathan was stunned. This was something that even confused him.

"It's something that I found strange. Their Academy doesn't seem to take Zack Lockwood seriously. But their Headmaster is after Zack Lockwood's life," He replied.

"Interesting," Jonathan muttered, nodding his head.

"Tell me how?" Jonathan asked back.

Carlos Kent then started to explain his doubts. Starting from the gathering incident to the bedrock incident.

A few minutes later,

He revealed his colorless poison scheme.

Jonathan's eyes grew cold. Now after hearing that the colorless poison pill was the idea of this person.

He released a monstrous coercion. The pressure instantly crushed Carlos to the ground.

Boom~

The power was so huge that the practice room started to shake. The coercion was targeted on Carlos' body. If not the entire practise room would have blown up into pieces.

Pfff~

Blood splattered on the ground. Several bones were broken in his body. His meridians are slightly damaged.

He was a step away from becoming crippled. That too because Jonathan kept his hands.

Carlos's heart was in turmoil. From this power he can tell that the Supreme Elder was no way near the person.

"It's just a coercion but it can make him crippled" A bitter smile appeared on Carlos's face.

Chapter 553 Part 2: Interrogation

The Viper City:

Jonathan's heart is boiling in anger. He never expected the person in front of him was behind the colorless poison. And that girl who admitted defeat was the culprit as well.



He didn't expect the academy to have rotten apples like them. Right now, he decided to set focus on the Giant Tower Headmaster.

That person seems way more dangerous than Carlos Kent. After gaining some clarity in thoughts, he turned to Carlos Kent.

"Do you want to live?" Jonathan asked.

Hearing that, Carlos nodded his head in disbelief. He thought his life was over. But he was surprised by this silver of hope.

"Yes!"

"Sir, I want you to live. Give me a chance to correct my mistakes," Carlos asked.

Jonathan sneered inside. Instead of killing that person, he decided to make use of this person. He wants to know who is behind the Giant Tower Headmaster.

His action doesn't seem like he was acting individually. There must be someone behind him.

"Hereafter, you should act like everything is normal. I want you to find out about the Giant Tower Headmaster," Jonathan said.

Carlos Kent was quick witted. He instantly understands the meaning behind the words. Like he had suspected the Giant Tower Headmaster.

The person in front of him also thinks the same.

"Sir, I will complete the task," Carlos replied.

"Wait, not only that. I want you to be responsible for Zack Lockwood's protection as well," Jonathan said.

Carlos Kent's mouth twitches. He admitted his mistake. Zack Lockwood is someone he didn't dare to offend.

This person already taught him a lesson.

Jonathan saw through his thoughts. Then he added further, "Well, don't tell anyone about this including the dean and the supreme elder."

Carlos Kent was surprised. He then remembered Eurice Frye.

"Sir, that girl Eurice knows me. I'm afraid she will spill the beans later," Carlos voiced out of his concern.

"I will leave it to Zack Lockwood. He will decide what to do?"

"Here, take my number. Update me frequently. If he asks to do something again, instead try to find out more details about him."

"I'm leaving right now. And don't forget about my words. Your life depends on your performance," After saying that Jonathan left the mansion.

Carlos Kent stood alone. His complexion was not better. He was deeply injured earlier. He was still holding on because of the life line that person gave.

He then sat cross-legged on the ground and took out the high grade healing pills to heal himself.

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(From MC's perspective)

20 minutes later,

I walked out of the practice room completely healed. Then I went to take a shower.

Several minutes later,

I changed to a fresh set of clothes. By that time, I decided to lay down. I heard someone knocking on the door.

"Jonathan?" I muttered. It must be him. Then I walked to the door.

When I opened the door. Unsurprisingly, the person was Jonathan.

Then I greeted him inside. After closing the door, I turned toward him and asked, "What happened?"

"Did you find out the culprit?" I asked. The unknown poison gave me great fear earlier. Fortunately, Jonathan was here.

He was able to find the cure. If not, it's difficult to imagine the consequences.

Jonathan squinted his eyes. He observed Zack's condition. He knew the cure would be effective. But looking at Zack's healthy condition.

He thinks that the cure was a grade higher. Peter's heart would bleed. If he knows the true worth of the cure.

Then removing the thoughts, he began to speak. It took Jonathan a few minutes to explain compared to the time taken by Carlos.

"He was too greedy," I said in a cold tone. Carlos Kent was a really greedy fox. He didn't mind offending the academy to seek his interest.

At the same time, thinking about the Giant Tower Headmaster. I'm feeling bad. As expected they are not targeting me for being a genius lightning student.

There must be a bigger reason behind this.

"Jonathan?"

"What should I do now?" I asked. I agree with Jonathan's method of handling. He didn't kill Carlos Kent, rather he decided to use him to find out the people behind the scenes.

In this way, we will soon find out the enemy.

"Young master, you should focus on raising your strength from now on"

"You only have 1 and a half years left. The current struggles are nothing compared to what you are going to face in future," Jonathan said.

For him the current situation was nothing. If he wants he can easily go to the Giant Tower Academy and infiltrate their place to investigate.

But he doesn't want to attract too much attention. He came here on his own. If his existence were known, it would create an unwanted situation. So he had made the decision to use Carlos Kent.

On the other hand, I sighed inwardly. I don't know whether Jonathan is exaggerating or not. Because what could be worse than this place.

All the faction members here want to pull me down. It's even harder to cultivate lightning essence here.

Shaking my head, I pushed down these thoughts. At least, I don't have to worry about Carlos Kent anymore.

"Alright, I'm leaving. If you encounter any problem in future, you can contact Carlos Kent. He is working for me"

"And it's up to you to make a decision on Eurice Frye's actions," Jonathan said.

"Eurice Frye," I gritted my teeth in anger. She is another woman greedy for resources. I don't know whether the dean told her about me or not.

Before I could think further, Jonathan's words reached my ears.

"If you want to hear my advice, I can tell you," Jonathan said.

Hearing that my expression turned solemn and nodded my head at him.

Jonathan replied,"Don't kill her. Until your stay in this academy."

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. This was not suited with the character of Jonathan. I had seen him taking care of enemies before.

But forgiveness was not his choice back then.

Jonathan saw through his thoughts. He chuckled and said,"Young master, don't trust this academy."

"What?" I blurted out in surprise.

Jonathan's expression turned to surprise. He said,"The supreme elder's inaction until now raises many doubts."

My heart set off storms. I thought Carlos Kent was a big hurdle. But if the Supreme Elder becomes an enemy, then there will be no place safe in the academy.

"Don't worry, I'm assuming that something is wrong. When I go back. I will inform the master."

"He can easily find out the information by using his powers. Until then, don't travel too much. And don't tell anyone about the uneven mountain peak for the time being."

"I don't know how many people are hiding in the dark. Until I get information on the Giant Tower Headmaster, it's better for you to stay low key in the academy," Jonathan said.

A look of understanding appeared on my face, but I asked, "What about the dean?"

"She saw me using the lightning element today. She will definitely question me later."

Jonathan doesn't have a good opinion of the dean. She feels incompetent at him.

"Just lie to her. Tell her that you received resources from the Master. She won't question you anymore," Jonathan said.

I nodded my head at him. Then we spoke for a few minutes before he left the room.

After closing the door, I walked to the bed and simply laid down on it. I'm having a small headache right now.

If not for Jonathan's revelation, I wouldn't have known so many things happening behind my back.

Why is the Giant Tower Headmaster targeting me?"

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The Tower City:

The Giant Tower Headmaster came to this bustling city in disguise. He disguised himself as an old shopkeeper.

But the disguise was perfect for a place like this. In this way, no one will pay attention to him.

After walking into the inn, he booked a private room.

When he entered the room. He didn't remove his disguise. Rather he sat down on the chair and waited for someone to appear.

Shortly after,

Someone knocked on the door. Right after, the headmaster quickly went up to open the door.

Creak~

The door opened,

A person in disguise walked inside the room.

The headmaster placed a barrier around this room. So that no one can listen to their conversation.

The person in disguise is none other than the middle man who gave orders to the headmaster from time to time.

"Now, tell me. Is he dead?" The person in disguise asked.

The Headmaster broke out in cold sweat.

"As far now, that kid was indeed poisoned. But his current status is unknown," The headmaster said.

Hearing that the person remained silent.

"Can you verify his death right now?" He asked.

The headmaster nodded his head before calling Carlos Kent once again.

On the other hand, Carlos Kent was focused on healing himself. The sudden notification broke his concentration again.

Looking at the caller's name, his heart boils in anger. Right after Jonathan left he checked the communication watch.

After seeing the numerous missed calls, he then texted the Giant Tower Headmaster saying that Zack Lockwood poisoned.

Carlos expected this person not to disturb him until tomorrow. So he was pissed off by the sudden call right now.

Chapter 554 Laverne's trouble

Tower City:

The person disguised in black looked at the Giant Tower Headmaster.

The Giant Tower Headmaster's back turned cold. He knew the mood of this middle man. If he offends him, then there will be no place to hide.



He was playing the role of a pawn. Which can be removed any time. So he is hoping that Carlos will attend his call.

Suddenly, the connection was established.

Seeing that a hint of relief flashes in his eyes.

He asked, "Carlos, are you there?"

From the other end of the call, an impatient voice sounded.

"Headmaster, I have told you before that kid was poisoned. Now everyone is staring at his dorm room."

"It's not the best time to confirm his death. Instead it will only raise suspicion, if I go there," Carlos said.

At this time, the eyes of a person in disguise flickered. He came here to confirm the death of Zack Lockwood.

But it looks Like it's not gonna happen at this time.

The Giant Tower Headmaster frowned. From the side eyes, he is observing the expression of a man in disguise.

But he failed to spot anything.

Then the person in disguise signaled him to end the call.

The Giant Tower Headmaster nodded his head before saying, "Carlos, call me soon. When you confirm that kid's death."

After saying that he ended the call. Then he turned toward the person in disguise.

"Sir, what should I do now?" He asked.

"What is the character of this person?" The person in disguise asked. At this moment, he is thinking of using the person named Carlos Kent.

The Giant Tower Headmaster was stunned. Then he replied, "Sir, this person is extremely greedy. I exhausted nearly half of the treasure vault for his breakthrough."

The person in disguise remained silent for a moment.

"Try to lure him to our side," The person in disguise said.

Hearing that the Giant Tower Headmaster hesitated. It's not that he doesn't want to offend him.

In order to lure, it's inevitable to share some of the secrets. Otherwise, why would another person join him? When it comes to Carlos Kent.

That person was extremely cautious. It won't be easy to lure him without offering anything in return.

The person in disguise saw through his struggle and asked, "What's bothering you?"

The Giant Tower Headmaster nodded his head before starting speaking.

"You can tell him a few things indirectly," The person in disguise said.

Then they spoke a few minutes before leaving the room.

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From MC's perspective:

The following day,

After getting ready, I left the room. When I stepped out of the dorm building. I saw a group of warriors waiting for me.

"This?" I stopped my footsteps for a moment.

Looks like the effect of yesterday's duel is still working. This is going to trouble me for a few days.

The duel win has gathered good popularity. Now there are people gathered from different factions who simply want to get to know Zack Lockwood.

Ignoring their gazes, I started walking to the dining hall.

Soon, I reached the place. As usual two people are waiting for me. They are none other than Ernest and Laverne.

Looking at Zack's good complexion. Both sighed in relief.

Ernest and Laverne quickly came forward.

"Zack, you look better now," Laverne commented.

I smiled in response.

"Let's go inside, we have something to tell you," Ernest said.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes. Both of them looked at each other before turning toward me.

"Alright," I agreed, then we walked inside the dining hall.

I don't know what they are going to say? But their faces looked solemn.

Soon we received our food plate from the counter and found a gathering.

Even though it's late to have breakfast at this time. But people are good place to sit down. At the same time, a crowd is slowly gathering.

Even though it's late to have breakfast at this time. But people are simply entering the dining hall.

"Your fame has simply risen to a new level."

"They are here for you," Laverne said.

I shook my head in response.

Then I started to cut the monster meat into pieces and took a bite. I almost forgot about their earlier words and started to enjoy the food.

When I realized the faces of Ernest and Laverne are extremely grave. I placed the forks on the plate and asked, "What happened?"

"If you are worrying about Carlos Kent, don't worry he won't be bothering us anymore," I added further.

Apart from this, I couldn't think of anything else troubling them.

But Ernest and Laverne's expressions remained with them.

"What?" I asked.

Ernest sighed before saying, "Michael is going to end his retreat. He texted me last night."

"Michael?" I uttered in surprise.

I remember he was the group leader of these two. It's that after his retreat these guys began to team up with me.

But what's with him? As far as I know, that person was not troublesome. Is there anything else? I don't know about him.

I squinted my eyes.

"You guys can tell me anything. I'll try my best to help you guys out," I replied.

When I uttered those words. Laverne's eyes become misty. She is on the verge of breaking down.

"What happened?" I asked. I never saw her shedding tears before. Even during a fight against a group of rogue warriors. She fought bravely.

So what happened now? I couldn't understand what is happening right now? I turned towards Ernest.

I asked, "Ernest, tell me. What is going on?"

Laverne controlled her emotions.

Ernest shook his head before asking, "What do you think of Michael?"

Hearing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

"Don't tell me. He is another arrogant ," I replied in a calm tone.

But seeing Ernest nodding his head. My eyes widened in disbelief..

"Michael was not an innocent person as you think. Both Michael's family and Laverne's family are living in the same city."

"Michael's father wants to suppress Laverne's family. If Michael breakthroughs then their power will be increased," Ernest said.

Hearing that I somewhat understand their situation. It's normal to have competition between these families.

But it was not that life threatening matter.

Ernest saw the doubts of Zack. So he explained again.

"Michael's father has some connections with other academies. If their family power increases again, then the Laverne family would suffer heavy loss."

"Laverne fears that her father's life would be in danger," Ernest added.

Hearing that a look of understanding dawned on me.

"What about Michael?" I asked.

Ernest didn't hide it anymore and said, "He will definitely pressure Laverne to surrender her. In this way, their family can get more resources."

"In the end it's all about resources," I muttered. Carlos Kent has changed sides because he lacked resources in the academy.

Dean wants me to participate in the year end conference. So that the academy can gain more quota for resources.

And here, Michael's family is eyeing Laverne's family for resources. Is there any place where warriors can cultivate with peace of mind?

I shook my head and asked, "So what should I do?"

At this moment, Laverne opened her mouth to speak. "I want you to request the dean for help. If she moves her hand, it will be easily resolved," Laverne said.

After spending time with me, these two are aware that I have a connection with the dean. But it's lending a hand.

I nodded my head and said, "Don't worry, I'll ask her."

Only after, I see their expressions become better.

10 minutes later,

After having breakfast, I separated from them. Before leaving I once again promised them. Shaking my head, I started heading toward the dean's office.

On the way, I couldn't help but think of Michael. I thought he was a nice senior. But their family got wolf ambition.

They really want to swallow Laverne's family. But if her information is true then, then the Michael family is not simple.

If they had connections with other academies, then they wouldn't be stopped by my threats or other genius warriors studying in the academy.

Only the dean's words can deter them. After pushing down these thoughts, I increased my pace.

A few minutes later,

I arrived before her cabin. Before I could also ask for permission. The door opened automatically.

Seeing that I walked inside the room. Dean Rebecca is working behind the desk as usual.

I was disappointed with her actions earlier. But now Carlos Kent has changed sides. So earlier anger disappeared from my heart.

But suddenly, I recalled Jonathan's words. The supreme elder is a troublesome person. I still have to up my guard.

Rebecca noticed Zack then she asked him to sit down.

After stopped doing her work, she turned toward Zack. Her eyes observed Zack's body. "True," She found the purple essence. And Zack's complexion seems a lot better as well.

"Zack?"

"Can you tell me?"

"Where did you find the purple essence?" She asked.



Hearing that I sighed inwardly. But I didn't show any emotions on my face. I knew she would ask me this question. But I remembered Jonathan's words.

"I used the emergency resources," I replied.

"Emergency resources?" Rebecca frowned.

Then I started to tell a plain lie. After a few minutes, Rebecca relaxed her eyebrows. She didn't expect the person behind Zack would help him in this way.

Chapter 555 Michael was back

From MC's perspective:

Rebecca didn't doubt Zack's words. Because the guardians reported that Zack didn't go outside. Considering both of their words, she let go of her doubts.

Looking at Zack, she said, "I know your difficulties. That's why I have been keeping an eye on reports. There is a place close to our border."

"Someone from our border patrol team saw thunder and lightning flashing at the top of the mountain."

Hearing that, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle. "Why does it feel like an uneven mountain canyon?" I said in my heart.

But I put a surprised expression on my face. I asked, "Dean, where is it located?"

"Can I visit that place?"

Rebecca wasn't surprised by Zack's reaction. She nodded her head before saying, "That place is called Uneven Mountains. But the place is located far away from the academy."

When I heard those words. My mouth twitches. But I recovered my expression soon.

"But don't worry, I have arranged 2 elders for you. They will guide you to that place," Rebecca added further.

A hint of relief flashes in my eyes. I was worried earlier about the journey. But the dean has arranged at the right time.

Suddenly, I thought of something.

I looked at her and said, "Dean, one more thing."

"Lara is facing some problems," After saying that I started to explain. I told her about Michael and his family.

At first, Rebecca showed a calm expression. But when she heard the interference of another academy,

Her eyes flickered with a cold glint.

"Your accusations are serious. Are you sure?" Rebecca asked.

I nodded my head.

"Ernest and Laverne are serious about this. They don't seem to be lying to me," I answered.

"Alright, I will look into this matter. You can go now," Rebecca said.

Hearing that I sighed inwardly before leaving the room.

After walking out of the building, I couldn't help but frown. I don't know whether she will investigate.

Shaking my head, I walked straight to the Gravity Practice Room. It's been a long time since I entered the room.

Meanwhile,

A person walked out of the practice room. He is none other than Michael Blevins. After walking out of the room, the first thing he did was contact the family.

Right after, the call was connected. An excited voice from the other end of the call.

"Son, you are back. Did you break through or not?"

Hearing the excited voice, his eyes flickered.

Michael's face showed a myriad of expressions. Before entering the seclusion, he made up his mind not to leave until he gets a breakthrough.

But unfortunately, he remained in the same base. He is still at Super Elite Peak Stage. His essence was at the limit.

Yet he wasn't able to sense the barrier. Unless he stumbles upon an opportunity.

"Michael, are you there?" The next words broke his thoughts.

"Father, not yet. But you can proceed with your plan. I will convince Laverne," He answered in a cold tone.

But the voice on the other end abruptly stopped. After a few seconds, the voice sounded again.

"Alright, I'll call you later."

Michael stood in the same position for a moment. Then looking outside, he muttered in a slow tone, "Laverne, I can't let your family be a stumbling block to our family's dreams."

After saying that he left the place.

On the other hand, Ernest and Laverne weren't aware that Michael had ended his retreat. They are still planning to enter the monster zones later.

Time passed,

After coming back to my room. I was immediately contacted by Laverne and Ernest. We have a schedule for noon today. After promising them, I went to take a shower.

30 minutes later,

I stepped out of the dorm building and walked to the Teleportation Tower. On the way, I came across many warriors.

Some stopped their movements and turned toward me. While others want me to talk to them. Ignoring everyone, I walked to the place.

When I reached the place. I saw Ernest and Laverne waiting for me. Seeing that I walked toward them.

"I spoke to the dean. She assured me that she will look into Michael's family," I said.

Hearing that Laverne's expression turned better.

"If the dean intervenes, then Michael's father will stay low-key. He won't dare to show his ambition anymore.

"Finally, there is some good news," Ernest said with a smile.

But before we could express our happiness.

"What good news?"

"I want to hear as well."

A voice reached our ears. Ernest and Laverne's faces change drastically. Both of their feet turned cold.

When I turned around, I saw a familiar person again. He is none other than Michael Blevins.

My expression turned grave. But then I found something. He didn't break through.

"Zack, you are here as well. How have you been?" Michael asked. He didn't know that his family's intentions were known to them. He is behaving as usual.

At the same time, I saw through his thoughts. This guy didn't know anything.

"Ernest?"

"Laverne?"

"What happened to both of you?" Michael asked. He spotted their change in expression. But he doesn't know the reasons.

Ernest recovered his expression and commented, "Michael, we are just discussing which monster zone to enter. Fortunately, you came back in time."

Hearing that Laverne also controlled her emotions.

"That's right. Senior brother, you should have contacted us before. We might have waited for your return," I said.

A trace of disappointment flashes in Michael's eyes. He didn't expect Zack to glue with his group during his absence.

Then ignoring him, he turned his attention to Laverne.

"Zack, can you leave?"

"I have something to talk to both of them about," Michael said.

Ernest and Laverne looked at each other. Ernest was quick-witted. He already guessed what he was going to talk about. Unconsciously he turned to Zack.

Seeing that Laverne also turned to Zack.

"This?" I raised my eyebrows in surprise. I found some hatred in Michael's tone. Which is understandable. But regarding his question.

I saw Ernest and Laverne looking at me with pleading eyes. Then I made a firm decision.

"Senior brother, you can freely talk now. I'm not going to leave them," Saying that, I pointed my fingers toward both of them.

Michael's eyes turned cold. But at the same time, he was surprised by Zack's boldness. As far as he knows, Zack didn't join any of the monster zone trips with them except one.

Because of his lack of strength, he stayed away from the Special Faction's common house as well.

"What happened during my absence?" Michael muttered to himself.

Then he asked, "Ernest and Laverne, are you guys sure?" His voice sounded a little bit cold.

"Brother, you didn't know that. Zack and I became friends during your absence. He is one of us right now," Ernest said with a smile.

But his heart is beating at a fast rate. He was aware of Michael's temper. He is not an easygoing person.

"Oh, things have come this far," Michael said with a smile. But his smile was not at all good.

He coldly looked at Zack before coming back to the topic.

"Alright, I will be straightforward. Laverne, I want your father to support mine. My father wants to unify the city."

"He doesn't like that major resources going to unqualified families. I hope your father understands our concerns," Michael said.

Laverne's face turned cold. This is not about supporting but Michael wants her father to submit. This is not going to happen.

"Zack?" She uttered, looking at Zack.

Hearing the conversation, I sighed inwardly. When I joined the academy. I thought that the three of them are good friends.

But now I have realized they formed a group together. Because two of them are from the same city. But I don't know about Ernest's background though.

Shaking my head, I stepped forward.

Looking at Michael, I asked, "Senior brother, you are making things difficult for Sister Laverne."

"Are you not afraid of the academy?"

Michael was calm before he let out a small chuckle.

"Academy?"

"Do you know how city administration works?" Michael asked.

Hearing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

Seeing the silent expressions of the three of them. Michael said, "Things were different before. Where each family head's strength was equal."

"As per academy rules, if my father gets a breakthrough, he can request the academy for assistance."

"The academy wants a strong person to be in charge of the city. My father's ambitions are within the rules."

At the same time, the faces of Ernest and Laverne showed some changes. My eyes quickly spotted their reactions.

"No wonder, the dean was a little responsive. She must have thought about it. But foreign academy's intervention can't be ruled out," I said in my heart.

"Did your father get a breakthrough?" Laverne asked. She heard from her father that Michael's father broke through not long ago. So what's happening right now?



Michale revealed a mysterious smile on his face.

"Laverne, choose carefully. Don't use the academy's name to press us. We are acting within the academy's rules."

"If you don't like it, ask your father to raise his strength as well. Maybe our city can return to the old days," Michael replied before walking away from the place.

Laverne stood petrified on the spot.

Chapter 556 Dean's Solution

From MC's perspective:

"I think you should stop talking like that Senior," I said to Michael.

My words stunned Michael and others. Ernest looked at me with a pleading gaze. Laverne's mind was blank.

If Michael continues this attitude, this might affect her.

Michael Blevins furrowed his eyebrows. The Younger brother of the faction was acting out of his place. Have they become closer during my absence?

Michael's face turned dark. He was stronger than Zack. So he doesn't mind teaching one or two things.

"Zack, I know you have some kind of backing. But don't interfere in this matter. I'm not doing anything illegal or going against the academy rules."

"If you choose to intervene, then you will face consequences," Michael replied. Then after taking a look at Laverne and Ernest. He left the place.

Looking at his back, I frowned. From his words, I'm certain that the academy won't say anything on this issue.

"Zack, thank you for your help. But this issue was not as light as you think," Ernest opened his mouth to comment.

If he had intervened earlier, then Michael would have gotten angrier.

I nodded at him before turning towards Laverne.

"Senior Sister, I'll talk to the dean. I believe there will be some way to end this issue smoothly," I said to her.

Laverne raised her head to look at Zack. Hereafter, only Zack can save their family from getting oppressed.

"Thank you," Laverne answered. But she was not alright.

Seeing that I sighed inwardly. Then we spoke for a few more minutes before parting ways.

Michael's appearance spoiled our mood and plans. So we decided to go to the monster zone some other day.

On the way, I couldn't help but think of Michael. That guy's changeover was bigger than I had thought. It's hard to accept his real face.

Sigh~

A sigh escaped from my mouth. Soon I reached my room. After changing clothes, I lay down on the bed.

The following day,

9 AM,

After leaving the dorm building, I started to head toward the dining hall. Yesterday, I promised Laverne and Ernest to solve their troubles.

Maybe I should talk to the dean in the morning hours.

After gaining some clarity, I increased my pace. Soon I reached the dining hall. But to my surprise,

One person was missing. Ernest was standing alone and waiting for me. I walked up to him and asked, "What happened to her?"

Ernest looked depressed. From his face, one can tell that things are not right.

"Laverne left for home yesterday. She wanted to meet her family," He replied.

Hearing that I remained silent. After calming down my heart, I uttered, "Let's go."

Then we walked into the hall and received the food plate from the counter. There is not much to talk about.

We found empty seats to sit down. Then both of us started to eat slowly. From time to time, I couldn't help but look at Ernest.

"Is he hiding something from me?" I said in my heart.

Then pushing down these thoughts, I continued to eat. Due to Laverne's problem, I almost forgot the surrounding gazes on me.

After having breakfast, we walked out of the place.

"Let's go to the dean right now," I said.

Hearing that Ernest's complexion turned better. He didn't expect Zack to act soon. But as long as they can get the dean's help. Everything would be fine.

Then both of us started heading toward the office.

A few minutes late,

We arrived before her cabin. Ernest showed some hesitation. Because we came here without informing her.

But her cabin door opened automatically the next.

Seeing that I smiled and walked inside. Ernest followed my steps after some shock.

Creak~

The door then closed automatically.

"Zack"

"Ernest Kirk"

"What are you guys doing here?" Rebecca asked with a doubtful gaze. She was surprised to see them today.

Then we sat opposite her. Ernest was not in the mood to initiate the conversation.

"Dean, we need your help," After saying that I started to explain Laverne's situation.

At first, Rebecca didn't show any emotions. But as time passed, she knitted her beautiful eyebrows.

The trouble faced by Laverne's family was not small. When the city was first developed. The academy set this condition for them.

If Michael Blevins's father wants to be in charge of the city, then as per academy rules. No one can interfere.

A hint of complexity flashes in her eyes. She has the authority to reverse this decision. But she also knows that it would cause a severe backlash.

The academy's reputation would be tainted. From Zack's words, she can tell that Michael's family is domineering.

And their family head won't stay silent. After some careful thinking, she said, "It's not easy to revoke the decision. But we can settle Laverne's family somewhere."

Hearing that Ernest and I looked at each other. I think this was the best option. Academy won't take their steps back that easily.

"Thank you, Dean. We will inform her," Ernest replied.

Rebecca suddenly thought of something.

She said, "Ernest you can go now. I have something to talk to Zack about."

Hearing that Ernest left the place with a bright mood.

"Zack, are you ready to visit the uneven mountain?" Rebecca asked. She thought it was the best time to visit the uneven mountain.

As long as Zack can increase his strength before the year ends, then it would be good for the academy.

"Right now?" I asked back. I almost forgot about the uneven mountain.

Laverne's problem-filled my mind. I didn't even think about the trip. Then looking at the dean, I nodded at her.

"Good,"

"I have arranged a special aircraft for you"

Dean Rebecca said.

Hearing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle. I don't know how fast the aircraft is. Jonathan's speed was something else.

Then pushing down these thoughts. I spoke for a few more minutes before leaving the room.

Laverne's problem was solved. Now I can head to the uneven mountain with a clear mind.

But just as I was walking downstairs. I encountered Carlos Kent. "This guy!" I muttered in my heart.

My expression was not good-looking. But to my surprise, Carlos Kent approached me with a smile on his face.

"Zack, what are you doing here?" He asked.

"I came here to see the dean," I replied. But my expression was weird.

He is not the Carlos Kent I knew of. What happened to the arrogant man? The powerful special faction head.

Carlos Kent was helpless inside. He knows the instructions of Jonathan. Jonathan ordered him to help Zack whenever it's possible.

But seeing that Zack is coming from the dean's room. He thought Zack might not need his help.

Then he walked past him with a smile on his face.

On the other hand, I don't know how to react for a moment. When Carlos completely disappeared.

I turned around and continued to walk downstairs. After a few minutes, I reached the transit area.

Then I entered the facility. A huge black aircraft was standing in front of me. Looking at the aircraft, I knew this was arranged for me.

When I was observing the aircraft, two people appeared before me. One was a male warrior and the other one was a female warrior.

A hint of apprehension appeared in my eyes. They don't seem to be ordinary warriors. What is going on?

"You are Zack Lockwood."

"We are here to guide you to the uneven mountain," The male warrior said.

Hearing that a look of understanding dawned on me.

"Maybe they are guards," I said in my heart.

"Alright, let's leave," Then I said to them.

The Male warrior opened the aircraft door. Seeing that I stepped inside the cabin. After closing the door, the male warrior and female warrior looked at each other.

They are none other than the guardians of Zack Lockwood. But the dean asked them not to reveal their identity.

Soon both entered the aircraft. After a few seconds, the black aircraft rose from the ground.

Then the aircraft started moving towards the destination.

Meanwhile,

The Giant Tower Headmaster was trying to contact Carlos Kent. After getting permission from the mysterious person. He wants to rope in Carlos Kent.

Once Carlos Kent joins their team, then the future operations would be much better.

The Headmaster was not the person to give in. Especially after investing so many resources in Carlos Kent. He can't back away.

So he tried to contact him again.

Cabin:



Carlos Kent was sitting behind the desk. He is casually looking into the report files. But all of a sudden, he was interrupted by the call.

When Carlos saw the contact name. His face was darkened. "Why is he calling me right now?" He said to himself.

Then he sat up straight. Jonathan had asked him to collect details about the person behind the Giant Tower Headmaster.

So he can't refuse the call right now. After calming down his nerves, he attended the call.

"Carlos Kent"

"What happened to you?"

"Why are you not attending my call at all?" A loud voice starts to ring in his ears. The voice was so loud that Carlos wanted to smack the person's face.

Chapter 557 Back To The Uneven Mountain

Carlos Kent furrowed his eyebrows. Then he quickly comes up with a lie to convince him.

"Headmaster, I'm slightly busy with the academy work. And the dean is already watching over me."

"I thought it's not good to contact you during that time," He added further.

The Giant Tower Headmaster believed Carlos' words. He knows about Carlos' character. One mountain can't contain 2 tigers.

Otherwise, Carlos wouldn't have accepted his resources.

Then the Giant Headmaster decided to talk about the main topic.

"Carlos, are you satisfied with the current resources?" He asked.

On the other hand, Carlos was surprised. Why is the Giant Tower Headmaster suddenly talking about the resources? Is he going to give more?

Carlos imagined something else.

So he answered, "After the breakthrough, the resources of mine are depleted. Now I'm left with a few high grade pills. That's all."

The Giant Tower Headmaster smiled. He felt Carlos had taken the bait. Then he said, "Carlos, what if there is an opportunity to get more resources?"

Carlos Kent stood up in front of the seat. His eyes flickered. The Headmaster's words are tempting. But he knows about his job as well. There was someone behind the scenes.

Otherwise, the Headmaster won't speak like this. He himself consumed half of the resources of the Giant Tower Academy.

Where is he going to get other resources? For a moment, Carlos doesn't know whether to laugh or cry.

The Headmaster's offer came too late. If it was earlier, he would have agreed immediately. But now he can only cry in his heart.

"Carlos?"

Hearing his name, Carlos quickly recovered his thoughts. Then he replied, "Headmaster, are you serious?"

"I thought that Giant Tower Academy didn't have any resources left."

Hearing that the headmaster realizes his mistake. But he recovered his expression quickly.

"Carlos, the resources are not from the academy. But it's from a different channel."

"If you join me, I can get you those resources," He said.

Carlos was silent. If he wants to collect information, then it can be only done by joining his team.

"Alright, I agree," He answered.

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From MC's Perspective:

The black aircraft reaches the destination a few hours later. Throughout the entire journey. I remained silent. I didn't even talk to the guards.

The black aircraft slowly descends on the ground. Through the window I can see the long stretched mountains.

The mountain peak, especially the uneven mountain, is quite eye-catching. My gaze set on the purple lightning. The top of the mountain is continuously bombarded by lightning strikes.

Tud~

The black aircraft lands at the foot of the mountain.

Creak~

The door opened. Seeing that I stood up from the seat. Before I could walk out the 2 guards appeared in front of me.

"Let's go, I'll take you to the top," The male warrior said.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes. Before coming here, I thought that the strength of these two warriors were not ordinary.

Right now, my assumption is right.

Then three of us stepped out of the black aircraft. Right after, the male warrior grabbed my shoulder and took me to the top of the mountain.

Thunder~

Thundering sound reverberated through the area. The ground was scorched black by the continuous strike of the purple lightning.

If any average elite warrior comes to this place, he would be gravely injured. The power of lightning can endanger the Super Elite Warrior.

But I'm not afraid at all. I can feel the presence of lightning energy here. This is the perfect place for lightning cultivation.

Then we landed on the ground.

"A lightning strike can injure you."

"Do you really want to cultivate here?"

The male warrior asked. He can feel the power of the lightning. Which is above the Elite level. His face was solemn.

Hearing that I replied, "No, this place was perfect. I have a barrier with me. Which can withstand the lightning strikes."

The male warrior nodded before leaving the place. Right after his disappearance my eyes flickered.

"He is strong," I muttered in my heart. But I wasn't able to gauge the exact strength of the person.

Then pushing down these thoughts. I turned to the right side. I found a good spot for the barrier. The next second, I took out the artifact from the storage ring.

After placing it on the ground, I activated it. Soon an invisible dome covered the ground.

Boom~

The lightning strikes hit the barrier one after another. But the strikes weren't able to break the barrier.

Seeing that I found the empty spot to sit down. Sitting cross-legged, I started to run the celestial scripture.

Right after, the rune in my mind starts to flicker. Then I started to sense the purple energy from the surroundings.

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

I started to guide the energy according to the celestial scripture.

The purple energy began to flow through my veins. After circulation, the purple energy entered my dantian.

The refined purple essence settles down. But the amount of purple essence was pitiful. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Meanwhile,

The two guardians are closely monitoring the situation. Seeing the working of the barrier. Both of them are surprised.

"It's not easy to find such an item in our region," The female warrior commented.

"Maybe it's the work of the dean," The Male warrior replied.

They don't believe that Zack has the capacity to buy such an item. As this place was found by the dean, they thought the dean had given the artifact to him.

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The Azure City,

A prosperous city has covered a wide land mass. Unlike other cities, there are proper city walls built for the protection.

The society is divided into classes. The upper class people are living in the main city surrounded by the inner city walls.

Whereas the regular citizens, travelers, merchants and the rogue warriors are living in between the inner city wall and the outer city wall.

The City was so huge that even the land between the inner city wall and the outer city wall was enough to build another city.

The Inner City has many rich families living in it. Amongst them Blevins Family and Morrow Family are major ones.

Right now, the whole azure city was in a state of alert. Because a strong rumor is spreading all over the city.

The Head of the Blevins family successfully breakthroughs in his retreat. Now the whole city was in a state of alert.

Before the azure city was under the jurisdiction of the Saw Scale Viper Academy. If someone meets the conditions set by the Academy, they can become the new city lord.

The news was only known to the major families living in the inner city. But the normal citizens are clueless about this.

Morrow Family,

The courtyard of the Morrow family is deserted. The guards responsible for the protection resigned from their jobs.

Everyone knows that the Morrow Family was equal in power with the Blevins Family earlier. Nobody knows that rumors are true or false.

But all the private employees left the place. Only the family members are living in this building.

In the House, the family elders are gathered for the meeting. Everyone's face crept with worry. They know the rivalry between the 2 families. The Blevins family won't let them off.

"I heard the daughter of our head has returned from the academy. May be she can provide some help"

One of the family elders raised the point.

Hearing that face of the remaining elders turned bright. The family situation was dire. Only the people from the academy can help them.

In the family head's cabin, Laverne Morrow is standing in front of her father. Scott Morrow, the head of the Morrow Family was sitting behind the desk.

He appears to be a middle aged man with the black hair and eyes. He is Peak Stage Super Elite Warrior. If it was in the academy, the Super Elite Warriors are graduate students of the academy.

But here in this city, the Super Elite Warriors are a peak powerhouse. But the Blevins Family head has become half-step SS Elite Warrior.

He knows that guy won't give any chance. The Blevins family people are already overbearing. In future it would become even more worse.

Scott realizes that her daughter was here. He turned toward her and asked, "Laverne, what happened?"

Laverne raised her head and said, "Ernest called me a couple of minutes ago. He told me that the dean has agreed to help her."

"But she wants to settle our family in some other place."

Hearing that Scott eases his eyebrows. He thought there was no escape. Thankfully his daughter has brought some solutions. At least the family members got some chance.

"Laverne, you did a good job"

"Now our family can breathe a sigh of relief."

Scott said with a smile.



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Back in the academy, Michael is looking for Laverne and Ernest. But he wasn't able to find them.

"Monster Zone," Michael muttered to himself.

He remembered the trio gathered in the Transportation Tower yesterday. Perhaps they entered the monster zone already.

After gaining some clarity, he returned to his room in disappointment.

Chapter 558 Part 1: Purple Black Scorpion

From MC's perspective:

Time passed,

I ended my cultivation in the evening. Fortunately, I was able to fill up the dantian with the purple essence.

Right after, the male warrior came and brought me down to the foot of the mountain. Then we entered the black aircraft.

In the cabin, I began to take a rest. The male warrior went somewhere. Shortly after, the aircraft took off.

Several hours later,

The black aircraft enters the academy space. Slowly, the aircraft reaches the transit facility and descends. When the aircraft touched the ground.

I stood up from the seat and walked out of the aircraft. I turned around to look for the guardians. But they are nowhere to see.

"Gone," A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes.

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

Meanwhile, the guardians are observing Zack from the shadows. Because of the dean's order they can't reveal their identity to Zack.

When Zack disappeared from the spot. They immediately went to see the dean.

A few minutes later,

I came back to my dorm room. It's going to be night time soon. So I don't plan on doing other work. Suddenly, I thought about Laverne Morrow.

I wonder what she is doing right now? I hope their family would accept the dean's arrangement. Otherwise, it's impossible to go against the Academy rules.

At this moment, I couldn't help but remember Jonathan's words. He told me that the supreme elder of this academy is behaving suspiciously.

He had warned me about the supreme elder. I hope Laverne's problem will be solved soon.

Then after pushing down these thoughts, I went to take a shower.

The following day,

After getting out of the bed, I started doing my morning routine. Then I entered the training room several minutes later.

My dantian was full of purple essence. But still there is room for storing the healing essence.

I sat down cross-legged on the platform. Then I started to run the wooden scripture. I plan to store a small amount of healing essence for emergency use.

Since I have decided to go to the monster zone today.

Slowly, I started to absorb the green essence around me. But they are small in quantity. It would take some time to absorb them all.

Then I started to focus and began to absorb these deep green energies from the surroundings.

When the energy entered my body. I guided the energy according to the cultivation method. The energies started to flow through my veins.

After circulation, the healing energy enters the dantian and begins to settle inside. Slowly, the small amount of healing essence gathered in the middle.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

After a few hours, I opened my eyes. Then I checked the dantian area. Seeing the two types of energies, my mouth curved into arcs.

Then I stood up and walked out of the training room.

One hour later,

I appeared before the dining hall. As usual Ernest was waiting for me. There was one missing person. But she has gone back to her home.

"Ernest, what is she doing?"

"Is she alright?" I asked.

Ernest noticed the appearance of Zack. So he immediately smiled in response. After hearing the question, he replied, "Well, her family was glad that the dean can help in this situation."

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes.

I asked back, "So, they are moving out?"

"Well, I'm not sure about this. Laverne's father has something else on his mind. He didn't want to take the entire family to some other place," Ernest replied.

Seeing that Zack is frowning, he added, "Don't worry, if there is any trouble she will ask for help."

I nodded at him before we walked into the dining hall. Suddenly, I thought of an annoying person.

Looking at Ernest, I asked, "What happened to Michael?"

"Did he cause any problems for you?"

Ernest shook his head before saying, "I was in my room most of the time. So he couldn't have contacted me."

By that time, we had already reached the food counter. After receiving the food plate, we found a place to sit down.

"Any plans today?" Ernest asked.

"Let's go to the monster zone today. I'm eager to fight," I replied.

"Alright, I want to sharpen my skills as well. Since Michael was back. We will fight sooner or later," Ernest added.

I sighed inwardly. Because I agree with his words. Michael doesn't seem to give up. There is bound to be some clashes ahead.

Then we continued to eat.

Several minutes later,

After having breakfast, we walked out of the place. Then we headed straight towards the Transportation Tower.

On the way, we saw many warriors going to the same place.

"Have you heard about the year end competition?" Ernest asked.

Hearing that my eyes flickered. I looked at him and replied, "I know, because the dean wants me to perform well."

Ernest was surprised by my answer. He uttered, "No wonder. The dean was showing such attention."

"If it's you, then I can understand. In the Elite level, only you can win duels for us," He added further.

"Are you going to participate?" I asked back.

Ernest replied, "Not all of us can participate. I believe there will be a competition to select the representatives."

"Apart from a few selective people, like you. Rest of us have to go through this process."

I nodded my head in understanding. "So, when is it going to happen?" I asked back.

We have already reached the Transportation Tower.

"I think there will be a circular next week. One of the flame faction warriors shared the news with me."

"The Flame Faction Head ordered them to improve their strength. I believe their goal is to become representative," Ernest said with a solemn tone.

But I couldn't help but let out a chuckle. The Flame Faction Head Franklin is the Vice-dean of the academy.

But he seems to care more about the Flame Faction. Then shaking my head, I walked up to the circular platform.

"Which one to choose?" Ernest asked.

"Select the place of Class-5 Monsters," I replied. I can fight across ranks. But I don't know about Ernest.

So it would be risky if we choose the Class-6 Monsters area.

Ernest selected the server for the transfer.

The lights on the platform lit up. Right after the activation, we disappeared from the spot.

When I opened my eyes. I found myself standing in an open field. There is dense green vegetation and shade trees here and there.

But most of the landmass is vast open fields.

"At least we are not in the dense forest. This place is good for fighting," Ernest commented.

"Well, it depends on the monster," I replied back.

Then we began to look around for the monsters.

Soon, we found the deadly monster ahead of us.

"Purple Black Scorpion," Ernest let out a cry.

"What?" A trace of apprehension appeared in my eyes. This is supposed to be the name of Class-6 Monster.

Looks like we found a monster close to breakthrough.

The Purple Black Scorpion is a Peak Stage Class-6 Monster. It already picked up the signal of prey.

The giant body made a sudden turn.

Seeing that I took out the black sword from the storage ring and held it in my hand.

Ernest was ready to face the monster as well.

Suddenly, the monster made an attack by using its dead tail.

"It's coming to you," Ernest warned me as he prepared to make an attack.

My eyes fixed on the stinger. One attack from the stinger can injure me deeply.

Seeing that stinger was a few distance away from me. I raised my black sword to block it.

Clang~

The black blade collides with the stinger. The impact pushed me a few steps backward.

At the same time, its body was attacked by the soil element. Ernest created a small boulder by using the soil element.

Then he bombarded the monster's body.

The purple black scorpion wailed in pain. It raises both of its claws to attack Ernest.

Seeing that Ernest manages to attract the attention of the monster.

I raised my sword and began to charge the sword with the purple essence. In a blink of an eye, the black blade flickered with purple glint.

"Sword Divide"

I swung my sword against the monster. The next moment, a purple beam discharged from the sword.

The lightning beam reaches the target in a blink of an eye. It directly hits the monster's body.



Boom~

A terrible sound reverberated throughout the area.

The monster's hard skin began to crumble. The lightning beam attack managed to leave behind a scar.

Cry~

The Purple Black Scorpion lets out a ugly cry. The monster forgot about Ernest Kirk for a moment. It suddenly dashes toward me.

Seeing that I raised my sword again. When the monster came closer towards me. The purple arcs covered my legs and I escaped from the spot by using the lightning phantom technique.

Swish~

The monster stinger hits the empty place. On the other hand, Ernest was surprised by seeing Zack's lightning element.

Chapter 559 Part 2: Purple Black Scorpion

From MC's perspective:

The purple-black scorpion again dashes toward me. Seeing that I pointed my finger at the monster. A purple ball forms at the tip of my finger in a blink of an eye.

"Lightning finger technique"

Then I released the lightning finger technique. The power beam was released from the finger and shot at the target at breakneck speed.

The monster senses the danger. But it was too late to avoid the attack.

Boom~

A terrible sound is heard as the attack collides with the monster. The lightning beam pierces through the side of the body.

At the same time, the monster stopped its movements abruptly. The attack from the two of us has already injured the monster deeply.

Using this opportunity, Ernest Kirk made the finishing move. The head of the monster was crushed under the bombardment of heavy boulders.

Seeing that my eyes flickered. I thought that the boulder attack was the signature move of earth-element warriors. But Ernest can recreate the same effortlessly.

"Let's go, the commotion will attract other monsters," Ernest Kirk said with a smile. His earlier gloominess completely disappeared.

Meanwhile, I used my perceptual ability. My senses already picked up the few red dots near us.

If they come closer, I can get a clear image of the monster.

"Collect the monster core," I said to Ernest.

Ernest nodded at me before starting to work on it. After a couple of seconds, I saw the appearance of the monster in my mind.

"Worm monster?" I uttered in surprise. No, this appears to be different. Is it a mutation?

The worm monster brings back old memories. These monsters are hard to deal with.

Ernest heard Zack's murmuring. Then he speedily began to dissect the parts.

A few distance away from them, a razor-sharp red worm monster appears above the surface. The monster already spotted its prey.

In the next second, it began to move its gigantic body toward the prey. The whole body is moving in a zigzag manner.

On the other hand, a few other monsters are moving toward the location. But after seeing the worm monster they backed away immediately.

Meanwhile,

"Here it is," Ernest Kirk said, collecting the monster core from the scorpion monster.

Hearing that I replied, "It's too late to move now. We need to tackle this one."

When I finished uttering those words. The razor-sharp tooth red worm appeared before us.

Unlike the other worm monsters, this one is strangely neat. No ugly fluids were secreting in its body. Instead, the body was protected with hard scales.

"Looks like we entered the experimental monster zone," Ernest said in a solemn tone.

Hearing that my eyes flickered.

"Do you mean this one is a product of the lab?" I asked back.

"Yes, it's born from the lab"

"Also it's a waste to kill this monster. Because its monster core is not useful to us," Ernest replied.

By that time the worm monster had already gotten closer to us.

"Alright, let's injure it before walking away," After saying that, I raised my sword to attack.

I charged the black sword with purple essence. After a few seconds, I discharged the powerful beam from the sword.

Thunder~

A thundering sound was heard as the purple beam released from the sword.

Behind me, several boulders shot at the worm monster targeting the wide mouth.

Boom~

The lightning beam attack hits the target. Right after a small explosion occurs in its mouth. The worm monster is wailing in pain.

But the next moment, many boulders enter the worm monster's mouth one by one. Instead of getting attacked, the heavy boulders were swallowed up by the monster.

Seeing that my eyes flickered. Ernest's attack was ineffective against the worm monster.

"I have told you that lab-bred monsters are difficult to kill. Let's head into the woods," Ernest Kirk said.

Hearing that both of us started rushing toward the green vegetation. The worm monster was not in a condition to chase us. So we started to flee.

After a few minutes of running, we came to the shade tree.

"Why can't we fly?" I asked. If we used our flight ability, then we would have gotten here sooner.

But Ernest made strong objections to that.

"Since we know it's an experimental monster zone. Do you think there are only worms here?"

"It won't be surprising to come across lab-bred falcons," Ernest said.

Hearing that I nodded my head in understanding. "Then we have no choice other than to look for natural monsters," I commented.

The Giant shade tree provides good protection. It's hard for any flying monsters to approach us.

"Zack, when did you replenish your lightning essence?" Ernest asked.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes. I remember they didn't know about the uneven mountain.

"I have told you before. The dean has found a place for me. Where climatic conditions favor natural thunder and lightning," I answered.

"I remember now."

"But Zack, sorry for asking this"

"Will you fight Michael?"

Ernest Kirk asked.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. I turned toward Ernest and observed his expression. Michael, that guy is a Super Elite Warrior. Probably a Peak stage one.

My body strength is at Initial Super Elite. And my essence is at Peak Elite. Even if I can't kill him, I can injure him gravely.

But Ernest doesn't know that.

Does he think I can win against him? I furrowed my eyebrows.

Then I replied, "He is a Super Elite Warrior. That too a Special Element user. I never thought of this before."

"But if there is any situation in the future, I will fight him," I said.

Ernest was relieved hearing that. He doesn't know what Zack will do in the future. Since he had helped Laverne, there was no distrust anymore.

At the same time, I sighed inwardly. For so long, Ernest and Laverne are overshadowed by Michael's presence.

Now they are finding it difficult to accept the reality.

Then we rested for a few minutes before starting to search for the next monster.

Soon we came across the wild boar monster. Which was predominantly seen in the monster zones. Though the boar monsters are at the Class-4 stage.

But still, their monster cores are useful for cultivation. So we started to chase monsters.

Two of us got separated and started to chase boar monsters. They started to flee after sensing the danger from us.

"Phantom lightning technique," I uttered.

The purple arcs quickly covered my legs. The next moment, I disappeared from the spot and started moving toward the target at lightning speed.

In a blink of an eye, I arrived before the monster.

Seeing the monster, I didn't stop. Rather, I raised my fist to punch the boar monster in the head.

"Blood Fist"

The blood energy quickly gathers around my fist within seconds. When the punch lands, it hits the monster's head.

Pfff~

The head burst into pieces like a watermelon. The body dropped dead on the ground. Seeing that I started using the black swords to dissect the parts.

Fortunately, Ernest was not here. Otherwise, he would have been shocked to the core. When I was slowly dissecting the monster's body.

Green vine roots began to wrap around my legs. The speed was so fast that it took me a moment to realize.

Cut~

I swung the sword and made a direct cut. The vine roots are divided into pieces. Seeing that I moved from the spot and located the monster.

"Plant Monster," I mumbled under my breath. There was a parasitic plant monster a few steps away from me.

Seeing that my eyes flickered. I should have used my perception before. This was a careless move.

Removing these thoughts, then I started to remove the monster core. The plant monster didn't plan on disturbing me again.

It will soon find another prey. Then after collecting the monster core. I placed the dissected parts in the container.

When I started to walk out of this place.

I encountered the razor-sharp red worm monster again. The damaged mouth part is still visible.

The worm monster spewed venomous liquid toward me.

"Fast," I muttered before using the lightning technique to retreat backward.

The venomous liquid like a flood gate has opened and it quickly covered the ground including the parasitic plant monster.

Which immediately died upon contacting the venomous liquid.

Scorch~



The small green patches decayed quickly under the attack.

"Sword Divide"

I made another lightning sword attack. The purple sword beam again shot at the monster. The lightning attack again hits the mouth part.

This time the injury was severe. I can see the torn and damaged flashes in its mouth.

The next moment, several sharp earth spikes appeared.

"Ernest," I muttered. This guy has made a timely return.

Last time, the monster completely swallowed the boulders. But this time it's difficult to remain unscathed from the sharp spikes.

The mouth of the worm monster is especially a huge weakness.

Pfff~

The spikes pierce through the flesh. And causing the monster to wail in pain again.

"It worked out," I gave an appreciative look.

Then we left the spot but the monster didn't follow us back.

Chapter 560 Shocking News

From MC's perspective:

Time passed,

After hunting a few more monsters we walked out of the place a few hours later. When it appeared in the Transportation Tower. It's already past noon.

"Wow, that was fun"

"Laverne must be missing this fight"

Ernest said beside me.

Hearing that I nodded my head at him. Then we parted ways after splitting the monster cores.

Soon, I reached the dorm room. After entering the room, I laid down on my bed first.

The following day,

After completing the morning routine. I entered the training room to cultivate. Now I can resume the blood element method.

Sitting down cross-legged, I held the Class-4 Monster core in my hand. Then I started to run the blood element method.

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

Then the next moment, I felt suction in both of my palms and then I began to absorb the monster core energies.

As the energies entered my body. I began to guide the energies according to the blood element method.

As the energies run through my veins. The red light appears above the blood. Right after, the red blood began to convert these white energies in a blink of an eye.

After conversion, the mysterious white energies began to drill into my bones. The skeleton below the hip region is already dyed red.

Now the red color is beginning to expand in the upper part of my skeleton. But the process comes with immense pain.

Time passed,

After a few hours, I ended the practice. Then I walked out of the training room. Right after, the bad smell attacked my nostril.

Seeing the sweat all over my skin. I rushed to take a shower.

Several minutes later,

I changed to an academy uniform. After getting ready, I left the room. But when I stepped outside, Something else was waiting for me.

In front of the dorm building, the crowd gathered in small numbers. Seeing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

"What is going on?" I mumbled under my breath.

I approached the crowd. Then I saw someone laying on the ground with bruises all over his body.

"Why does it look familiar?" I said to myself.

The students are gossiping among themselves.

"Who has the guts to thrash the Special Element Warrior?"

Someone from the crowd said. Hearing that a look of disbelief appeared on my face.

"Special Element Warrior?" I uttered. Then I rushed forward to see.

The person who was laying down is none other than Ernest Kirk.

"Ernest?" I called out his name.

He seems to have fainted. Then someone brought the water and splashed it over his face.

"Uh?" Ernest opened his eyes.

Seeing Zack's face, he uttered, "Michael."

A quick glint flashes in my eyes. I understood what happened. Michael must have attacked him.

I saw many people gathering around. Then I supported Ernest to stand up and took him to my room.

Meanwhile,

The news began to spread like wildfire. Someone took pictures of Ernest and posted them online.

Nobody would have imagined such a scene. Someone brutally attacked the Special Faction Member.

The topic began to trend. People are wanting to know the attacker's name. The students who are online started to point fingers at the Flame Faction Members.

As time passed, the warriors in the academy became suspicious. Most of the eyes were on the Flame Faction Members.

But the Flame Faction members are pointing at the Metal Faction. And the least suspected faction is the RainWater Faction.

Because the warriors from these factions were defeated at the hands of Zack Lockwood. Someone might have held this grudge.

Only the Gale Faction and Earth Faction are not on the list.

Meanwhile,

The person who is responsible for this act was chilling in the Special Faction Common Room.

Michael Blevins didn't worry about the consequences. But he was pissed off by Ernest Kirk's words.

Half an hour ago,

He met the guy and asked him to follow him. But Ernest Kirk talked back to him. Not only that, he told him that nothing would happen to Laverne's family.

Because of that fight broke out. He couldn't help but make some sense to him. All because of one person.

A ruthless glint flashes in Michael's eyes.

A few months ago, the situation was different. Even though there is rivalry between the families.

The relationship between Michael, Laverne, and Ernest was not bad.

But one person changed everything.

"Zack Lockwood," He mumbled under his breath.

At first, he thought some nameless junior was making some waves. But he underestimated Zack.

Even the dean seems to take care of him.

Michael's eyes flickered. If not for that reason, he would have attacked Zack. Right now, he couldn't help but let out a sigh.

It's already too late. It's impossible to convince Laverne and Ernest anymore. They are completely on Zack's side.

Michael himself can't go against his father's wishes. Since his father wanted to head the azure city. It's bound to cause some anger.

It would be inevitable to avoid some clashes. And Laverne's family and Blevins's family have a long-standing rivalry.

There is going to be a fight in the coming days. So he doesn't feel like going against Ernest now.

Dorm room,

"Are you alright now?" I asked.

Ernest nodded his head, sitting on the sofa.

"It's good that he left with you some bruises, not any serious injury," I added further.

Michael is a strong warrior. Though both Ernest and him are Super Elite Warriors. Michael can overpower him easily.

On top of it, he didn't even use his element to fight.

"Now, tell me. What happened?" I asked.

Ernest gained some clarity in his thoughts. He then began to speak slowly.

After a few minutes, I began to massage my temple.

"What's with Michael's father?"

"Is it necessary to target Laverne's family?" I asked back.

Ernest's expression turned solemn.

"Michael is behaving in this way because of his father. His father is quite ambitious. He won't deny his father's orders," Ernest replied.

I don't know how to solve this issue. I hope that Laverne's family will vacate the city soon.

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Carlos Kent is staying in his home in Viper City. After his talk with the Giant Tower Headmaster, he is hesitating to go back to the Academy.

The Giant Tower Headmaster might give him some other task in the future. But he doesn't know what it is.

Then he began to access online news out of boredom. When the page comes up. His eyes flickered for a moment.

He saw the name of the Special Faction is trending online. Seeing that, I began to read the post.

"Michael Blevins"

His expression turned weird. He was aware of what was going on. Because he is the head of the Special Faction Warriors.

He knows there is friction because of the azure city's situation. He hoped that kid wouldn't touch Zack Lockwood.

Otherwise, that person would come back again to beat him.

Beep~

All of a sudden he receives a call from the Giant Tower Headmaster.

Seeing that his mouth twitches again.

"Why is he calling right now?" Carlos muttered to himself.

He thought it would take a few days to call him back. Since he is calling right now. There must be some task waiting for him.

Then he attended the call.



"Carlos, I have an important task for you."

"If you accomplish it right, then you will get to meet someone important."

"If that person agrees, he will give you the resources that you want."

The Giant Tower Headmaster's voice reached his ears. Hearing that his earlier gloominess completely swept away.

For a moment, Carlos remained silent. His mind began to race. He realized that the person might be the mastermind behind the scenes.

It's a good opportunity to collect the intel.

"Are you serious?" He asked back.

The Giant Tower Headmaster let out a small laugh. He felt that Carlos had taken the bait completely.

"I know you must have some doubts."

"Let me tell you. I'm serious. As long as you finish the task. I'll recommend your name. You will receive expensive resources."

The Giant Tower Headmaster started convincing again. He believes that Carlos would accept the task.

Carlos Kent relaxed his eyebrows and finally decided to listen.

"Alright, tell me. What is the task?" He asked.

The Giant Tower Headmaster replied, "You know that Azure City right? One of our men is going to head the city in the future."

"In the future, several of our men will join the city. But the main city was occupied by many families."

"So your task is to assist that person."

Carlos Kent's expression was ugly. He never expected this person's hand to be stretched to this extent.

They are targeting one of their affiliated cities. Suddenly, he thought of something.

"Who is the person?" He asked back. Apart from the head of the Blevins family. There was no other strong person. So he is slightly confused.

"You might have guessed it. He is the Blevins Family Head. He has joined our side," The Giant Tower Headmaster replied.

Carlos Kent's pupil shrank.