

BloodLine 571

Chapter 571 Part 2: Eurice Frye Vs Vina Potkins

Somewhere in the Outer Post, Jonathan is carrying out the secret mission instructed by his master.

Someone is interfering in the outer post. His task is to find out the information. It can be said that the people interfering are not from this region.

It can be said that they are from the outside. It's either from the inner post or another outer post located beyond the barrier.

However, the power levels of the warriors residing in the outer post are similar. They can't compare to people in the Inner Post.

Jonathan thinks it is likely people causing trouble here are from the inner post.

When he got free time. He didn't forget to check the messages. Among the messages he received, Carlos Kent's recent message caught his attention.

"The Supreme Elder is working for someone outside," A cold glint flashes in his eyes. The secret is so huge. If the news is leaked, it can cause turmoil in the whole region.

Earlier, he had his suspicions about the Giant Tower Academy. The people operating behind the scenes are not as simple as he had guessed.

When he met Carlos, he thought the outsiders were from another academy or maybe some rogue warriors.

But looking at this message. He feels something fishy. Who could move the Supreme Elder of the academy? Unlike the existence of his master. It's impossible.

For quite some time, the supreme elder of the Saw Scale Viper Academy has been responding to the master properly.

So he had advised Zack to stay alert. If the information is true then Zack is in danger. You will know when the person will attack.

A hint of apprehension appeared in his eyes. Jonathan decided to visit Viper City right away. Who knows the information that he is looking for might come from there.

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From MC's Perspective:

The duel started. Vina Potkins released her winning attack against Eurice Frye. They started confronting each other by using simple attacks.

Boom~

One after another explosion occurs on the dueling stage. Both of them are fighting fiercely.

Vina's wind attack pierces through the air. The attack reaches the target faster than Eurice's water element.

"This?" A quick gleam flashes in my eyes. One has to stay focused. To see the number of attacks.

Vina is releasing continuous attacks more than the opponent.

"Eurice is now being pushed to the corner," Ernest said.

I raised my eyebrows. I know her mutated water element is troublesome. Her technique can turn her water essence into a boiling hot one.

If Vina is not careful, that attack might hit her hard.

On the other hand, the spectators are causing the noise. Everyone became excited. Both the warriors are ranked top among their respective factions.

This duel is an important one for the factions.

A few minutes later,

After a few initial skirmishes, Vina brought her weapon outside.

"Wind Scythe," I uttered in surprise.

"Yeah, it's a customized one. I heard that she made a design herself," Ernest added.

A faint smile appeared on my face. There must be benefits to doing that customization. Then I saw releasing her attack.

Then I saw the wind arc releasing from the scythe. Getting hit from that would tear up a person's body.

How is she going to block that? I looked towards Ernest. Then I saw her releasing a similar arc attack in response.

This time she is not going to end up using tricks. Last time, Carlos must have provided her with the poison.

Let's see whether she had the skill or not.

Meanwhile,

Elder Alice furrowed her eyebrows. She can see that Eurice is having a hard time. This means Vina Potkins is not simple either.

She suddenly looks in the direction of the Gale Faction Head who seems to be smiling ear to ear.

Then she retracted her gaze and looked at the dueling stage. She thinks defeat can change her mind to practice hard.

After getting defeated by Zack Lockwood. Eurice completely locked herself up in her room. Alice is hoping that things will be different this time.

She made up her mind to give some pointers. So that Eurice can improve further in her techniques.

On the other hand, the Flame Faction Head Franklin sneered. For him, the duel is going as predicted. Nothing was surprising.

Kane Patrick is observing the reaction of the faction head.

Suddenly he asked, "Why don't I ask Zack Lockwood for a duel?"

"Are you sure?" Franklin was surprised by Kane's courage. So far Zack Lockwood kept an undefeated record.

For others, it's a scary record. It's normal for even top-ranked warriors to think twice. So Kane's words impressed him.

"I'm confident," Kane responded. But a hint of jealousy rose in his heart. He wondered why the head was doubting himself.

Franklin took a moment to remember.

"Our Flame Faction already lost to him once. So do the others. But if we lose face a second time, we would be ridiculed."

"Don't forget it would not only affect our prestige here. But in other institutions as well."

Hearing that Kane shuddered. For a second he forgot the character of the Flame Faction Head.

For a long time, he has been eyeing for the dean post. He has maintained the prestige of the Flame Faction all these years.

So that it can provide him with good momentum. The only thing that stopped him was strength. He is weaker than the dean.

If he raises his strength then he may have a chance of becoming dean of the academy.

Franklin saw Kane thinking deeply. So he shifted his gaze back to the duel. It's not that he is underestimating Kane's strength. But he still thinks Kane is not serious about this matter.

He just came back. Franklin thinks Kane needs a few days to know about the recent events. Maybe then he would have a better understanding.

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Azure City,

The Blevins Family Head Robert was staying in his study room. He had exposed a great secret to Carlos Kent. Hoping that he would help him eradicate the Morrow Family.

But Carlos is avoiding him instead. Robert couldn't help but start to regret it. He also feels a little scared. The Giant Tower Headmaster would be pissed off if he knows.

Beep~

A sudden call broke his attention. But when he saw the contact name, He broke out in a cold sweat.

"What timing?" Robert cursed. After calming down his heart. He attended the call.

"Robert, what's going on?"

"Why is there nothing happening in Azure City?"

"There should have been some turmoil at this point."

The Giant Tower Headmaster's voice reached his ears.

Robert's expression turned ugly. He knows that person is following the developments. It's difficult to escape his eyes.

"Cough"

"Sir, Elder Carlos is taking his time. He will act soon," Robert replied.

"What?"

"He has not acted yet. What is he doing there?" The Giant Tower Headmaster sounded infuriated.

Lately, Carlos has been testing his patience after consuming his resources.

"Uh, Sir"

"I heard there is a duel scheduled for his student. The dean might be asking for him," Robert thought of a reason.

He is keeping tabs on the Academy information. So the news left his sight.

There was silence for a moment.

"Harumph"

"Looks like that kid is enjoying his life."

"No wonder, Carlos is not acting. That b! tch might be staring at him."

"Alright, ask him to do it after the duels," The Giant Tower Headmaster ended the call after saying that.

It's not Robert. The Giant Tower Academy also keeps an eye on Zack's information. So it's easy for them to confirm the news.

Phew~

Robert heaved a sigh of relief. He didn't know what was going on with Carlos Kent. So he thought his student duel might be bothering him.

The more he thinks the more he feels right.

Since the Giant Tower Headmaster said it himself. He can't wait for a few days.

Meanwhile,

Carlos is resting in the guest room. He spends most of the time staring at his watch. He hopes to receive a response from Jonathan.

Otherwise, he doesn't know what to do. He is completely stuck now. If his actions were exposed, then the Supreme Elder would silence him.

He broke out in cold sweat imagining that.

Beep~

His watch notified him of a message. Hearing that he immediately saw the contact name.

Seeing the name "Jonathan" he finally sat on the chair.

Then he began to read the message. After reading it, his eyebrows ease down.

Jonathan asked him to return to Viper City. That person will be there soon.

Carlos finally caught his life's straw. He stood up from the chair and decided to leave right away.

He doesn't want to spend time here.

Creak~

When he opened the door to leave. Robert appeared before him.

"Are you leaving?" Robert asked.

"I'm going back. It's urgent," Carlos replied without turning back.

He left the mansion and took the flight ability to appear in the sky. From the beginning to end. Robert didn't try to stop him.

Carlos felt strange for a second before starting to rush back to the Academy.

Chapter 572 Vina Potkins Wins

From MC's perspective:

Vina Potkins and Eurice Frye started to fight fiercely. None of them hold back their cards. Eurice's boiling water attack is already causing damage.

Meanwhile,

Vina was slowly pushed to the corner. Injuries on her body made her attack slower. Right now, the duel is heading towards the draw.

Eurice has exhausted the essence from earlier confrontation. Though her mutated water attack was powerful. She can't support it without essence.

20 minutes later,

Eurice Frye completely exhausted her essence. Vina was on the verge of collapsing. But she was able to hold on with the remaining wind essence in her body.

Finally, Eurice Frye admitted defeat in front of everyone. And Vina Potkins was declared as the winner.

"Zack, I'm looking forward to your duel tomorrow," Ernest said with a smile.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes. The outcome was surprising. Looks like Vina has figured it out. Only endurance can win her duel.

Both of them have equal combat prowess. But each of their essences made the difference.

Cheer~

The spectator let out a loud cheer. The Gale Faction members' voices are even more thunderous. They are excited by the victory.

Now they can hold their heads high in front of the RainWater Faction Warriors.

Meanwhile,

The crowd on the side of the RainWater Faction's members showed gloom. Nobody thought Eurice would lose again.

Elder Alice sighed in her heart. She saw through Eurice Frye. She didn't have any improvement at all.

Ever since she got defeated at the hands of Zack Lockwood. She had thought Eurice was practicing alone.

But the results showed that she did nothing. "What happened to her?" She knitted her eyebrows.

When she tried to talk to her. Eurice had a strange reaction.

Then she shook her head before deciding to try again.

On the other hand, the flame faction head showed no expression. He turned towards Kane and said, "You can decide whether to challenge him or not after tomorrow's duel."

Hearing that Kane nodded his head. His eyes showed an exciting glint. He is looking forward to challenging Zack Lockwood.

Right after the crowd starts to slowly disperse. Everyone was satisfied with the result. Because they can watch one more duel tomorrow.

15 minutes later,

I reached my room. After entering inside, I looked at the door. For tomorrow's duel, I don't have to do anything. I can easily suppress her.

But a certain person's image comes to mind.

"Kane Patrick uh?"

I don't know whether he is going to trouble me or not. But looking at the Flame Faction Head's behavior. I think it's highly possible. They might want to redeem their prestige.

Then shaking my head, I decided to go to the dean's office later.

My lightning essence was not enough for the duel. To counter Vina's sharp wind. I must rely on the lightning technique.

After gaining some clarity, I decided to leave after taking a nap.

Half an hour later,

I entered the office building and came to the dean's cabin. When I reached the door. The door opened automatically.

Then I walked into the room.

"I heard you have agreed to the duel tomorrow," Dean Rebecca said with a smile

Hearing that I nodded my head in response while sitting opposite her.

"Dean, that's right. I didn't expect her to win. So I want to go back to the mountain peak again to recover my essence," I replied.

A look of understanding appeared in her eyes.

"Alright," After saying that she summoned the shadow guardians.

A few seconds later,

Both the male and female guardians appeared. After seeing Zack, they understood the assignment.

"You guys take Zack to the mountain peak. He has a duel tomorrow," Rebecca said.

Both the guardians nodded their heads.

"For convenience, I'll schedule the duel time in the afternoon. You can take your time to return the next morning," She added further.

Hearing that, a faint smile appeared on my face. Then suddenly I remembered something.

"Dean, what about Laverne's family?" I asked. Ernest's words bothered my mind. Maybe there is a situation there.

"You can be at ease. There is nothing wrong in Azure City," Rebecca said. But her heart was not calm.

The Supreme Elder has instructed her not to do anything. She is hoping that everything will be fine. But she can't tell everything to Zack.

After speaking for a few more minutes. We left the room. I don't have anything to pack. All the necessities are placed in my storage ring.

When we walked out of the building.

Swoosh~

The guardian started carrying me towards the destination. Their speed was so fast that in a few hours, we would reach the mountain peak.

Meanwhile,

Vina Potkins is looking for Zack Lockwood. Though Zack verbally agreed. She fears that he might go back on his words.

Her friends are with her. Looking at her expression, they commented one after another.

"Don't worry, he won't run away."

"Otherwise, his reputation will be ruined."

"Yeah, that's right."

"See, already people are posting about your duel tomorrow."

Listening to her friend's words. She eases down her eyebrows. Vina hadn't had that much interaction with Zack.

But she thinks that her friends are right.

Not long after, everyone received notification from the academy.

When Vina opened the message to read it. She was surprised. Her duel with Zack Lockwood was scheduled for tomorrow at noon.

Now that duel is official. She let go of the hanging stone in her heart.

On the other hand, Eurice Frye shut herself again in her room.

"Damn it," She gritted her teeth in anger. She tried her best. But still, Vina had managed to save some essence.

To be honest, she was not fully into the duel. She was worried that Zack Lockwood might expose her. She can't fully concentrate on fighting, having guilt concisely.

She was herself surprised. Why Zack Lockwood didn't expose her? Without knowing the answer, she can't sleep anymore.

In other words, her normal life in the academy will be ruined.

Beep~

Suddenly, she receives a message from the faction head. She wants to meet her. A gloomy glint flashes in her eyes.

A few hours later,

Both the guardians successfully arrived at the mountaintop with Zack.

Tud~

Touching the solid ground. I finally felt comfortable.

"Zack, you can start cultivating now," The male guardian said.

Hearing that I started finding a suitable spot. We are standing on top of the peak. The peak was continuously being bombarded with lightning.

The back clouds have covered the sky. There was no heavy rain. But still, continuous rain is causing the place to get wet with mud.

Suddenly, I found a rock. It's a small bedrock. But it's enough for me to sit down. Then I walked to the small bedrock on the ground.

Then I took the artifact and activated the formation. Soon, an invisible barrier covered the place.

It can withstand the normal lightning. After arranging everything, I sat down on the rock.

Both the guardians looked at each other.

"Who do you think will win tomorrow?" The female guardian asked.

"Undoubtedly, it's going to be Zack," The male guardian replied.

Both of them have been protecting Zack for some time. So they have seen his strength before. Zack can fight across ranks.

He can easily win tomorrow's duel. All he needs to do is to recover the essence.

On the other hand, I started to run the lightning script. Right after, the rune in my mind starts to flicker. Slowly, I started to attract the purple essence.

Boom~

At the same time, the barrier was hit by powerful lightning. But not a single crack appeared on the barrier.

When the purple energy entered my body. I started to guide the energy according to the cultivation method.

After circulation, the refined essence entered the dan tian. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

The progress was faster in this environment. The place was filled with abundant purple essence.

Time went by,

As the essence appeared in the Dantian. The majestic totem starts to act. It started to refine the essence even more.

A few hours later,

My dantian was filled with purple essence. Seeing that I decided to practice wood scripture now.

The healing essence always comes in handy. It's best to store some amount in my dantian.

Then I switched my practice and started to run the wooden scripture.

Time went by,

A small amount of green essence gathered at the center of the dantian. Among the sea of purple essence, the green essence was in a small quantity.

A few minutes later,

I opened my eyes. Then I saw the time. There are still 3 hours left before sunrise. Seeing that I stood up and deactivated the artifact.

Then both the guardians started carrying me backward to the academy.

A few hours later,

They dropped me before the dorm. We came right before the sunrise. I can take a rest before getting ready for the duel in the afternoon.

Then I reached my room. After entering inside, I locked the door. Then I decided to take a shower before going to bed.

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From MC's perspective:

10 A.M,

I woke up sometime later. After seeing the timing, I decided to get a shower.

20 minutes later,

After changing into academy clothes. I began to access the news on the communication watch. Then I saw several articles.

Many of them are looking forward to today's duel. A faint smile appeared on my face. If I use my body strength, I can easily defeat her.

Exposing too much strength is not a good thing. There is still an existence that I need to be wary of.

The supreme elder comes to mind. I don't know why. But my instincts tell me to lay low.

After pushing down these thoughts. I began to read further articles.

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Meanwhile,

Somewhere deep in the academy. In an isolated place, the Supreme Elder of the academy is located.

The Supreme Leader of the Saw Scale Viper Academy is a dying old man. But the energy released from his body tells otherwise.

There is a reason for it. The old man took some black liquid and consumed it in one go.

From his looks, it can be said that the black liquid was a precious substance. But he didn't have any more stock.

"That was last," He muttered to himself.

The black liquid is delaying his death. But it was not a natural treasure. But it's the product of something evil.

The old man's eyes flickered. He took his communication watch and contacted a person.

When the call was connected.

The old man hurriedly asked, "I need that forbidden liquid. Can you give me more?"

When he said that his eyes looked desperate. No one would have expected that the Supreme Elder of the academy would be so desperate to continue his life.

"Ha...Ha...Ha..."

"Looks like you can't control anymore," The person's voice sounded strange with a mix of male and female voices.

The old man's eyes dimmed.

He asked, "What do you want?"

"Old man, there are some hindrances to my plan. I hope you give me a green signal," the person said.

He was the same person who was behind the Giant Tower Headmaster.

The old man frowned. He knows that a person's strength is beyond his imagination. He may be planning something sinister in this region.

But he can't help but think of himself. If he dies, then the Academy will face destruction sooner or later.

The academy's sake is just an excuse he found for himself. More importantly, the old man doesn't want to die.

"Alright, I told the dean not to take action. She won't go against my words," The old man said with confidence.

"Ha...Ha...Ha..."

"I know all of that. But my problem is something else. There is a kid who has a special element in your academy."

The old man's eyes flickered. Zack Lockwood is someone who has a background. He had promised that person to take care of that kid.

"This guy?" What is he planning? The old man became nervous.

"What?"

"You have become silent."

"I want that kid to be dead. I hope you can arrange it," the person with a strange voice said.

"No," The old man said.

"That kid is not someone to offend. He has a background behind him. Those people are more dangerous than you," the old man added.

There was silence for a moment.

"I don't care. Even if they are from the inner post, I'm not scared. I hope you will arrange someone to kill that kid or you should forget about the forbidden liquid."

"But if you insist on protecting that kid, then your academy may fall," The person with a strange voice said.

The old man's body shuddered for a moment. Before he could speak, the call ended.

He knows the background of the person behind Zack. That person's force is a giant. To think this person is not afraid of him.

Then he realized the person with a strange voice was planning something big here. Then it's normal for his force to be strong as well.

As a supreme elder, he is caught in a dilemma. If he doesn't reply to that person. Then he may not get the black liquid.

On the other hand, the mysterious person had decided to speed up the plan.

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Viper City,

On the other hand, someone arrived in the city secretly. He is none other than Jonathan. After entering the city, he immediately went to Carlos Kent's place.

Shortly after,

Carlos Kent arrived to greet him. Seeing that Jonathan nodded at him before entering inside the home.

Jonathan sat on the sofa. Carlos sat opposite to him on the chair.

"Now, tell me from the beginning," Jonathan asked.

Carlos gulped his saliva. He remembered the fierce attack of Jonathan. So he started to speak without hiding anything.

Jonathan showed no expression. But many thoughts ran in his mind. The matter of the Supreme Elder made him come here.

He had no other choice but to confirm it. If it's true then he should take Zack back to the inner post.

While listening to Carlos. Jonathan couldn't help but think about the man behind the scenes. Earlier, he thought the man behind the scene was an outlaw from the inner post.

There is a chance for the powerful criminals to infiltrate the Outer Post, if the barrier is weak.

But looking at the situation. He thinks that the situation is not ordinary. He has to verify the information.

A few minutes later,

Carlos Kent finished explaining everything. He couldn't help but nervously take a look at Jonathan.

His life depends on Jonathan. He hopes that Jonathan will save him. It's impossible to fight against the Supreme Elder.

On the other hand, Jonathan frowned. He didn't expect that old fox to change sides. What could make him do that?

A quick glint flashes in his eyes. Jonathan decides to see for himself. He plans to visit the Supreme Elder first.

"Alright, you should go back to the academy and protect Zack. I'm going to confirm the news," After saying that Jonathan left.

Carlos Kent sighed in relief. He thought that the news would shock him. But on the other hand, Jonathan was calm and composed.

Carlos knows there is a duel today. So he decides to go back to the academy.

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From MC's perspective:

Time passes in a blink of an eye,

12:30 pm

Soon it's time for the duel. Then I left the room and walked out of the dorm building.

To my surprise, Ernest was waiting outside.

"What are you doing here?" I asked.

"I just came now," Ernest replied.

Hearing that, a faint smile appeared on my face. Then we both started walking to the arena.

Walking, I saw there were a large number of people going to the arena as well.

Many of them clicked photos upon seeing us. But we ignored it and started walking towards the destination.

When we reached the area. We met with the Gale Faction members. Vina Potkins was there as well.

After taking a glance at them, I turned towards Ernest.

"You are going to watch alone," I said. There aren't many warriors in the Special Faction.

"Ha...Ha...Ha..."

"This is going to be some experience," Ernest said with a laugh.

"I don't have to say."

"You are going to win anyway," Ernest gave a thumbs up.

After speaking to him. We separated. I started walking to the registration area. While he is going to the spectator spot.

Soon, I reached the desk. Then I saw the staff taking up contract papers. It's standard procedure before any fight.

After signing the paper, I entered the arena. The dueling stage was built at the center of the arena.

This time I came here a little early. There is still half an hour left before the duel. The crowd is starting to appear. Then I turned towards the Special Faction Area.

I saw a lone figure sitting down. He is none other than Ernest.

Meanwhile,

The faction heads are starting to appear with their faction members. Vice-dean Franklin Madden appeared together with Kane Patrick.

The Rain Water Faction Head Alice Brown appeared together with Eurice Frye. Both the faction members stood opposite to each other.

"Elder Alice, you guys lost again," Franklin said with a smile.

A quick glint flashes in Alice Brown's eyes. She didn't respond before she started walking towards the Rain Water Faction Area.

Franklin Madden sneered before taking his members as well. Kane Patrick grinned ear to ear. He spotted Zack Lockwood in the arena.

Time passed,

On the other hand, the dean also appeared to watch the duel. A complex glint flashes in Rebecca's eyes.

The situation at the Azure City doesn't seem to be simple. She had collected the information. The powerhouse has left the Blevins Family.

But I don't know when the powerhouse will come back. The supreme elder also denied the permission. She was caught in a dilemma.

Meanwhile,

The Supreme Elder of the academy is watching the situation. He couldn't help but feel the urgency. He can't live without the black liquid. That's the one thing that keeps him going.

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From MC's perspective:

A few minutes later,

Vina Potkins appeared on the dueling stage. Her face was full of smiles. She was excited for the duel.

"I heard you hadn't lost to anyone before," Vina Potkins said with a smile.

Hearing that, a faint smile appeared on my face.

"Well, it's going to be the same today," I replied.

Vina Potkins' smile disappeared. Her expression turned frosty. Yesterday's win has boosted her confidence.

Not long after the referee appeared.

He didn't waste any time and started the duel right away.

Swoosh~

Vina Potkins disappeared from the spot. She is coming towards me at breakneck speed. She has a wind scythe in her hand. Sharp glints can be seen on its edge.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes.

I brought the black sword forward. When she got closer and swung the scythe against me. I raised my sword to block.

Clang~

A metallic collision sound reverberated throughout the area.

The brute force behind my attack pushed her a few steps backward. Neither of us used the elemental power.

But a great shock can be seen on her face.

The next second, I held the sword and started charging with the purple essence. In the blink of an eye, the black blade flickered with the purple light.

Vina Potkins got alerted. She raised her scythe to release the wind attack. When she swung the scythe again, a powerful arc was released from her weapon.

The wind attack made a crying sound in the air.

Swoosh~

The attack tore through the air.

On the other hand, just in time. My sword was completely charged.

"Sword Divide," I uttered.

A powerful beam was released from the sword and shot at the target at breakneck speed.

Uproar~

The crowd broke out in a cheer. Both of their attacks can be seen on the screen. But the purple lightning stole the limelight.

Boom~

The lightning beam shatters the wind arc when coming into contact with it. Not only that, the purple didn't stop. It continues to move towards the target.

Vina Potkins opened her mouth in disbelief. Out of desperation, she tried to release the wind arc again.

But the purple beam already got closer to her. Finally, she tried to block it with her weapon.

Boom~

A deafening sound reverberated throughout the area. Smoke quickly covered the dueling stage.

Vina's weapon took the brunt of the attack. But the remaining force sent her back flying.

Smash~

The huge shock was written all over her face.

Vina smashed to the ground close to the edge of the dueling stage.

Seeing that, I wasn't surprised. Purple essence has become pure because of the majestic totem. Its power is naturally higher.

But still, if I was not fast enough, her wind attack would have reached me. But I have no point in wasting time.

"Lightning Finger Technique"

A purple beam appears at the top of my finger. Then I shot at the target. A powerful lightning attack reaches the target.

Vina manages to stand up in time. And released a similar wind attack by using her scythe.

Boom~

But this time, an explosion occurs when both attacks come in contact with each other.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes. This time her attack was powerful. Then a look of understanding dawned on me.

She didn't use her full strength previously.

There are other techniques. But I don't want to expose that.

Vina disappeared from the spot by using her movement technique. Together with the support of the wind element. Her movements are faster than other elemental warriors.

In a split second, Vina appeared before me.

Cut~

I heavily brought the sword forward. Without elemental attack. It's a simple brute force.

In response, she used her scythe. But her scythe was charged with a wind element. If anyone comes closer to the scythe, it will shred their body into pieces.

Clang~

A metallic collision was heard.

Vina Potkins failed to overwhelm me. But her wind attacks started to cut my skin when I came in contact with her scythe. But she retracted backward a few steps because of brute force.

"This again," She muttered to herself.

After separating, both of us looked at each other. I had underestimated her. I never expected she could hold her elemental attack for some time.

This might be her exclusive technique. This technique is deadly in close combat. It can easily deceive the opponent. I wouldn't have noticed it if not for engaging in close combat.

A hint of seriousness appeared in my eyes.

"Lightning finger technique," I uttered.

This time I used the 2nd stage of finger technique. Power is almost doubled. In the blink of an eye, another purple beam shot at the target.

Vina released another wind arc in time. But the lightning beam shattered the wind attack before landing a blow to her.

Boom~

The lightning beam hits her abdomen region. Even though she is a Peak Elite Stage Warrior. She wasn't able to block the attack.

Argh~

The impact force sent her backward and made her crash to the edge of the dueling stage.

Pfff~

Blood spilled from her mouth.

"Lightning Phantom Technique," I uttered.

A purple arc covered my legs. In the blink of an eye, I disappeared from the spot and appeared before her.

If anyone is from outside to see, they can only see a purple arc moving on the stage.

Swish~

Before she could raise her head. I placed my sword blade on her neck. I don't want to waste any more time. It's better to finish it when there is a chance.

"Admit defeat," I said.

Vina Potkins wiped the blood from the side of her mouth before admitting defeat. A strong unwillingness, shock, and regret can be seen on her face.

She hadn't even tried her best yet.

"Zack Lockewood is the winner," The referee declared the winner.

Cheer~

The crowd broke out in a loud cheer.

"Can you take your sword back?" Vina said.

Hearing that I retracted my sword and placed it back in my storage ring.

Vina stood up after struggling.

"You are strong. But I don't know what you will do when other top warriors come back," Vina said.

Hearing that I sneered inside.

"Do you think I used my full strength against you?" I responded with a smile.

"What?" Vina Potkins is dumbfounded. Then her eyes showed complex emotions. Even though she didn't use some of the techniques.

But Zack's reaction was fast. At the last moment, she realized even if she used all the techniques.

Her wind attack won't reach him.

Meanwhile,

"What do you think?"

The Flame Faction Head Franklin asked without turning back.

Kane's eyes flickered.

"Vina Potkins seemed worse today. She failed to attack Zack Lockwood," He said in a disdainful tone.

"Ha..Ha...Ha..."

"She is not weak. On the other hand, Zack Lockwood is strong. He was able to react faster and execute the attack in time."

"That's why the duel looked simple."

Franklin Madden said. He also saw the power of lightning was domineering as well. Even a single hit from it can cause serious injuries to the warriors.

"So, are you going to challenge him?" Franklin asked again. He is hoping someone could defeat Zack Lockwood.

Kane remained silent for a moment before saying, "I'm practicing a new technique. I will become proficient in a few days. Then I'll challenge him."

A hint of fighting intent appeared in his eyes. He saw the drawback. If Zack Lockwood was faster, then he should be faster than him.

And he also observed that Zack Lockwood's attacks were all linear. Like a beam attack. But his fire element is different. It can cover the entire dueling stage like a sea of flame.

"Good"

"Good," Franklin uttered twice. He didn't ask the name of the technique. As long as the warriors dare to fight. Then it's a good thing for the faction.

And it's not like that Kane is the only one in the Flame Faction. There are others. Franklin suddenly shifted his attention back to the stage.

Seeing that he is interacting with Vina Potkins. He frowned.

"Let him enjoy the limelight for now. But later I will make him a stepping stone for the top 2 students of mine," Franklin said in his heart.

On the other hand, the Rain Water Faction members are having a similar discussion.

"His strength has grown again," Eurice Frye commented.

She can tell that Zack's techniques have improved. Zack was faster in attacking compared to her last duel against him.

Alice Brown heard it. She turned towards Eurice and said, "If you had a similar practice session last month, then you would have improved as well."

She took this time to remind her. But she didn't know that Eurice's state of mind was not right.

Shortly after, everyone started to vacate the stadium.

On the other hand, the dean went back to her office. The duel was over in a few minutes. She wasn't surprised by the result.

Meanwhile,

Vina Potkins walked back to her friends. On the other hand, I started walking back to the entrance. There are several small cuts in my skin. But they are not so deep.

I have used the power of body strength a little bit. I don't know if anyone took note of it. If I hadn't done that, her attack would have reached me.

After pushing down these thoughts, I made my way towards the exit.

Chapter 575 A Rotten Apple

Academy:

The supreme elder was in deep thinking when the duel was over. He has not made up his mind yet. If he chooses to kill Zack, then he will end up dead sooner or later.

If not, the mysterious person will ruin his academy. On top of it, his life is running out of time. Without the forbidden liquid, he can't prolong his life span.

What he didn't know was that someone else was observing him from the shadows. He is none other than Jonathan.

He did come earlier. When Zack's duel was going on. He started observing the Supreme Elder.

Right now, he confirmed the suspicion in his heart. The Supreme Elder was not right in his mind. If he wants he can directly kill this person.

But the problem is that Saw Scale Viper Academy would face danger if the news leaked. An academy can't survive without someone like him.

While he was observing, he saw the Supreme Elder speaking to someone on the call.

"Have you made up your mind?" The mysterious person asked again with a strange voice.

The Supreme Elder's expression darkened. He thought that the person would give him some time.

Then he took some breath before replying.

"Yes, I agree to your request."

"There is going to be a conference at the end of the year. Where all the academies will participate. That might be a good chance to kill that kid."

"But I won't directly do it. It will endanger my life," the old man added further.

This is the middle ground he can find. He can't kill that kid. Otherwise, his teacher would make sure he would die.

There was silence for a moment.

"Alright, I can wait for the year-end," The mysterious person said after ending the call.

The old man sighed in relief. Now he can get that forbidden liquid non-stop.

On the other hand, Jonathan frowned. He heard the conversation. Which made him ponder more.

Earlier, he thought about warning the Supreme Elder. He also had plans to take Zack from this place if the situation worsens.

But this conversation gave him some hope. If they are planning to harm Zack at the year-end conference.

Then he can find out the identity of the person behind the scenes in the meantime. When it happens he can solve the problem at once.

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From MC's perspective:

The online posts are filled with disappointment. Nobody thought my duel could end quickly.

Many of them had great expectations. But it can't be helped. I didn't want to expose my body strength.

After closing the online posts, I lay down on my bed. Not long after, I was disturbed by the notification sound.

Beep~

Hearing that I looked at the communication watch.

"Jonathan is calling me," I uttered in surprise. After attending the call, I heard he was waiting outside.

"Only Jonathan can come and go like this," A faint smile appeared on my face. Then I got up from the bed and walked to the door to open it.

Creak~

The door opened. And a middle-aged person walked inside.

After closing the door, I turned toward Jonathan and asked, "What happened?"

I didn't notice it earlier. But Jonathan has a heavy expression on his face.

Then Jonathan asked me to sit down first.

Sitting on the sofa, I couldn't help but look at him.

"The supreme elder turned out to be a rotten apple," Jonathan said.

My heart set off storms. The one thing that I had hoped for earlier was a false alarm.

But right now, I couldn't help but feel nervous. The Supreme Elder indeed has some problems.

Thinking about Dean Rebecca's response lately. I couldn't guess more.

"Young Master"

"What are you thinking?" Jonathan asked.

Hearing that I started to tell him the events which have happened recently.

A few minutes later,

A look of understanding dawned on Jonathan's face. He didn't expect that old man to interfere in the academy's affairs already.

When it comes to Azure City. He looked into Zack's eyes. He decided to tell him the news.

"Young master Zack"

"The Azure City was not safe anymore. You should ask your friend's family to leave that place immediately," Jonathan said.

My expression changes drastically. Michael and Laverne both are there with their family.

I'm not worried about Michael. But Laverne should leave that place. But what is going on? I thought it was a normal internal struggle in this city.

But who could make things worse? That city was basically under the Academy's jurisdiction.

Then I raised my head and looked at Jonathan. He seems to be hiding something. Things are not that sample.

How come the supreme elder of the academy became so evil?

"Jonathan, can you tell me"

"What's happening?" I asked.

Jonathan sighed inwardly. He saw that the situation was causing pressure on the Young Master.

Then he thought again. It's good to remind Zack about the danger. Who knows the supreme elder might change his mind.

He may start scheming against Zack before the year-end conference.

Then he started explaining the events starting from Jonathan's submission to the Giant Tower Headmaster's schemes.

More importantly the unknown powerhouse behind the scenes.

A few minutes later,

I kept my face straight but my heart was not calm. "Someone from the inner post is causing problems here," I muttered in my heart.

This is something beyond the hands of the academy. No one can fight against the warriors from the inner post.

"Young master Zack"

"If you want you can come with me now. Master won't blame you," Jonathan said.

Hearing that I shook my head.

"I had promised the dean to perform well in the year-end conference. She had already told me that the year-end conference ranking was important to the academy."

"Otherwise, they can't get needed resources," I replied.

Jonathan didn't force it. He understands the situation.

"Alright, but I don't know what master will decide. If he wants you to come back, then you will have no choice," Jonathan said.

A bitter smile appeared on my face. To be honest, I want to go to the inner post with him. But right now, there are a lot of things that need to be resolved.

Laverne's problem must be solved as soon as possible. Then I have to make my essence to reach the Super Elite.

On the other hand, Jonathan thought about something before taking out the old wooden box from his storage ring.

Seeing the wooden box, I returned to reality.

"What is this?" I asked.

"Well, this is something. I got it recently. The box is not important. But inside there is an item. Which can save your life from the Supreme Elder," Jonathan said.

Gasp~

I sucked a cold breath of air.

"The item has the attack power of a general. If anyone opens the box, then they will be hit by the full-blown power of a commander," Jonathan added further.

But my heart was full of raging storms. I guess the Supreme Elder has a similar power.

"Jonathan, what is the strength of the Supreme Elder?" I asked.

"He is an Early Stage Commander. But he has long since exhausted his potential. On top of that, he is aging rapidly."

"If not for consuming banned items, he would have died by now," Jonathan answered.

Hearing that hanging stone disappeared from my heart.

"Young master, don't worry."

"The attack power stored in the item is not ordinary. It can easily kill the Supreme Elder. But I hope you won't use it," Jonathan advised.

Hearing that I nodded at him. If the Supreme Elder was gone, then the academy would follow in his footsteps sooner or later.

"Alright, I'm leaving then. If you want anything, you can ask Carlos Kent," Saying that, Jonathan stood up.

He wants to resume his mission as soon as possible. He was glad that he came to verify the truth.

Once he leaves the Academy space, he will inform the master.

On the other hand, I placed the wooden box carefully inside my storage ring. Jonathan left the place.

Then I fell into deep thinking again. Suddenly, I realized something and started to change my clothes.

I should ask the dean to shift Laverne's family. They can't stay in this place anymore. The Azure City had become part of someone's plan.

Warriors can't fight against that person. So Laverne's family should leave that place.

And I didn't expect Michael's father to collude with the warrior from the inner post. This is getting dangerous. After getting ready and changing back to the academy uniform.

I left the dorm building and started walking towards the office building.

On the way, I came across other faction warriors. Ignoring them, I continued walking.

Soon, I reached the office building. Then I walked upstairs. Shortly after, I arrived at the dean's cabin.

Creak~

The door opened as usual. Seeing that, I walked into the room.

Dean Rebecca is sitting behind her desk.

Before she could speak, I took the seat opposite to her.

On the other hand, Rebecca frowned upon seeing the heavy expression on Zack's face.

Chapter 576 Going To The Auction

From MC's perspective:

Dean office,

"Do you need something?" Rebecca asked.

"Dean, can you ask the Laverne family to shift?" I asked.

Rebecca furrowed eyebrows further. Right now, she is starting to get annoyed.

"Zack, I have told you. Someone will investigate that place. So there is no problem for the time being," Rebecca said with a flat voice.

I sighed inwardly. I'm afraid she won't believe me if I speak ill of the supreme elder.

"Dean!"

"I'm not speaking without evidence. The Azure City was not safe anymore. You may hear some changes in the coming days. So, I'm hoping that you will save Laverne's family," I said in a calm tone.

Rebecca's eyes flickered. She couldn't help but recall the Supreme Elder's words. He had warned her not to probe the Azure City anymore. Right now, hearing from Zack.

She is sure that the Supreme Elder is hiding something.

"Is it because of your background?" She asked. She knows that it's impossible for Zack to have this information. Because he rarely left the academy.

It must be someone behind him who shared the information. With her cleverness, she quickly connected the dots.

The other hand, I nodded at her. I must say she quickly understood.

"Alright, I'll instruct them to leave," She said in a solemn tone. She can't do anything to the Azure City because of the Supreme Elder.

But she can help some families to leave. If Zack's words were true, then she doesn't know what is really happening?

After speaking for a few more minutes, I left the room. Now the problem has been solved. Next, I can practice in monster zones for a couple of days.

The following day,

I left the dormitory and started walking towards the Teleportation Tower. This time I'm not going together with Ernest. I don't want my body strength to be exposed.

Soon, I reached the Teleportation Tower. After arriving at the circular platform. I selected the server for transfer.

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

The next second, I found myself standing on the semi-arid place. There aren't many green patches on the ground.

This particular monster zone has different monsters. Maybe I can find new monsters to fight.

Not long after, a ten feet long monster appeared before me.

[Wild Sharp toothed Cat - Class 5 Monster]

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes. As expected this monster zone has rare monsters living in it.

The other hand, the monster spotted the enemy. But it didn't leave the place. Rather, it became interested in attack.

The next moment, the monster started charging against the enemy. The speed was so fast that the cat monster reached the target in a few steps.

At the same time, I raised my fist to punch the monster. When the monster got closer to me. I mobilized the blood energy from the bones.

In a blink of an eye, the blood energy covered my fist.

Then I successfully landed a blow to the monster's head.

Pfff~

The blood splattered on the ground. The monster's head was disfigured. Seeing that I quickly rushed to the monster to end its life.

After landing a few more punches, the monster lost its final breath. Then I carefully removed the monster core and placed it in my storage ring.

I don't know why? But I feel a sense of urgency. Maybe it's because of the year end conference. Since I knew the hostile forces were going to target me.

It's better to raise my strength further. I aimed to reach the peak of the super elite in body strength before the start of the year end conference.

That will give me an addiction performance. When it comes to lightning elements. It can't be helped. I can only rely on the mountain peak to advance.

Then I started cutting the monster's body. The Class-5 Monster parts are valuable. It can fetch me a good amount of money.

After placing the parts in the container. I started my search again.

Time went by,

I have killed a few more Class-5 Monsters within a few hours. But not all of them are in the same category. There are still rules to follow.

I can't indefinitely kill the population. So as the time reached the sunset. I decided to leave this place.

After leaving the teleportation tower. I arrived at my room shortly after. I don't know what is going on outside? But I don't care.

Ever since I heard the news. It's hard to remain calm.

The next day,

I met Ernest in the dining hall.

"You have started going to the monster zone again," Ernest jokingly said.

Hearing that I responded with a smile. When we walked into the hall. The environment has changed.

There are a lot more people dining at this time. It's almost going to be 10 A.M

"I heard from Laverne. That they are moving to a different city. And she asked me to thank you," Ernest said.

But this time his expression was solemn. He didn't know what happened. But it's not easy for a large family to leave Azure City without the dean's permission.

"Don't worry, as long as she is safe that's fine," I replied. But a huge hanging stone disappeared from my heart.

That was one thing that bothered me. Now it's no more. But I hope that Blevins' family won't be stupid enough to chase and kill them.

After receiving the food, we found a place to sit down.

Ernest saw Zack is not cheerful. So he thought of something that might interest Zack.

"Zack, have you heard of yellow cleansing flowers?" Ernest asked.

"Hmmm," I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

Seeing that Zack has no clue. Ernest started to speak.

"You know a lot of us warriors consume various resources to raise our strength. So its normal for our essence to have impurities"

"I heard that this flower can cleanse our impurities. Making our essence more stronger and pure," Ernest said with a smile.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. But that was all. Because the Yellow flower was not useful to me. I have a majestic totem inside my dantian.

It can do better work than the yellow cleansing flower.

"Does it have other effects?" I asked.

Ernest frowned. Then he seemed to think of something.

"It doesn't have any other effects other than cleansing. But I heard that together with yellow cleansing flowers there are other products going to be auctioned in Viper City," Ernest said.

Hearing that I paused my movement for a moment.

"Other products?" I muttered to myself.

"Do you have the list of auction items?" I asked. Maybe I can find something useful.

"What?"

"If you are interested then we can directly go to the auction house, it's going to be held at 12 P.M."

"We still have time," Ernest added.

Hearing that I felt its worth to try out. Viper City comes under the academy. There aren't many dangers there.

Even if it's, a quick gleam flashes in my eyes. I heard Carlos' house is there. If there is any emergency, I can call him.

"I want to see the auction," After saying that, I continued to eat the food.

20 minutes later,

We walked out of the dining hall. There are 2 more hours left for the auction.

"Let's leave right now. We can spend some time in Viper City before the auction," I said.

Then we found a bird monster in the facility. After registering the information. We sat down on the monster bird.

A few minutes later,

A huge falcon left the academy space. An old man is guiding the monster. On the back of the monster, we sat down silently.

2 hours later,

The falcon enters Viper City. I saw other bird monsters entering the place from different directions.

Maybe people are coming for the auction.

Shortly after, the bird landed at the monster facility.

After leaving the facility, we headed to the auction house to buy the tickets. I don't know if there are any facilities available for the students of the Saw Scaled Viper Academy.

While walking, I saw the streets were more crowded than usual. Many cabs are standing in queues waiting for traffic to clear.

Our academy attire attracted a lot of attention. Suddenly, I felt someone peeping on me. The feeling was vague for a moment before it disappeared.

The other hand, the spies of other organizations have recognized Zack's face. It's huge news. So they quickly started to share the news to their higher ups.

Meanwhile,

Kane Patrick also left the academy with the flame faction members. He is also going for the auction.

"Yellow Cleansing Flower," He uttered in surprise. He has been practicing the new technique hard. He wants to challenge Zack Lockwood for a duel.

But before that he didn't expect to hear such good news. After using the treasure, his essence quality will be increased. It will be more powerful.

Kane feels that the auction comes at the right time. Once his essence rises further, he can challenge Zack with confidence.

Chapter 577 Part 1: Viper City's Auction

From MC's perspective:

When we reached the auction house. The place was heavily guarded. There are a lot of guards monitoring the place.

"Many influential people are going to come," Ernest said with emotion.

"Don't worry, we will get our spot," I said.

Then we started walking towards the entrance. The guards who were inspecting everyone paused after seeing our attire.

Then they let us enter inside without much checking. After walking into the building, we were greeted by a fat middle-aged man.

"Welcome to our auction!"

"Zack Lockwood"

The middle-aged man said with a smile.

Hearing that both of us were stunned.

I asked, "Who are you?"

I have never seen him before.

The fat middle-aged man let out an embarrassed smile before replying, "I'm Audrey, manager of this auction house."

"If I knew you were coming, then I would have formally sent the invitation to you," the manager added.

Hearing that I nodded my head in understanding. He is the manager of the auction house. No wonder, he knows about me.

Not only him but maybe all the influential forces around here heard of me.

"We want to participate in the auction," I said.

Ernest remained silent. But he was relieved that people knew of Zack Lockwood. Which solves many of their troubles.

The manager grinned ear to ear. What could be more attractive than a famous warrior participating in the auction?

If he let out news, even more people would come up. Which will boost the auction's reputation in the end.

The manager wasn't able to contain his inner happiness. Then he immediately guided two of them to the V.I.P seat.

Fortunately, the V.I.P. seats are filled up completely. The auction house always had extra seating arrangements for emergency use.

After walking upstairs, the manager then guided me to the 3rd floor. The rooms on the 3rd floor are isolated and there are barriers to keep privacy.

Then we entered the 1st room. Chairs, Tables and a luxurious sofa were placed there.

"Here, this is your area. You guys can enjoy the auction from here," The manager said.

"Thank you," Ernest said with a smile. This was the 1st time for him to have a seat in the V.I.P room. So he was thrilled.

On the other hand, I recalled something.

"Thank you for the arrangements. Can you give us the auction list?" I asked.

I hope something interesting catches my eye.

The manager nodded his head before sending the digital auction list to us.

"What else do you need?"

"Can I ask our servants to come here?" The manager asked.

"No need," I immediately denied. It's impossible to trust people here. There may be spies watching our movements.

The manager was disappointed, so he politely left the room.

There is still 15 minutes left before the auction.

We sat down on our chairs and started to go through the auction list.

I accessed the list on my communication watch. There is a list of items mentioned in the description.

As I began to go through the details. A frown appeared on my face. The items are more or less common.

It may be a treasure for warriors who are staying on the bottom. But not for me. When I thought the auction items were not that great. A last item caught my attention.

[Bitter Pill - High Grade]

[A powerful pill which can help under the Super Elite stage to improve their physique. The pill is made up of the blood essence of rare monsters.]

After reading the description. I couldn't hide my excitement. The trip was worth it.

Ernest noticed the smile on Zack's face. Then he also stared at the last auction item. His expression turned weird.

"Zack, you want to buy this item?" Ernest asked.

Hearing that I nodded my head at him.

A shock appeared on Ernest's face.

"Zack, you know that pill was not an ordinary pill. I heard it gives heart-wrenching pain to consumers."

"After going through such pain, only you can gain some strength," Ernest said in a solemn tone.

"The other items looked simple. It's better to buy something than nothing," I replied.

"What about you?"

"Do you need anything?" I asked.

Ernest has been following me. It's better to give him something useful.

"Me?" Ernest was shocked before shaking his head in denial.

"I don't want anything," Ernest waved his hand to deny. He didn't have that money to bid.

Here the auction items will be bid higher. There is no chance for him to buy it.

On the other hand, I saw through his struggle. How can one miss such a treasure? But there are only a few items that are suitable for the Super Elite Warrior.

After pushing down the thoughts, we started to wait.

Meanwhile,

The seats have started to fill in. Except for the V.I.P the other guests quickly arrived at the venue.

On the other hand, one more team arrived in Viper City. Kane Patric came together with a few of his friends.

Instead of monster birds, they have used aircraft to come here.

Shortly after, Kane and his group reached the auction venue. Seeing the group and their attire. The guards quickly let them enter.

They don't want to offend any arrogant young master.

A hint of disdain flashes in Kane's eyes. Then he quickly walked into the building. The manager Audrey waited for their arrival.

He had sent invitations to many Flame faction warriors. But he didn't expect one of them to come.

"Mr. Kane, nice to meet you," The manager went forward to greet.

Kane didn't respond. Then the manager led him and his friends to the V.I.P room.

Inside the 1st room, both of us stopped talking.

"Another big shot is coming," Ernest said.

I nodded my head. But the next second, both of us widened our eyes in surprise.

"What is he doing here?" Ernest asked.

My eyes flickered. I didn't expect the Flame faction members to arrive.

Then I saw Ernest seemed to recognize him.

I asked, "Do you know him?"

"Uh, you don't know?"

"I remember, both of you haven't met yet," Ernest realized.

"His name is Kane Patrick. He is 3rd in rank among the Flame faction. Don't underestimate him, his fire element is mutated."

"They say his fire is hard to extinguish," Ernest said.

"Interesting!" A faint smile appeared on my face. Why do I have this feeling that we will fight sooner?

On the other hand, Kane and his friends were seated in the 2nd room. The manager left to greet other guests.

"What about the 1st room?"

"Someone else is staying there"

Kane heard his friends' conversation. He frowned. But he soon realized.

Maybe some elders are seated in the 1st room.

Shortly after, the other V.I.P's came one after another. The guests are business owners. They have one or more running businesses in the city.

The Manager Audrey was full of smiles. All the big shots have arrived. He is hoping that these people will buy the auction item.

A few minutes later,

When all three floors are full. The auction was formally started.

Two beautiful ladies brought the 1st auction item and placed it on the table before leaving.

A middle-aged man dressed in tuxedo came forward. All the spotlight fell on him.

"Ladies and gentlemen welcome to Viper City's 175th auction."

"I'm your presenter, Billy," The middle-aged man said with a smile.

Then he introduced the 1st auction item. He stepped forward to remove the cover and revealed the item.

"The 1st auction item is a core of the Peak Stage Class-6 Monster," Billy said.

"The core was obtained from the Class-6 Wind Wolf known for its speed. Anyone interested in the bidding can start from 100,000 credit points," He added.

Gasp~

The audience gasped in surprise. The Class-6 Monster Core is comparable to SS-Rank Warriors.

The SS-Rank Warriors are elders in all major academies. So everyone became excited.

Right after,

"I bid, 120,000"

"125,000"

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"130.000"

The people started to bid one after another. The price is steadily increasing. Seeing that the presenter showed a smile.

1st Room:

"Why are they excited for monster cores?" I muttered to myself.

I thought that the auction list was boring. But these people are excited about the monster core.

Ernest heard the murmuring. So he answered, "Zack, it seems you weren't aware of something."

Hearing that I turned toward him.

"As academy students, it's easy for us to access Class-5 Monster Zones and above."

"But for outsiders, they have to go through a lot of tedious processes. And they have to pay money for the visit."

"Then only they can enter the monster zone. Whether they are going to succeed in hunting or not. It doesn't matter," Ernest shed some light.

A look of understanding dawned on me. It reminds me of the early days. Where I had spent many days in the monster zone.

If this is the case, then I can sell my monster cores here. A faint smile appeared on my face.

Meanwhile,

Kane Patrick was annoyed. But he knows that the Yellow Cleansing Flower might come last. So he has to show some patience.

Chapter 578 Part 2: Viper City's Auction

From MC's perspective:

Auction:

"200,000, one time"

"200,000, second time"

"And"

"Third time"

"The auction goes to Miles' company," The presenter Billy said.

Hearing that audience clapped their hands. Finally, they can see the next auction item. No one wants to see the auction go for long.

Right after, the two beautiful ladies took the item and handed it over to the next team. A few seconds later, they brought other items to the table.

The presenter Billy took a moment before saying, "The next auction item is a favorite for warriors. It's a Grade- 4 Weapon. The double ax weapon. It's done by famous blacksmith Rick."

"The basic price is 200,000 credit points," When Billy uttered these words.

"220,000"

"230,000"

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"240,000"

The bidding began to heart once again. The bidders are starting to raise the price.

1st room:

"This is going nowhere," I muttered to myself.

The Grade 4 weapon can be used by the Elite Warrior. But back in the academy everyone has it. Slowly, I'm starting to realize the reality of the civilians.

Ernest didn't make any comment but he kept looking at the auction item.

Time went by,

All the important items were sold as the time passed.

Finally, the presenter Billy removes the cover. And there was a dark pill placed on the wooden box.

Seeing that the audience was surprised for a moment.

"The next item is the famous bitter pill. Specially made for the warriors who are interested in improving their physique."

"The pill has an effect below the Elite Stage. Anyone above using it will have slight improvement," Billy said.

"The basic bid is 50,000 Credit points. Interested people can start the price," Billy added.

"60,000"

A burly man seated below raised the price. Looking at his physique, anyone can tell that he is someone with brute strength.

"70,000"

"80,000"

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"90,000"

"10,000"

The price starts to soar up again.

In the 1st room,

"Ernest, you can finish the bid," I turned towards Ernest and said.

Ernest was surprised. Then he asked, "Zack, are you buying it?"

Hearing that I nodded my head at him. He doesn't know that I'm a super elite warrior in body strength alone.

I want to try the effect of the bitter pill.

Ernest seems fine. He didn't raise any more questions.

"15,000"

Presenter Billy said.

"If anyone wants to add on, they can do it," He added.

Seeing that no one is willing to bid more.

"15,000, one time"

"15,000, second time"

"20,000," Ernest said.

Gasp~

Hearing that everyone was gasping. Faces of the warriors who bid earlier turned ugly. Then everyone saw the voice coming from the V.I.P room.

Then everyone quieted down.

"Hmmm, why does it sound familiar?" In the 2nd room, Kane's friend muttered.

But Kane closed his eyes and took a small nap. He instructed his friend to wake him up when a cleansing flower came up for the bidding.

So he didn't know what's going on outside.

The presenter Billy saw the response coming from the V.I.P area. He showed a big smile on his face.

One of the rules is that he can't reveal his identity.

"20,000 asked by our V.I.P on the 1st room"

"Is there anyone willing to ask further?" Billy asked.

Ernest has purposely increased the price. So that no one can think of raising by small amounts.

This has sent a message to everyone. Even if someone bids, then they will increase the price.

Seeing that no one is asking. Billy started to count.

"20,000, one time"

"20,000, second time"

"and"

"20,000, third time"

"Now, the auction item goes to our V.I.P in the 1st room," Billy said.

Hearing that two ladies came forward to receive the item. Then they will send it back to the customer.

A few minutes later,

The staff brought the item to us. I received the wooden box and opened it. A dark pill was placed in it. I can already smell the scent of herbs..

After closing it, I asked, "Shall we go back?"

"Are you not interested in seeing what those guys have come for?" Ernest asked.

He thought Zack would definitely be interested in seeing Kane Patrick.

A faint smile appeared on my face.

"There is no need to make unnecessary trouble. We can leave now," I said.

Hearing that Ernest agreed. Then we left the room and walked to the office through the back door.

Manager Audrey was full of smiles.

"Mr. Zack, are you satisfied?" In his office, the manager asked.

"Well, I'm satisfied. But at the same time, I want to sell some monster cores," I said.

There are plenty of Class-4 monster cores in my hands. They barely raise my strength. Ever since, my body strength has become Super Elite.

It's demanding higher level monster cores. So low level monster cores barely produce blood energy.

The other hand, Ernest frowned. Actually, the academy has a treasure hall where they can sell their collections.

He doesn't understand why Zack is going.

Manager Audrey's face has become even more bright. Zack Lockwood was a famous warrior. Everyone with little influence is aware that he is a lightning warrior.

"Mr.Zack, I'm glad that you can do business with us."

"You can tell us your needs," The manager said.

Hearing that, I responded with a smile before saying, "Well, if your company gets any strange items, you can get it from me before placing it for auction, " I replied.

"Mr. Zack, don't worry. We will watch out for such items," The manager said.

Then I brought the Class-4 Monster Cores outside. There are 10 cores.

"Mr. Zack, you know Class-4 monster cores goes for less than 50,000"

"But our auction house is ready to buy it for 50,000 each."

"All for 500,000"

The manager said. Hearing that, I nodded my head in satisfaction.

The deal was better than I thought. I also know that the auction house is making connections with me. So they are ready to pay such a price.

After getting paid, we bid goodbye to the auction house. Walking out of the auction house, Ernest couldn't help but ask, "Zack, why didn't you go for our Treasure Hall?"

"Treasure Hall?"

"Well, I'm not here for money. But I'm hoping that they will find something," I replied.

Ernest seemed to understand. Then he didn't raise any questions.

A few minutes later,

The falcon bird monster leaves the Viper city and flies towards the academy.

On the back of the monster. Ernest and I start discussing.

"2 days later, there will be a start of internal competition between the Factions," Ernest said.

"Do we need to participate as well?" I asked.

Ernest looked at me strangely before saying, "As we are smaller in numbers. We don't have to participate. But what if someone challenges you, are you going to agree?"

Hearing that I shook my head.

Before coming to the academy, the teacher said that I will study here for 2 years. But now looking at the changes. Especially after hearing Jonathan's words.

I think I will leave the academy after the year -end competition. If not for the year end competition, he would have taken me right away.

At the same time, I think Jonathan has a separate mission as well.

The other hand, Ernest is reading an online post.

2 hours later,

The falcon bird monster entered back the academy space and softly landed on the platform in the transit area.

When we walked out of the place. I saw that Ernest's expression is weird.

"What happened?" I asked.

He is constantly looking at online posts.

Ernest's expression was solemn.

"Zack, important news. The internal competition is going to be huge. I never expected everyone to end their retreat."

"Not only the genius elite warriors are coming back. Even those who are super elite are also going to be present," Ernest said.

My eyes flickered. For a long time, I have heard there are strong warriors practicing secrets. Are they coming back? A faint smile appeared on my face.

Looks like the event won't be boring.

"Zack, why are you smiling?"

"Do you know what it means?"

"Everyone will target you, especially those guys from the Flame and Metal Faction," Ernest said in a solemn tone.

"I'm looking forward to it," I replied without showing much expression on his face.

Ernest was shocked. Then he realized Zack has no rival in the same stage. Maybe that's why he is confident.

"Zack, I know you are invisible in the same stage. But those Super Elite Warriors might target you. You have to be careful of them also," Ernest said.

Hearing that I nodded at him. Then we parted ways after reaching the dormitory. Soon, I reached my room.

After entering inside, I closed the door and walked to the training room. I can't wait to consume the bitter pill.

Then I sat down cross-legged on the ground. I took the wooden box from the storage bracelet.

After removing the cover, I took the dark pill and swallowed it.

Meanwhile,

Kane Patrick successfully bought the Yellow Cleansing Flower. Which was the special auction item placed at last.

After buying the item, Kane Patric is ready to leave the auction house.

Chapter 579 Fighting Against Monster

From MC's perspective:

On the competition day,

The whole academy is busy with internal competition. The 1st duel is going to happen at noon. But I don't plan on watching the competition.

My participation in the year-end competition is confirmed. I don't have to go through the selection process. So In the meantime, I decided to practice separately.

10 A.M,

I left the dormitory and started walking towards the teleportation point. The monster zone is the best place to practice and gain experience.

This time, I'm selecting the Class-6 Monster Zone. Which is quite risky. But only under pressure can I improve myself.

After arriving at the spot. I walked to the circular platform. Right after selecting the server, I disappeared from the spot.

Swoosh~

When I opened my eyes. I found myself standing in the dark green rainforest. The sky was covered in black with a heavy rain pouring down.

Rumble~

A thundering sound reverberated throughout the area.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. This is the perfect place for me to fight against the monster.

With the thunder and lightning, I can already feel the purple essence in the surroundings.

Then I picked up a direction and started to walk through the forest. The heavy rain made my body wet.

Ignoring that, I continued walking.

Rustle~

Not long after, I heard a rustling sound coming from nearby.

I paused my movements and started to investigate my surroundings.

On the other hand, a black colored python was moving slowly on the ground. Its wide red eyes have already spotted the intruder.

The black-dotted python is Peak Stage Class-5 Monster. It has already started considering the intruder as a prey.

It's now waiting for the right opportunity to attack the enemy.

On the other hand, I activated my perceptual ability. Soon I saw something lurking in the dark.

Looking at its size, I realized it was a large snake monster. Just as I was observing, the monster made a move.

The giant body leaped towards me. The monster was so close to that.

"Lightning Wheel," I released the lightning defense technique.

A large purple-colored lightning wheel appeared around my body. The black python opened its mouth to attack.

When its body comes into contact with the giant lightning wheel.

Boom~

The wheel explodes the next moment. The lightning power tore through the scale and caused slight injuries to the body.

Swoosh~

Python disappeared back into the woods.

On the other hand, I retreated a few steps backward because of the impact.

I brought the black sword and held it in my hand. The monster is at the peak stage. That's why it's movements are harder to predict.

But I'm keeping an eye on the surroundings through perception.

On the other hand, the python is hiding in the dark. It didn't escape after getting hit. Rather it got enraged.

The bloodthirsty nature of the monster started to appear. It immediately wanted to tear down its prey.

The next moment, the monster again moved towards the prey. When it got closer, it used its long tail to attack.

The slight injuries caused by the previous attack didn't stop the monster's movements.

Swoosh~

In my perception, I saw a black shadow coming toward me at a fast speed.

This time I held the sword in my left hand and raised my right fist to punch the monster.

The blood energy gathered in my right fist within seconds.

When my fist touched the scales.

Crack~

A crackling sound can be heard. The scales of the python burst open causing gruesome injury in the middle.

Pffd~

Blood splattered on the ground.

Hiss~

The python let out a loud hissing sound before disappearing into the woods. Seeing that I placed the sword back in my storage ring.

It's difficult to kill the monster by using elite strength. Right now, I can only use my body strength to kill the monster.

Then I took the initiative to find the monster. Through perception, I saw the monster stopped at one point and kept staring at me.

This gives me a dangerous vibe.

Swoosh~

When I got closer to the monster. The Python finally starts to show some hesitation. This time the monster is looking at me cautiously.

"Lightning Phantom Technique,"

A purple arc covered my legs. The next second, I disappeared from the spot. And got closer to the monster.

The python monster hissed out loud. It wide opened its mouth to attack.

"Blood Fist," I raised my fist to attack again.

This time the punch lands a blow to the monster's head.

Puch~

Blood spilled from the monster's head. My hand got missed from the sharp razor teeth of the monster.

Hiss~

The python starts hissing loudly. It finally starts feeling the pain.

Swoosh~

The next second, the monster wants to disappear into the woods. Seeing that I chased the monster from behind.

"Blood Fist"

I punched again. Fortunately, the monster didn't have the poison ability. The python's movement got slower because of the injury.

So it got attacked by the fist attack again.

Time passed,

Not long after, the python's long body got several broken scales with gruesome injuries all over its body.

Even the head of the monster failed to remain unscathed. One of its eyes was damaged.

Seeing that the monster is slowly dying. I brought the black sword outside to attack again.

Chop~

I raised my sword to cut the monster's head. The black blade easily penetrated the body. Seeing that I used brute force to thrust further.

Pfff~

Blood starts gushing out from its neck. The python monster finally ended its life. Then I started to collect the monster core.

After collecting the monster core. I quickly left the spot. Because I saw strong auras coming towards me. I didn't have time to cut the monster's body.

A 10 minutes later,

Many other monsters arrived at the spot. Seeing the python's dead body. The monsters started to fight among themselves.

The body of the peak stage Class-5 monster is important to other monsters to evolve. So they don't want to miss this opportunity.

On the other hand, I finally found a cave-like structure to hide.

After entering inside, I set up a barrier.

Then I sat down cross-legged on the ground. This is the right place to cultivate the lightning essence.

When I looked into my dan tian. I saw that the lightning essence was low. Seeing that I decided to cultivate.

I started to run the lightning scripture in my mind. Slowly, I started to feel the purple essence from the surroundings.

When the purple essence entered my body. I started to guide the energy according to the cultivation method.

After circulation, the energy enters the dantian. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

After a few hours, I opened my eyes. The lightning essence has recovered somewhat.

Then I didn't leave right away. Instead, I decided to cultivate a body method.

I held the Python core in my hand and started to run the blood element method. Right after, the blood-red rune in my consciousness started to flicker.

Right after, I started to absorb the monster's core energy. When the monster's core energies entered my body.

I started to guide the energy according to the blood element method. A blood-red light appeared above the blood.

It started to absorb the monster's energy and converted it into white mysterious energy.

The white mysterious energy then drilled into my bones. The next moment, I felt heart-wrenching pain.

The upper part of my skeleton starts to turn red. Slowly, the chest area becomes red.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time went by,

I don't know how long it has been but the rain outside has stopped. I opened my eyes a few hours later.

Feeling the surging energy inside my body. I know my physique has improved further. Then I stood up from the ground and removed the barrier.

The outside environment sounded calm without noise. But it gives me more alarming danger.

Not long after, I left the cave. I came across another monster. But this time, it was a scorpion.

It's hiding under the huge bedrock. The scorpion was purple. Sensing my presence, the scorpion's status charged towards me.

"Lightning Wheel"

The purple lightning wheel appeared again. When the scorpion monster touched the wheel. The wheel exploded into pieces.

The back of the scorpion monster cracked under the attack. Looking at the monster, it appears to be an Early stage Class-5 Monster.

So the lightning attack has caused significant damage. The scorpion monster tries to run away.

"Lightning Finger Technique," I made another attack.

A purple beam formed at the tip of my fingers. The next second, the beam shot at the target.

In a blink of an eye, the attack reaches the target.

Boom~

The shot lands a blow to the monster's back. The next second, a purple liquid splattered on the ground. Leaving a small hole in the monster's back.

Chapter 580 Carlos Kent's Situation

Academy:

Dean Rebecca is looking at the competition schedule in her cabin.

The internal competition is necessary to select the qualified warriors who are going to represent the academy in the year-end competition.

She has already selected the name of Zack Lockwood. Apart from Zack, there are still warriors needed to represent the academy in the Elite levels.

When it comes to the Super Elite. She wants to start the competition when everyone is back. There are still one or two super-elite warriors yet to appear in the Earth Faction and the Wind Faction.

Suddenly, she thought of something. She hasn't heard anything from Zack Lockwood after his duel.

Then she summoned the guardians. A few seconds later, two guardians appeared. They are the secret protector of Zack Lockwood.

"Two of you!"

"Where is Zack Lockwood?" Rebecca asked.

The male guardian replied, "Zack has been staying in his room after his return from the auction trip."

Hearing that Rebecca was surprised. She didn't expect Zack to go outside.

"Alright, you guys can go," She instructed them to leave.

She didn't want to disturb Zack right now. Then she began to focus on her work.

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Viper City,

Carlos Kent was staying in his home even after the departure of Jonathan. He didn't go back to Azure City either.

The situation in Azure City puts him in a desperate situation. He didn't want to face such a dilemma.

While he was resting in the room.

Beep~

A sudden call broke his leisure time.

The caller was none other than the Giant Tower Headmaster. But this time he was not in the mood for leisure talk.

When the call was connected. A voice filled with anger sounded.

"Carlos, do you know what you are doing?"

Hearing that Carlos touched his forehead in the headache. He thought he had some leisure time. But it looks like it's over now.

"Carlos, why are you staying silent?"

"Are you thinking of backstabbing us?"

The Giant Tower Headmaster said.

Carlos Kent finally lost his cool. A hint of apprehension appeared in his eyes. He started to think that the Giant Tower Headmaster was doubting him.

"I'm busy with academy work. It's time for our academy's internal competition. So I don't have time to go back," Carlos Kent sent in a calm tone.

His expression turned solemn.

On the other hand, the Giant Tower Headmaster is aware of the recent happenings.

The news about the Morrow's family leaving reached his ears. This must be the work of the dean Rebecca.

Because of that their plan has slowed down. And this b@stard is hiding in the Viper City.

There was some silence.

There is one more reason for the Giant Tower Headmaster's call. The mysterious person has already warned him.

The character of Carlos Kent is unreliable. This came as a warning call for him. The Giant Tower Headmaster had heavily invested in Carlos Kent.

Even to such a length of emptying half the resources of the Giant Tower Academy.

After a few seconds, his voice sounded again.

"Carlos Kent, I want to meet you in person."

Hearing that he stood up from his seat. At this moment, Carlos Kent has realized something is wrong.

"Alright, you can fix the place and time. I'll come," He replied.

"The place is Viper City. I'll see you in 2 days," After saying that the Giant Tower Headmaster ended the call.

After the call, the face of Carlos Kent was not good-looking. A small sweat bead appeared on his forehead.

He was aware of the existence of the mysterious person who was behind the Giant Tower Headmaster.

Carlos fears that the mysterious person might appear. If it happens, then no one can guarantee his life.

One more thing caught his attention. Which is the location. He doesn't know why those people are eyeing Azure City.

He started to think something big was going on in Azure City. Suddenly, he remembers the existence of the Supreme Elder.

Recalling that the supreme elder was part of that group. A hint of fear appeared in his eyes.

He decided to inform Jonathan.

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From MC's perspective:

Not long after, the scorpion monster was reduced to scum. Fortunately, the monster core was not damaged by the attack.

So I retrieved it successfully. Looking at the remains of the monster. My eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

There is a slight improvement in the physique because of the bitter pill. During the time of refining, the changes were small.

But right now, I'm seeing the difference. Without the impurities, I feel my body is so light.

After taking one glance at the monster, I walked away.

When I went a little deep. I have realized there aren't many monsters in this area. I have come a long way from the previous spot.

But I have yet to encounter any monsters. I furrowed my eyebrows in confusion. This situation is unnatural.

Before I could think further. A sense of crisis hit my body. But I found nothing in my perception.

This sends me a signal of danger.

Rustle~

On the other hand, a 30-foot-long centipede monster spotted the prey. It's an early-stage Class-6 Monster.

Even the SS-Rank Warriors found it difficult to fight against the monster. It can shred any low-class monster into pieces.

After finding the prey, the monster didn't act. Rather a cunning glint flashes in its eyes. The monster wants to sneak attack.

But its long body movement can alert the prey. So the monster is looking for opportunities.

On the other hand, I didn't move an inch from the spot. I have to find where the source of danger is coming from.

As time passes, apart from small raindrops and wind movement. I didn't hear anything, including the presence of the monsters.

Whereas the monsters were highly sensitive to the dangers. So the presence of Class-6 monsters made them escape.

10 minutes later,

I confirmed something in my mind. I feel the more likely of this happening is a higher-level monster is here.

It might be looking at me from a distance. But there was nothing in my perception range. This shows that the monster is not close to me at least.

"Lightning Phantom," I released the movement technique.

The purple arcs covered my legs. The next second, I started to run in the opposite direction in a zig-zag manner.

Rustle~

The centipede monster finally moved. The speed was so fast that it quickly reached the prey in a blink of an eye.

The giant body leaped towards the prey. The centipede wants to strangle the prey before killing it.

So its huge body appeared at the front.

"Lightning Wheel," I uttered.

The next second, a lightning wheel appeared around my body. A thundering sound resonated in the area.

For a second, the centipede monster hesitated. Then it sensed the power of lightning was not that much threatening.

Then its body collided with the lightning wheel in the blink of an eye.

Boom~

A deafening sound reverberated throughout the area.

Argh~

A muffled grunt left my mouth.

My huge body collapsed onto the ground. The impact was so huge that blood spilled from my mouth.

But enduring all of that, I executed the lightning phantom technique again.

The purple arcs covered my legs. Then I started to run at breakneck speed.

On the other hand, the centipede monster didn't even flinch. It started to chase down.

Rumble~

The entire forest starts to tremble. The movement has alerted the other monsters in the vicinity.

No one wants to come in the way of a Class-6 Monster. Otherwise, they will be reduced to mincemeat.

"Come on," I muttered to myself.

While urging the lightning movement. I tried to get away as fast as possible. But I felt the monster get closer to me.

I don't want to get bitten by razor-sharp teeth. The monster can poison me to death.

"Lightning Wheel," While running, I tried to use another attack. However, it was difficult to execute two techniques at the same time.

So I canceled the movement technique and brought the sword outside.

When I turned around, I saw the monster was a few steps away from me

"Lightning wheel"

I executed the lightning defense technique again. The lightning wheel formed in time. The centipede's mouth comes into contact with the wheel.

Boom~

A deafening sound reverberated throughout the area.

The impact force sent me flying again. The centipede monster was annoyed. The lightning didn't do that much damage.

Crash~

My body crashed onto the ground again. A hint of emergency rose in my heart. I have to escape as soon as possible.

If the purple essence hits the rock bottom, then I have nowhere to escape.

Then I started to run by using the lightning movement technique.

The centipede starts to chase again.

As the time passes, the purple essence starts to run out. Most of the essence is consumed in the lightning technique.

The centipede monster is getting annoyed by the continuous lightning technique. Though it doesn't suffer any injury. But the lightning bombardment pissed off the monster.

It can't wait to shred the prey into pieces.