

BloodLine 591

Chapter 591 Part 2: Ernest's duel

From MC's perspective:

After having breakfast, we started walking towards the duel arena. Though Ernest seemed confident.

But I'm having doubts in my heart. Clearly, he doesn't listen to me. If anything happens, I can only carry him to the infirmary.

Soon, we reached the arena building. Apart from us, there are quite a number of Super Elite Warriors entering the building.

While Ernest entered the office to register his name. I started walking towards the seating area.

The seating areas were separated for each faction. The Special Faction Area has less number of seats because of less number of students.

After arriving at the spot, I picked an empty seat to sit down. Looking at the empty seats around me. I frowned.

There are still warriors left in our faction apart from us. But none of them has come so far. Which shows that Carlos was incompetent in his job.

After pushing down my thoughts. I looked down. There are 5 dual platforms. The participants are yet to appear.

As long as the name is announced, they will start to appear one after another.

"Hmm," I raised my eyebrows. I feel like someone is looking at me. Then I slightly turned around my head and saw the people from the Gale Faction are looking at me.

Among them I spotted familiar faces. One of them is Vina Potkins. Fortunately, nobody knows about my real strength.

Otherwise the Super Elite Warriors would start bothering me. Then I shifted my gaze from them. Then I noticed there was one more group looking at me.

"RainWater Faction?" I said in my heart. I saw Eurice's friends are pointing fingers at me. They seemed to talking about me.

But what about their faction head? Elder Alice is not here. Then I shook my head before looking at the duel arena.

There is an hour left for the duel. Feeling bored, I started reading online articles.

Time went by,

After one hour, the duel officially starts. 5 duels taking place at the same time. Ernest is standing on the 2nd platform.

He is facing a warrior from the Gale Faction. Looking at Ernest's smile. I think that opponent is not that strong.

When I was observing the duel. I felt a malicious gaze on me. I sneered inside. Without turning sideways, I can tell that it's coming from the Flame Faction Area.

Then I slightly looked at them from the corner of my eyes. I saw Kane Patrick is looking at me. Beside him, the Flame Faction Head Franklin is also watching me.

"What's with these people?" I said in my heart.

Not long after the winner was announced.

Ernest easily defeated the opponent by using the soil attack. The Soil attack is strange. You need expertise to tackle them.

Seeing that Ernest's first hurdle was over. A faint smile appeared on my face.

But the next fixture made me frown. This time Ernest's opponent was from the Metal Faction.

The Flame Faction and Metal Faction are allies. Both the faction members have the same thoughts.

It's just that I'm not targeted by the metal faction recently.

After taking a glance at them, I turned my attention back to the ground. Ernest needs 9 more duels to win.

Then he can continue tomorrow.

Time went by,

Ernest has defeated successive opponents in a few hours. When the flame faction warrior appeared. He didn't play any tricks.

He was defeated straightforwardly by Ernest. I feel something is wrong. This shouldn't be right. This should be a nice opportunity for them to target Ernest to antagonize me.

Why are they giving up right now? Soon the last match for today was over. Ernest and other participants left the stadium.

Seeing that I started to leave. Whatever? I know Jonathan will come back soon. When he is around. There is nothing to be afraid of these people's conspiracy.

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The Azure City:

A few hours ago,

Elder Alice is currently staying in one of the inn in the inner area. She is in a bad mood right now. When she first came the outer area was empty.

People had already vacated the outer area. But when she entered the inner area to investigate.

She found that the place is deteriorating as well. Whether it's Blevins' family move or not. But the Morrow Family's migration has caused panic among the people.

Later she found that the daughter of the Morrow Family head is a student of their academy. She is one of the Special Faction Warriors.

But when the dean briefed her she didn't hear all the details. Now she knows the migration process was approved by her.

In between she went back to the academy once. Then she came back to Azure City right after finishing the work.

Now the Morrow Family moved out. An unknown panic appeared among the residents here. The Blevins Family was staying low key for some reason.

From time to time she also saw the appearance of Michael Blevins outside of the Mansion. He didn't seem to go back to the academy any time soon.

Recently she has been looking for an opportunity to enter Blevins' Mansion. But the Blevins' Family Head is not an easy person.

She found that he is not stepping out of the mansion. If the person goes outside, then she will get her chance to enter inside.

But right now she is staying in the inn wasting time. Unless the dean calls back her it's impossible to return.

While she is getting frustrated..

Beep~

A sudden call broke her thoughts. The call is from none other than the dean. Seeing that she hurriedly attended the call.

"Elder Alice, I know you are not getting anything there in Azure City. So you can return to the academy right now."

"The internal competition is going on. You can postpone the mission," Dean said.

Hearing the dean's words on the call. Elder Alice sighed in relief.

"Okay, dean. I'm leaving right away," She replied with a smile.

Then they spoke for a few more minutes before ending the call.

The academy is the best place to practice. The world energy is thin here. Then she decided to leave after getting ready.

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The following day,

After getting ready, I went to the office building. Then I reached the dean's cabin to get permission.

When I saw her I realized that the dean wasn't aware of my full conversation with the Supreme Elder. When she asked me, I revealed our conversation without hiding anything.

"What is he thinking?" Rebecca blurted out in a surprise.

Last time, I told her about the duel. But nothing about the condition.

"Why didn't you tell me that day?" Rebecca asked.

"This?" I raised my eyebrows.

"Dean, I thought the Supreme Elder might have told you," I replied in a calm tone. To be honest, I don't want to involve her.

It's clear that the old man's life is going to end sooner or later. And Jonathan won't leave him lightly.

The old man was greedy for life. He has been cooperating with outside enemies to extend his own life.

His selfish actions have jeopardized the safety of the people. If the news is exposed, the dean will face a severe backlash.

People might think she is part of the enemy's group as well.

Dean Rebecca lost in her thoughts. Clearly, she has lost the favor of the Supreme Elder. But she doesn't know why?

"You are right!"

"I couldn't able to understand the Supreme Elder's thoughts nowadays. He is not showing concern at all."

"Even he hadn't asked about the internal competition," Rebecca said with a bitter smile on her face.

Hearing that I thought it's best to warn her. If she was caught in the vortex. She couldn't be able to save herself let alone the academy.

"Dean, I think you should resign your position and focus on increasing your strength," I said.

When I uttered those words. I saw clear shock on her face.

"I was hasty," I said in my heart.

"Zack Lockwood, do you know what you are saying?" Rebecca asked. She thought Zack was overstepping his boundaries.

No academy student has spoken to her like this. Then she suddenly realizes she has been giving too much importance to Zack.

Which led him to speak like this.

"Zack, you can leave right now," Rebecca said.

"Dean? I'm sorry!"

"But I want to remind you that don't trust the Supreme Elder," After saying that I stood up from the seat.

"I know you can leave right now," Dean Rebecca said. A hint of anger can be seen in her eyes.

Creak~

I left the room.

Meanwhile,

The Giant Tower Headmaster swiftly acted. He sent his men to collect the treasure item from the Glass City.

The Glass City like the name says the architecture buildings are made up of glass. People inside the building can see the outside view clearly.

Among one of the towering buildings, a circular shaped building located at the center of the city.

The Glass building is the building structure of the auction house.

Chapter 592 Seamus' plan

Glass City:

The treasure item was placed in the auction building. Since the lightning element was practiced by lightning element warriors.

The auction house didn't plan on auctioning the items. Unless there is a special request from the buyer.

They won't show it to the outside world. But the Giant Tower Academy's people are ready to buy these items.

At the same time, two beautiful ladies wearing Red Moon Tower wearing Academy were looking around the Glass City.

They are none other than Ella Downs and Sallie Mills. Both are friends of Zack Lockwood.

Right now, the duo are casually visiting the city. As the Glass City is similar to the Viper City. Most of the Red Moon Tower Warriors hail from this City.

A few minutes later,

The duo walked past the towering building. Ella quickly recognised the building. It's one of the main attractions of the city, the auction house.

"Sallie, shall we go inside?" Ella asked.

Besides her, Ella took a good look at the building. Suddenly, she seems to remember something.

"Do you recall the rumors?" Sallie asked in a low tone.

Ella stopped her movements before recalling something. The Treasure item of the lightning element is not a secret anymore.

Before the outside world knew it. The Red Moon Tower had the intel.

When it comes to the lightning element. The name of Zack Lockwood comes to their mind.

After the destruction of the Crimson Hall. Their relationship with Zack Lockwood had changed.

Both of them had avoided contacting him so far.

'Let's go, we should not get involved with him," Sallie said.

Hearing that Ella nodded her head. Through their former organization the Crimson Wall was notorious and partial.

But still they had some friends and colleagues in that organization. After the destruction, everyone was displaced.

Still there is no point of communication. These things heavily weighed on their mind.

The destruction of their former organization was especially connected to Zack Lockwood.

So both of them ignored the white towering building and quickly walked passed.

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From MC's perspective:

After stepping out of the office building. I decided to go to the duel arena. Ernest has a duel today.

If I'm right, he will be selected if he wins all of his duels today. Then he is going to represent the academy in the Year end competition.

Before I could walk further.

Swish~

Two people appeared before me. Seeing them, I paused my movements. They are guardians arranged by the dean.

"I heard from the dean that you are going to participate in the duel. Are you ready to go to the mountain peak for cultivation?" The male guardian asked.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. I thought I was going to waste time today.

"Wait a second, I'm going to send some quick messages," After saying that I started typing messages.

Then I sent the message to Jonathan and Ernest. After doing that I turned towards the guardian.

The guardian grabbed my shoulder. The next second, we appeared in the mid-air. Then we started moving towards the destination.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca is still not over from the shocker. Though she reprimanded him before sending him out.

But Zack's expression had caught her eyes.

"He looked serious," She said in her heart. She also knows the Supreme Elder was the one who told him about Zack's background.

So if Zack is saying this then it's worth looking into it. She didn't admit before Zack. Because she had her own reason.

The Supreme Elder's recent conversation with Franklin and his lackluster attitude over the Azure City made her cautious.

On top of it, there was no reply from Carlos Kent. One of the faction heads of the academy is missing from his job.

The Supreme Elder seems to know it. But he doesn't care. Considering all of this, she believes that Zack's warning might be true.

But she hopes that nothing bad will happen until the end of the year. She is pinning a lot of her hopes on the Year end conference.

Only by getting a good rank, the academy can receive resources for the next couple of years.

That's why she is not willing to resign right now.

Time went by,

11 A.M in the morning,

Ernest Kirk has entered the duel arena alone. This time there was no one to cheer him on. Earlier, he received it from Zack.

Knowing that Zack is going to a special place to cultivate. He didn't stop him. More than him Zack's duel was important.

So today Ernest decided to try his best luck.

At the same time the spectator area was almost filled with the crowd.

After walking inside, Ernest waited for the opposite warrior and referee to appear.

Shortly after,

All the 5 dueling platforms were filled. Ernest's opponent was a fire elemental warrior.

When the duel started. Both of them started to attack each other. Unlike yesterday, this time the warriors are fighting for climbing up in ranks.

So the opposite flame faction warrior was talented. As the time passed, both of them pushed against each other equally.

Ernest tried to block the opponent's move with the soil attacks as much as possible.

But Ernest doesn't know someone is forming a sinister plan against him. On the 1st platform, the winner was already decided.

The opposite wind element warrior wasn't able to withstand more than 3 blows from the Flame faction warrior.

The Flame Faction Warrior is none other than Seamus.

Seamus has already spotted Ernest. He also knows Zack was not here. A cruel smile appeared on his face.

There is a possibility that a duel between him and Ernest is going to happen. If it happens, Seamus made up his mind to beat the Sh!t out of him.

Ernest wasn't aware of this situation. He is seriously fighting against the opponent.

Meanwhile,

Time passed in a blink of an eye,

After a few hours of traveling, the guardians brought me to the mountain peak. As usual the place was covered with the dark sky.

As we got closer to the mountain, the rain started to pour down heavily.

"I hate the heavy rain at this place," the female guardian said with a dejected face.

Soon we reached the top of the mountain.

Tud~

We landed on the ground.

"Okay, we are going to guard you as usual. You can cultivate peacefully," The male guardian said.

Hearing that I nodded at him before walking to the suitable place to sit down. Reaching the good spot, I set up the barrier around me.

After doing that I sat down cross legged. Unfortunately, there was no thunder and lightning in the sky today.

Closing my eyes, I started to run the celestial scripture in mind. Right after, the lightning rune in mind started to flicker.

After a few seconds, I started to feel the purple energy from the surroundings. Even though there was no lightning thunder today.

But there is still enough purple energy in the surroundings. Slowly, I started to absorb the purple energy from the surroundings.

When the purple energy entered my body. I guided the energy according to the scripture. The energy started to flow through my meridians and after circulation.

The refined energy settles down in my dantian. Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Time went by,

Both the guardians closed their eyes and stood close to the barrier. Before coming here, the dean has warned them.

The threat for Zack was not reduced at all. If their location is exposed then it might attract the attention of the hostile forces.

So they seemed to close their eyes. But they are monitoring silently.

A few hours later,

The purple essence in my dantian reached more than half.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process. After a few minutes, the majestic totem in dantian started to make a move.

The totem started to convert the refined purple essence to much more pure. The amount of refined purple essence starts to recede slowly.

But the quality of the purple essence is high. And it's more powerful.

Time went by,

The dantian was filled with purple essence a few hours later.

The time went past noon. Seeing that I decided to switch the practice.

I took the monster core from the storage ring and held it in my hand. Then I started to run the blood element method.

I have this feeling that body strength would reach the barrier soon. But the barrier for Super Elite Warrior requires more energy.

The next moment, the blood rune in mind started to flicker. Slowly, I started to absorb the monster's core energies.

When the energy entered my body. I guided the energy according to the blood method. When the energy started to circulate.

The red blood light appears above the bloodstream. The blood light starts to convert the monster's energies into the mysterious white energies.

The white emerged then started drilling into my skeletons. Slowly, the dark red spot starts to appear on my neck bone.

Enduring the heart wrenching pain. I continued to repeat the process.

Chapter 593 Ernest's defeat

Academy:

A few hours ago,

The internal competition for the Super Elite Warrior is reaching its end. The Flame Faction Warriors are leading the ranking.

Most of the spots were occupied by them at this moment. But it can't be helped. The number of Super Elite Warriors in the Flame Faction Warriors is high.

So the other faction wasn't surprised by the ranking. On the other hand, Seamus finally got his wish.

He and Ernest are going to face off against each other.

Ernest was completely surprised by the match-up. But at the same time, he was wary of Seamus.

Like it or not, he can guess that his opponent won't show him any mercy. Ernest's thoughts about quitting.

But thinking about Zack and Special Faction's Reputation. He had decided to try it.

Soon both of them stood opposite each other.

Seamus is carrying an evil smile on his face. When Ernest stood opposite to him. He can't wait for the referee to give the signal.

Ernest has somewhat recovered his essence after the previous duel. But he won't underestimate Seamus.

"Start"

When the referee's voice sounded. Ernest shot several sharp spikes at Seamus.

Swish~

Seamus greeted the attack with a smile. The next moment, he surrounded himself with a wall of flames.

Boom~

When the spikes come in contact with the flame wall. A deafening sound reverberated throughout the area.

Smoke quickly covered the duel arena. Ernest's pupil shrank. But he quickly recovered his expression. He wasn't surprised.

Seamus' fire cultivation technique is unusual as he heard before. He just hoped that his essence would be enough for the rest of the duel.

But something unexpected had happened. When the smoke cleared. Seamus turned the burning flame towards Ernest.

The next second, the sea of flames rushed out at a fast speed. Seeing that Ernest formed a wall by using the soil element.

Uproar~

The Flame Faction Warriors in the spectator area erupted in a cheer. Everyone has realized that Seamus is going all out.

Ssshh~

When the flames come into contact with the sand wall. A loud screeching sound can be heard. Which again caused smoke to arise.

On top of that, Ernest started to feel the terrible heat. To prevent the increase in temperature, he continued to pour the essence.

In the blink of an eye, the same wall added another layer. If anyone looks at it from outside they can see that the sand was so thick.

Seamus gave an interesting look. In his opinion, at least Ernest is not boring.

The next second, Seamus released a different attack. He shot several burning flame balls in succession.

Unlike the earlier attack, this will test the strength of the sand wall.

Boom~

The flame attack lands a blow to the thick sand wall. The next second, an explosion occurs.

Ernest retreated backward from the impact. If he remained any longer, the remaining attack would touch him.

The smoke once again coveted the duel arena. But Ernest's expression was ugly. He used a large amount of essence in that sand wall.

Swish~

Before he could think further. A flame fist greeted him. By using the smoke screen, Seamus rushed out to punch.

The distance was so close that Ernest hastily relapsed the sand wall again.

Boom~

But Seamus' flame fist easily blasted away the sand wall. In a blink of an eye, the sand wall crumbled down.

Ernest's expression becomes heavy. He finally realizes it's time to admit defeat. But Seamus saw through his thoughts.

That's why he has engaged in close combat at the last moment. His fist coveted with flames reaches Ernest's chest.

Smash~

The punch heavily hits Ernest's chest. Not only that, flames also touched his body and quickly spread around his clothes.

Pfff~

Blood spilled from my mouth. Ernest rolled over to the ground because of a fierce attack.

A cruel glint flashes in Seamus's eyes. He is not satisfied with the single hit. Before he could trample him.

Ernest cleverly admitted defeat with his remaining strength. Seeing that the referee declared Seamus as a winner.

"You cowardly b@stard," Seamus' expression darkened. He didn't enjoy the full taste of the duel.

Seeing that Ernest stepped out of the ground. He can only give up at this moment.

Uproar~

The crowd let out a roaring cheer. Not many were aware of the conflict between Seamus and Zack's friends.

In the spectator area, Kane and his friends' expressions turned bad as well. They saw that Zack's Senior Ernest admitted defeat at the last moment.

He was clever enough to escape from a little injury.

"Harumph"

The flame faction head didn't know when he appeared and gave a color snort.

Almost everyone in the flame faction is expecting Seamus to thrash Ernest as long as the other party in the duel platform.

Now they can only swallow because of this unexpected result.

Seamus continues to participate in the next duel. On the other hand, Ernest finally forfeits. He decided to check his condition first.

Though he looks to remain unscathed from the outside. But he feels a burning sensation from inside. Like someone is boiling his inner organs.

The results didn't go unnoticed under the Dean's eyes. She is also monitoring the movements of the flame faction head. And she happened to watch the duel from beginning to end.

As she had expected, the famous faction warriors were flexing their muscles. But it's a pity, that Zack is an Elite Warrior. He can't challenge the Super Elite Warrior.

So the Special Faction can only accept the defeat. What others don't know. Someone else also watched the duel with interest. He is none other than Jonathan.

Looking at the disappearing back of Ernest. "This kid with the soil element has a good temperament," Jonathan muttered to himself.

He was on his way back when he recovered Zack's message. And he reached an hour before Ernest's duel.

Because of this, he was able to monitor the vice dean's actions as well. From Zack's words, he knows that the current Vice-dean is listening to every day of the Supreme Elder.

So he quickly became interested in Franklin Madden.

Franklin Madden shuddered all of a sudden in the Spectator area. When he turns around to check. Apart from the Earth and Gale Faction Head, there was no sign of the dean.

He thought only the dean could suppress the academy.

Meanwhile,

Glass City:

Several powerful auras entered the auction building to purchase the special item. The management was alarmed by the presence of Warriors above the Super Elite.

So they quickly agreed to sell the special item. Even the management themselves were surprised by the presence of several people.

All of them are one team and they purposely come here to buy this item. After negotiating successfully, the auction house sold the items to them.

Like other Major organizations, the auction house knows that the only warrior who can use the item is Zack Lockwood, a student of Saw Scale Viper Academy.

If it weren't for the bad relationship between the Red Moon Tower and Zack's academy. The auction house would have contacted Zack directly.

But if they do it now, they can only face the wrath of the Red Moon Tower. Beside the entire city is their property. So for a safe future, the auction didn't contact Zack.

The appearance of these people solved their problem. Not only that, they have also earned over 100,000 credit points over this lighting treasure item.

If the Giant Tower Headmaster learns about the price, then his heart will bleed.

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From MC's perspective:

Mountain Peak,

After cultivating for a few hours, I stopped practicing the blood method and stood up from the ground.

I believe in the coming few days. I will touch the barrier. After gaining some clarity, I started to remove the barrier.

The guardians also noticed Zack's change. It had taken him more than 10 hours to fill the dantian.

"Do you want to spend more days?" The male guardian asked.

"No!" I shook my head. Jonathan would come back to the academy right now.

After removing the barrier, the guardians started to guide me back to the academy.

Time flies,

When we reached the academy. It was dark. The guardian dropped me off at the dormitory before leaving.

After arriving at the room, I opened the door to enter. When I turned on the lights. I saw someone else sitting on the sofa.

"Jonathan, you are back," I uttered in surprise.

He didn't send me any message about his return.

Jonathan stopped looking at the communication watch before looking at Zack.

"Young master, how was your trip?"

"I just came back a few hours ago," Jonathan replied.

Hearing that I nodded my head before saying, "I recovered my essence. Now, I have to wait for their reply."

Then Jonathan spoke about Carlos Kent's situation. Carlos Kent has found a temporary place to stay.

"And young master, you should visit your friend next morning," Jonathan added.

"Who?"

"Ernest," I asked back.

"He was hit hard by someone named Seamus. But don't worry. He admitted defeat at the last moment."

"In the end, he managed to escape from the minor injuries," Jonathan replied.

"At last it happened," A heavy expression appeared on my face.

Chapter 594 Ernest's return

From MC's perspective:

After speaking with me for a few more minutes. Jonathan left the room. I don't know where I'm going to stay. But I have a good guess in my mind.

I think he will use Carlos Kent's home as a temporary stay. Then I looked inside. Seeing the purple essence in my dantian.

A faint smile appeared on my face. Then I thought about the internal competition. Everyone is working hard for the year-end conference.

But from Jonathan's words, I have realized that the event is less likely going to happen. There are enemies outside. But my strength is not enough to face them.

I hope everything will be resolved soon.

The next day,

After getting ready, I left the dormitory. Then I started heading towards the infirmary. From Jonathan's words, I can tell that. He was not that much affected.

Soon I reached the infirmary. When I walked into the place. I came across the old man wearing a white coat again.

Upon seeing me, the old man stopped his movement.

"Oh, you are here again."

"Looks like you and your friend. Both of you love our infirmary that much," the old man said with a smile.

Hearing that I don't know whether to laugh or cry. As far as I know, the old man is not an ordinary person.

Whenever I see him, I get this uneasy feeling in my heart.

"Alright, don't be afraid. You can go to see your friend," The old man saw through his thoughts.

After saying that he walked into another patient's room.

"Phew!"

"What a weird old man?" I muttered in my heart.

Then I started heading towards room no. 23.

After arriving at the room, I opened the door to enter inside.

"Ernest?" I saw him awake and talking to the healing assistant.

"Zack!"

"When did you come back?" Ernest asked back. The female assistant quickly left the room giving them space.

Ernest saw that the female assistant was gone. Then he looked at Zack with a serious expression.

"Zack, you are right. Seamus had malicious intent against me. But somehow I had managed to see his intention before admitting defeat," Ernest said.

When he said those words. His expression looked ugly. He had wanted to climb up in the ranks.

But because of Seamus, he had to give up.

On the other hand, I silently listened to his words. But I'm glad that he was clever enough to see through the opponent's tricks.

"Zack, are you going to fight against Kane?" Ernest asked.

I raised my head to look at him.

Ernest was taken aback. But soon he realized that Zack had no rivals in the same category.

Then he said, "I know you can defeat the elite warrior easily. But Kane is not easy. Like Seamus, his cultivation method is different."

"I doubt whether they use a small amount of elemental essence in their attack. Because I found Seamus didn't care about running out of element essence during our fight," Ernest added.

Hearing that my eyes flickered. Now, I can understand his worry. But he doesn't know that I'm not relying on the lightning essence. Ultimately, my body strength is enough to crush him.

It's just I don't want to expose that trump card.

"Alright, I know my limit," I replied to Ernest. Then we talked about a few other things before I left the room.

Ernest says he will be discharged in the evening. And his injuries weren't that serious. As long as takes enough rest he will be fine.

Then I walked out of the infirmary room. I don't know if my duel against Kane would be scheduled. But I mean time, I can't waste time.

I looked in the direction of the teleportation tower. If I use body strength to fight against the monster. I can push my limit further.

It might reduce the time of sensing the barrier. After gaining some clarity in my thoughts, I started rushing towards the teleportation tower.

Soon, I reached the place. After arriving at the circular platform. I didn't immediately select the server. Rather, I texted Jonathan about my plan.

Then I began to carefully select the server. This time I'm not going to take a risk in the dangerous Class-6 Monster Zone.

I selected the monster zone relatively with medium difficulty. As long as I don't approach the core area. I can save my life.

When I selected the server. The circular platform lit up with light.

Swish~

The next second, I disappeared from the spot.

When I opened my eyes. I saw a vast land in front of me. There was no dense vegetation. I can be safe that no monster would sneak attack on me.

I'm not going to use the black sword. This time, I'll be engaging in close combat.

Not long after, the ground beneath me started to shake. Seeing that I retreated backward to find a solid spot.

On the other hand, several cracks appeared on the ground and it started to stretch more than 100 meters.

Boom~

The next moment, a something blast opened the land to appear on the surface.

When I saw that monster. I revealed a bitter smile on my fever. Whenever something cracks under the ground. I can only think of this monster.

[Class -5 Early Stage Steel Worm Monster]

A brown-colored monster with sticky liquid all over its body appeared on the surface. The name comes from the razor-sharpened row of teeth.

This worm monster is another kind. Which is different from the Brown and Red Worm Monsters.

The Sticky liquid is not a good sign. It's not good to engage in close combat against these weird types of monsters.

But I'm going to try anyway. Since I have made up my mind not to use the lightning element. It's better to follow the body's strength.

Swoosh~

The next second, I rushed out to punch against the monster. At the same time, I activated my perceptual ability.

The worm monster lowered his head to swallow the prey as a whole. The razor-sharp tooth makes a metallic sound.

But my speed was enough to reach the monster's body. While moving, I mobilized the red blood energy from my bones.

In the blink of an eye, I got closer to the monster.

Boom~

At the same time, the monster plunges its huge head into the ground.

Dust rose from the ground. By using the opportunity, I raised my fist to punch the monster.

"Blood Fist"

In the blink of an eye, red blood energy gathered around my fist. When the punch hits the body of the monster. It easily tore through the monster's defense.

"Pfff"

The red blood energy burns out the sticky liquid. And the red color fist leaves a giant hole in the body.

The next second, yellow-colored liquid starts to gush out from the monster's body.

Screech~

The worm monster made a weird sound in pain. But I didn't care and continued to rain down the blood fist on the monster.

A few minutes later,

The worm monster turned into pulp. Except for the monster core. Those sticky liquids didn't cause me any trouble.

After collecting the monster core, I started to look for other monsters. The It's hard to see the end. After spending a few more hours, I didn't come across any other monsters.

early-stage monsters pose no threat to me.

I have to find the peak-stage monsters. On the way, I came across a few Class-4 Monsters. But I let them go.

At this stage, the core of the Class-4 Monster is not that useful to me. The vast land is huge.

It's hard to see the end. After spending a few more hours, I didn't come across any other monsters.

But I wasn't that surprised. Looks like I have to go deeper. A quick glint flashes in my eyes. Then I started to move towards the deep.

After a few minutes, I came across lush green vegetation. Such a place is a sign of a monster's residence. When I walked into the place.

Rustle~

I heard the rustling sound. Then I spotted something moving in the huge tree.

"A plant-type monster" I uttered in surprise. But after looking at the strength, I realized the monster was a Class-3 one.

Then I started to walk through the place. I don't know what type of monster is hiding here. Soon, I reached deep into this place.

Through my perception, I spotted ape-type monsters. But I'm sure it's a different kind. The strength of these monsters wasn't that great.

A hint of disappointment flashes in my eyes.

I don't know whether I picked the wrong monster zone or not. There seem to be less number of Class- 5 Monsters here.

Time flies,

A few hours later, I returned to the academy. Today wasn't that great. After killing the worm monster, I encountered deadly tree-type monsters.

But fortunately, those tree-type monsters can't move. After killing those monsters, I collected the monster core from it.

And it took me the whole day to do it.

After gaining some clarity, I returned to the dormitory room. On the way, I checked the incoming messages.

Ernest has successfully been discharged from the infirmary. Seeing that I sighed in relief.

Chapter 595 White Scroll

Giant Tower Academy:

The Giant Tower Headmaster is sitting down in his room. But his eyes were staring at the ancient yellow scroll. The scroll looked empty.

He has tried many methods to inspect the scroll. But he wasn't able to find anything interesting in it.

He had almost thought it was fake. If not for Glass City Auction House's assurance, he wouldn't have bought this item. The Auction Manager said that only warriors with lightning elements can use this scroll.

At first, he didn't believe it. But right now, he is tired out after testing. When he was observing, he suddenly felt a tightening in his heart.

"Argh"

A muffled grunt left his mouth. In a second, his face looked distorted.

How could it be? He consumed the forbidden potion an hour ago. So the Headmaster was confused and terrified.

The pain was so overwhelming that his eyes were bulging out.

The next second, his room was engulfed in darkness. In the blink of an eye, the darkness disappeared. But there was one more person in the room.

His face was covered with mash. He is wearing a black tuxedo. When he appeared. The Headmaster's pain disappeared all of a sudden.

The headmaster's pupil shrank. He stood up from the seat in fear. No doubt the person in front of him is mysterious.

"Sir?" He said in a trembling tone.

Hearing that the person looked at the Headmaster and said, "Well, you seem to be enjoying your life these days."

His voice was neither male nor female. It's a strange mixed tone.

The headmaster shuddered in fear. If you antagonize this person, then he will end up dead.

"Sir, forgive me. If I did something wrong," He answered in a low tone. He is afraid to meet his eye gaze.

A few minutes later,

The mysterious person ignored his words but he set his eye on the scroll. Then he thought of something.

"Are you guys using this to attract that kid?" He asked.

The headmaster sighed in relief. Then he explained the whole thing again.

A few minutes later,

The mysterious person remained silent for a moment before saying, "If you fail this time, I'll choose some other pawn. I want this kid dead."

The Giant Tower Headmaster broke out in a cold sweat. Then he fiercely nodded his head.

"Sir, what about Carlos Kent?"

"He backstabbed us," He said.

"Backstabbed us?"

"Harumph, I say he backstabbed you. Apart from killing that kid, you have to deal with him as well."

"I can't make any public experience, I can only operate from shadows," After saying that the mysterious person disappeared.

The room went dark before returning to normal.

The headmaster saw that the person was gone. But he remained standing still. His entire back was drenched in a cold sweat.

"Zack Lockwood"

"Carlos Kent" He uttered those two names in extreme anger.

This time he got a difficult assignment. He is not worried about the lightning kid. But it's difficult to find Carlos Kent.

But right now, he decided to hand over the scroll to that dying old man.

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From MC's perspective:

The following day,

When I left the dormitory. A group of people blocked the path. Looking at them, I immediately recognized them.

They are none other than the Flame faction thugs. Among them, I saw a familiar face.

"Kane Patrick," I uttered.

My appearance immediately caused a commotion.

"You are here. We are just waiting for you," Kane Patrick stepped forward.

"We got the item from Glass City. I think Vice-dean will be talking to you soon. So be ready for the duel," Kane said with a small chuckle before he left with his group.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. I didn't expect them to get the item so soon.

Then I head towards the dining hall. Where I saw Ernest was waiting for me outside.

"He seems to be alright," A faint smile appeared on my face.

When I got closer. Ernest greeted me with a smile.

"Are you shocked?"

"See, I told you my injuries weren't that serious?" Ernest said with a smile.

But I am still observing his body from top to bottom. I couldn't help but think of a weird old man. His healing skills are great.

Then we walked into the dining hall. After receiving the food, we sat down on the empty seat to sit down.

While eating, Ernest starts to speak about the internal competition.

"Everyone got selected. But it's a pity there was not no one from our faction except you."

"The rest of the students in our faction didn't seem to be interested in the academy affairs," Ernest said.

Hearing that I raised my eyebrows.

"Why?" I asked back.

Ernest was stunned. Then he saw Zack was interested in the topic. So he continued.

"Most of the students in our institutions have a family background. So they usually spend most of their time with their family."

"Few of them use academy resources to retreat."

"Only people like us are still showing our heads to the public," Ernest said.

Then he thought of something.

"I almost forgot about our faction head. He seems to have disappeared. I don't know what he is doing right now?" Ernest added.

Hearing that my eyes flickered. Then we continued to eat.

After having dinner, we walked out of the hall.

Soon, I was called by the dean. I thought it must be related to the auction item.

After separating from Ernest, I head to the office building.

When I arrived at the spot. I saw 2 people. Dean Rebecca and Vice-Dean Franklin standing a little distance away from each other.

Looking at their expressions, they seemed to be waiting for someone.

"Don't tell me. They are waiting for me," I said in my heart.

When I got closer. Both of them turned their attention towards me.

"It took you so long," Franklin said with a dissatisfied voice.

Then he disappeared from the spot. Seeing that I turned toward the dean.

She appears to be in a bad mood. Looks like she didn't forgive me.

"Dean?" I said.

"Let's go, we don't have time for useless talks," Rebecca said.

The next moment, I felt my mind go blank. Before I know it we are heading towards the Supreme Elder's place.

Soon we reached the Supreme Elder's mansion. The old guy is still resting in the front garden. But I can feel that he is far away from death.

Tud~

Then we landed on the ground. Beside the old man, Franklin stood quietly.

After dropping me off, Dean Rebecca didn't leave.

Suddenly, the old man opened his eyes and took a white color scroll from his sleeves.

Seeing that my eyes flickered. At the same time, I felt a throbbing sensation from the star rune.

"It's real," I was shocked to the core. If the rune is flickering, then the item is undoubtedly a lightning item.

I thought it would be a consumable treasure. But it looks like that scroll might contain some text. A hint of longing appeared in my eyes.

to that as well, I can give this item to you right now."

Apart from the lightning-finger technique. I didn't get any technique after that. So I'm interested in seeing the item.

The old man noticed Zack's gaze.

"Zack Lockwood, this is your promised item. But there is one condition. If you agree to that as well, I can give this item to you right now."

"What do you say?" The old man asked.

My heart was in turmoil. The old man seems to be smiling. But my senses are warning me of a danger.

Dean Rebecca frowned as well. She found that the old man was ignoring her existence. She is also feeling bad in her heart.

On the other hand, Franklin Madden is smiling ear to ear.

Feeling the gazes of everyone, I looked at the elder and said, "Elder, what's your condition?"

The supreme elder laughed out loud before saying, "Zack, you are courageous. But first, listen to my condition."

"The duel between you and Kane Patrick is not going to be ordinary. But a life and death duel."

"The winner will leave alive and the loser will be dead," the old man said.

Hearing that my expression changes drastically. "The old man has finally lost it," I said in my heart.

Thank goodness, Jonathan was here. If not, I'm afraid it's difficult to save my life.

"Elder, are you serious?" Rebecca asked out loud. She finally wasn't able to hold her thoughts.

The Supreme Elder is acting weird. Franklin's expression turned solemn.

"Dean, this is not a place for you to intervene," Franklin Madden said.

The old man's eyes turned cold as well. Instead of answering, he looked at Zack. Then he stretched his hands to hand over the scroll.

"Kid, if you are okay with that condition. You can accept this scroll," The old man said.

Dean Rebecca starts to feel bad for Zack. She has realized that Zack's warnings are true. The Supreme Elder has changed. She didn't know what to do now.

On the other hand, I looked at the scroll. The lightning rune in my mind is constantly flickering.

I don't know why. But I feel this scroll is important.

Chapter 596 Lightning Ability!

From MC's perspective:

After confirming that the rune was flickering for real. I accepted the scroll from his hand.

Gasp~

Rebecca gasped internally. She looks at Zack with complicated emotions. She doesn't understand why Zack took this condition.

Franklin Madden grinned ear to ear. Finally, the annoying brat is going to die under his faction member's hands.

In that way, they can redeem the lost reputation of the Flame faction. When the duel was over. The Flame Faction can go back to their old days.

So Franklin already starts imagining the bright days ahead.

The Supreme Elder sighs inwardly. Somehow he has managed to convince this kid. Hereafter the Giant Tower Headmaster won't trouble him.

Then Dean Rebecca took Zack back to her cabin.

Shortly after,

When they returned to the dean's office. Rebecca started asking her a barrage of questions.

Sitting down opposite to her. I thought I couldn't reveal the scroll. But I can tell her something else.

"Dean, I can defeat Kane Patric. Because I have this feeling that I would soon touch the batter," I said to her.

Rebecca eases her brows. The answer seems genuine to her. As far now, Zack has no rival in the Elite level.

But Kane Patric is different. His cultivation method is quite weird. As a result, the flame essence of that cultivation technique is more powerful than other normal methods.

But right now, Zack's answer has assured her.

"Sigh"

"Alright, you can go and prepare for the duel. I'll tell you the dates later. It might be tomorrow or the day after tomorrow."

"But you have to be ready at any time," Rebecca said with a sigh.

She was not as anxious as before. But the expressions of the Supreme Elder and Franklin bothered her mind.

"Zack?" She said,

"Huh?"

"Dean, anything else?" I asked. It's already great that she has calmed down her anger.

"Now, what's more?" I mutter in my heart. But the next second, her words surprised me.

"Are you sure about them?"

"Should I resign my position?" Rebecca asked.

My expression turned serious. Seems like my words are affecting her. Which is good.

"Dean, I'll say it again."

"You should resign from this position and retreat to improve your strength."

"Otherwise, these people will make you a scapegoat," I said in a solemn tone.

"Can you tell me what's wrong with the Supreme Elder?" Rebecca asked.

I shook my head in response.

"I can't spill the secrets right now. But it's good for you and the Academy," I replied.

Rebecca closes her eyes for a moment before making the decision. Then she opened her eyes and met the gaze of Zack.

"Okay, I trust you on this one. I'll resign my position formally after you duel," Rebecca said.

A faint smile appeared on my face. Then I left the room. When I walked out of the office building. I hurriedly rushed out towards my dormitory.

I can't wait to check out the scroll. There is something in it.

Shortly after, I reached my dormitory.

After entering inside, I walked into the training room.

Sitting cross-legged on the platform. I took the scroll from the storage ring and held it in my hand.

Then I opened the scroll and stretched it. When I saw the scroll it looked completely blank. But I know the lightning rune's reaction was real.

So I tried to use my mental power. When my consciousness touched it. The lightning rune starts glowing.

The next second, I saw some ancient writing appearing on the scroll. It was only visible only to my eyes.

But somehow the writing was understandable. A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes. Then I started to read it further.

10 minutes later,

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

"That's how it is!" I said with joyful laughter.

This ancient writing is not that of a cultivation method or lightning-type technique.

But it's an ability. Similar to perceptual ability. The ancient writing teaches me how to use the lightning power as part of me without having to use the technique itself.

If I want I can use lightning power to create a lightning fist similar to the blood fist. Before I could only utilize a small part of lightning power outside of my body without using the technique.

But this knowledge can allow me to use it however I want. My eyes flickered. This lightning ability seems practical. I can catch the enemy off guard.

After pushing down these thoughts. I began to digest the knowledge.

Time flies,

Meanwhile,

The news about a life-or-death duel starts to spread slowly. At first, no one took the news seriously.

As the news comes from the Flame faction. Everyone thought they were spreading rumors for fun.

But past noon, an official statement was provided by the dean. That the duel was real and official.

Zack Lockwood and Kane Patrick are going to participate in the life-or-death duel. And the duel was scheduled for the day after tomorrow.

When the news was released. It sent shock waves across the Academy. The Flame Faction Warriors are happy. But other factions are shocked by the news.

They couldn't believe how Zack Lockwood agreed to this condition. The life-or-death duel condition created a huge anticipation for the duel.

Not only in A-grade institutions but the other institutions were surprised as well.

On the other hand, Jonathan who was in Viper City heard the news. At first, his reaction was normal. But when he heard the condition. His expression changes for a moment.

He decided to go back to the academy.

In the training room, I firmly grasped the knowledge. Then I tried to mobilize lightning essence.

I want to guide the lightning energy towards my arm. Just like I did before in the blood fist move.

But when I tried to do it, It felt difficult. Looks like it would take me some days before doing it.

I frowned. I'm hoping to use the move in the duel. But it looks like it would be difficult. Then I shook my head.

The blood fist is completely different. The blood energy comes from the bones. But for the lightning move.

The lightning energy comes from the dantian. I touched my chin in contemplation. Then I decided to practice in the meantime.

If it works out, it will be good. If not I can still win the duel against Kane Patrick.

Then I started to practice.

Time files,

When it was dark. I walked out of the training room. The next moment, I saw someone sitting down on the couch.

"Jonathan," I mumbled under my breath. But the smell of sweat is attacking my nostrils.

"You can take a bath first"

Jonathan's voice reached my ears. Then I hurried towards the bath.

20 minutes later,

I changed into comfortable clothes and returned to the living room. Then I sat opposite Jonathan.

When I saw Jonathan looking at me. I understood his meaning. I took the scroll and handed it to him.

A hint of surprise flashes in Jonathan's eyes. Then received the scroll but when he saw there was nothing in it. It was empty.

"What is it?"

"There is nothing here," Jonathan said.

Hearing that I started explaining to him. Jonathan was calm in his heart. But when he realizes it was not a technique but a flexible ability. He was surprised.

Even in the Inner Post, such abilities are hard to come across. Elemental techniques can be practiced by the warriors. However, these abilities may not be acquired by everyone.

Jonathan's eyes flickered. He didn't expect young master Zack to come across such a fortune. Then he also understood that not everyone can see ancient writing.

Only the lightning elemental warriors can do that.

"Young master, this ability will be your trump card when you enter the inner post," Jonathan said.

Hearing that I sighed inwardly before receiving the scroll from him.

"Young master, can you still see the writings," Jonathan asked.

I shook my head.

"It's a pity," Jonathan sighed.

Then he thought of something.

"Young master, how confident are you about the life or death duel," Jonathan asked.

"I'm 100% sure. But I hope that the Supreme Elder won't do shady things during the duel," I replied.

Jonathan's eyes flickered. Now he slightly regrets his previous decisions. He had stopped himself 2 times from warning the Supreme Elder.

If he had done that, then the old man wouldn't dare to set conditions for Zack's duel.

Then both of them spoke for a few minutes before he left the dorm.

On the other hand, I started reading the unread messages. Most of them are from Ernest Kirk. When I opened it, I read the message. A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

Ernest seems to be worried for me. He must be shocked by the news. A faint smile appeared on my face.

Then I began to read the statement given by the dean. The duel is going to be held the day after tomorrow. So I got one more day for practice.

I continued to read the articles. The Flame faction members are actively promoting it. Seeing their post, I sneered inside.

Chapter 597 Part 1: Fighting against Kane Patrick

From MC's perspective:

Duel Day,

I'm getting ready in my room.

Meanwhile,

Franklin Madden and Kane Patrick having a serious discussion.

"How confident are you?" Franklin asked, sitting down leisurely inside his cabin.

"I'm 100% sure," Kane replied in a calming tone.

Franklin showed a hint of approval in his eyes.

His long cherished dream is going to be a full day. Once Zack Lockwood is dead. He can use that momentum to raise the fame of the Flame Faction.

Then he would somehow convince the old man to make that b! tch resign. If it happens, it won't be long before he gets the dean's seat.

Kane Patrick frowned. He doesn't know how many times he has heard the same question in the last 2 days.

But one thing is certain, he can't give up. Since it's a life-or-death duel, he has to give it all to survive.

He doesn't know who came up with the idea of the life-or-death duel. But someone doesn't want Zack Lockwood to survive.

Which made the job easier for him. Zack Lockwood has recovered his undefeated streak. Many say Zack has no rival in the Elite Category. But he is going to prove all of them wrong today.

Then next time, everyone will remember his name.

Both the faction head and his students have a strong imagination.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca is reviewing reports. She doesn't want any mishap to happen during the duel. Through it a life or death duel.

She can tell that the Supreme Elder doesn't want Zack to survive. If any situation arises for him to win. Then Franklin Madden would do some trickery.

To avoid such things to happen. She has placed the guardians to monitor suspicious people.

Sigh~

A soft sigh left her mouth. This could be her last day as a dean. She has made up her mind. Things are going beyond her powers. She can't confront the Supreme Elder at all.

If Zack's words are true, then she can tell that the Academy is going to face serious trouble. This might be coming from Zack's background.

At first, the Supreme Elder was the one who wanted her to protect Zack. Because he had promised the person behind Zack.

Now he backtracks and convinces Zack to participate in the life-or-death duel. This is no different from assassinate or murder.

Time flies,

Around 10 am. Everyone is entering the duel arena. The spectator area is getting filled quickly.

Meanwhile,

In the dormitory, I stopped looking at the articles. It's time to leave. Jonathan is going to watch the duel in secret. He won't expose himself in front of others.

But I believe if the Supreme Elder plays a trick, he would block it. Besides, my body is getting used to the new lightning ability.

I have not mastered it yet. But I believe I can kill Kane Patrick without using it.

Then I left the room and walked out of the dormitory room.

On the way, I came across other warriors. Many saw me and gave me a curious look.

Ignoring their gazes, I started walking towards the duel arena. Not long after, I came across Ernest.

He joined me as well.

"I still can't believe it's going to be a life-or-death duel," Ernest said. But his expression is not good-looking.

Hearing that I responded with a smile.

"Don't worry, I'm going to live. But it's a pity that Kane Patrick has chosen a dead end," I replied to him.

"Oh, I forgot to tell you. Laverne has come to watch your duel," Ernest said.

A hint of surprise flashes in my eyes.

"Laverne is here," I muttered to myself.

Then we started heading towards the duel area. When we reached the entrance. I saw Laverne was wearing a blue dress.

Upon seeing us, she quickly came to us.

"Ernest!"

"Zack!"

"How are you guys doing?"

Laverne asked with a bright smile on her face.

"We are fine," Ernest said.

Laverne nodded her head before turning towards me.

"What about you Zack?"

"I heard it was a life or death duel. Are you going to be fine?" Laverne asked in a solemn tone.

Though Ernest and her Super Elite Warrior. But during their Elite stage. They also had tough opponents.

But they didn't have an undefeated record.

On the other hand, I understand the meaning behind her words.

"Both of you are worrying unnecessarily," I said to them.

Laverne's eyebrows ease down a little bit.

Then we parted ways, and I entered the office. While they walked towards the spectator area.

A few minutes later,

After signing the contract, I left the office. Then I walked into the duel arena.

Roar~

The spectator area was full of crowds. Their loud voices are ringing in my ears. Then I walked up to the dueling stage and waited for the opponent to appear.

In the spectral area,

Ernest and Laverne found their seats in the Special Faction Area. Both of their appearances are eye-catching.

As there are many empty seats in their area. While for other factions hardly any seats left.

On the other hand, Franklin Madden didn't fail to notice two of them.

"Harumph," He gave a cold snort. After today, the Special Faction will be done and dusted. There is no one to support them.

Similarly, The RainWater Faction Head is here today. Alice Brown frowned. She has the same opinion as the dean.

Life or death duels are not necessary at all. Even when Zack fought against the Giant Tower Academy student. It was a normal duel.

She is wondering who came up with this plan. Looking at Franklin Madden in high spirits. Her mood worsens.

She feels the duel is more like a trap to eliminate Zack Lockwood.

What is more shocking is that the dean has approved the duel. Alice Brown showed complicated emotions.

The Metal Faction Head and Earth Faction Head are also looking at the duel. But then remain indifferent to the drama.

They don't care what happened to either of them. The result was not going to their factions.

10 minutes later,

Kane Patrick appeared together with the referee. Upon seeing Zack Lockwood, Kane Patrick sneered inside.

Others don't know but the Supreme Elder has given special instructions to the referee. He will stand on his side.

So for this duel, Kane Patrick has no doubt.

With an evil grin on his face. He walked up to the stage and stood opposed to me.

My gaze fell on him before I turned toward the spectator area. Jonathan must be somewhere here.

The referee nodded at Kane Patrick before starting the duel.

Boom~

When the duel started. Kane Patrick burst out with a great spell. Scorching flames covered both of his legs.

On the other hand, I am ready to use the lightning defense technique.

When he got closer to me. I released the lightning technique.

"Lightning Wheel"

The next second, a purple lighting wheel appeared around me. It appeared in an instant that even Kane Patrick was startled.

But he continued to raise his fist to slam.

Boom~

When both of us collided. A deafening sound reverberated throughout the area. Smoke covered the ground quickly.

Smash~

On the other hand, Kane Patrick crashed onto the ground. The lightning power left a superficial injury on his skin. But soon, Kane got up from the ground.

When the smoke settled down. Kane looked at Zack with a solemn gaze.

On the other hand, I recalled the last moment of the clash. Just before the clash, Kane covered his body with red flame.

It happened for a moment. But the next second, the lightning wheel had exploded. The red flame was not simple.

A hint of apprehension appeared in my eyes.

"Lightning Finger Technique,"

Without giving him any opportunity to think. I released the finger attack. A powerful beam was released from the tip of the finger and shot at the target.

Kane Patrick again covered his legs with red flames. When the attack got near. He burst out at full speed to escape from the attack.

Swish~

The lightning attack hits the empty floors.

Boom~

Once again a terrible sound reverberated throughout the area.

Seeing that my eyes flickered. "That was fast," I said in my heart. He was able to dodge that attack. Which means the red flame gives him accelerated speed.

But I'm going to test him more.

Swish~

One after another, I released the lightning attack. Kane Patrick used the red flame to dodge the lightning attack one by one.

Boom~

For a few seconds, the duel stage is continuously bombarded with lightning attacks.

In the Spectator area,

Franklin Madden sneered. He can see that Zack Lockwood was not that domineering against Kane Patrick.

Meanwhile, Kane's red flame is withstanding the dominating nature of the lightning attack.

So both of them are having tough fights with each other.

Not only him, but Jonathan was also watching the duel. Those red flames remind me of the Inner Post Warriors. He couldn't help but think that Kane's cultivation technique comes from the inner post.

Chapter 598 Part 2: Fighting against Kane Patrick

From MC's perspective:

Academy:

The Supreme elder of the academy is watching the duel with interest. The old man didn't leave his mansion; rather he is sitting down in the wooden chair and leisurely observing the duel.

Looking at the fierce red flame is canceling out the purple lightning. His mouth curved into an arc. One of the reasons he was confident about Kane's win was this red flame.

Kane Patrick practices a fiery cultivation method. Which is an incomplete fire cultivation method that he had got during his early days. Only warriors with top aptitude can cultivate by using this method.

But he didn't expect this technique to come to his use. Though both the warriors are equally dominating. He believes Kane will take the upper hand soon.

If it happens, then that annoying kid will die. He is also aware of Zack's background. As long as he gets the forbidden potion, he can go into hiding.

He doesn't worry about the enemies. Though the people from the inner post are formidable. He doesn't think that Zack's teacher would attack the Academy.

If such a thing occurs, it only does more damage than good to them. So the old man was not worried about those things.

Right now, his mind is set on obtaining the forbidden potion.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca is in her cabin. She is also watching the live duel on the screen. Since it's a life or death duel, even if she wants it's impossible to interfere in it.

Besides, she believes in Zack's strength. Though Kane seems to be pressing as well. But as long as there is a chance, she thinks Zack will take it.

"I hope he doesn't disappoint me," She muttered to herself.

In the duel arena,

Many eyes are watching the duel. One of them is Jonathan. The fiery red flames rekindled his old memories.

Now he understands why the supreme elder is confident about this duel. The red flame is trickery. But he believes in the young master's strength.

Even if there is a dire situation, he won't hesitate to save Zack at the last moment.

Dueling stage,

"Zack, how long are you going to block my red flames?" Kane Patrick asked in a mocking tone. Earlier, there were some doubts. But after a few clashes, he regained his confidence.

His red flame can withstand the lighting element.

Standing opposite to him, my eyes flickered.

My instinct tells me to use the blood fist. But I'm being cautious. I'm sure that the supreme elder is watching the duel.

So it's not the right time to use it. The next moment, I took my black sword from the storage ring and held it in my hand.

Kane Patrick sneers. He takes out the double-edged sword in response. Then he rushed out to attack Zack.

Clang~

A metallic sound reverberated throughout the area. As our blades collided with each other. After a few clashes, we retreated backward.

"Kane's speed is bothering me," I said in my heart.

Then I held the sword in both of my hands and started to charge the blade. I continued to pour the purple essence into the sword.

Seeing that Kane covers his blade with red flame as well.

Swish~

Then he rushed out to attack again.

"Sword Divide"

When I saw Kane carelessly charging against me. I thought this was the chance and discharged the sword beam at him.

The purple beam shot at the opponent in a straight line.

Kane Patrick was startled. The purple light almost blinded his eyes. Seeing that the attack was aimed at him.

Kane decisively brought the flame sword to block.

In the blink of an eye, the purple beam lands a blow.

Bang!

A deafening sound reverberated through the area. Smoke quickly covers the platform once again.

"Lightning Phantom Technique"

In the blink of an eye, the purple arcs covered my legs and I rushed out to continue the attack. I don't want to give him any time.

I disappeared into the smoke. I saw Kane's forearm was charred. He managed to block the front attack. But leftover lightning still caused injury to his forearms.

When I got closer. Kane's pupil enlarged in anger. He even forgot about the painful forearm injury. He covers the sword blade in red flame to attack again.

"Lightning Wheel"

A purple wheel once again appeared around me with a thunderous sound. Kane's blade comes into contact with the wheel once again.

Bang!

Explosion occurs. The lightning wheel explodes right under the face of Kane Patrick.

Pfff~

The lightning power tore through the body. Kane's forearm dyed red. As the lightning power manages to pass through making the injury even more worse.

Argh~

Kane let out a muffled grunt in anger before wiping the blood from his mouth. He realized that Zack was targeting the injury.

Ang serious injury may cause him to lose in close combat.

Cheer~

When the dust settles down. Everything was clear on the screen. The audience let out a roaring cheer once again.

Everyone can see that Kane Patrick is bleeding.

In the spectator area,

Franklin Madden's expression darkened. He saw how Kane had blindly rushed forward to attack. Now he got the taste of his own foolish mistake.

Everything was going fine. But now Kane is showing his lack of judgment. Franklin was worried inside.

He wants to impress the supreme elder. But everything depends on this duel.

"Hey, Kane is suffering finally," Laverne said with a smile.

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

"I told you. Hardly anyone can beat him in the Elite stage," Ernest added his words in support as well.

When the duel started. Both of them had some concern. Because the red flame also surprised them. They don't have much knowledge about the red flame.

But they can see Zack's lightning element is weakening in front of the flame. Yet now, they see some hope.

In the dueling stage,

Kane's eyes reddened in anger. He took back his double-edged sword. Then he started to spread the red flame around the platform.

Swish~

In a blink of an eye, the red flames covered the platform.

"This!" I raised my eyebrows in surprise. The red flames are extremely hot. The burning sensation is high as well.

I saw Kane Patrick grinning ear to ear. But he doesn't know I'm a body cultivator as well. The flames won't injure me.

"Lightning Finger Technique"

I released the 2nd stage of the lightning technique from the finger. The lightning beam shot at Kane at breakneck speed.

In the blink of an eye,

The purple beam tears through the frame and hits the target.

Boom~

Kane retreats to the edge of the platform because of the collision. His face looked completely distorted.

He thought that flames would pose a threat to Zack. But Zack is standing in the middle of the flames like nothing has happened.

On the other hand, he is running out of the fire essence. If this goes on, he will soon run out of the oil.

Swish~

The next second, he cancels the flame attack. The red flames that covered the platform disappeared in a blink of an eye.

Gasp~

The spectators exclaimed in surprise again.

They don't know why Kane removed the flame. Everyone can see that the red flame's temperature is not something an ordinary warrior could withstand.

"Strange!"

"How did he do it?" Franklin asked himself. He is clear about the hot temperature of the red flames. But he saw how Zack showed no pain on his face.

"Is it another trick or what?" Kane muttered. He can tell that Zack came with the preparation.

Meanwhile,

Dean Rebecca revealed a relaxed smile on her face. She saw Kane Patrick was pushed to the passive mode.

Now he is showing signs of weakness. Zack may use this opportunity to kill him.

On the other hand, the supreme elder squinted his eyes. The smile on his face disappeared.

"What is he doing?" the old man asked himself. Kane is showing a disappointing performance now. He thought that the earlier mistake was a fluke.

But now he thinks Kane is being overconfident.

"If that kid disappoints me, then I don't have any other choice but to step forward," A ruthless glint flashes in the old man's eyes.

In the dueling stage,

Kane is charging again to punch Zack. At this moment, he forgot about the tactics and all. Now he wants to plummet Zack.

On the other hand, my eyes flickered. Doesn't matter how many times Kane wants to use his fist. I will use the same lightning technique again.

"Lightning wheel"

The purple lightning wheel appears once again. But Kane seems to have lost his mind. He fiercely slammed his fist into the lightning wheel.

Bang~

The lightning wheel explodes. The lightning energy once again starts to tear through Kane's body.

Argh~

Kane let out a scream in pain. As the bones are visible in the forearms. The aftermath sent his body flying and crashed onto the edge of the platform.

Gasp~

The spectators gasped in surprise. Kane's miserable condition became clear to everyone.

On the other hand, I looked inside Dantian. More than half of the purple essence was gone. I can't waste the essence of the technique anymore.

Chapter 599 Part 1: Supreme Elder's anger

From MC's perspective:

Duel stage,

The clashes continued. But every time at the end of the clash his injuries got worse. Which is also affecting his strength. If this goes on then he might lose his arms.

Argh~

But at this moment, Kane's expression was ferocious. He seems to forget about the pain. All he wants to do now is to win the duel. Only either can survive the duel.

And the winner is the survivor.

On the other hand, I placed the black sword back in the storage ring. The purple essence is depleting rapidly. But Kane is showing no sign of fatigue.

He seems to have an endless amount of fire essence.

Seeing that he rushed out to attack me. I raised my fist a small amount of purple arc covered my fist. This is a strategy I have come up with.

I'm going to use body strength to press him. If anyone from outside sees it, they will see it as a lightning technique.

Boom~

When the 2 of our fists collided. The purple arc once again enters the forearm of Kane. The lightning power once again passes through the forearm injury.

Pfff~

Blood spilled from Kane's mouth. He has been covering it hard. But still, the severe injury is slowing down his speed.

Swish~

By using this opportunity, I rushed forward to attack again. My fist contains the power of Super Elite Strength.

A few more direct hits from me. He will lose the duel.

Bang~

One after another, our first collided. Earlier, used to cover his fist with red flame. But this time, he is not using it.

Getting hit by the Super Elite Warrior, Kane started to feel pain and tiredness. More bones become visible.

At the same time, I'm careful not to use blood energy. It might be sensed by others.

As the second passes,

Kane starts losing it. He appears to be dizzy and his footsteps are hindered. At this moment his appearance is scary.

Gasp~

Even warriors in the spectator area gasped in surprise. Kane's forearm now looked bloodied red. If there is no immediate treatment. He might lose both his arms for the rest of his life.

In the spectator area,

The Rain Water Faction Head Alice Brown couldn't help but send a message to the dean. She wants to know. If there is any possibility of stopping the duel.

Alice is aware of the life-or-death condition. But she thinks that both the warriors are important to the academy. They are both talented.

If it's right then they can both participate in the year-end completion to gain some victories. But after sending the message. There was no reply.

The Flame Faction Head Franklin was in a gloomy mood. Kane is going to spoil his plan. He thought that the kid was talented and capable. But now Kane is at the mercy of Zack.

If this goes on, Kane might die. And the flame faction would be laughed at again. "No," His eyes turned cold.

The only person who could save them at this moment is the Supreme Elder. Franklin decided before leaving secretly. He is going to meet the Supreme Elder.

But he didn't know someone was already watching his movements. Jonathan's mouth curves into an arc. He is looking at the Vice-dean's departure. And he has a proper guess of where he is going.

If that supreme elder decides to act, then Jonathan thought of teaching them some lesson.

A few minutes later,

Franklin arrives in the front garden. Looking at the Supreme Elder, he lowered his posture.

"Elder, the duel is not looking promising," He said with some hesitation.

The old man squinted his eyes. Before Frank's arrival, the old man thought about going there.

"Trash!"

"What kind of student do you have?"

"He simply lost his mind," The old man said to Franklin.

Franklin's expression darkened. He doesn't know where to hide his face. Fortunately, the other faction heads are not here.

Otherwise, it's difficult to walk proudly in front of everyone.

On the other hand, the old man's eyes are on the duel. He saw how Zack was using lightning power to beat Kane effortlessly.

10 minutes later,

The situation worsens. Kane Patrick is staggering on the platform. His forearms have been bleeding for some time. If this goes on he might faint.

The old man's heart is boiling in anger. It's now a foregone conclusion that Kane Patrick is going to lose.

Franklin Madden is keeping quiet. At the same time, he is sweating. If Kane loses this duel, then the Supreme Elder might take his anger on him.

Dueling stage,

Kane Patrick is finding it difficult to continue the duel. He can't even stand properly.

On the other hand, I sighed inwardly. The purple essence was close to rock bottom. Fortunately, Kane seems to be exhausted as well.

But his condition is worse than mine. He might die due to excessive loss of blood.

It's a pity they were the ones who set the life-or-death duel condition. Seeing that Kane is staring blankly. I rushed out to punch.

Gasp~

The audience exclaimed in surprise. Everyone can see that the duel is coming to an end.

When my fist got closer to his face. I felt a tingle on my scalp. "The old man can't sit anymore," I said in my heart.

Then I proceeded to punch him in his face.

Pfff~

Blood splattered on the ground. Kane Patrick finally collapsed onto the floor. The last blow broke his defense.

The referee saw that Kane was not in the condition to continue the fight anymore. But he is on Kane's side. He can't announce the result unless one of them dies.

Cheer~

The audience let out a roaring cheer. They thought that the result was announced.

On the other hand, the old man finally appears above the cloud. Looking down at the dueling stage, his expression was distorted.

"That brat is going to win the duel," the Old man muttered. Seeing that Kane Patrick was not completely dead. There is still some chance to turn around.

The old man decides to attack Zack by using his mental power. A powerful consciousness can easily damage the minds of weak warriors.

Franklin Madden was scared sh!t. He is standing beside the Supreme elder. But his entire body is trembling. He didn't expect the Supreme elder to take action himself.

Seeing that he is slightly glad. But at the same time, he feels guilty.

When the old man decides to attack. A silhouette appeared before him. The person is none other than Dean Rebecca.

Seeing that the old man's face became even more distorted.

"Elder, what are you doing?"

"Are you going to kill our student?" She asked in a cold tone. She doesn't know where this courage comes from.

But when she felt a disturbance in space. She then appeared here.

"What are you doing here?"

"Don't block me," the Old man said before waving his hand.

Swish~

The force quickly sent Rebecca flying.

"It's over," Franklin Madden couldn't help but feel bad.

Boom~

Everyone in the spectator area heard a loud sonic boom. The warriors turned their heads toward the sky.

Swish~

The faction heads appeared above in the air one after another. Their eyesight is far better than the Super Elite warriors.

Seeing that Franklin Madden is standing behind the old man. Everyone is confused.

A second later, Dean Rebecca interrupts again.

"Supreme elder, you have lost your mind. Zack has won the duel. If you are going to kill him, then I don't have a choice other than to call his guardian," Rebecca threatened by mixing some lies in her words.

She doesn't know the guardian. But considering Zack's background. She hoped that the Supreme Elder would take a step back.

Dueling stage,

I walked up to Kane Patrick. Seeing his cold face, I sighed inwardly. Seriously, there is not much enmity between us.

It's just that he happens to be a pawn of the Flame faction. The real culprits are hiding behind the scenes.

"If you want you can spare his life"

Jonathan's voice reached my ears. Hearing that confusion my eyes cleared. Since Jonathan is here, he will handle the supreme elder.

I remember the terrifying gaze a few moments ago.

Then I turned toward the referee and asked him to declare the result.

The referee showed hesitation. He is afraid of the flame faction head. They had planned to support Kane in this duel.

Now the result has turned out like this. The referee doesn't know what to do.

At the same time, the warriors are watching it on the screen. They can see something wrong with the referee. Kane Patrick was down.

Then what's the referee doing?

Above the clouds,

The supreme elder was surrounded by the faction heads. Hearing the accusation of the dean the other faction heads showed disbelief and fear.

"Rebecca, you are crossing the limit. Do you think I can't hurt you," The old man said. At the same time, he is keeping an eye on the ground.

Chapter 600 Part 2: Supreme Elder's anger

From MC's perspective:

Above the sky,

Rebecca doesn't know how to stop the Supreme Elder. The time is running out. If Zack proceeds to kill Kane. Then the supreme elder might attack him.

RainWater Faction, Gale Faction, Earth Rock Faction, and Metal Faction heads showed expressions of fear.

The dean is arguing with the Supreme Elder of the academy. This is a sign of internal struggle. Franklin made his position clear by standing behind the supreme elder.

At the same time, the old man's eyes were on the duel stage. He saw the lightning brat arguing with the referee. And the opponent Kane had long since collapsed onto the ground.

"I want to see what you 're going to do?," Old man sneered inside.

He seems to be waiting for something. As long as there is an opportunity, he will strike Zack with a mental attack.

At this point, no one can stop him. As if he tore off the mask.

A few seconds later,

The old man mobilized his mental power to attack Zack. Rebecca and others weren't able to block.

"It's over," Rebecca thought. She felt a wave of attack go past her.

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

"There will be no more nuisance," Franklin said with a laugh.

In the dueling stage,

I felt frustrated by the referee's inaction. This guy is not opening his mouth at all. Then I looked at Kane's collapsed body.

If he left like that, then he would be left to death.

Suddenly, I felt heart palpitations.

A sense of coercion enveloped my body.

"This?" A hint of apprehension appeared in my eyes.

"Don't worry" A reassuring voice reached my ears.

Hearing that I relaxed. "Sure, Jonathan is going to act," I said in my heart.

Above the sky,

The old man's eyes flickered. He saw something blocking his mental power. "Impossible," He uttered in a low tone.

Rebecca and others were surprised as well. Franklin Madden was not sure what was happening. How come the supreme elder missed the target?

The old man's heart boils in anger. He starts to attack again.

But a cold shiver went down his spine the next second.

"Who?" The old man asked out loud. But a panicking tone can be heard from his voice.

Rebecca and the others are shocked and turn around to look for the enemy.

"Dare to attack the young master. Do you think you will be fine after this move?" a stern mental note reached the old man's mind.

He felt goosebumps all over his body.

"Escape," The next second, he starts to flee. He regretted his immature action. Who would have thought that lightning brat has support?

Franklin Madden felt his soul leave his body. He thought that the supreme elder would be his support.

But the old man is fleeing all of a second.

A shock and disbelief appeared on Rebecca's face. A few seconds ago, the old man was acting superior. But now he is fleeing for a life.

Rebecca and others are looking around them.

At the same time, Jonathan is following the tail of the supreme elder. When the old man left the academy space.

Jonathan decides to attack.

Boom~

The old man is fleeing at extreme speed. Felt something hitting his body.

Argh~

The next second, a muffled grunt escaped his mouth. The old man's body shot at the ground at breakneck speed.

Pfff~

When the old man's body hit the land. A massive crack appeared on the ground. The crack starts to spread further.

Blood splattered on the ground. Looking at the cracks in his body. The old man thought of the invisible enemy.

He couldn't help but feel a chill on his back.

"Who?"

"Who are you?" the old man tries to get up. But the blood is leaking from his mouth. His old dying body was already weak.

But now because of the injury. He felt his vitality slipping away fast.

The old man felt dizzy. If this goes on, he will lose his consciousness. When he tries to look around. There was no one around.

Then all of a second, a heavy coercion fell on him.

Argh~

The old man bent his knees. The coercion alone is crushing his injury. Thinking about the enemy's real strength. The old man sucked a cold breath of air.

No one would have thought such a dignified supreme elder would be reduced to such a state.

If such a scene is exposed, then other academies would be petrified.

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

"I never expected to see such a state of yours," Jonathan's calm voice sounded.

Hearing that the old man woke up from a stupor. He recognized the voice. The voice belongs to a person who is working for Zack's teacher.

Slowly, in front of him, Jonathan appeared.

"You!"

"When did you come?" The old man asked with hesitation.

Jonathan's appearance was unexpected. If he had known, he wouldn't have the courage to target Zack Lockwood.

Jonathan smiled coldly.

"Supreme elder"

"Your actions disappointed me and my master. Do you think we don't know about the forbidden potion?" Jonathan said.

Hearing his secret from Jonathan. The old man felt the soul leave his body.

"How?" he asked in a trembling tone.

No one in this Academy knows about this. Including Dean Rebecca. He has been keeping the secrecy to himself.

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

Jonathan laughed out loud.

"Not only about the forbidden potion. I'm also aware of your dealing with the Giant Tower Headmaster."

"But you guys underestimated one thing. We also have our intelligence," Jonathan added.

The old man's heart was shattered. There was no secret in front of Jonathan. Everything got exposed.

Then he realized he was nothing but a pawn. He happens to enter the terrible vortex. A miserable smile appeared on his face.

"Now you can rest in peace," After saying that Jonathan decides to end his life.

For that old man has no opinion. He is completely resigned to his fate.

Meanwhile,

The dueling stage,

Dean Rebecca appeared and declared Zack as the winner. Then the medic team appeared and took Kane's body to the infirmary.

At the same time, the referee's body can be seen crashing somewhere.

Cheer~

A roaring cheer can be heard. The audience was surprised by the result. Everyone expected one of them to be dead.

On the contrary, Zack Lockwood has decided to spare the opponent's life. Which immediately raised the goodwill among many.

Rebecca didn't leave immediately; rather, she asked Zack to come to her cabin.

Then I left the duel arena. When I walked outside. Ernest and Laverne are already there.

"Zack, you have done well," Ernest said with emotion.

He didn't expect Zack to spare Kane's life. Which surprised everyone. Even Laverne looked at Zack with admiration.

"Well, we didn't have any enmity to begin with. So a life of death is unnecessary. Then I'll see you guys later. I'm going to meet the dean," I replied.

Hearing that Ernest and Laverne bid goodbye before parting ways. Other warriors wanted to talk to me. But I ignored them and started heading towards the office building.

Walking, I couldn't help but think of Jonathan. The earlier attack must have been done by Franklin or the old man. Fortunately, Jonathan was here to save life.

Thinking about the situation, a cold sweat formed on my forehead. Hereafter, things will change. I might be heading to the inner post in a few days.

It's a pity, I always wanted to participate in the year-end competition. But the supreme elder's involvement in the evil things has spoiled everything.

I hope the academy will be safe in the coming months.

Soon, I reached the office building. But when I walked upstairs, I saw the faction heads standing outside of the dean's cabin except Franklin.

Seeing me coming, the faction heads turned towards me. I saw their expressions were not alright.

Elder Alice showed complicated emotions.

"Kid, you did nice by sparing his life," Marucs Lin said. This time his opinion was genuine.

He understands the enmity between Zack and Flame Faction warriors.

But still, Zack has the heart to forgive the opponent. Marcus Lin showed approval. The other faction head also nodded their head in understanding.

I responded with a smile.

Creak~

The door opened.

Seeing that I walked past them and walked into the room.

Right after the faction heads followed me and entered the room. Seeing that my eyes flickered. Looks like the dean is going to reveal everything.

"Everyone take your seat," Dean Rebecca said.

Hearing that everyone sat in our respective seats. Dean Rebecca looked at me with a questioning gaze.

"Zack, care to tell me what's going on?" Rebecca asked.

The next second, I felt everyone's gaze on me.

"Dean, what do you mean by that?" I asked.

Rebecca rolled her eyes at him. Zack is hiding the information from her.

"Zack, we saw the supreme elder fleeing for a life. Someone is chasing from behind. Tell me who it is?" Rebecca asked.

A look of realization dawned on me. No wonder all of them seem to be anxious. But I can tell that the old man was done for sure.