

BloodLine 861

Chapter 861: Brown Hill Family

From MC's perspective:

Raymond was defeated.

I relaxed my brows.

At the same time, the barrier begins to lower.

When the barrier was gone.

The referee checked Raymond before declaring me the winner.

Cheer!

The audience, which had been quiet earlier, burst into loud cheers.

Then I decided to leave the arena because my duel for today had ended.

With this win, my name has risen to the top ten in the fifth group.

After leaving the arena, I began walking back to the HQ Building.

But I couldn't get rid of this feeling that I was matched to fight against the hostile person.

If I had not noticed him earlier, I could have let my guard down during the duel.

All of sudden, I felt an intense gaze on my back.

When I turned back.

I saw there were people leaving the duel arena.

Some of them are looking in my direction.

I wasn't surprised by that.

Because everyone recognizes me here.

But what's this cold gaze about?

Then I found the person who was looking at me coldly.

The person is a middle aged man wearing a dark blue suit.

But I had seen him before.

Then old memories come to mind.

This person was there in the meeting during my first meeting with Federation Head.

In that meeting my position as the next core member was decided.

Since he is the one looking at me with unkind eyes.

Then I have a good guess behind it.

After taking note of it, I resumed walking back to the HQ Building.

Meanwhile,

“Sh!t”

“Raymond was tricked,” The veteran warrior told himself.

He was the one with Raymond earlier.

Seeing that Raymond was defeated.

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He thinks that he was fooled by Zack Lockwood.

But people with discerning eyes can tell that something was wrong with Raymond’s spear earlier.

Because of Raymond’s defeat, those who backed him left the arena as well.

Even the Veteran Warrior who is a friend of Raymond had prepared as well.

If he can win his duel next, then he will pass the stage.

Maybe he will get to fight Zack Lockwood.

10 minutes later,

I changed into casual clothes and started reading about the Participants.

I didn't take this seriously before.

But I would like to see which Family Raymond comes from.

If he had anything to do with the Core Member.

I can confirm my guess.

After a few minutes, I was able to dig up Raymond's information.

He was from a famous family as well.

But he was just a warrior from the branch family.

"The Brown Hill Family," I muttered to myself.

I Hadn't thought about this before.

But like as teacher said I have to be careful of the internal friction.

The person who looked at me with cold gaze earlier was from the same family as well.

With this I can tell that people who are against teachers are starting to move.

With their power, it's not a big thing to manipulate the match up.

"They don't want me to see them rising," I said with a smile on my face.

I see why they are starting to move now.

When I joined the Federation, my strength was low.

At that time they must have thought that Super Elite Warrior was not a threat to them.

But after becoming an SS-Elite Rank Warrior, I have achieved a couple of things.

I can say that my current status as a core member is rock solid.

If I become an SSS-Elite Rank Warrior in the future, they won't be able to do anything.

Everything will be set in stone.

So their actions against me right now are nothing but last ditch effort.

They want to lower my confidence, so that my name won't be in headlines continuously.

In a short time, I have figured out this much information.

I can be assured that I have a good grasp of internal politics.

Beep!

The next moment, a sudden call broke my thoughts.

The caller is none other than my teacher.

Seeing that I attended the call.

A blue screen appeared above the watch and Lowell's face showed up on the screen.

"Zack, you did well today.

You did not fall for the tricks," Lowell said.

"Teacher, did you notice something?" I asked.

My eyes are filled with surprise.

I know the teacher is looking up something.

"I have told you yesterday that people started acting in our Federation.

Like I suspected, someone rigged the match against you," Lowell responded.

Hearing this, I smiled and asked, "Teacher, was it the Brown Family?"

This time, it was Lowell's turn to surprise.

"How did you know?" he asked.

I then told him about the cold stare incident.

"So that is how things are.

To think he is expressing open hostility.

I will notify the Federation Head.

These people were aware that Federation Head favors you.

But they still want to test the waters.”

“But do not worry.

Apart from performing some tricks, these people will not do anything serious.

Otherwise, they could be killed or expelled in accordance with the rules,” Lowell stated.

I nodded my head.

Then a thought occurred to me.

I nearly forgot about them.

“Teacher, what are those two Academies doing?” I asked.

“They are staying low.

The Perry family has decided to relocate to another small territory.

But we are not aware of news related to the Blood Shadow Force.”

“They are the ones we should be most concerned about.

Just concentrate on the competition; we will handle the rest,” he added.

After that, he ended the call, and I began going over the details of the other participants.

I would like to see if anyone has any special or unusual elements.

Meanwhile,

The upper echelon of the Brown Hill Family is becoming uneasy.

Today’s actions were difficult to conceal.

Someone must have noticed their little tricks.

They are all currently waiting for the Federation Head’s response.

They will base their next move on the actions of the Federation Head.

The other neutral factions are waiting for the Federation Head’s response as well.

Ben, the Federationation Head, was not present at the HQ.

Otherwise, he would have noticed it earlier.

Chapter 862: Emily Twinblade

From MC’S Perspective:

The following day,

After getting ready, I went to the duel arena.

Today is the 3rd stage of the duel.

There will be 80 participants.

Each group has 10 participants.

Those who will win today will get into the top 5 in their group.

I can tell that competition is getting challenging every day.

But more than the opponent.

I'm wary of the Black Hill Family.

I wonder what tricks they are going to do this time.

When I reached the arena building.

As usual the warriors are getting inside hurriedly.

Seeing that I followed them behind to enter the room.

I walked into the familiar room.

This time the number of warriors is less than yesterday.

The warriors in the room are looking at me with curiosity.

I ignored them and looked out the window.

I don't know who will be my opponent today.

Time passed,

The first group's duel came to an end quickly.

Some of the warriors' fighting ability made me raise my eyebrows.

I felt they had been used to numerous life and death experiences.

And their duels didn't look like they were simply exchanging blows.

They are going for a kill.

Any of their small mistakes would lead to serious injuries.

At the same time, I'm beginning to realize the importance of fighting against the veteran warriors.

Their fighting techniques are refined.

There was no wastage of moves.

After removing the thoughts, I shifted my gaze towards the ongoing duel.

Special Box:

Time passed,

“Lowell was not here today,” A middle aged man sitting next to the arena manager muttered to himself.

He is none other than Silver Mark Warrior from the Brown Hill Family.

“Alex, what made you come to the duel arena regularly,” The arena manager asked.

He too noticed that Senior Lowell was not here today.

He wasn’t surprised by it.

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Because the Silver Mark Warriors are usually busy.

They rarely get free time to take care of personal matters.

That’s why he was surprised by the presence of Alex Brown Hill here.

Alex, the Silver Mark Warrior raised his brows.

He looked into the arena manager’s eyes and asked, “Do you have any problem?”

The Fat arena manager’s pupil shrank.

He then shook his head and replied, “No problem.”

“Good,” Alex said before shifting his gaze to the arena.

Seeing that the duel for the 3rd group is going on.

He felt it's good time to order them.

He accessed his watch to send a message.

After typing the message, he sent it.

The next moment, he returned to usual self.

"Lowell, it's a pity you are not here.

I wonder what your student is going to do against a bloodline warrior," Alex said in his heart.

Bloodline Warriors are rare among the special group of warriors.

Even rarer than Special Elemental Warriors.

Among the forces in the inner post region.

Some top families are bloodline families.

There were also other medium size bloodline families living in the inner post region.

But their growth is limited because of their bloodline purity.

The Brown Hill Family persuaded one of the top bloodline warriors to teach Zack Lockwood a lesson.

One hour later,

It was the time for the 5th group duels.

The match showed up on the screen.

[Zack Lockwood vs Emily Twin Blade]

Gasp!

The audience exclaimed in surprise.

Because it's a celebrity duel.

Many of the audiences are present here to watch this type of duel.

Celebrity warriors are those whose names are constantly circulating online.

Not only that, the name of Emily Twin Blade is as famous as Zack Lockwood.

So everyone is looking forward to the duel.

On the other hand, I looked at the big screen.

Seeing my opponent's name, I knew the duel was going to be difficult.

I did research last night.

Among the potential warriors, there are warriors with bloodline.

I'm not surprised but their numbers are rare.

And I read about the Twin Blade Family.

It's one of the bloodline families in the inner post region.

After recalling the information, I left the room and started walking to the dual platform.

While walking, I hear the loud cheers of the audience.

They are chanting my name as well as the name of Emily Twin Blade.

Then I saw a girl walking from the opposite direction.

She has black hair and eyes.

She is tall in height similar to mine.

Then an important piece of information comes to mind.

"Her bloodline gives her a boost in dagger mastery.

Such a unique bloodline.

I wonder what stages she has reached in her skills," I said in my heart.

After walking into the stage, I stood in one corner.

Emily Twin Blade entered the stage with a cold expression on her face and stood opposite to me.

At the same time, the barrier started to rise and begin to cover the platform.

I activated the perception ability.

Then my mental power began to cover the duel stage.

Emily begins to observe Zack Lockwood.

A hint of hostility flashes in her eyes.

On the other hand, I immediately sensed something wrong with her.

When the barrier is completely covered.

The referee gave the signal.

Swoosh!

The next moment, Emily held two black swagger in her hand.

She immediately rushed out towards the opponent.

I can feel the air tearing from her movements.

Then I held the black sword in my head and was ready to block it.

In the blink of an eye, she got closer to me.

She raised her swagger to stab me.

Her movements are clearly appearing in my mind.

By using the perception, I clearly blocked the attack by using the sword.

Clang!

The metallic sound reverberates throughout the area.

Emily then swiftly used her left dagger to attack.

The dagger speed was so fast that it caught me off guard.

Swoosh!

I retreated backwards the next second.

Seeing that Emily retreated backward as well.

She looks at Zack Lockwood with amazement.

She doesn't know how Zack Lockwood blocked her attack.

Chapter 863: Hurt

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Platform,

I clutched the black sword firmly.

My eyes flashed with seriousness.

Swoosh!

Emily took advantage of her speed again.

She moved quickly to attack the opponent.

This time she intends to use her full strength.

On the other hand, her movements appear in mind.

Then I got ready to move.

Swoosh!

Her cold dagger was aimed at my chest, based on the trajectory.

At the same time, I noticed the other dagger in her left hand.

Anything can happen at any time, so I will not let down my guard.

When she got closer.

She used her dagger moves.

Her agility allows her body to move fluidly.

She suddenly leaps forward to attack.

Her right hand approaches my chest.

Seeing the cold, shining dagger.

I slashed in order to stop it.

Clang!

As the two blades collided, the metallic noise became louder.

Just as I thought I had succeeded.

Her body starts moving again.

She moves back an inch before drawing her left dagger to slice.

It happened too quickly.

I was still deflecting her right hand dagger.

When I attempted to move.

Her right hand dagger pressed hard against my sword blade.

I could use my physical strength to throw her off.

Pfff!

Unfortunately, it was too late.

Something cold slashes through my abdominal flesh.

Emily cut the abdomen with her left-handed dagger.

She was successful in accomplishing it.

Emily smiles triumphantly before leaping backwards to make distance.

On the other hand, the pain assaulted my mind.

Blood starts gushing out of the abdomen.

I touched the injured area with my left hand.

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The abdomen bled, and the left hand was dyed red.

It was the first time someone had injured me to this extent.

It had not happened back home either.

Her dagger skills were something else.

Her movements were so fast that I could not stop her even with perception.

I am certain of one thing.

Her dagger skill proficiency is close to mastery.

She is far ahead of me in skill proficiency.

I can only defeat her with the lightning element.

Gasp!

The audience was taken aback and exclaimed.

They were not expecting Emily to injure her opponent after a few clashes.

Those who are familiar with her bloodline power were not surprised by the outcome.

Unless someone with similar weapon mastery to her can challenge her.

Others are calling for a beating.

It is no different for Zack Lockwood.

The crowd is starting to realize the Twin Blade family's bloodline power.

Their bloodline talent allows them to easily learn blade skills.

When it combines with their awakened element.

They can be regarded as powerful warriors.

Special Box:

‘Ha...Ha...Ha...,’ Alex Brown Hill burst out laughing.

While others maintain a solemn expression on their faces.

Everyone was stunned to see Zack Lockwood’s abdomen injury.

They noticed that he was bleeding heavily.

If the situation continues, Zack Lockwood will be defeated.

“Sighs”

“This is the first time for that kid.

It is difficult to deal with a Twin Blade family warrior at his age,” the arena manager said with a sigh.

“Who told him to make a challenge post?”

“He asked for it!”

“Now his good luck comes to an end.”

Alex Brown Hill smirked as he spoke.

He was joyful in his heart.

His plan has worked out nicely.

He had placed a bet on the bloodline family.

They did not disappoint him.

“It is a pity Lowell was not here,” he said.

He was certain that Zack Lockwood would be defeated.

However, something else was happening on the ground.

On the Duel Platform,

I began using the healing essence to control the bleeding.

I then returned the black sword to my storage ring before turning to face her.

My left hand remained on the injured part.

I raised my right hand, pointing at her.

“Lightning Finger Technique.”

I executed the finger move.

Within the blink of an eye, a pure lightning ball appears above the tip of the forefinger.

I immediately fired the lightning ball at her.

Boom!

A purple beam swept across in a straight line before targeting her.

Emily was surprised.

But she used her speed to easily evade the attack.

Bang!

The purple beam strikes the platform causing deafening noise.

Seeing that my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

“Looks like all of her technique mastery is higher than mine,” I told myself.

Which left me with no choice other than to have close combat.

But I doubt whether she will engage me in close combat sooner.

So I decided to trick her.

I started to use the 1st stage of lightning finger technique to target her.

Time passes,

Boom!

Lightning beams strike the empty platform one after another.

Emily Twin Blade evades all attacks like a breeze.

She had already hurt her opponent.

The opponent is now wasting time by using a long-range attack on her.

Emily gave a smile.

She understands that continued bleeding will weaken Zack Lockwood.

It will only be a matter of time until he gives up.

Outside,

The spectators start to think the same way.

They thought Zack Lockwood's story was over.

He had done well before.

But this time, Zack Lockwood faced a difficult opponent, even for the veterans.

Because even among veterans, it is rare to achieve weapon mastery.

Lightning attacks are hitting the empty platforms.

Many people believed it was better for Zack Lockwood to give up.

So that he can treat his injury.

The referee is also closely watching everything.

He can not end the duel unless one of them surrenders.

Special Box:

“Futile attempts,” Alex said, snorting.

The arena manager’s expression darkened just next to him.

He began to worry.

He considers whether to notify Senior Lowell or not.

But he is aware that Senior Lower may be watching the duel.

Heavy blood loss is harmful to warriors.

For warriors, blood is a vital source of strength.

He wants Zack Lockwood to reflect on it.

However, he is powerless to intervene from here.

Not only him, but the rest of the staff in the room appear concerned.

Chapter 864: Emily's defeat

From MC's Perspective:

Emily starts to get impatient.

Her opponent continues to waste time.

Earlier, she considered waiting until her opponent gave up.

Now she is beaming with confidence.

Even if the opponent had one trick left, she is confident in her ability to parry it.

Swoosh!

The next moment, she sprints towards her opponent.

She applied the same technique.

She doubts her opponent will be able to escape this time as well.

She intends to cause one more injury.

So her opponent can end the duel right away.

Cheers!

The audience recognized her actions.

So they started cheering aloud.

On the other hand, I am prepared to use my triumph card.

When she got closer to me.

I noticed the shining dagger once again.

“Lightning Wheel”

I executed the lightning move.

A purple lightning wheel forms around me in an instant.

The wheel is full of destructive lightning power.

My mastery of this skill may not be comparable to her.

But its power was sufficient to deliver a decisive blow.

Emily became startled.

She expected something like this to happen.

However, the purple lightning caused her heart to skip a beat.

Finally, she considers evading it.

When she attempted to move her body away.

A portion of her body is still in contact with the lightning wheel.

Bang!

An explosion occurs.

The lightning wheel explodes directly in front of her.

The destructive lightning bolt struck her body.

The force of the lightning strike threw her body off.

She collapses to the ground as lightning continues to devastate her body.

Her skin was scorched. The force of lightning paralyzed her.

She is unable to move her body right away.

On the other hand, I took a step back before stabilizing the movement.

Then I noticed her plight.

Without giving her the opportunity to get up.

“Lightning Finger Technique.”

I performed the third stage of the lightning finger move.

A thick purple ball forms on the tip of my forefinger.

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I immediately fired the lightning ball at her.

Emily, who was flinching with pain, noticed something coming at her.

Seeing as it was another lightning technique.

Her eyes showed fear for the first time.

Boom!

The purple lightning ball struck her body again, causing internal damage.

Pfff!

She coughed a mouthful of blood.

Her face contorted with humiliation and horror.

She is currently on the receiving end.

Quiet!

There was complete silence.

Much more quiet than before.

No one expected such a sudden shift in events.

The audience noticed something interesting.

Zack Lockwood's lightning strikes are now clearly on target.

People with keen eyes can see that it was Zack Lockwood's plan all along.

Emily was enticed into engaging in close combat.

If it had been a weapons fight, the outcome would have been different.

But she bears the direct brunt of the lightning strikes.

It was something different.

No one could explain it except those who were receiving it.

On the Duel platform, I noticed Emily lying in the middle of a pool of blood.

Any further attacks on her would put her life in danger.

But she is not responding at all.

I noticed a firm determination in her eyes.

Outside,

The audience is watching with bated breath.

They are thinking that Zack Lockwood is seeking revenge.

“Lightning Finger Technique”

I performed the lightning technique.

A thick bolt of lightning struck her body again.

Emily fainted under the attack, surprising me.

“The loss of blood must have contributed to it,” I reasoned in my heart.

The barrier opened the following moment.

When the barrier completely vanished.

The referee rushes to examine Emily.

After determining that she was unconscious, He declared me the winner.

Cheers!

The audience erupted into a roaring cheer.

This duel was the most entertaining so far.

Everyone assumed Emily was going to win.

However, she was defeated at the conclusion of the duel.

On the other hand, I noticed that several medical personnel had arrived to take Emily away for treatment.

One of the medical personnel arrived and took me away as well.

With this win, I was able to move into the top five.

Tomorrow is the fourth round of the duel.

10 minutes later,

A veteran healer enters the treatment room.

I purposefully stopped using the healing essence.

So no one will notice it.

The middle-aged woman greeted me before injecting me with high-quality healing liquid.

Then she instructed me to rest.

She will be back later to check on me.

Lying on the bed, I noticed the changes the healing liquid brings to my body.

A warmth of energy circulates through the body.

The warmth spreads over to the injured abdomen area.

The injuries are healing quickly.

Seeing this, I realized the healing liquid had to be expensive.

Then I closed my eyes and began to rest.

Special Room:

Alex Brown Hall's face not good looking.

His earlier happiness was disappeared completely.

Now everyone is looking at him with a mocking expression.

Even the Arena manager has a small smile on his face.

"That stupid girl," Alex said with a cold tone.

He lost face as a result of her actions.

Alex stood up from the spot.

He immediately left the room.

The arena manager then cracked a grin.

He can tell that the Brown Hill Family has lost their bet again.

Other officials had similar thoughts.

Federation HQ top floor:

A few hours later,

Federation Head Ben returns to his office.

He sat back on his seat.

He then activated the blue screen.

The blue screen appeared, and he began reviewing the important information.

After going through important information, his gaze finally set on Zack Lockwood's duel.

The duel footage was attached to the report.

A quick gleam appears in his eyes.

He clicked the video and began watching the fight.

He knows that some people have begun to act internally.

The Twin Blade Family is close to the Brown Hill Family.

As a result, he was confident that the match had already been set.

He could have stopped it.

But he wanted to catch all of the culprits at once.

So he had allowed them to play their tricks.

Chapter 865: Dale Mount

From MC's Perspective:

I got up pretty early.

Then I got out of bed to begin my morning routine.

Several minutes later,

I went into the essence chamber to cultivate.

Yesterday, I underestimated the Emily Twin blade's strength.

But, luckily, I won the duel in the end.

I am curious who will fight me today.

I have a hunch that someone is deliberately arranging the matchup.

Otherwise, it is unclear why warriors who are hostile to me are matched against me.

After removing the distracting thoughts, I start cultivating.

Time passed,

I returned to my room a few hours later and began to prepare for today's match.

9:50 A.M In the morning, I left and began walking towards the duel arena.

Some of the staff in the lobby wished me luck.

They usually avoid unnecessary interactions with me.

But this time, their attitude has shifted.

I suppose everyone is beginning to recognize my strength.

I quickly made my way to the duel arena.

After entering the building, I walked quickly to the room.

As I entered the room.

I noticed that the number of warriors has decreased.

From the original 320 warriors, there are now only 80.

After today, there will only be 40 left.

However, the veteran warriors are also keeping an eye on Zack Lockwood.

Those who have gathered here are talented warriors.

The majority of them can fight across ranks.

So the fourth stage is going to be extremely competitive.

Among the gathered warriors in the room, there is one with tanned skin.

He was in his early twenties.

His name is Dale Mount.

He is looking at Zack Lockwood with a normal expression.

Anyone would assume his gaze was normal.

But they will not know what else is on his mind.

“So his name is Zack Lockwood.

He managed to get this far.

“No wonder the family elders are concerned about the future,” he said in his heart.

The Mount Family, like the Brown Hill Family, is a core member of the Federation.

They also supported the Brown Hill Family’s move against Zack Lockwood.

It is unfortunate that they were unable to stop Zack Lockwood's momentum.

His family has never forced him to do anything.

He is a talented warrior, as are many others in his family.

However, if he is matched against Zack Lockwood.

He will put forth his best effort to win.

He believes that, like the Brown Hill Family, his family must have their own plan.

He is not sure what it is.

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However, if given the opportunity, he is eager to solve this problem on his own.

Shortly after,

The referee entered the platform and started the fourth stage of the competition.

The first matchup from Group 1 was shown on the big screen.

The next moment, two bulky warriors rushed out of the room.

On the other hand, I smiled.

But I am smiling for another reason.

I can tell there are no hostile people in this room, as there were yesterday.

I hope I do not encounter any reckless warriors today.

Special Box:

Like yesterday, everyone was present in the room except a core member.

The Arena Manager looks at the empty seat beside him and shakes his head.

He knows that the Brown Hill Family has run out of tricks.

Otherwise, Alex Brown Hill would have come to watch Zack Lockwood's duel.

He is one of the important figures in the Federation as well.

He knows that the internal political game has begun.

And they started with this ongoing small competition.

He does not understand why people are opposing Federation Head.

But he hopes things will return to normal soon.

Time passed,

A few hours later, the turn came for the third group.

The first match pitted Dale Mount against a veteran warrior.

The Veteran Warrior appears to be a middle-aged man.

He possessed earth elemental strength.

Following that, the duel begins.

Both warriors exchanged a series of blows.

Dale Mount uses metallic techniques to destroy the earth wall.

Like the middle-aged man, he appears to be well-versed in metallic techniques.

As time passes, both of them are fighting hard, not giving each other an inch.

So much so, neither of them has suffered any serious injuries.

Inside the room,

The warriors are praising Dale Mount's efforts.

"I did not expect Dale to enter this competition."

"Even the Brown Hill Family Warriors did not participate in this competition."

"The Brown Hill and Mount families are allies."

“But the Mount Family values this competition.”

“I suppose they are giving face to the Federation Head.”

“Who do you think will win?”

“Dale is on the same level as Emily Twin Blade.

Their metallic techniques are difficult to block.”

While watching the duel, the warriors spoke.

My eyes narrowed as I stood in close proximity to them.

While watching the duel, I overheard their conversation.

“Someone close to the Brown Hill family.

I have learned a lot about the Federation’s important members during my time here at HQ.”

“The Brown Hill Family is among them.

But I have not heard of Mount Family,” I said in my heart.

But still I noted down the information in my heart.

Meanwhile,

Lowell McClain entered the office room of Federation Head.

The Head summoned him.

Ben was sitting behind the desk.

After looking at Lowell, he inquired, "How did the investigation go?"

"The monsters have retreated inside some of Tier-4's boundaries.

But we are not sure how long it will last," Lowell replied.

"Sigh"

"I have not received any updates from Star University.

I am not sure what is going on at their end," Ben said with a sigh.

"Well, we can rest for the time being.

Have you seen your student's duel?

Ben asked.

Lowell nodded before saying, "The Brown Hill Family is crossing the line.

I am not sure what the Federation Head is thinking."

Ben smiled and replied,"The Brown Hill Family are not alone.

I want to see who else is with them.”

“I will give them a befitting lesson later,” He added.

Chapter 866: Amora Blackheart

From MC’s Perspective:

A few hours later,

My name appeared on the screen.

Seeing this, my gaze shifted to the opponent.

“Amora Blackheart,” I whispered in my heart.

Then I left the room in the presence of warriors.

On the other hand, the audience is looking forward to another exciting match.

Zack Lockwood has impressed everyone with his duel thus far.

I walked to the platform and stood on the left side of it.

Then I raised my head to look at the opponent as she entered the platform.

She appears to be a few years older than me.

But I never heard of the Black Heart Family.

Perhaps she is from a medium-sized force.

She stood opposite me.

Like me she is also observing me.

The barrier begins to cover the platform.

I looked at her with curiosity.

Those who have advanced this far are not ordinary warriors.

There must be something special about them.

I am curious what her strong point is.

The barrier had completely covered the platform.

The referee gave the signal to fight.

Amora immediately used her weapon.

She holds a long metal chain in her hands.

Only a few warriors choose the metallic chain as a suitable weapon.

On the other hand, I brought the black sword forward.

Her cooking weapon piqued my curiosity.

I really want to have a weapon clash with her.

So I hope she is not one of those who belong to a hostile group.

For safety, I began using my perceptual ability.

My perception immediately covered the entire platform.

Swoosh!

She then shot the metallic chain at the opponent.

The metallic chain moves in a zigzag pattern before precisely targeting the opponent.

On the other hand, I noticed she did not use her element.

“Which means she is also interested in clashing without using an element,” I said in my heart.

Then I began observing the trajectory of the metallic chain with perception.

Given that her attack could be traced.

I sighed inwardly.

She is not at the same level as Emily Twinblade.

I believe I can easily defeat her.

When the metallic chain was one inch away.

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I struck the metallic chain with the sword.

Clang!

A metallic sound echoes throughout the area.

Amora was surprised, and her eyes flashed with fighting intent.

She swung her metal chain again.

This time, the metallic chain turns quickly towards me.

However, the trajectory is clear.

I blocked it again with the sword.

Seeing that her attack had been blocked again.

Amora refused to give up.

She attempts to attack again.

As time passed, the collision of metallic noises echoed throughout the arena.

The audience's eyes are glued to the screen.

They were once again thrilled to watch such an exciting match.

They know that it's just the beginning of the duel.

They had yet to engage in combat using their respective elements.

This makes the duel even more entertaining to watch.

Special Box:

"Now this is regarded as a duel.

In previous duels, everyone wanted to finish their opponents in one move," The Arena Manager said.

Hearing that other staff members in the room agreed with his comments.

Everyone wants to watch a competitive duel.

Meanwhile,

The other warriors in the gathering room are also paying close attention to the duel.

Dale Mount furrowed his brow.

After winning his duel, he did not leave the area.

Instead, he had waited to watch this particular duel.

Seeing as both warriors are fighting without their element.

He sneered in his heart.

Unlike others, he has a different perspective on this duel.

This is not the place to practice sword moves just to show off.

He believes Zack Lockwood is showing off in order to gain popularity.

He hopes that his name will be called out tomorrow to fight Zack Lockwood.

He is confident in his metallic techniques.

He is aware that Zack Lockwood has suffered before defeating Emily Twinblade.

He believes his metallic technique will pose a challenge to Zack Lockwood.

With this plan in mind, he returned his attention to the duel.

On the duel platform,

Both the warriors returned to their position.

Amora looks exhausted.

But her heart was in turmoil.

So far she has been attacking the opponent.

Zack Lockwood has been in defensive mode since the beginning.

However, Zack Lockwood has successfully blocked all of her attacks.

If Zack Lockwood had chosen to attack her from the start, the outcome would have been different.

The next moment, she decides to use her element.

Boom!

A wind sound appears the next moment.

Amora uses her long metallic chain to swing.

With every swing, she uses her wind element.

A small tornado appears the next moment.

Gasp!

Seeing that audience exclaimed in a surprise.

They didn't expect to see such a spectacle.

On the other hand, I decided to use the lightning move as well.

I noticed that a tornado is coming towards me at a fast speed.

I gripped the black sword tightly before pouring the lightning essence to the sword.

In the blink of an eye, the black sword flickered with a purple glint.

“Sword Divide”

The next second, I shot the purple sword beam towards the coming tornado.

The purple beam swept across in a straight line before striking the metallic chain tornado.

Boom!

The collision caused a deafening noise to sound throughout the platform.

As a result of the collision, the shock force swept across the platform, impacting both the warriors.

I was forced to retreat backwards before getting close to the barrier.

Amora was hit hard as well.

She retreated backwards before stabilizing the movements.

It took a few seconds for the place to stabilize.

The dust was gone in seconds.

On the other hand, I looked at Amora.

I don't know whether she intends to continue or not.

If she had no fighting intent left, then I should put an end to the duel.

Amora retracts her metallic chain before looking at Zack.

She is not going to give up until she completely exhausts her essence.

Chapter 867: Winning against Amora BlackHeart

From MC's Perspective:

Amora Black Heart is unwilling to give up.

However, I have decided to end the duel.

“Lightning Phantom Technique”

I practiced the movement technique.

The next moment, both of my legs were covered in purple arcs.

I vanished from the spot and dashed towards her.

People can only see purple arcs flashing towards Amora.

On the other hand, Amora gets ready to fight back.

She used her movement as well.

Like a wind, she started moving towards her opponent.

As both of us got closer, we used her weapons.

I struck her metallic chain once again.

As the attack was blocked, we again continued to clash against each other with a high speed.

Outside,

The audience gasped once again.

Seeing a purple and light color sparks coming from the clashes.

They let out a cheer.

Nor every day, you can watch such a duel..

Meanwhile,

Inside the warriors gathering room, everyone is expressing their opinions about this duel.

Even for them it would be difficult to endure this long.

Some of them showed disdain.

As both the opponents are fighting straightforwardly.

While they believe in winning.

They don't mind using some tricks.

"Boring," Dale Mount stated.

He thought they would be reaching the end.

But he didn't expect both of them to continue the duel.

Not only him, there are others with similar thoughts as him.

Since it's a competition, they should do everything to win it.

30 minutes later,

On the dual platform, Amora has exhausted her wind essence completely.

She can't use it against opponent anymore.

"I give up," After saying that she retracts her metallic chain.

She noticed that Zack Lockwood still had essence left.

She doesn't know how he managed to stick to the end.

But she can't continue the duel in her state.

On the other hand, I stood while gasping for a breath.

"That was quite the duel.

She forced me to consume more essence than I expected.

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If it had not been for her techniques consuming more essence, she would have fought longer," I told myself.

Outside,

Gasp!

The audience exclaimed in a surprise.

Following that there is a loud applause and cheers.

People are chanting both the names for the Warriors.

It was a textbook example of a duel to learn.

When the barrier was brought down.

The referee entered the platform and declared me as the winner.

Hearing that tired smile appeared on my face.

With this win, I have entered the top 5.

"Zack Lockwood, we will fight again next time," Amora said before departing.

I smiled at her response.

Next, I want to take some immediate rest.

My muscles are hurting.

Both of us pushed out limits today.

After nodding at the referee, I started leaving the place.

I can hear the cheers of the people are a bit louder than last time.

I'm sure my name is going to appear in the headlines once again.

Soon, I returned to the HQ building.

The staff congratulated me once again.

After smiling at them, I entered the lift.

I couldn't help but ponder about the upcoming duels.

I'm starting to feel powerlessness.

I knew it would be a different case if I used the blood method.

But if I have to fight against veteran warriors who will attack me starting tomorrow.

The chances of victory are becoming increasingly slim.

If I want to win the final duel, I need to make a breakthrough in one of the lightning techniques.

After reaching my floor, the lift opened.

Then I walked the door.

Just before I could open the door, I received a call from the door.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes.

“It’s too much of a coincidence.

Was he watching me?” I told myself.

Then I attended the teacher’s call.

“Zack, you did well.

But you have to be careful here after.”

“Your seniors’ skills are higher than yours.

Some of them are not deliberately breakthrough for various reasons.”

“So I hope you don’t become complacent”

Lowell’s voice sounded from the other site.

My eyes flashes with a seriousness.

I have already taken note of this during the duel.

That's why I have decided to improve my skills.

But still the teacher's words remind me that it's much more difficult than I thought.

"Don't worry teacher.

I'm going to practice a little harder," I replied.

"Good, I'm back from the mission.

I'm in Delta City right now.

I will come tomorrow to watch your duel."

Lowell said before ending the call.

Teacher's words made my resolve stronger.

I opened the door and walked in.

30 minutes later,

I entered the essence chamber to recover the purple essence.

After 2 hours, I walked out of the essence chamber and entered the puppet training chamber to practice.

Before turning on the system.

I recalled the techniques in my mind.

1.

Sword Divide: Perfect wheel (Beginner)

2.

Lightning Wheel: Perfect wheel (Beginner)

3.

Lightning Phantom: Perfect wheel (Beginner)

4.

Blood Field Technique: Big wheel (Beginner)

5.

Soul Tower Method: Big wheel (Intermediate)

6.

Soul Needle Art: Big wheel (Intermediate)

7.

Lightning finger technique: Big wheel (Beginner)

8.

Blood Fist Technique: Big wheel (Beginner)

9.

Healing Hand: Big Wheel (Beginner)

10.

Lightning Drop: Small Wheel (Intermediate)

For the majority of the lightning techniques, I must gather exp.

It may take time.

But there is one technique that will help me during the competition.

The Lightning Drop move is in the First Big Stage Intermediate.

If I practice properly, I have a good chance of improving this technique sooner.

So I have made up my mind to practice it.

Then I walked to the monitor to summon the basic humanoid puppet.

Creak!

Starting in the middle of the platform.

A Silver Humanoid Puppet emerges.

The next moment, it dashed towards me.

Seeing that, I began to perform the lightning drop move.

“Lightning Drop”

A thick lightning ball forms in my palm.

Then I fired the lightning ball at the puppet’s feet.

The lightning ball strikes the platform in mere seconds.

Boom!

The lightning ball then explodes, causing multiple lightning bolts to strike the humanoid puppet.

Chapter 868: Part 1:

Fight against Dale Mount

From MC’s Perspective:

“Lightning Drop”

In an instant, a powerful lightning ball condensed in my palm.

I then fired at the Humanoid Puppet’s feet.

The lightning ball hits the floor before the lightning bolt strikes the humanoid puppet.

This all happened within seconds.

Boom!

A series of explosions occur on the Humanoid Puppet.

The attack resulted in destruction and severed parts.

A hint of satisfaction appears in my eyes.

The time has already passed midnight.

But I was able to achieve my goal.

[Lightning Drop: Small Wheel (Proficient)]

I managed to make a small breakthrough.

However, it was not enough to defeat the Seniors.

I should use it with caution alongside other techniques.

Only the combination of various lightning techniques will allow me to win the duel tomorrow.

After gaining some clarity in my thoughts, I decided to stop the practice.

Then I went to sleep later.

The next morning,

After finishing my morning routine, I went to the essence chamber to recover the purple essence.

A few hours later,

I walked out of the headquarters building with confidence.

Today marks the fifth stage of the duel.

Today, the top 20 will be chosen from the combined eight groups.

This small competition was even more challenging than the internal competition.

As I walked, I could not help but wonder.

Senior had not shown as much interest in previous internal competitions.

Most of my opponents in that internal competition were either my age or slightly older than me.

However, the veterans are currently participating.

I can only assume that my post annoyed them.

Especially those hostile factions who wanted to take action.

They are currently making the most of their opportunities.

I shook my head, removing the distracting thoughts.

After a few minutes of walking, I arrived at the arena building.

As usual, I made my way to the warriors' gathering room.

When I arrived, I saw that the top five warriors from each group had gathered in the room.

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When they saw me, they began to murmur.

"He has gotten this far."

"I wonder if he would make the top 20."

"Youngster's run will end today."

"He seems weak."

"I hope somebody defeats him today."

The warriors communicated with each other.

Dale Mount smiled upon hearing the conversation.

Not all seniors are optimistic about Zack Lockwood.

His eyes light up with anticipation for today's matchup.

Shortly after,

The referee enters the duel stage.

The crowd as usual began cheering out loud.

"Hello everyone."

"We reached an important stage of the competition."

"40 Warriors have gotten so far from 320."

"Today, we will select the top twenty Warriors.

As usual, the matchup will be random.

"I wish the warriors the best of luck."

Hearing his words the audience let out a cheer once again.

The referee checks the time and says, "Without wasting time.

We begin the first duel.”

The audience, warriors, and staff turned their attention to the big screen.

[Dale Mount vs Zack Lockwood].

Gasp!

Exclamations were heard everywhere.

The first match turned out to be the most anticipated.

On the other hand, my eyes sparkled.

I know that the Mount and Brown Hill families were allies.

Do not tell me the match is rigged as well.

My eyes flash with a cold glint.

“Ha...Ha..Ha...”

Dale Mount was stunned before laughing briefly.

He then realized that everyone was looking at him.

He nodded at them before leaving the room.

He did not forget to glance at Zack Lockwood.

In contrast, my heart is filled with rage.

I witnessed Dale Mount's reaction.

He was not surprised at all.

I decided to conclude the duel as soon as possible.

It is not advisable to extend the duel against him.

Under everyone's hostile gazes, I exited the room.

Then I walked up to the duel platform.

Dale Mount was already standing on one end.

It appears that he came prepared.

Then I entered the platform and stood at the opposite end.

The barrier then starts to cover the platform.

I noticed Dale Mount watching me.

Unlike the others, he appeared to be a madman.

I can tell he is more excited about this fight.

This creepy feeling caused my hair to stand out.

“He is more dangerous than others,” I told myself.

When the barrier covered the platform.

The duel gave the signal to fight.

Swoosh!

Dale was dashing towards me.

Seeing this, I brought the Black Sword forward.

I witnessed his previous duel.

He is a warrior who uses the Metal element.

I activated the perception.

The whole duel platform appears in mind.

Dale’s skin started to turn silver.

It is his body technique.

When he got closer.

I mentally tracked all of his movements.

His right hand fingers have turned into sharp metals.

Seeing that, I knew what he was up to.

He raised his right hand to attack.

I struck his hand with a sword.

When both attacks make contact with one another.

Clang!

A metallic noise sounded.

But the brute force of his hand pushed me backward.

After taking a few steps back, I looked at him.

He continued to plunge towards me, as if possessed.

“Lightning Wheel”

In an instant, a purple lightning wheel appeared all around me.

The wheel was dark purple and filled with destructive energy.

Dale Mount witnessed the attack but did not care.

He kept moving towards me.

My earlier assumption proved correct after observing his behavior.

He simply wanted to defeat me at any cost.

Bang!

His body collides with the lightning wheel.

The purple wheel then explodes, unleashing a barrage of powerful lightning bolts on him.

The impact force pushed me backwards again.

But my gaze never left him.

I heard a muffled grunt.

He bore the direct brunt of the attack.

I do not think he escaped unscathed.

When the smoke was gone.

His appearance becomes clear.

Dale Mount remained standing on the platform.

His entire body was dripping with blood.

He looks like a black charcoal.

However, his gaze remains fixed on me.

“I was wrong.

“The duel is not going to end anytime soon,” I said in my heart.

Gasp!

The crowd gasped in surprise.

Chapter 869: Part 2: Fight against Dale Mount

From MC's Perspective:

Dale Mount sustained injuries.

But that was not enough for him to abandon the duel.

Instead, he got more excited.

His gaze becomes more intensely focused on fighting.

“I knew it, dueling against you would be entertaining,” Dale muttered.

Swoosh!

The next second, he takes out his duel weapon, a silver spear.

The edge of the Silver Spear is so sharp that it sends chills down spectators' spines.

He then dashes towards his opponent, pointing his silver spear at him.

On the other hand, I held the black sword tightly.

I have decided to stick with the old method.

I am going to drag down the duel.

"Let us see who runs out of essence first," I told myself.

With Dale Mount's battle-maddened state.

I do not think he can use his brain.

As long as I provoke him to use the metallic essence, I have a chance.

In the blink of an eye, he reached me.

Slash!

I made a slash.

The Black Blade pierced the air before striking the Silver Spear.

Clang!

The next second, I felt a jolt.

The impact has caused my right hand to tremble.

My gaze immediately focused on the silver spear.

“What metal is it?” I said it in my heart.

Dale Mount gave a grin.

He knew his Spear could help him.

It was created from precious metals.

Even among the most powerful forces, such metals are rare.

He had worked his ass out to get this weapon from his family.

Now he is going to use it heart ‘s content.

The first collision was just beginning.

He then starts to pour metallic mana into it.

The Silver Spear begins to shine.

On the other hand, I have already retreated a few steps backwards.

Seeing his actions, I have started to use lightning essence as well.

With the emergence of purple essence, the black blade flickers with a purple glint.

Flash!

Within seconds we were once again at each other's throat.

Clang!

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The sound of metallic collision starts to echo throughout the platform.

The destructive lightning element is easily dominating over the metallic element.

Dale Mount is so focused on fighting that he is unaware that he is using excessive metallic essence.

Sparks!

Collisions become faster and more frequent over time.

None of us withdrew.

Dale Mount felt provocative, as I had anticipated.

He did not even consider using other techniques.

However, I believe that if I use the lightning technique, he will also change.

Dale Mount, on the other hand, was simply enjoying the moment.

He became so distracted that he lost sight of his goal.

After a few minutes, he realizes something.

His eyes flash with a cunning gleam.

“Damn, I was almost occupied with a simple clash of weapons,” he said to himself.

He then came up with an idea.

The next moment, he charges forward to strike.

On the other hand, I was keeping an eye on his movements using perception.

When I noticed him using metallic essence.

I believe the attack was the same.

We got closer again in just a few steps.

Thrust!

Finally, Dale employs an attack technique. A silver gleam appears at the spear's tip.

“High Power Thrust”

Dale yelled before shooting.

A silver beam shot at me.

Seeing the attack unfold at close quarters.

A sense of crisis overcame me.

But thanks to the improved perception.

Time appears to slow down.

I was able to calm down quickly.

Then I used the defensive technique.

“Lightning Wheel”

A purple wheel forms around me.

Before it can stabilize, the silver beam collides with the lightning wheel.

Bang!

An explosion occurs.

The impact force caught me off guard and sent me flying before crashing into the ground.

Dale Mount took a couple of steps back.

However, his expression was ugly.

It was an excellent opportunity to disable the opponent.

He not only failed to hit him by the direct strike, but he also alerted his opponent.

It is difficult to repeat the trick.

On the other hand, I felt warm blood in my throat.

The unstable lightning wheel has injured me.

My eyes flash with murderous intent.

I have decided to go with the little bit blood method.

I placed the black sword in my storage ring.

Then I stood up.

Warm blood energy from my bones begins to flow through my hands.

“Lightning Phantom Technique.”

My legs were covered in purple arcs in an instant.

The next second, I disappear from the scene.

I approached Dale Mount in a few steps.

At the same time, I used lightning bolts to cover my right arm.

Outsiders may think I am using the lightning technique.

However, they are unaware that I intend to use a different technique.

“Blood Fist.”

A red energy forms around my fist.

No one can see because I have already covered my palm with the purple lightning.

Dale Mount was surprised.

He noticed Zack using movement and fist technique at the same time.

He sneered.

He has already experienced the power of lightning.

He does not believe it will hurt him again.

So he is going to use the attack technique.

But this time, he will not miss his target.

In an instant, I got even closer.

I noticed that he is using the metallic essence again.

My eyes turned icy.

“High-Power Thrust”

The Spear’s tip flashes with gleam before firing the beam.

Dale grinned.

He does not believe Zack will escape again by using the wheel.

He already knew where to aim.

His target was Zack’s head.

On the other hand, I continued to use the lightning phantom technique.

When I noticed the spear glowed again.

Rather than using a defensive technique, I sidestepped to avoid being attacked.

Boom!

The white beam pierces the empty air directly next to me.

Dale Mount’s expression changes.

Seeing that, I appeared in front of him in a flash, hitting his chest with my right palm, which was covered in lightning bolts and blood energy.

Dale's eyes are filled with disbelief and fear.

Pfff!

His chest caved in, breaking every chest bone.

The lightning power penetrates the open wound before ravaging his internal organs.

Chapter 870: Dale Mount's serious injuries

From MC's Perspective:

Dale Mount fainted on the spot.

He was heavily injured.

If not treated quickly, it might endanger his life.

Gasp!

A loud exclamation sounded from outside.

Dale Mount's gruesome injuries were displayed on the screen.

The audience were surprised by Zack Lockwood's strength.

Everyone had watched Zack Lockwood's previous duel against Amora BlackHeart.

That duel took a long time to end.

Simply because both the warriors are strong.

But right people are starting to doubt Zack Lockwood's strength.

Because, Dale Mount is stronger than Amora BlackHeart.

To see Dale Mount getting flattened like that.

Audiences are seeing Zack Lockwood in a new light.

When the barrier was removed.

The referee rushed to Dale Mount's side.

After seeing that he was unconscious, he turned towards Zack Lockwood and declared him as the winner.

But his eyes filled with fear.

At that moment, he checked his injury.

Dale Mount was heavily hurt.

There is a possibility of foundation damage.

Unless his family is ready to lose money.

His foundation couldn't be healed.

The next moment, the medic team arrives to take away Dale Mount.

Cheer!

The crowd let out a roaring cheer.

They don't have any idea how serious injuries have been suffered by Dale Mount.

They saw it as a normal routine.

The injured warriors are carried away by the medic team.

It was a daily scene.

I left the platform and started walking towards the exit.

My eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

This time I didn't keep my hand.

I even broke my code to use the blood energy.

But it was worth it against the madman.

I wonder if he would give up after running out of energy.

When facing these types of warriors.

It's better to defeat them sooner.

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While walking, I pondered.

Next, I have to face another problem.

I wonder whether the teacher has suspected anything or not.

Even though I used the blood energy to defeat him.

I had managed enough to conceal it from others.

But it can be only confirmed after meeting him.

After a few minutes of walking, I returned to the HQ building.

Upon seeing me, I hear their small exclamation from inside.

"Maybe they wouldn't have thought so," I said in my heart.

After walking inside, I nodded at them.

The staff gazes down on me.

Some of their gazes are filled with curiosity, envy and hatred.

After taking note of their reactions, I entered the lift.

I returned to my room a few minutes later.

Meanwhile,

Heated discussion is taking place in the infirmary.

The injuries suffered by Dale Mount are so serious.

It requires special treasures to heal the foundation.

If not, the Dale Mount foundation will be damaged.

He might not be able to reach SSS-ELITE Rank in future.

So the Head healer immediately contacted the arena manager.

Dale Mount's situation is something.

It requires his family's attention.

The arena manager is watching the duel.

His face changed when he received a call from the Head Healer.

He knows whenever someone calls from the infirmary.

It was not good news.

After attending the call, he heard the news from the healer.

“What?” He stood up in fright the next moment.

His face was bloodless.

Injuries are common during the competition.

But he didn’t expect Dale Mount to face this situation.

Image of Zack Lcokwood comes to mind.

“That kid has dealt with a heavy hand,” He said with a sigh.

He needs to report it to the Federation Head as well as the Lord Lowell.

Then he had to inform Mount Family.

Swoosh!

He swiftly left the room.

The other staff in a state of disbelief.

They don’t know what happened to the arena manager.

The arena manager arrives at the medic room.

The Head healer was inside the first room.

The arena manager notices Dale Mount on the bed before walking into the room.

“How is he?” He asked.

The head healer turned around and replied, “His life can be saved.

But his foundation has hit hard.

Several of his chest bones have pierced the internal organs.”

“I’m currently removing the small pieces of bones.

But we need life saving treasure.

So that his internal organs can be strengthened,” He added.

The arena manager broke out in a cold sweat.

The Mount Family and Brown Hill Family are close.

He has seen the actions of those guys against Zack Lockdwood..

If the things were revealed, he doesn’t know how things will play out.

But right now, his job is to report everything to the Head.

He then cast a glance at the pale looking face of Dale Mount before exiting the room.

Thinking about Zack Lockwood, he shook his head.

“I doubt whether the kid knows that he has caused a serious problem for himself,” He said in his heart.

Then he proceeds to contact the Head.

20 minutes later,

He is still standing outside the infirmary.

But he informed the Federation Head, Lord Lowell and Mount Family Head.

Thinking about Mount Family Head’s reaction.

He couldn’t help but to wipe out his sweat.

“The Mount Family Head didn’t take it lightly.

Though Dale Mount is not a direct descendant.

He belongs to their Family,” He muttered to himself.

He can conclude that Mount Family Head won’t sit back.

He might do something.

Earlier, the Black Hill Family had shown hostility against Zack Lockwood.

The reaction of Alex Brown Hill was vivid in his mind.

The competition is yet to end.

He thinks Brown Hill Family and Mount Family might join hands against Zack Lockdwood.

"I hope Senior Lowell will be prepared," He said to himself.

Then he rushes back to watch the duel.

Meanwhile,

In Lowell Castle, Lowell was in a bad mood.

Because he was not able to watch his student's duel.

The Federation Head has given him another important task.

Just as he decides to contact Zack Lockdwood.

He receives a call from the Federation Head.

He attends the call.

"Lowell, where are you?" Federation Head Ben's voice sounded from the other end.

"Head, I was about to leave for the mission," He replied.

"Halt the mission for now.

I need your presence here," Head Ben said.

"Okay," Lowell answered.