

BloodLine 871

Chapter 871: Morgan, the Mount Family Head

Somewhere in the inner post region.

Alex Brown Hill is doing an investigation mission.

He is also keeping an eye on the small competition organized by Federation HQ.

Because his family saw little opportunity in the competition.

But so far, their plans have failed.

He checks the update out of curiosity.

However, what awaited him was nothing but a surprise.

“Ha...Ha...Ha...,the Mount family deserved it,” He said, laughing.

Earlier, they attempted to persuade them.

However, the Mount Family preferred to watch from the sidelines.

They had ambitions similar to theirs.

They were hesitant to join hands with them.

They wanted to handle everything on their own.

Finally, they were humiliated.

If they had collaborated with them from the start.

They could have eliminated that brat from the competition by defeating and humiliating him.

Now that brat has made it into the top twenty.

They then had to pay a much higher price to bribe others.

What is worse, they do not know the Federation Head's attitude yet.

There are rumors that Family Head was warned by him.

But Alex is unsure whether it is true or not.

However, he believes that the Mount Family will not remain silent here after.

It is a great opportunity to persuade them again.

He immediately texted the higher-ups in the family.

He hopes they can come up with a plan by today.

So that Zack Lockwood can be eliminated from the competition tomorrow.

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The Mount Family,

Morgan, the Mount Family is in a meeting.

All of the family's leaders have gathered here.

Neither of their faces are attractive.

As if something terrible had happened to the family.

Except for a few high-ranking officials, the rest have no idea what is going on.

They are helplessly observing the Family Head's expression.

Morgan is keeping his raging anger under control.

His family had never been humiliated like this before.

The Mount Family was a core member family of the federation.

Normally, the other core family members would look them in the eyes.

Some conflicts have previously been recorded.

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But this time, the core member's successor publicly humiliated a family member.

The person is their family's rival core member.

“Seems like the Alex Family Head was correct.

“I was overly cautious,” Morgan admitted to himself.

But his concerns were not unfounded.

If they do something to the kid, Lowell McClain will undoubtedly retaliate.

According to his understanding, Lowell McClain is currently a lone wolf.

Even his own family is facing bankruptcy.

He is simply watching from the sidelines.

A person who was cold-hearted toward his own family simply because they took opposing sides.

What happens if someone goes against him?

They also know Lowell is close to another mysterious member, Robbie.

Both were viewed as thorns by those who sought to use the Federation for their own gain.

He has been indecisive for a long time.

He does not want to make an enemy out of them without a reason.

But he is really pissed off right now.

He does not believe Zack Lockwood is unaware of their family.

Even if he was not aware of their family name, he will never forget this.

He suddenly shifted his gaze towards them.

When the higher-ups saw his gaze, they all felt unbearable pressure.

Some of them broke into a cold sweat.

They started to wonder what they had done wrong.

Only those who knew the truth remained silent.

“Who made it to the top 20 of that small competition?” He asked.

Gasp!

Some members exclaimed with surprise.

They did not expect their Family Head to pay attention to the insignificant competition.

However, those who are aware of the news are ready to respond.

“Five of our family members have made it to the top 20,” one of the elders replied.

Other elders were surprised, as well.

The Core Member family’s numbers were not particularly good.

Morgan's face darkened as he heard this.

He expected more than five.

Even though he was not expecting anything from this competition.

However, the name indicates that it is a competition.

It is an ideal platform for those looking to gain a little fame.

He is aware that Zack Lockwood's name appeared in headlines across all online articles.

He then looks directly into the elder's eyes.

His eyes conveyed that he was demanding an answer.

The elder quickly grasped the meaning.

Without waiting any longer, he said, "Family Head, those kids have recently broken through.

They are not our experienced warriors."

Morgan's expression eases.

But he still frowned.

He believes that warriors from the core family should perform well.

"What about the warriors of the Brown Hill Family?" He asked.

“Family Head, they did not send any warriors to this competition,” Elder explained.

“Harumph,” He snorted.

“As always, they are cunning,” he said in his heart.

However, he is aware of their bribery scheme.

Nonetheless, they had failed in their plans.

His anger fades as he thinks about their family.

It was not as if their entire family was confronted with a single situation.

The Brown Hill Family faces humiliation as a result of their repeated failures.

So he does not have to be concerned about facing the Head of the Brown Hill Family.

Suddenly, an elder requests permission to enter.

Morgan permitted it.

He understands that no one disturbs the meeting unless it is for an important reason.

A door opened, and an elderly man walked in with a sealed letter.

Morgan’s eyes narrowed when she saw the seal.

It is the Brown Hill Family Seal.

“They are still doing things the old way,” he said, amused.

This type of communication cannot be tracked or recorded.

If they communicate online, their imprints will remain online.

After receiving the letter, he let the old man leave.

Looking at the letter, he understood what was going on.

He removed the seal before beginning to read the letter.

He finished reading the letter.

His eyes flash with a glint.

“The Brown Family Head wishes to meet me,” he said in his heart.

Obviously, they need to meet privately.

Their whereabouts cannot be disclosed.

Otherwise, Federation Head could easily investigate.

Chapter 872: A big picture

Mount Family:

Morgan, the Mount Family Head, pauses for a moment before concluding the meeting.

He understands that the meeting will take a long time.

For the time being, he will follow the Brown Family Head's instructions.

They must have a plan in place already.

Otherwise, they will not send this letter to me in a timely manner.

He stood up from his seat, smiling, and prepared to leave.

The other elders have already left the room in a hurry.

Nobody wants to confront the Family Head when he is in a bad mood.

They saw this as a good opportunity to escape.

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Federation HQ:

Lowell McClain arrived at the Federation headquarters.

Without stopping to greet his student.

He goes directly to the top floor.

Shortly afterward,

He enters the room.

Federation Head Ben was sitting behind his desk.

When he saw Lowell, he asked, "How was the investigation?"

"There is no sign of the Blood Force's warriors yet," he said quietly.

"If they are not moving right now, they are waiting for our move," Ben explained.

He then thought for a moment before saying, "I have once again troubled you by assigning you the investigation mission."

"It made it difficult for you to watch your student's duel," he explained.

Lowell shook his head and said, "Head, because you are here.

So I can concentrate calmly on my missions."

Ben chuckles before stating, "I know it.

But this time, your student did not keep his hand.

I suppose we can not blame him.

People continue to target him with ulterior motives."

Lowell's pupils constricted.

"I have heard from the arena manager.

The Warrior named Dale was determined to harm Zack.

I believe the Mount Family has joined Brown Hill Family's plan as well," he said.

When he said this, his eyes flashed with rage.

He already had a bad relationship with those two families.

He was outraged by their actions.

Now they are attempting to harm his student as well.

Ben taps on the desk.

He looked into Lowell's eyes and said, "I saw the duel footage.

I am not sure if it is a coincidence or not.

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But I support Zack's actions this time."

"I was giving them a break by not interfering.

But they are putting my patience to the test.

If they want to confront me about this, I have good reason to accuse them as well," he said.

He knows those two families have a lot of dirt bags on them.

Because they are core family members of the federation.

He had turned a blind eye to numerous things.

So if they tried to bring up the issue, he had plenty of reasons to hurt them as well.

"Alright, I do not think they will be silent.

I will prevent them from deceiving upcoming match duels.

Tomorrow, you should also come here to watch the duel."

"With your presence in the duel arena, the other core family members will not join them," Ben said.

"Okay," Lowell responded.

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From MC's Perspective:

The Following day,

After finishing the daily morning routine and cultivation.

I took a break to watch the online news.

I know what I did yesterday.

So I am intrigued to read online articles.

I started browsing online articles on my newly purchased holographic tab.

A blue screen appears above the tab screen and begins to display the news feed.

I began browsing the small competition news.

Then I noticed several articles in my news feed.

When I started reading through the headlines.

My reaction shifts from calm to sneer.

Some of the articles presented me in a negative light.

I was not surprised by these headlines.

Yesterday, I learned that Dale Mount's family is close to the Brown Hill family.

I suppose my match manipulation has something to do with these two families.

With these two families' influence, it is simple to pay people to write negative things about me.

Shaking my head, I shifted my attention to the positive headlines.

I started reading it.

As time passes, I read a few articles about myself before closing the tab.

There are good people who can see that I won against an experienced warrior.

However, none of them noticed the mystery surrounding the previous attack that injured Dale Mount.

This is good for me.

I suppose I will have no choice but to use the blood method from now on.

Because I do not want to face a roadblock at this time.

The Federation head had already informed me that he had recommended my name to the Star University.

If anyone at Star University is paying attention, they will be disappointed to see that I did not win.

So I am determined to use the blood method.

However, Teacher Lowell will not like it.

But I will not tell him.

An hour later,

I exited the room and made my way to the lobby.

When I arrived there, A large surprise awaited me.

Teacher Lowell was present in the lobby.

“Teacher,” I said in surprise.

Lowell was speaking to the Lobby Staff then he turned around abruptly.

Upon seeing Zack, he nodded at the staff before walking up to him.

“Are you ready for the duel?” He asked.

When I heard that, I was surprised.

I expected him to come yesterday.

“I am prepared, teacher,” I replied.

The rest of the staff is casting curious glances at us.

Then we both left the Federation headquarters.

Lowell watches his student’s reaction while walking.

Then he thought of something and said, “Zack, you do not have to be concerned about yesterday’s incident.

The Federation’s head is keeping an eye on everything.

He is aware of it as well.”

Hearing that, my eyes widened in surprise.

Then my eyes filled with doubt.

If he is watching everything, why is he doing nothing?

“Do you have any doubts?” Lowell asked.

“Teacher, why is he not doing anything?” I asked again.

“The Federation Head is thinking about the big picture.

He will act at the appropriate time.

You do not have to worry about it,” Lowell said.

Chapter 873: Hectar, a tough opponent

From MC’s Perspective:

A few minutes later,

We reached the arena building.

When we walked inside the building.

The staff are surprised by the presence of Lord Lowell McClain.

"I'm heading to the special box.

Give your best don't worry about other things," Lowell gave the final piece of advice before going towards the Special Box.

I nodded at him before going towards the warriors' room.

The staff showed a hint of fear upon seeing me.

I know the reason for their expression.

I shook my head before continuing walking.

When I arrived at the room.

I noticed the number of warriors reduced to 20.

We are getting into the final stages of the competition.

Today the top 10 will be selected.

I wonder who will be my opponent today.

On the other hand, Lowell McCalin entered the special room.

Gasp!

Sound of exclamation was heard everywhere.

Everyone was surprised to see Lord Lowell's appearance.

They didn't expect to see him here.

Lowell nodded at everyone before sitting down on his seat.

The next moment, a fat middle aged man walked into the room.

He is none other than the arena manager.

The fat manager's expression was serious but his expression worsened upon seeing Lowell.

"Lord Lowell, when did you come?" he asked.

He hurriedly went to his side and sat beside him.

Lowell amused by seeing his frightened expression.

Thanks to the arena manager, he was able to learn about Dale Mount's injury status.

"I have just spared some time to come here," Lowell replied calmly.

Hearing that, the arena manager showed a helpless smile.

"Are you okay?" Lowell asked.

The arena manager replied, "I was scared yesterday.

But thanks to your presence here right now.

I'm feeling good."

Lowell let out a small chuckle.

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He knows what the arena manager is thinking.

But nothing will happen to the arena manager and his staff.

On the other hand, I kept observing the reactions of people around me.

If anyone is against me, it's hard for them to keep their expressions under control.

As the time passed, no one showed any abnormal reactions.

Everyone communicates with each other in a friendly manner.

After confirming everyone was alright.

I shifted my gaze towards the duel arena.

Shortly afterwards,

The referee came to the duel platform.

Without giving any lecture.

He showed the first matchup for today.

Time passed,

One after another match ups have been completed within a few hours.

The Senior Warriors are tough and experienced warriors.

They didn't waste any time on dragging the duel.

A few hours later,

My turn came up.

My name was shown on the big screen.

Seeing that I left the room and started walking towards the duel platform.

After entering the platform, I stood at one corner.

Opposite to me, a slender looking middle aged man appeared.

The barrier started to cover up the duel platform.

The participant also observed me.

Seeing that I activated the perceptual ability.

The next moment, my perception covered the whole platform.

When the barrier completely covered the platform.

The referee gave the signal .

Boom!

The slender looking middle aged man dashed towards the opponent.

His name is Hectar.

He is known for his speed.

The Weapon he uses was the short sword.

After seeing his face, many senior warriors paid attention.

Some of them have done missions together with Hector.

For them it's an interesting duel match.

On the duel platform, I pulled out the Black Sword from my storage ring and became ready to engage him.

In the blink of an eye, our body got closer.

Hector's speed was faster than the average warrior.

He is not using his movement technique at all.

Thankfully, I have the perception power.

I can see the short sword's moves.

When Hector directed his sword at my chest.

I swiftly used the black sword to block it.

Clang!

A metallic noise sounded.

Hector's face was full of surprise.

He thought he was not underestimating his opponent.

But he was still surprised by Zack's strength and perception.

Swoosh!

He retreated backwards before using the elemental technique.

Swoosh!

A burning red flame covered the short sword's blade.

The flame made a buzzing scorching noise.

Anyone could tell that coming in contact with that burning blade will melt one's skin and flesh.

On the other hand, I did the same with the black sword.

Instead of using the lightning technique, I simply used the lightning power to cover the blade.

Thunder!

The purple lightning made a crackling sound.

Swoosh!

The next moment, we both burst out at great speed to clash against each other.

In the blink of an eye, we crossed swords with each other.

Clang!

Clang!

Clang!

A metallic sound continues to reverberate throughout the area.

Outside,

The audiences are watching the duel with excited eyes.

Some are cheering out loud for Zack Lockwood.

Others are quite neutral audiences.

A very few are supporting Zack Lockwood.

They are mostly young and inexperienced warriors.

Among them, some have recently broken through.

They are impressed by Zack Lockdwood's performance.

His duels are giving them confidence.

They have someone as their goal to chase.

Special Box:

Lowell McClain is enjoying the duel as well.

He thinks it's good that Zack's opponent is muscle headed.

Rather Hector appears to be someone who uses their brain for tactics.

In addition, Hector has an advantage in natural speed.

Lowell believes that Zack Lockwood will gain good experience from this duel.

Zack's previous opponents were strong in either elemental or skilled in techniques.

Rarely anyone made Zack feel pressured by using their tactics.

So he is looking forward to the duel.

The arena manager's mood was better than before.

He feels relaxed by watching the ongoing duel.

Seeing, Zack's opponent was interesting as well.

He couldn't help but turn towards Lowell McClain.

"Lord Lowell, what do you think about this duel?" He asked.

His voice was not low.

His words were heard by other staff as well.

Hearing that staff perked up their ears as well.

They want to know the opinion of Lord Lowell McClain.

Chapter 874: Miscalculation

From MC's Perspective:

Hectar charges at me once more.

As he gets closer, he rotates his body to generate power.

The burning flame became more intense.

The next moment, I felt intense heat coming from a few meters away.

Suddenly, I felt it was time to use the defensive technique.

Because Hectar was capable of parrying all attacks.

Because of his impressive speed.

“Lightning Wheel Technique”

I launched the technique.

The next moment, a powerful lightning wheel appears around me. The wheel is beaming with the destructive lightning power.

On the other hand, Hectar’s eyes flickered.

But he didn’t care.

He has already executed his move.

All he needs to do is to make contact.

Seeing a lightning wheel is hindering from executing the final move.

He wants to test it on the wheel.

He then fiercely raises his short sword forward to thrust.

The blade shrouded in intense burning flames comes in contact with the lightning wheel.

Boom!

A loud explosion takes place.

The lightning bolt hit Hector's body.

His body was thrown off by the impact force.

Because his body had been moving previously.

As a result, the impact force caught him off guard and caused him to lose control of his movements.

On the other hand, the lightning bolts that approached me were instantly resolved, but the intense flames reached my skin.

I took some steps backward.

My eyes twinkle with a gleam.

I do not think Hectar's body was as strong as the others.

If his specialty was speed, I doubt his physique would be any stronger than usual.

Pfff!

Hector coughed up blood before trying to get up.

He felt heavy pain on his chest.

But he was able to hold on before gripping the Short Sword tight.

When the smoke was gone.

He looks in the direction of Zack Lockwood.

A hint of seriousness appeared in his eyes.

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He once again feels that he had slightly underestimated Zack Lockwood.

He had watched Zack's duels before.

Because of it he wanted to get the taste of lightning power.

Now he thinks that Zack Lockwood's strength was credible.

He can be comparable to veteran warriors.

On the other hand, I began to observe him as well.

Looking at his cautiousness, I sighed inwardly.

I think he won't fall for the same technique again.

We continued to stare at each other.

The next second, a burst of flames exploded underneath the feet of Hector.

He exploded at great speed.

In a step, he has covered the distance of half platform

Hector used elemental movement technique to maximize his speed.

On the other hand, a fighting intent rose in my heart.

“Lightning Phantom Technique”

The purple lightning bolts covered my legs.

My perception is still covering the room.

I took a few steps forward.

The next moment, I got closer to Hectar.

For others, it appears as though we both moved to each other in an instant.

I covered the black sword with the purple essence.

I swung the sword at him.

Hectar smiled before using the short sword technique.

The burning flames seemed to discharge from the short sword.

A red ball shot at me.

With the help of the perception, I brought the black sword forward to deflect.

The flames were not ordinary.

I had burn marks from a moment ago.

The attack seems to have tripled this time.

Boom!

The intense flame balls struck the black blade.

The lightning was able to destroy half of the flames.

But the rest of the flames reached me.

By using the perception, I avoided my body as much as I could.

But still the blazing flames gazed at my flesh and skin.

Argh!

A muffled grunt left my mouth.

I tried to use the phantom technique to move back.

Hectar's flashes with a glint as he finds the opening.

He leaps forward to continue using the same attack.

On the other hand, my eyes turned cold.

"I miscalculated again," I muttered to myself.

I raised my head and saw Hectar in the mid air.

I immediately thought of a new lightning technique.

"Lightning drop"

A dense lightning ball appears in my hand.

The next moment, I shot the lightning ball to the ground close to his feet.

In the blink of an eye, the lightning ball hits the ground.

While Hectar raising the short sword to release another flame ball at me.

But it was too late.

Boom!

The lightning ball exploded the next moment.

The next moment, several lightning bolts shot at the Hectar.

Hectar was startled all of a sudden.

Instead of directing the flame ball at Zack Lockwood.

He immediately shot the balls towards the incoming lightning bolts.

Boom!

Once again a terrible explosion occurs.

On the other hand, I have decided to use the lightning sword attack.

Hectar was fallen down to the ground.

He was able to block some of them.

But one of the lightning bolt struck his chest.

Hectar felt agonizing pain.

He gritted his teeth in anger.

"This time he got me good," He said in his heart.

Just as he tries to get up again.

He hears the sound of air tearing.

The next moment, an immense fear gripped his heart.

He tried to use the flame movement technique.

But it was too late.

He saw a purple beam coming towards me.

In the blink of an eye, it reaches him.

The powerful lightning struck his chest again.

Argh!

Hectar let out an agonizing scream.

The impact force sent his body back flying before he crashed on to the ground.

The next moment, he coughed up a mouthful of blood.

Hectar felt immense pain in his chest again.

He lowered his head in difficulty to look at the injury.

A lightning attack has left him with horrifying injuries.

His flesh was torn apart.

If he gets more lightning attacks, his bones might be crushed.

For a moment, he thought of giving up.

He then coughed up blood again.

Blood splattered on the ground.

A hint of regret flashes in his eyes.

He should have been more careful.

Chapter 875: Top 10

From MC's Perspective:

"I give up," Hectar declared.

His injuries were quite serious right now.

His heart was unwilling, but he did not want to take the risk.

He had also watched the news.

Dale Mount has sustained a foundation injury.

So he does not want to face the same fate.

His tone was not low.

It was heard by everyone.

Gasp!

Surprising exclamations could be heard everywhere.

The competition between them was entertaining to watch.

But the audience did not expect Hectar's injuries to be so serious.

On the other hand, I breathed a sigh of relief.

I defeated him without using the blood energy.

But it was not easy.

"I have also suffered minor burn injuries," I said in my heart.

The barrier starts to lift.

When it was totally gone.

Hectar and I were taken to the medical room.

Several minutes later,

Lowell McClain went to see Zack Lockwood.

He was content in his heart.

Zack defeated Hectar by using both his brain and his strength.

If he continues to improve at the same rate, he believes Zack will have a good chance in the final.

After entering the room, he noticed Zack staring at the ceiling.

He asked, "How are you doing?"

When I heard that, I turned around to look at the teacher.

Then I sat up straight.

"I am fine, teacher.

It was just burn injuries," I replied.

Lowell nodded before saying, "You have made it to the top ten.

Are you sure about tomorrow?"

A quick gleam appeared in my eyes.

Then I thought of something before asking, "Teacher, do you think those two families will do anything?"

Lowell's eyes show a hint of approval.

He was concerned about it as well.

Despite Head Ben's promises.

He believes that hostile forces always find ways to interfere.

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"I am not sure.

But I am keeping an eye on them.

Do you have that bead that I gave you a while ago?" He asked.

I took the bead out of the storage ring.

Lowell nodded when he saw that.

"Good"

"If you feel threatened, you can use this tomorrow," Lowell said in a cold tone.

I felt a lightning bolt strike my mind.

"Teacher, are you asking me to use it against the seniors?" I asked.

Lowell let out a little chuckle.

He said, "You are really naive.

You do not understand the cruelty of those two families.

I will not be surprised if some warriors were bribed.”

“I am concerned about those forbidden drugs.

It has the potential to temporarily boost warrior strength.

“Depending on the quality of the forbidden drugs.

The warriors may gain Commander Rank or General Rank Strength for a short time,” he added.

Gasp!

I gulped saliva in fear.

“Forbidden drugs,” I said to myself.

I remember seeing one back home.

If they use it in future duels, my life would be jeopardized.

No wonder my teacher let me use the destruction bead.

“Teacher, do you think they would try it?”

I inquired, “Will they be punished by the Federation Head?”

Lowell shakes his head.

“I do not know.

That is why I am asking you to prepare ahead of time.”

“Okay, it is time for me to leave.

If I do not have an urgent mission, I will come to watch the duel tomorrow,” he said.

I nodded to him.

When he eventually left.

I chose to use the healing essence to treat the remaining injuries.

30 Minutes Later,

I returned to my peak condition.

I thanked the healer before leaving.

After leaving the arena, I began walking on the footpath.

When I reached the headquarters.

I noticed someone staring at me intently.

The next thing I felt was the scent of death.

“Who is the person standing near the headquarters?” I asked myself.

This was the first time someone had dared to attack me here.

On the other hand, the individual is Alex Brown Hill, the Brown Hill Family’s Silver Mark Warrior.

When he saw Zack Lockwood, he briefly lost his composure.

So much so that he has lost track of his current location.

Someone pressed hard on his shoulder just as he was trying to increase the pressure.

He quickly regained consciousness.

When he turned around, he recognized the familiar person.

“Richard,” he said with a cold tone.

He is Richard Mount, a middle aged man.

He is a Silver Mark Warrior from the Mount family.

He gave Zack a quick glance before turning towards Alex.

“Do you really want to die?”

Richard shouted at Alex, “Do not forget where we are.”

Alex's expression changed as he realized something.

He regained his normal expression.

Then he glanced at Zack Lockwood and said, "Leave.

Both of them came here to submit their mission reports.

If he had attacked Zack Lockwood right now, no one could have helped him.

Including his own family.

Fortunately, Richard appeared at the appropriate time.

Richard shakes his head before departing.

Alex then began following him from behind.

On the other hand, my back was soaked in cold sweat.

Looking at their disappearing backs.

I felt a huge weight lifted off of my shoulders.

"It appears to be a normal gaze with no intent behind it.

But it was enough to make me fall to my knees," I said in my heart.

I recall seeing one of them before.

After careful consideration, I recognized the individual's face.

He was one of the Silver Mark Warriors who were present during my introduction at the meeting.

He appears to be a core member as well.

After calming my heart, I decided to go back to my room first.

Shortly afterward,

After I returned to my room, I drank a glass of water to calm my nerves.

I could not help but remember the situation.

It appears that someone warned him in the end.

That is why he left with that person without doing anything else.

I have decided to talk to the teacher.

His earlier words had already alarmed me.

This encounter has only made matters worse.

I believe Teachers will confirm their identities.

Chapter 876: Joan Hill

Mount Family,

Morgan was in his study room.

He has just returned from a secret meeting with Brown Hill Family Head.

The meeting's conclusion has left him feeling uneasy.

However, it is unavoidable.

Both of their families' interests are currently aligned.

If he fails to act now, his family's influence in the Federation may dwindle in the future.

That is why he decided to go along with their plan.

The Brown Hill Family intends to destroy Zack Lockwood in order to weaken Lowell McClain's position in the Federation.

He has no idea what their plans were.

The Brown Family Head did not reveal it.

But he knows they will not kill that kid openly.

At this point, their involvement in this competition must be known to the Federation Head.

He believes they will take step-by-step action.

They will spearhead their plan without informing the other families.

While the Mount Family will be supporting them from behind.

He also learned that the Brown Hill Family is communicating with other families.

But he believes other core member families have no reason to act.

They would first wait and observe the Federation Head's attitude.

He had a sudden thought before turning on the gadget.

He sees a blue screen in front of him.

He begins searching for Federation news.

Then Zack Lockwood's name appears in the headlines again.

[Zack Lockwood in the Top Ten!]

[Will he continue his winning streak?]

[Zack Lockwood, Federation's Rising Star.]

[Zack Lockwood's true strength is close to the Early SSS-Elite Rank]

Morgan furrowed his brow when he saw the headlines.

"He made it to the top ten.

I suppose they will not remain silent.

They will continue to make things difficult for him.

Even with Lowell, it will be difficult to block all of the hidden arrows," Morgan said to himself.

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From MC's Perspective:

Sitting on the sofa, I contacted the Teacher and told him everything without hiding anything.

"Zack, I will be there tomorrow.

So you can relax and concentrate on your training," Lowell said on the other hand.

Hearing that made me feel better.

Even though the teacher's voice appeared to be calm.

But I believe he is extremely angry.

He told me to keep an eye out for them.

However, not long after that, I had such an encounter.

I then spoke with him for a few more minutes before ending the call.

Now I am feeling great.

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Since I have informed him.

I am confident the teacher will take care of everything.

The next day, at 9am,

I was waiting in my room after getting ready.

More than just today's competition.

I am thinking of a teacher.

I hope he arrives earlier.

Shortly afterwards,

I got a call from him saying he is waiting in the lobby.

The next moment, I left the room to see him.

When I saw him in the lobby.

The teacher nodded before leading me outside to have a conversation.

"So he saw you from here," Lowell asked.

Hearing that, I nodded and said, "Yes, teacher.

That person simply looked at me.

But I felt immediately threatened."

Lowell thought of something before saying,"I looked into it.

They came here to submit mission reports.

It's just a coincidence that he saw you."

I thought the same.

Then we changed the topic and started walking on while discussing it.

A few minutes later,

We walked into the duel arena.

Teacher got separated from here.

Then I went to the warriors's gathering room.

After arriving at the place.

I entered the room.

Then I saw 9 other Warriors were already there.

I swept my eyes across at everyone.

Some are in their mid and late twenties.

While others appear to be slightly older than them.

But one thing for sure.

All of them seem to be tough.

I'm getting a dangerous vibe from them.

Then I shifted my gaze and walked to the window.

On the other hand, the warriors are observing Zack Lockwood as well.

They are in the top 10 as well.

But one who got limelight and headlines was Zack Lockwood.

So some of the Senior Warriors are quite angry.

They don't want juniors to defeat them.

Especially in this competition.

It would embarrass them.

Among them are 2 late twenties warriors who have cold glint flashes in their eyes.

The reason for their hostility stems from mission.

They have already accepted a task from the Brown Hill Family.

According to the mission, they have to cause injury to Zack Lockwood.

So that his foundation can be damaged.

A few minutes later,

The referee came at the appropriate time.

It's time for the duel.

Then everyone turned towards the big screen.

The big screen flashes before showing the name of the first match up.

My eyes flashes with surprise.

Because the first matchup was me.

Then I shifted my gaze toward the opponent's name.

"Joan Hill," I said in my heart.

Is he from the Brown Hill Family?

I heard that none of their direct descendants have participated in this competition.

But I don't have time to think further.

The person named Joan Hill has left the room.

Then I followed him from behind.

Uproar!

As I got closer to the duel platform, the crowd started to cheer out loud.

Under the gaze of everyone, I entered the duel platform.

Joan Hill stood on the one side.

Seeing that I took a position opposite to him.

The barrier starts to cover the duel stage.

I activated the per ritual ability.

The mental power covered the platform.

Then I noticed a subtle change in Joan's expression.

Seeing that I became alerted.

I'm sure this duel won't be easy.

I have to be careful in each and every step.

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Special Box:

There is another tension going on between 2 Silver Mark Warriors.

They were none other than Lowell McClain and Alex Brown Hill.

Alex Brown Hill is behaving normally.

Like he had done nothing.

But Lowell's heart is boiling in anger.

If Alex dares to act here, he won't mind teaching him a lesson here.

Chapter 877: Part 1: Fighting against Joan Hill

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Platform,

The referee gave the signal to start the duel.

The barrier was completely enveloped.

Joan Hill was the first to act.

He took the knuckle weapon out of a storage ring before wearing it.

The next second, a brown yellowish aura appeared in his body.

In the blink of an eye, the aura concentrated on the knuckles.

On the other hand, my eyes narrowed.

I brought out the Black Sword and grabbed it tightly.

I poured a little bit of purple essence to cover the sword blade.

At the same time, I'm keeping an eye on his whole being through perception.

If there is any small deception, I won't hesitate to use the blood energy.

Swoosh!

The next second, we both dashed towards each other.

In a few steps we reached each other.

Joan raised his fist to attack.

Seeing that I became more alerted.

I swung my sword to block it.

But when the sword blade got closer.

Joan abruptly turns around to attack me with his left hand knuckle.

His movements are clearly in mind.

Instead of engaging in blocking, I side stepped enough to avoid the attack.

Joan's left hand hits the empty air.

Whoosh!

His punch causes a windy sound.

But Joan was surprised.

He didn't expect his punch to miss.

On the other hand, I retreated a few steps backwards to observe him.

I realized Joan is a little bit unorthodox in fighting.

So it's hard to predict his moves.

It would be a valuable lesson to learn.

But I have to avoid getting hit by a surprise attack.

Joan turns around and dashes forward to attack again.

He is a close combat fighter.

His weapon is not made for long range fighting.

So he had to make Zack Lcokwood miserable by engaging in close combat.

He didn't forget the mission task as well.

Swoosh!

We both crossed paths to engage in close combat.

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Joan's punch missed the target this time as well.

As the time passed, we continued to engage in close combat.

Because of the unfamiliarity of the unorthodox fighting.

I was forced to defend all of the attacks.

But I will soon figure out a way out of this.

Outside,

Time to time the audiences are exclaiming in surprise.

They have watched many long range combat before.

So it was refreshing for them to see another close range combat.

Both of the warriors got equal support in the arena.

They are looking forward to seeing who will enter the top 5 between the 2.

Special Box:

Lowell McClain is silently watching the duel.

But from time to time, he didn't forget to notice the expression of Alex Brown Hill.

To think someone from the Brown Hill Family dares to threaten his student.

He won't let this slide.

But the problem is he can't make any moves here.

If he does anything now, the hostile family might use this chance to stop the competition.

Though the chances of it happening are small.

He doesn't want to put the Federation Head in a tight spot.

Federation Head has been doing everything for Zack Lockwood.

Zack Lockdwood is his student.

There is no need for Federation Head to cross paths with the hostile families.

But he is doing it anyway.

Not only that he has also recommended Zack's name to Star University.

For all this he was grateful to the Federation Head.

For at least he can endure the presence of Alex Brown Hill here.

On the other hand, Alex Brown Hill is enjoying the duel.

He has full trust in Joan Hill.

Though Joan Hill was part of the family except his name.

But if he completes the mission he will soon become one.

"Lowell McClain watched your student getting maimed in front of your eyes," He said in his heart.

He can't wait to watch it soon.

He would like to see the reaction of Lowell McClain then.

While these 2 are having their own thoughts.

The Arena Manager is sweating profusely.

He feels he is sitting in a room of lava.

He doesn't know when these 2 Silver Mark Warriors would break out.

Especially the ongoing duel between Zack Lockwood and Joan Hill.

He knows some inside stories too.

Though Joan Hill is not officially recognised as a member of the Brown Hill Family.

But he still has that surname.

Alex Brown Hill's presence here reminds me of something amiss.

He hoped that the duel would end without any drama.

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Duel Platform:

Clang!

Finally, I made contact with his knuckle weapon.

We then both took a few steps backwards.

Thanks to perception, I have become quite used to his unorthodox style of fighting.

Now, I think it's time to use the lightning element.

I started to pour the lightning essence into the sword.

In the blink of an eye, the black blade showed a purple glow.

Joan Hill's eyes flashes with a glint.

He has watched this movie a couple of times before.

So he knew Zack was going to use the lightning move.

Next, he started to use his mutated earth element as well.

A few seconds later,

I held the sword horizontally, pointing the blade at Joan Hill.

The black blade is crackling with thunder.

"Sword Divide"

A purple beam shot at Joan Hill at breakneck speed.

Whoosh!

A powerful air piercing sound can be heard throughout the platform.

Joan Hill's expression turned solemn.

Just before the purple beam strikes him.

A yellowish rock crystal covered his body in the blink of an eye.

The powerful lightning struck the rock crystal.

Boom!

A deafening sound reverberates throughout the area. The shock wave swept across the platform before force hitting the barrier.

The rock crystal starts to crack.

Smoke starts coming from his body.

In the blink of an eye, the crack extended.

Some of the rock crystal pieces fall down to the ground.

Joan immediately felt agonizing pain all over body.

The rock crystal has blocked the full brunt of the attack.

But the impact force has caused internal pain.

On the other hand, my eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

I know his element was mutated from the yellowish color before.

To think it can form crystallized rock.

I feel amazed.

Chapter 878: Part 2: Fighting against Joan Hill

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Platform:

Joan Hill groaned in pain.

But still he retains the trace of clarity.

He doesn't want to back down.

Otherwise he knows Zack Lockwood would take advantage.

The next moment, he charges forward towards the opponent.

He doesn't want him to use the long range attack again.

On the other hand, I saw Joan's movement.

Seeing that my lips bent slightly.

"He wants to engage in close combat," I said in my heart.

Then I placed the black sword in my storage ring before pointing fingers at Joan.

“Lightning Finger Technique”

I performed the finger technique.

A purple lightning bolt appears at the tip of my fingers.

The next moment, I fired the beam.

A dense purple beam swept across in a straight line before reaching Joan Hill.

Joan Hill who was still covered in the rock crystal was struck by the lightning attack.

Boom!

A terrible noise sounded.

The impact force made him retreat a few steps backwards.

A blood drop escaped from Joan’s mouth.

This time the attack caused internal injuries for sure.

“I shouldn’t have given him the opportunity to strike first,” A thought flashes across his mind.

Before the smoke could disappear.

Joan executed an attack technique.

Both of his knuckles are covered with sharp crystal spikes.

Then he rushes forward to do a surprise attack on Zack.

On the other hand, I saw Jaon doing something in the smoke.

There is not much gap between us.

Seeing that I have decided to use the lightning defensive technique.

Joan was already hurt by my attack.

Even though he is not showing it.

I don't want to miss this chance.

The next step, Joan appears before me with crystal sharp knuckles.

"Lightning Wheel"

A performed the lightning Wheel technique.

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In the blink of an eye, I ran the purple essence through my body according to the technique.

Upon successful circulation, a purple lightning wheel appears around me.

The lightning wheel is beaming with powerful lightning power.

A hint of panic flashes in Joan's eyes.

He was already hurt by the lightning attack.

If he gets another attack, the injuries might worsen.

But he doesn't want to retreat.

Otherwise, it would become more difficult to engage Zack Lockwood in close quarters.

He furiously slammed his fist at Zack.

His right hand crystal knuckles come in contact with the lightning wheel.

Boom!

A deafening sound reverberates throughout the area.

Joan's crystal cracked instantly.

The remaining lightning power struck his chest.

The impact force sent his body back flying before crashing onto the floor near the barrier.

On the other hand, I took a few steps backwards.

I thought that the duel would be difficult.

But I didn't expect Joan's element to be ineffective against the lightning power.

Seeing that Joan was down on the ground.

I raised my finger and pointed at Joan Hill.

"Lightning Wheel Technique"

A purple beam released from my finger and shot towards Joan.

Joan was coughing a mouthful of blood.

He was unwilling to give up.

Upon seeing Zack's move, he immediately used the defensive technique.

Joan's body was covered with crystals.

This time the crystal was stronger and thicker than before.

Like he had reinforced the crystal's power.

Right after, the lightning power struck his crystal body.

Boom!

A terrible noise sounded.

The shockwave hits the barrier again.

Outside,

Gasp!

The crowd exclaimed in a surprise.

At the beginning, everyone thought the duel would be competitive.

The opponents would go toe to toe against each other.

But ever since Zack started attacking.

The duel has become one sided.

Joan's weakness became apparent to everyone.

Joan has mutated earth elements.

It's very deadly at close quarters.

But he can't do long range attacks.

If it were other opponents, this weakness wouldn't have become a major talking point.

But against Zack's lightning element.

Joan wasn't able to do much.

So for the audiences and others the winner became clear.

It would be a matter of time before Joan gives up the duel.

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Special Box:

Lowell McClain revealed an amusing smile on his face.

He thought Joan Hill's crystal to be tough and strong.

But he was surprised to find out that the lightning element easily shattered those crystals.

"Looks like the Brown Hill family made the wrong bet again," He said in his heart.

"Ha..Ha...Ha...", a small laugh escaped from his mouth.

Silence!

The whole room has become quiet.

Arena Manager's heart skips a beat.

Lowell's laugh at this moment is nothing but a face slap on Alex Brown Hill.

He hopes they won't start any fight against each other.

He turned his face towards Alex whose face was turned ugly.

Alex Brown Hill's heart boiling in anger.

He doesn't know what went wrong.

But Joan Hill was useless against Zack Lockwood.

"What do those elders think?" Alex asked himself.

Initially, he was too in a thought that Joan's crystal would be unbreakable against the lightning power.

But his expectations became worse.

Joan Hill turned out to be useless.

At the same time he was annoyed by Lowell's laugh.

It's not like he hasn't heard it.

He is not paying attention to it.

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Duel Platform:

"Damn it," Jaon cursed out loud.

His feelings are agonizing pain all over his body.

He doesn't know which part has hit hard.

But he is feeling pain from the internal organs as a whole.

On other hand, I observed the state of Joan Hill.

Then I said,"Give up"

"Otherwise, I will use another lightning technique," I added.

Hearing that Joan's eyes flashes with a cold glint.

At this time, he made some decisions.

He wipes out blood from his face.

Then he tries to get up.

Seeing that I raised my eyebrows.

I know those lightning techniques have left him with serious internal injuries.

If he doesn't get treated immediately, he would meet with the same fate as Dale Mount.

Seeing that he was too stubborn.

I pointed my fingers at him again.

I hope they won't criticize me.

I have already asked him.

But he refused to give up. It's up to him now.

Chapter 879: Forbidden drug

From MC's Perspective:

Joan Hill took something from the storage ring and swallowed it in one go.

He was quick with his actions.

Nobody saw what it was.

On the other hand, alarm bells begin to ring in the mind.

I raised my hand to launch another lightning attack.

Argh!

But before that, Joan let out an agonizing scream.

His eyes become bloodshot red.

Red veins begin to appear all over his skin.

At the same time, he was bleeding profusely.

But in his current state.

He was not able to reason properly.

Swoosh!

The next second, he disappears from the scene and rushes to attack Zack.

His speed had doubled from before.

In the blink of an eye, he appears before Zack, raising his fist to punch.

He executed the attack technique.

His right hand extended a hardened, sharp crystal.

It was tougher and longer than before.

On the other hand, my heart skips a beat.

I knew something was wrong.

But I do not have time to dwell on it.

So I used the lightning defense technique.

“Lightning Wheel.”

Before a complete purple wheel could form.

Joan's crystal punch shatters the half-purple wheel.

Boom!

The wheel bursts.

The impact force struck me hard and flung my body backwards.

My body crashed to the floor, and I felt severe chest pain.

My own lightning has struck me hard.

However, there is no time to think.

I noticed Jaon's face contorted.

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He appeared angry.

"Lightning Phantom Technique."

I applied the lightning movement technique.

Lightning arcs covered both of my legs.

At the same time, Joan charges at me.

Before his fist could strike me.

I moved away from the spot.

Swoosh!

Joan roared and continued to chase me.

However, I felt conflicted.

If I use any more attacks, this guy will be crippled.

Because of his current movement, blood starts gushing out from his body.

Any more attacks will bring him closer to death.

So I began moving in a circle around the platform, hoping that someone would intervene and stop the duel.

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Special Box:

“Forbidden drug!” Lowell rose from his seat.

His eyes grew cold.

A horrible oppression is about to burst forth from his body.

He did not expect Joan Hill to consume a banned substance.

This will not only demolish his foundation.

He will be banned from the Federation.

It was all because of the Brown Hill Family's schemes.

To think they would go so far as to destroy their own.

Lowell McClain felt an unknown range.

He believed the Brown Hill Family lacked morality.

The entire room quieted.

Everyone was taken aback by the scene before them.

The Arena Manager's expression was fraught with fear.

Alex Brown Hill's eyes widened in surprise before he laughed aloud in his heart.

He knows his family will not tolerate sloppy work.

For a moment, he questioned his own family methods.

"That forbidden drug was a backup plan.

With this, he can easily injure Zack Lockwood.

If he loses his sanity, he might kill Zack Lockwood," he said in his heart.

"Arena manager, what are you doing?"

"Send someone to apprehend the warrior who consumed the banned drug," Lowell told the arena manager in a cold tone.

The Arena Manager could not believe what had happened.

He could not believe anyone could pull off something like this.

Joan Hill dared to use a forbidden substance in front of everyone.

He will suffer severe consequences.

After hearing Lowell's shouting, he walks away.

If he stays any longer, he will face Lord Lowell's wrath.

"Arena Manager, stop!"

Alex Brown Hill said.

"How did you conclude Joan Hill consumed a prohibited drug?" He asked, smiling.

No way would he let anyone interfere with this duel before Zack Lockwood met his end.

The arena manager walked away, ignoring the situation.

Swoosh!

Alex appears in front of the door, directly blocking the arena manager's path.

"Do you think it is wrong to stop the competition?"

Only the Federation can decide the outcome of the duel," Alex stated.

The Arena Manager's expression turned ugly.

He knew Alex Brown Hill would make good use of this opportunity.

But if he does not go, Zack Lockwood could end up seriously injured.

"Okay, I see who can stop me," Lowell said, walking toward the exit.

Alex's pupils constrict.

If two Silver Mark Warriors fight each other, the entire place will be turned upside down, resulting in many casualties.

He did not care about any of that.

For his family's plan to work, Zack Lockwood must be erased.

The Arena Manager stepped to the side, making way for Lowell McClain.

A burst of black lightning arcs flashes across his body, forcing everyone to retreat.

The Arena Manager felt like he was dying.

“You dare to use your element here!” Alex exclaimed.

He became anxious.

He is unsure of his chances against Lowell McClain.

He slowly steps back and exits the room.

Everyone thought Alex had given up under pressure.

Even though he is a Silver Mark Warrior.

He was nowhere near as powerful as Lowell McClain. The Arena Manager sighed with relief as well.

But just as they expected Lowell McClain to leave.

Someone else had blocked his path yet again.

He is a middle-aged man.

When the arena manager saw his face, he gulped saliva.

Lowell squinted his eyes as well.

Alex’s expression brightens upon seeing him.

“Ha...Ha...Ha....”

“Richard, you are back.

You arrived on time,” Alex said, laughing.

That is correct, that person is none other than Richard Mount, the Silver Mark Warrior.

He is from the Mount family.

Richars noticed the infamous black lightning arcs dancing across Lowell’s body.

His eyes flash with a serious glint.

“Lord Lowell, you are not going anywhere.”

“I believe you have full trust in your student.

So why do not you sit and watch the ongoing duel?

“If Zack wins, we will leave.”

“But if you plan to stop the duel in the middle, we will stop you,” Richard said.

Gasp!

Hearing this, the staff exclaimed.

“That is right, you can not go past us,” Alex said as they stood together, blocking the way.

Chapter 880: Top 5

From MC's Perspective:

Lowell McClain remained silent, staring at both of them.

He understands what a forbidden drug does to a warrior.

It forcibly utilizes their potential to increase strength.

Joan Hill's current strength may be comparable to SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior.

In these circumstances, he believes Zack will struggle to survive.

He sees through their thoughts.

He does not want Zack to end up crippled.

"Move!"

After saying this, he dashes towards them.

Alex and Richard exchanged looks before deciding to stop Lowell McClain.

Alex moved first.

He appeared in front of Lowell and pressed his shoulder firmly.

Lowell smiled.

The following moment, the dancing dark lightning arcs struck Alex's body.

Boom!

Alex felt electrocuted before his body was sent flying.

His body hits the walls before crashing into the next guest room, startling everyone inside.

Richard's pupils constrict.

That was a simple manipulation of one's own element, with no technique.

But it was enough to defeat a Silver Mark Warrior.

Richard gritted his teeth before he began acting.

But before he could do anything.

A horrible coercion appeared out of nowhere and struck his body hard.

Pfff!

Richard coughed up some blood before bending one knee.

Lowell removed his dark lightning and went back to normal.

An old man appeared in front of them.

The individual is none other than Head Ben.

When Richard saw him, he felt an unknown fear.

He lowered his head and avoided making eye contact with him.

Alex opened his eyes to see the Federation Head's sudden appearance.

He closes his eyes and decides to stay under the rubble.

"You are a little hasty," Ben said, looking at Lowell.

"That forbidden drug overpowered him.

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Even for Zack, it is too much," Lowell said.

Ben's eyes fluttered.

"That is true, but Jaon Hill was seriously hurt.

He is unable to exert full strength while in a state of madness.

So do not worry," Ben responded.

Then he enters the special box with Lowell.

When the arena manager saw him, he broke into a cold sweat.

“You are doing well,” Ben teased when he saw the arena manager.

The Arena Manager gave a bitter smile before saying, “Thank you for coming, Federation Head.

Without you, we will not be able to stop the destruction.”

Ben waved his hand to signal his intention to stop.

Then he takes a seat to watch the duel.

Seeing this, Lowell sighed and returned to his seat.

Others returned to their seats after noticing Federation Head’s casual attitude.

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Duel Platform,

Joan’s movement was slowing down due to excessive blood loss.

If this continues, he might die.

But it is difficult for me to stop him.

Even if I used any move on him, it would exacerbate his condition.

I continued to use the Lightning Phantom technique.

From the outside, people can see something purple moving in a zigzag pattern.

Joan Hill is chasing it from behind.

At this point, the audience can notice something wrong with Joan Hill.

Previously, they have seen warriors suffer gruesome injuries.

However, everyone eventually admitted defeat.

Including Dale Mount, who suffered foundation damage as a result of his late admission of defeat.

Joan Hill, however, is one step ahead of them.

Everyone can see that the duel floor was dyed red as a result of Joan Hill's movement.

Because of Joan Hill's bizarre behavior, the medical team has already arrived.

They are waiting outside of the barrier.

They could see that Joan Hill's condition was deteriorating.

Joan, on the other hand, was solely concerned with apprehending Zack Lockwood.

The forbidden drug's power has yet to be exhausted.

After a few minutes,

Joan Hill's movement became noticeably slower.

He stumbled before collapsing onto the ground unconscious.

Gasp!

A loud exclamation was heard outside.

The barrier starts to lift up.

In the blink of an eye, the barrier vanished.

The referee checked his state before declaring me the winner.

With this win, I have moved into the top five.

Joan Hill was immediately taken to the infirmary by the medics.

Then I walked out of the duel platform, prepared to meet the teacher.

His words came true.

As he had suspected, the opponent used a prohibited drug.

Meanwhile,

In the warriors' gathering room, the other person who received the Brown Hill Family's mission displayed an ugly expression.

He possesses strength comparable to Joan Hill.

Seeing how easily Zack defeated Joan Hill.

He became nervous.

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Special Box:

“Ha..Ha..Ha..”

“Lowell, you are worried about nothing.

Look, he won the duel without being injured,” Ben said with a laugh.

“He was clever enough not to engage Joan while he was mad,” Lowell said.

Outside,

Alex Brown Hill spat upon seeing the outcome.

He then abruptly left the scene.

He does not want to see Federation Head right now.

Similarly, Richard Mount left the place.

He was relieved that Federation Head had spared him in the end.

If not, he could have sustained serious injuries.

No one can predict Federation Head's movements.

"Alright, since he is doing well.

I am leaving," Ben said before leaving the room.

Lowell nodded his head.

He then went to meet Zack Lockwood in Lobby.

The Arena Manager sat on the seat, relaxed.

He felt a huge weight lifted off of his shoulders.

Anything could have occurred today.

But Zack Lockwood handled it well in the end.

Finally, the Arena Manager approved Zack Lockwood's move.

Zack Lockwood had avoided the fight after Joan consumed a forbidden substance.

If Zack had attacked him, Joan might have died.

This could have caused further disruption.

Nobody can blame Zack Lockwood for what happened because he did not confront him.

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On the other hand, I appeared in the lobby and spoke with the teacher.

“You have surprised me again.

Joan Hill committed a despicable act.

I was concerned that you would stupidly engage him in the fight,” Lowell said.

Hearing that, I replied, “Teacher, it is all thanks to you.

I remembered your advice.

That is why I suspected that something was wrong with Joan Hill at the appropriate time.”

We exited the arena while still talking.