

BloodLine 881

Chapter 881: Luna gets free pass

From MC's Perspective:

When we arrived at the headquarters.

Teacher turned to me and said, "The Federation Head appeared briefly today.

So I do not think things will be the same tomorrow."

Hearing that, I nodded.

We parted ways after a brief conversation.

I walked into the building.

Under the curious gazes of the staff, I entered the lift.

They must have known I was currently ranked in the top five.

I shook my head as I waited for the lift to reach my floor.

After a few minutes,

After entering the room, I looked towards the door.

Then I took a bath.

Meanwhile,

The news of Joan Hill's insane behavior began to spread online.

So much so that the articles begin to outperform other articles about warriors who made it into the top five, including Zack Lockwood.

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Mount Family:

Morgan, the Mount Family Head, was in a bad mood.

He watched the duel online in his study room.

Like others, he was taken aback by the appearance of the Forbidden Drug.

He knew the Brown Hill Family Head was up to something.

But he did not realize he could go to such lengths.

"Joan Hill was not a real member of their family.

But with this, it will be difficult to fool the Federation Head," Morgan said in his heart.

He has already begun to consider what the Brown Hill Family's next response will be.

They will obviously deny any involvement.

Joan Hill was not an actual member.

He would be forced to accept sole responsibility.

The Federation Head may be unable to accuse them directly.

However, the fate of Joan Hill was sealed.

He will be removed from the Federation.

Those who consume the forbidden drug face a bleak future.

He can see that Joan Hill's bright future has been cut short.

He can only do low-level adventure assignments from now on.

Sigh!

"What a cruel family?" Morgan muttered.

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He is unsure whether it is a good idea to support the Brown Hill Family.

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Brown Hill Family:

Joan Hill's defeat has brought shame upon them.

Joan Hill was given an opportunity by the family's elders.

Despite consuming the forbidden drug, he ultimately fails to succeed.

This news has put their family in a tight spot.

Everyone is waiting for their response.

They are all aware that this is entirely their fault.

They have no fear of the Federation Head.

He is a single person.

Even the Federation Head will be powerless to intervene if they act discreetly.

Alex Brown Hill returns to the family with a tired expression.

The Federation Head's appearance in the duel arena terrified him.

Fortunately, he and Richard managed to escape in the end.

After returning to his room, he considered Lowell's attack.

His expression became ugly.

Finally, they were unable to do anything.

He and Richard were forced to depart.

Joan Hill lost the duel.

Following today's incident, everyone will be aware of the tensions within the Federation.

He believes Federal Head will have a hard time.

"He will face challenges from both inside and outside," Alex told himself.

Thinking about this expression makes things brighter.

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The following day,

After getting ready, I started browsing the news.

The entire news feed was filled with articles about Joan Hill.

I was not surprised.

Then I began to scroll down the pages.

I picked up a random article before beginning to read it.

About 20 minutes later,

I closed the page before standing up and leaving.

My eyes flash with disappointment.

Very few articles mention the “Brown Hill” Family.

However, most of the articles did not even mention it.

There must be a reason for it.

I believe the Brown Hill Family acted to conceal their involvement.

I left the room after clearing my mind of any unnecessary thoughts.

A few minutes later

I started waiting outside the headquarters building for the teacher to appear.

Today’s duels will end sooner.

Because only five of us are going to appear.

I am not sure who will get the lucky pass to enter the top three.

People are coming and going from the HQ building.

Some of them recognised me and nodded.

I could not help but nod in reply.

Shortly afterward,

Teacher Lowell appeared.

He appears to be in a pleasant mood.

Seeing this, I could not help but ask.

“Teacher, is there any good news?”

“Ha...Ha...Ha....”

“Yes, it is good news,” Lowell said with a happy laugh.

Then he turns to Zack, smiles, and says, “Jonathan has become Black Mark Warrior.”

“He has successfully broken through his final hurdle,” he said.

Hearing that, my eyes widened in disbelief.

“How long has it been since I saw him?” I said it in my heart.

“Teacher, where is he now?” I asked.

“He is in seclusion to consolidate his newfound strength.

I will see you after this competition,” Lowell said.

I responded, “Okay.”

Then we both went towards the duel arena.

Jonathan's breakthrough boosted my confidence.

I really want to do well this time.

After a few minutes,

We arrived at the building.

Teacher Lowell, as usual, parted ways.

He followed the arena manager.

Then I made my way to the warriors' gathering room.

When I arrived there, I noticed no one inside.

I walked in the room.

I realized I was the first to arrive here.

Shortly afterward,

A female warrior entered the room.

She did not even look at me.

She found a spot to sit down.

Seeing that, I ignored her and waited for the referee to arrive.

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Special Box:

Lowell McClain entered the room.

He saw no sign of Alex Brown Hill arriving today.

So he is in a good mood.

Then he took his seat.

The Arena Manager was stress-free.

He was genuinely smiling from ear to ear.

Because of the Federation Head's intervention.

He believes that no one would dare to cause a problem, including Lord Lowell.

That is why he was so confident.

When almost everyone is in their seats.

The Arena Manager inquired, "Lord Lowell, what do you think about your student's chances today?"

Lowell smiled when he heard that.

He did not mind answering his questions.

"I think Zack has good chances, if he uses his brain like yesterday," Lowell said.

"Yeah, that is correct," the Arena Manager agreed.

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Duel Platform:

The referee appeared with just 5 minutes left in the start of the competition.

"Hello, everyone!

Welcome to the competition's final stages."

"Among the top five warriors who have made it this far.

The top three will be determined today."

"However, one of the top three will be selected at random.

The remaining four warriors will have to face one opponent each.

The winner of that duel will be placed in the top three," the referee stated calmly.

However, his voice reaches everyone, including the spectators.

Cheers!

The audience reacted with thunderous cheers to his words.

All of the top five warriors are well-known figures.

Zack Lockwood was a rising star.

As a result, the audience is eagerly anticipating the duel.

The referee waited a few minutes before saying, "We will next see who gets the free pass to enter the top three."

After saying that, he looks at the big screen.

The five warriors' pictures and names appeared on the big screen.

The four images then begin to vanish.

Then the final image of a female warrior remained.

Gasp!

Seeing this, a loud exclamation erupted.

Luna Hudson was the name of the female warrior.

She is a well-known warrior who comes from a prominent family.

She has won her duels with ease.

Even without the free pass, she can reach the top three on her own.

Inside the warriors' gathering room, a woman dressed in a white armor suit stands cross-armed.

She smiled slightly as she saw her name appear on the screen.

"Looks like I do not need to waste time here today," Luna said as she walked out of the room.

The remaining three warriors reacted normally.

They did not show any signs of jealousy.

It appears that they are confident in their ability to secure the other two spots.

When Luna Hudsons exited the room.

I discovered three other male warriors staring at me.

I shook my head before looking at the duel platform.

"Brat, your luck runs out today.

If you are up against me, I will not back down," angrily said a bald-headed warrior.

His outrage demonstrates that he was irritated by the presence of Zack Lockwood here.

He shared the same mentality as others.

Nobody wanted a young warrior to beat them.

On the other hand, I ignored his words and kept staring at the duel platform.

The referee then proceeds to show the first match of the day.

The first matchup pitted the bulky warrior against a middle-aged man with a scar on his face.

“Damn it,” the bulky warrior said under his breath.

He hoped to fight against the young brat.

But he was up against a scar-faced warrior.

On the other hand, I sighed internally.

Chapter 882: Part 1: Fighting against Dylon

From MC's Perspective:

The two Warriors left the room and proceeded to the duel platform.

The last warrior stared at me before turning to face the duel platform.

Obviously, our duel comes next.

After seeing him, I remembered his name.

His name is Dylan, and he is a rare dual elemental warrior of water and air.

I had seen his duel clips.

He had used both of his elements to create a combo attack.

My eyes twinkled.

He is going to be a tough opponent.

A couple of minutes later,

The duel has begun.

Both warriors began attacking each other with their respective elements.

The Earth element is used by the bulky warrior.

While the scar-faced warrior used fire.

They each have their own fighting style.

The audience reacted enthusiastically to their moves.

As time passed, the scar-faced warrior gained control of the opponent.

The bulky warrior's defense crumbled under intense flames.

Finally, the Bulky Warrior was pushed into defensive mode.

The scar-faced warrior fights with ease, as if he has previous experience fighting earth element warriors.

He easily broke down the earth element walls and struck the Bulky Warrior's body.

Seeing this, I realize the Bulky Built Warrior's chances are slim.

About 20 minutes later,

The scar-faced warrior continued to deal damage to his opponent.

The Bulky Built Warrior attempts to recover.

The scar-faced warrior was already firmly established in his position.

He easily saw through his opponent's moves and deflected them.

Shortly afterwards,

The Bulky Built Warrior accepted defeat.

I let out an internal sigh as I saw this.

There is a difference in their fighting experience.

It appears that the Bulky Built Warrior had never faced a seasoned warrior before.

Then the scar-faced warrior was declared the winner.

The Bulky Built Warrior then went to the medical room.

“Our duel is next,” Dylan stated calmly.

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Hearing this, I looked at him.

He looks younger than the other two Warriors.

His element is a rare dual element as well.

I believe he is one of those guys who has purposefully delayed their SSS-Elite Rank Breakthrough.

Before I could think further.

The referee called our names next.

Dylan exited the room first.

Then I walked out a few seconds later.

When I approached the duel platform.

I hear my name being chanted loudly.

The audience is clearly looking forward to this battle.

After entering the platform, I took up a position opposite him.

Dylon stood silently.

His eyes are closed.

The barrier began to cover the platform.

Seeing this, I began to formulate a plan.

As with the previous duel, I must take advantage.

A good thought occurred to me.

Instead of using the sword, I believe the finger technique is more effective.

I can save a few seconds by using this technique.

When the barrier covered the platform.

The referee gave the signal to begin.

“Lightning Finger Technique.”

I raised my hand and unleashed a purple beam from my finger.

The purple beam pieces fly through the air, straight towards the target.

Dylon carried out his technique at the same time.

A powerful hydro beam propelled by wind emerged from his palm.

Whoosh!

The hydro beam is in the same straight line as the purple beam.

In the blink of an eye, the two beams collide.

Bang!

A terrible explosion happens.

The shock wave spread everywhere.

This results in hitting both warriors.

Tud, Tud!

The impact force dragged my body backwards.

I braced myself for the impact with my forearms.

Even though I have a powerful body, the impact force turned both of my forearms bright red.

I felt a burning sensation.

On the other hand, Dylan remained the same.

He reduced the impact by covering his skin with a water element.

But it still forced him to retreat backwards.

Cheers!

The audience erupted into a loud cheer.

The sight of two elemental beams colliding was spectacular.

Everyone was captivated by the scene.

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Special Box:

Lowell McClain was watching the duel.

He was observant.

After witnessing Dylon's Duel element.

He could not help but remember Zack's other two elements.

Zack never used his other two elements to his advantage.

If he had wanted to, he could have done it.

However, he reached this point solely through the use of the lightning element.

This makes him proud.

He was the one who instructed him to do it.

It is because he does not believe it is appropriate for Zack to reveal his other two elements.

If the secret is revealed, the hostile forces will act more aggressively.

He is aware that the Blood Shadow Force is waiting in the darkness.

While the other two academies have done their best as well.

If they discover the secret, the universities that have been holding them back will be unable to stop them.

They do not want such a rare Tri- Elemental Warrior to be accepted by Star University.

He believes it is best for Zack to reveal it when he joins the big force.

For example, at Star University, his safety is guaranteed.

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Federation HQ:

Top floor,

Ben is inside his office.

He is also watching the duel.

His mood was better than it had been before.

As a result, he temporarily ignored the wrongdoings of the Brown Hill and Mount families.

His happiness was due to a different reason.

Finally, he received a response from Star University.

The people at Star University have accepted his recommendation.

They had seen Zack Lockwood's reports and were genuinely impressed with his progress.

But he has no idea that the reason for their acceptance is that Zack performed well in his hometown's Star Tower Branch.

He also recently performed well in the SS-ELITE Rank Top List Competition held by them.

If he continues to perform well, they will recruit him in advance.

The situation in Tier-4 Region has recently changed.

They have suffered losses across multiple boundaries.

In order to deal with the deteriorating situation.

Many universities sought to recruit young bloods in their early years.

Each university wanted to develop a special unit.

Where talented warriors were given preference from a young age.

It is also one of the reasons Zack's name got attention.

However, the Federation's Head is unaware of these details.

He believes his recommendation played a significant role.

Ben learned that as long as Zack performs well in the SSS-ELITE Top List Competition.

Then he will get accepted sooner.

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Duel Platform:

"Lightning Phantom Technique"

I carried out the technique.

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

I vanished from that spot.

A powerful hydro beam hits the same spot.

Boom!

A terrifying noise rang out.

The tiles have been crushed.

Any direct hit from the attack could have damaged internal organs.

On the other hand, I was surprised by the simultaneous execution of the technique.

But I do not want to give him any more chances.

“Lightning Drop.”

A powerful, dense lightning ball appeared in my palm.

I fired the lightning ball at its foot the very next second.

The lightning ball strikes the platform before exploding into multiple lightning bolts.

One of the lightning bolts struck Dylan’s body.

Dylan’s body was sent flying back.

He then collides with the barrier and falls to the ground.

He was injured.

He did not expect it.

He made a careless mistake.

Pfff!

Blood dripped from his mouth.

Dylon regretted his actions.

He wasted a few seconds by thinking.

The water element's move is ineffective against the lightning element.

So he decided to make use of the wind element.

Unfortunately, it was too late.

He had already been hit by the attack.

Then he noticed the opponent was about to use another lightning move.

He immediately used the wind element movement technique to get away from the situation.

The following second, a purple beam strikes the spot.

Seeing this, I continued firing the purple beam at him.

But Dylon's wine element movement technique was superior to mine.

He was able to accelerate at the last second.

If this continues, we will both empty our reserves.

Do not tell me I will need to use the blood element to end the duel.

I stopped using the lightning element and waited for his response.

Dylon sees this and decides to use the combo technique again.

Swoosh!

In the center of the platform, a powerful windstorm formed from the combination of wind and water.

The windstorm is heading towards Zack.

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

When the windstorms approached me.

“Lightning Wheel”

A massive lightning wheel appeared around me.

The wheel is glowing with lightning power.

Windstorms collide with the lightning wheel.

The lightning wheel and windstorms both explode the next second.

The impact force was significantly greater than before.

The powerful force hit me again.

I tried to use my blood energy to absorb the impact.

But the force caused my body to drag backwards towards the barrier.

Dylon was also not in good shape.

His water defense failed to withstand the impact force.

He was knocked down.

Chapter 883: Part 2: Fighting against Dylon

From MC's Perspective:

The duel Platform:

A small amount of blood dripped from my mouth.

I turned to Dylon's side as I felt the chest pain.

He grunted as he lay on the ground.

I smiled upon seeing that.

Then I rose from the ground and looked at him.

Dylon was still attempting to get up.

I took out the black sword and aimed at him.

Gasp!

The audience reacted with a loud exclamation.

Hearing that, Dylon regained consciousness and turned to face Zack.

He immediately gathered his remaining strength to stand up.

Then they exchanged looks.

Dylon had previously used hydro beams and wind storms.

However, neither of the attacks injured Zack Lockwood.

Given that Zack is going to use his weapon.

He pulled out his weapon.

He held a green and white-plated bow.

Gasp!

The crowd exclaimed once more.

They had witnessed Dylan's duel before.

The Bow and Arrow made it difficult for their opponents to defend.

The audience became more enthusiastic.

They believe they have reached an important stage of the duel.

On the other hand, my eyes twinkled.

This was the first time I faced an opponent who used a bow.

I am using perception to keep track of his movements.

Then I spotted Dylan, inserted the metal arrow, and pulled the string aimed at me.

Whizz!

The metal air driver on the wind element pierces straight through the air.

The arrow's trajectory is clear in my mind.

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When the point of the arrow reaches me.

I swung the sword to block it.

Clang!

A metallic sound reverberates throughout the environment.

The arrow was bent slightly before striking the empty air beside me.

This all happened in a matter of seconds.

Cheers!

The audience erupted in cheers.

When viewed on a large screen, the scene was breathtaking.

Dylon was a little taken aback.

He did not expect Zack's reflexes to be so strong.

He then uses the arrow attack again.

Whizz!

Whizz!

Sharp metal arrows were fired at me one by one.

Next, I applied a small amount of purple essence to the black blade.

In the blink of an eye, the blade blade flashed with a purple gleam.

The metal arrows reached me once more.

I struck the arrow head with the black blade.

Boom!

The lightning strikes the metal arrow, shattering it.

Then I continued to strike each metal arrow one by one.

My perception has been extremely beneficial.

The metal arrows continued to be fired at me one by one.

I am not sure how many metal arrows he had.

But I kept deflecting all of them.

Boom!

The shock wave spreads throughout the platform.

The force strikes the barrier, causing much more noise.

The audience's eyes are fixed on the screen.

Previously, both opponents did their best to use their elemental techniques.

They are currently testing each other with their weapons.

Dylon had never failed to hit the target with the bow and arrow.

Now he finds it difficult to hit Zack Lockwood.

The veteran warriors sitting in the stands were perplexed.

Especially those who knew and had close relationships with Dylon.

They understand how formidable the bow and arrow attack technique was.

Each arrow was propelled by the wind element.

It is difficult for the veteran warriors to avoid being struck by the arrow.

On the other hand, Zack Lockwood defends effortlessly.

This caused everyone to raise their eyebrows.

To pull this off, one must have superior reflexes.

Even those who are not fans of Zack Lockwood are beginning to admire him.

This time, Zack Lockwood demonstrated that he did not rely solely on his destructive lightning element.

His improved reflexes also help him a lot.

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Special Box:

The staff in the room were astounded as well.

“What are those reflexes?” The arena manager exclaimed.

Lowell McClain’s eyes flash with a surprise glint.

Even he did not expect Zack’s reflexes to be so powerful.

It is his first time witnessing Zack’s reflexes.

Unlike techniques, reflexes are difficult to train.

You must have a keen sense for this.

He does not know when Zack was able to do this.

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Federation HQ:

“Wow, that is some reflex ability.”

“The child was hiding this deep.

This will boost his chances,” Ben reasoned to himself.

He thought the duel would be over.

But both warriors are fighting relentlessly.

He was also impressed with Dylan's strength.

He also noticed Dylan was not very old.

Aside from Zack, this small competition has prompted him to discover new talents.

Ben, the Federation Head, had sparkling eyes.

He intends to invest in the identified warriors.

If they do well in the top-ranked competition.

It will help the federation gain more reputation.

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Duel Platform:

20 minutes later,

Dylan halted the barrage of attacks.

Because his essence is about to hit rock bottom.

He believes Zack Lockwood was in the same situation as well.

He believes that if both of them have exhausted their reserves, he can defeat Zack Lockwood with brute force.

He had previously undergone body training.

So he is not afraid to engage in hand-to-hand combat without using the element.

On the other hand, I deflected the final arrow before looking at him.

Given that he stopped the attack, I believe he gave up using the bow and arrow.

He should have realized by now that his arrows are ineffective against me.

But I am curious what he is going to use next.

The purple essence is running low.

I should be careful when selecting the lighting technique.

We both started looking at each other.

Whiizz!

Dylon shot several water arrows at me.

I am not sure if I should laugh or cry after seeing this.

He knows that the water element is ineffective against me.

So why is he wasting the move?

As the water arrows approached me.

I side stepped to avoid each attack one by one.

Dylon was not stupid.

His reserves were low.

He can not use the combo technique any longer.

It would further deplete the reserve.

That is why he is only using one element right now.

As time passed, none of the attacks were able to reach me.

Swoosh!

Dylon unexpectedly engaged in close combat using his movement technique.

Seeing this, I rushed forward to attack.

I used the Lightning Phantom technique to keep up with his speed.

Even after using it, I was a little slow.

Whizz!

Sharp wind blades slashed at me.

A mix of green and white blades appeared in my vision.

The blades are making air tearing noises.

It would be bad to be hit by it.

It can easily tear the flesh.

I immediately used the lightning-coated black blade to block and destroy the arrows.

Outside,

People are seeing purple, green, and white mixed colors collide with one another.

People with discerning eyes can see that both opponents are going head to head.

As time passes, the fight becomes more intense.

I could not take the initiative to attack Dylan due to his movement technique.

He took a step forward to release those blades at me.

Suddenly, a good idea occurred to me.

I am thinking of using the lightning wheel.

It will undoubtedly cause significant damage to Dylan.

He would be unable to escape in such close quarters.

“Lightning Wheel Technique”

I carried out the technique.

The following moment, a purple lightning wheel appears around me.

A small Lightning bolt dances across the wheel.

Dylan was startled.

He has already launched the wind blades at Zack.

He used his movement technique to retreat quickly.

Just as he steps back, the wind blades collide with the lightning wheel.

Bang!

The wheel exploded, causing lightning bolts to strike nearby targets.

Several of them struck Dylan’s body.

Argh!

He let out a muffled grunt before falling back to the ground.

On the other hand, I retreated due to the impact.

At the same time, my eyes filled with disappointment.

I can not use this technique again.

The purple essence has reached the rock bottom.

I can only coat the blade with the remaining essence.

It will not be enough for me to launch another lightning attack.

Pfff!

Dylon was whining on the ground.

He coughed a mouthful of blood.

Swoosh!

I dash towards him to knock him out.

I do not want him to get up and do something reckless like Joan did.

I covered my fist with the remaining lightning essence.

My right arm was completely covered in lightning arcs in the blink of an eye.

Cheers!

Audiences erupted into a loud cheer.

Dylon's eye had dimmed.

He only has a small amount of wind essence left.

It will allow him to fire two additional blades.

But he is in no condition to stand up.

I appeared beside him and struck him in the head from behind.

Smack!

Dylon passed out the following moment.

I sighed internally.

With this win, I moved into the top three.

Cheers!

The audiences erupted with a loud cheers.

They have enjoyed the duel completely.

Chapter 884: Luna gets lucky again

From MC's Respective:

Duel Platform,

The barrier came down.

The referee then rushed towards the Dylan side to check.

After confirming he was unconscious, he declared Zack Lockwood as the winner.

Cheers!

The crowd continued to cheer.

The duel was entertaining and long.

Both the opponents have tried their best.

In the end, Zack Lockwood had the upper hand.

Then I stepped out of the platform and started walking back towards the exit.

The Scar faced warrior and Luna learnt of the news

They were not present in the duel arena.

But that doesn't mean that they are not watching the duel.

They have watched this duel on their device.

“Lightning Element is going to create trouble for me,” The scar faced warrior commented as he finished watching the duel.

Meanwhile,

Luna’s eyes were narrowed.

She was surprised by Zack Lockdwood’s super reflexes.

Even her own senses were not this strong.

She thinks it’s difficult to defeat Zack Lockwood in close combat.

After referee’s end speech, the crowd started to leave one after another.

From 320 initial warriors to top 3.

The Top 3 Warriors have gained reputation and admiration from other upcoming and Senior Warriors.

So everyone is looking forward to the final duel tomorrow.

People are already divided.

Some are supporting Luna.

A few others have trust in the Scar Faced Warrior.

Because he fought like an experienced warrior.

The other hand, people are hopeful of the Rising Star Zack Lockwood.

Special Box:

The Arena Manager and others congratulated Lowell McClain.

Zack Lockwood had won like Lowell had predicted.

Lowell smiled in response.

Even he had learnt one or two things about Zack today.

That his student is growing at rapid speed.

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Shortly afterward,

I met with the teacher.

We both started walking towards the exit.

“How did you train your reflexes?” Lowell asked.

I was surprised and shocked inside.

I don't want to talk about perception.

It was due to an ability.

The Ancient Inheritance Spirit hiding in my body is both hidden danger and blessing in disguise.

If not for my perceptual ability, I would have died countless times before.

Suddenly, a good idea comes to mind.

“I used lightning technique on the floor to test myself.

Some of the scattered Lightning bolts would hit me.

Then I would try my best to get the lowest hit possible,” I lied to him.

Lowell McClain furrowed his eyebrows.

Then Zack Lockwood’s new lightning technique comes to his mind.

The explosion of the lightning ball creates several lightning bolts to hit the targets nearby.

Seeing that, the teacher has accepted my words.

I sighed internally.

Soon, we reached the HQ building.

“Alright, I’m leaving.

See you tomorrow,” Lowell said before departing from the place.

I too made my way towards my room.

Top Floor:

Federation Head Ben was satisfied by the duel results.

He felt Dylan also gave his best.

It's just sometimes the control over one element is better than 2 elements.

He can see clearly why Dylan was defeated.

Dylan had kept on attacking without proper planning.

His continued failure of attacks caused severe essence consumption.

Ben then shifted his attention towards Zack.

Zack has impressed him once more by showcasing Superior reflexes.

He hopes that Zack can continue to show good fight in tomorrow's duel.

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The Morgan and Brown Hill Family members have watched the duel as well.

Zack Lockwood's win made them despair.

Zack Lockwood is doing something which is befitting to his title Raising Star.

Some of their family members started thinking.

It's difficult to stop Zack Lockwood's rise.

He has reached top 3.

Which is already a great achievement.

As long as Zack Lockwood reaches the next rank.

Then he will remain the same as well.

But they don't know that their family is adamant.

They had already decided which side to choose.

They are not going to regret their decision right now.

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Blood Force:

Blood Force Leader Rupert has watched the duel in his room.

It's not easy to hack into Federation's Server.

That's why he used the account of a Federation Member.

But the duel result made him unhappy.

Earlier, it was just an incomplete mission which had prompted a member to kill Zack Lockwood.

Now it has become something else.

He is going to clash against the Army Federation directly.

The Target is under the protection of the Federation Head.

It won't be simple to lure out the target.

If the Golden Haired Supreme Elder of the Eclipse Academy hadn't failed him.

The Target would have been dead by right now.

Suddenly, a good idea occurs to him.

He knows about Zack Lockwood's background.

He has done the background verification.

He knows that Zack Lockwood was adopted by the Small Town Captain under the Federation Local Branch.

Zack Lockwood used to have one more family figure.

But she was deceased.

He decides to check whether that Small Town Captain was alive or not.

If he is found to be still alive, then he will have ways to lure out the target from the Federation.

When he thinks about the Eclipse Academy and the Giant Tower Academy.

He decides not to inform about his plan.

Because the Golden Haired Supreme Elder of the Eclipse Academy did something without his knowledge.

But the Supreme Elder failed in his plan.

It made the Federation Head Ben give protection to Zack Lockwood.

So he is not going to trust them this time.

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The Following Day,

After getting out of the bed, I entered the essence chamber to recover the purple essence.

A few hours later,

I returned to my room and started getting ready.

It lasted for 20 minutes before I stepped out of my room.

I don't know what will happen today.

But I'm pretty much excited for today's duel.

Then I entered the lift and pressed the button.

Shortly afterward,

I reached the lobby.

Upon seeing me, the staff said their well wishes.

After nodding at them, I walked to the exit to leave.

A few minutes later,

Lowell McClain came at the right time.

Upon seeing the teacher, I greeted him before starting walking towards the duel arena.

"Be Careful of Luna.

Her control over the ice element is way better than you," Lowell said.

Hearing that I nodded my head at him.

Last night, I watched her duel clips.

She rarely misses an attack.

What's more troublesome is that.

She doesn't waste her essence like others.

Her every attack move was calculated.

So If I want to drag the duel to exhaust her essence reserve, then it would be difficult.

Even the Scar Faced Warrior was not an ordinary one.

His name was bosky.

I have checked his details as well.

He was known for completing more missions within a single week.

That record was enough to show how much fighting he had gone through.

Knowing that both the opponents are formidable.

For some reason, I felt a thrill inside.

Soon, we reached the duel arena.

Teacher Lowell went towards the Special Box.

On the other hand, I started moving towards the warriors gathering room.

When I got there.

I saw Luna and bosky were already present there.

Bosky looked at me with a wild grin on his face.

While Luna maintained her cold temperament.

Seeing that I showed no expression before shifting my gaze towards the duel platform.

Shortly afterward,

The referee came and spoke for a few minutes before looking towards the big screen.

Among the top 3 one of us will get a free pass.

Three of our eyes stared at the screen.

The three of our images appeared on the screen.

The image starts to spin before it slows down.

Finally the image of Luna appeared on the screen.

She will get another free pass to reach the last round.

Now I have to fight against Bosky.

Luna let out a small chuckle.

She didn't expect her luck to be so good.

She can preserve her energy.

While the other 2 will fight until they tire out.

The next moment, the referee called out our name.

Bosky left the room.

I started following him slowly.

"Luna has an advantage right now.

I was hoping that they would conduct the last round tomorrow.

But it appears that the competition will end today," I said to myself.

Soon, we reached the platform.

Bosky entered the platform and stood on the right side.

I walked after him and took the opposite position.

The next moment, the barrier starts to cover the platform.

Cheers!

Outside, the audiences are cheering out loud.

Some are chanting Zack Lockwood's name while others are supporting Bosky.

Luna was standing cross armed inside the gathering room.

She is going to watch the duel intently.

She had watched duel clips of both of them.

She has the confidence to defeat Bosky.

But Zack Lockwood made her feel slightly threatened.

The reason for that was Zack Lockwood's superior reflexes.

Special Box:

Lowell McClain remained calm despite watching the match ups.

He is not worried about Zack.

He knows that Zack won't waste his reserve unnecessarily in this duel.

This makes the final duel more interesting.

Chapter 885: Bosky's request

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Platform,

When the barrier covered up the whole platform.

The referee gave the signal to start.

Boom!

Bosky punches his right fist into the air.

A terrific flame burst out from his fist.

The flames were shot at me.

Seeing that I used the perception to avoid getting hit from it.

At the same time, I have already thought of a plan.

I'm going to use a little amount of lightning essence as much as possible.

At the same time, I'll use a little bit of body strength.

The flames rushes past me and hits the empty air.

Bosky didn't even react.

He then charges forward to engage in the close combat.

Cheers!

Seeing that the crowd erupted with loud cheers.

They are going to see fierce close combat.

We collided in an instant.

I used a little bit of lightning to cover my right fist.

Bosky uses the same tactics again.

Knowing that a flame is going to burst forth from his fist.

I raised my lightning fist to attack.

As both of our fist comes in contact with each.

The lightning element made contact with the initial spark of fire.

Boom!

A loud explosion occurs.

The collision forced both of us to retreat.

I felt an immense heat like I had placed my palm on a hot burning campfire.

After stabilizing my footsteps.

I looked at my reddened palm.

Others don't know that I didn't use any technique.

So I can somewhat guess Bosky's body strength.

It's not that great.

If I use the blood energy, I can defeat him.

Then I shifted my gaze towards Bosky who stabilized his footsteps as well.

Thunder!

Again, I used a little bit of lightning to cover my right arm.

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The next moment, I started to pour in a small amount of blood energy.

A red color of energy slowly covered my right fist.

But it was overshadowed by the purple lightning arcs covering my fist.

On the other hand, Bosky assumed that Zack Lockwood's close combat lightning technique was not that great.

He has decided to use more flames to counter this time.

The next moment, we both started dashing towards each other.

In the blink of an eye, we are facing each other.

I used the perception to observe his body movement and then rightly slammed in his chest.

Bosky hurried to defend the attack by using both of his forearms.

Boom!

My first struck those forearms.

The combination of lightning and blood energy hurt his forearm.

Bosky was flung back.

Gasp!

A loud exclamation sounded outside.

Bosky fell down to the ground unexpectedly.

Nobody expected Zack Lockwood's lightning fist technique to be this strong.

They have also seen that Bosky didn't have time to use his technique.

Swoosh!

The next moment, I rushed to Body's side to strike him.

Bosky, who was on the ground, was able to see this.

He immediately used another technique under the immense pain from both of his forearms.

He clapped to create a fire wall.

It appeared instantly.

The fire wall surrounds his body making it difficult for anyone to get near him.

It was a rather good defensive technique.

On the other hand, my eyes flash with regret.

I paused my movements in front of the flame wall.

But at least it can drain his essence.

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Special Box:

Lowell's eyes flashes with a glint.

Previously, he had spotted something.

He knows about the body strength of the average SS-ELITE Rank Warrior.

Especially those who do not use body techniques.

He knows about Zack's lightning technique including the newest one.

So he was sure that was not a lightning technique.

But Zack simply coated his fist with lightning energy to fool Bosky.

Though Zack was successful.

The power generated by the fist attack baffled him.

He knows that Zack has a body method as well.

He couldn't help but wonder whether Zack had used that energy.

If he did he wouldn't be blamed anyway.

Since Zack is going to fight a continuous duel.

He is going to overlook this.

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Duel Platform:

Bosky had immense fight experience.

So he has managed to get back on his feet quickly while maintaining the fire wall.

He knows Zack Lockwood is standing outside and waiting to pounce on him.

Swoosh!

The next moment, he canceled the technique and used the movement technique to retreat backwards.

On the other hand, I stood in the same spot and looked at him.

Gasp!

The crowd exclaimed once again.

It's surprising to see Bosky is getting pushed back.

He was someone who had immense fighting experience.

Bosky eyes grew colder.

He felt Zack Lockwood was a little difficult to deal with.

Because he is not blindly fighting.

Bosky sprang his brain to find a solution.

A good idea comes to his mind.

We both stared at each other.

No one was ready to make the first move.

I know that he is also thinking about the next duel.

“Why don’t we fight each other by using a bare fist?” Bosky asked.

He is making this request because he cares about the duel against Luna as well.

If the duel ends with both warriors getting exhausted.

Then Luna will easily get her win.

On the other hand, my eyes flash with surprise.

Bosky’s request was good.

In that way we both won’t suffer.

“Okay,” I replied.

The next moment, we both rushed against each other.

Boom!

Boom!

We first came in contact with each other.

I'm using perception to observe his actions.

If he were to use backhand, I won't hesitate to use the blood energy.

As the time passed, we both continued the bare fist fighting.

Some of my attacks struck his body.

The other hand, his attacks were all blocked by me.

Soon, Bosky found out that he was getting pushed back.

Not only that he is also getting attacked.

His eyes flashes with a cold glint.

When Zack was not paying attention.

He has decided to use the flame technique.

"Fire blast"

A fire blast escaped from his fist.

A thick red flame appeared before my face.

Thanks to my perception, I was able to predict it.

I side stepped to avoid his attack.

Bosky was surprised.

His fire blast struck the empty air.

Boom!

A deafening reverberation throughout the area.

Before he could retract his fist.

Another fist came towards his face.

I used the blood energy to smack him.

Crack!

My punch broke his nose.

Pfff!

Blood starts to drip from his nose.

Bosky felt dizzy all of a second.

I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

I have decided to use this opportunity.

“Blood Fist”

I used the blood energy.

Then I struck his chest.

Bosky, who was feeling dizzy, was unable to defend it.

Pfff!

Blood splattered on the ground.

Bosky flung back before smashing on to the ground.

I didn't plan on holding back.

Seeing that he was on the ground again.

I used the finger technique.

A purple beam released from my finger went across in a straight line before striking his chest again.

But this time it was the lightning energy.

Boom!

The lightning beam explodes the next moment.

As a result the lightning bolts start to ravage through his flesh and bones.

Argh!

Bosky screamed out in agonizing pain.

Blood starts to leak from his body.

His chest white bones can be seen from outside.

But my anger didn't subsidized.

This guy was the one who proposed to bare fist.

But at last moment, he revealed his true face.

I raised my hand to release another lightning attack.

The purple beam once again struck him making his injuries more severe.

Any more attacks from now on might endanger his life.

Bosky who was whining in pain regrets it deeply.

He didn't expect Zack Lockwood to be alert.

He was not fooled by him.

He can feel the strength is going away from his body because of the bleeding.

"I admit defeat," He uttered in a weak voice without delaying further.

On the other hand, I was going to release another attack.

But I stopped my attack after hearing his weak voice.

A quick glint flashes in my eyes.

The perception ability has saved my life once again.

The referee who is watching from outside has also heard his voice.

He then declared me as the winner.

Cheers!

The crowd exclaimed in a loud voice.

They couldn't believe what happened.

At one point, both the warriors were fighting head to head.

Then they fought by using bare fists.

But in the end, Bosky used his fire element to sneak attack.

Yet Zack Lockwood has foreseen it somehow.

He was able to counter attack and defeat Bosky.

His condition was miserable.

He looked all bloodied.

He looked half conscious lying over the ground.

The barrier came down a few seconds later.

The medic team quickly arrived to take away Bosky.

Seeing that I didn't even react.

If this were to happen outside in some forest, I would have killed him.

What a nasty guy?

I think he gained fighting experience by this method.

Chapter 886: Part 1: Fighting against Luna

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Platform:

Bosky was taken away.

I stood there.

I don't know whether they will give me any time.

To my surprise, the referee walked in.

He looked at me before turning towards the crowd.

He said, "The final duel will be held 30 minutes later."

Hearing that I sighed internally.

Though I have not consumed the essence reserve drastically.

But still there is a slight drop in essence reserve at the end of this duel.

Cheers!

The crowd continued to chant and cheer outside.

I nodded at the referee before walking back towards the gathering room.

Shortly afterward,

I arrived at the room.

Then I saw Luna was standing there near the window.

After casting a glance at her, I walked to the nearest essence chamber cabin.

After scanning the Id, I entered inside.

The essence chamber was activated the next instant and the world energy started pouring inside the room.

I closed my eyes and started running the lightning scripture.

Slowly, the purple energy starts entering my body.

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

The purple energy starts to go through my veins.

After circulation the essence enters the dantian and settles down inside.

I continued to repeat the process.

I don't have much time.

I hope that I can get back the lost essence within 30 minutes.

Meanwhile,

Lowell McClain is inside the special box.

He is speaking to the arena manager.

"Lord Lowell, you students have done it.

If he becomes SSS-ELITE Rank, then I doubt anyone will be his rival," The arena manager praises Zack.

Lowell smiled in response.

He is looking forward to the final duel.

Since Zack has started using body strength.

He believes it won't be different in the final duel.

But he can't blame him.

While other warriors who had duel elements fought using both of their elements.

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He can't blame Zack on this one.

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Federation HQ Top Floor:

Head Ben is reading the reports.

At the same time, he is paying attention to the duel as well.

As he had guessed, Zack continued to surprise him.

Even he started to expect to do the same thing in the final duel as well.

Though defeating Luna won't be easy.

Unlike other warriors, she has less weakness.

So he is looking forward to seeing what Zack is going to do.

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Duel Platform:

Just 5 minutes left before the duel, I exited the pod chamber.

Under the eyes of Luna, I stepped out first.

Then I started walking upto the duel platform.

Luna followed from behind.

Under the cheerful voices of the supporters, we both stepped inside the platform and took positions opposite to each other.

The barrier starts to envelop the platform.

Both of us exchanged looks and started observing each other.

Fortunately, I was able to recover the lost essence in time.

I can fight to my heart content right now.

Luna's eyes flickered.

She has been strategizing in her mind.

She has watched the previous duels.

She was able to conclude that Zack Lockwood is more strong when it comes to close combat than long range fighting.

She thinks his skills are not that great except the destructive element of his.

She believes as long as she corners the lightning element properly.

She has a good chance to defeat Zack Lockwood.

But if she misses her chance, then she might end up miserable like others.

When the barrier enveloped the platform properly.

The referee gave the signal to start.

Cheers!

The crowd gave us loud cheers.

But we continued to exchange looks.

I activated my perceptual ability.

My perception has enveloped the whole platform.

Then I saw her pulling out a weapon from her storage ring.

In front of my eyes, a long scabbard appeared.

Looking at me, she unsheathes her weapon.

Then I saw a 30 inch silver blade and 12 inch handle.

It's a sword but her sword is different from mine.

Then I recalled the names of different types of sword weapon.

"Katana," I uttered in surprise.

Gasp!

Not only me, I hear a loud exclamation from the spectators area.

Because she hasn't used her weapon in this competition so far.

"Zack Lockwood, you are strong.

I guess I have to use my weapon against you," Luna said calmly.

Hearing that, my expression grew serious.

I took out the Black Sword as well and held it in my right hand.

Luna covers her blade with metallic essence before swinging the katana aimed at me.

Swoosh!

A metallic sword arc burst forth from her katana blade.

The sword arc shot towards me.

Seeing that my eyes flickered.

She used the same method as mine.

I realized she has watched my duel as well.

I immediately coated the black blade with the purple essence.

I observed the trajectory of the sword arc through perception.

When the attack reached me.

I gripped my sword and slashed at the arc vertically.

Cut!

The purple coated blade comes in contact with the arc.

Boom!

A terrific noise sounded.

The silver metallic arc was cleaved into two.

The two cleaved parts then struck the empty ground.

Boom!

The sword arc shatters the floor tiles.

Luna didn't stop there.

She continues to use the sword arc.

Swoosh!

One after another sword arc cuts through the air shot towards me. I used the same tactics to cleave the sword arc.

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The Blood Force:

Rupert, the leader of the Blood Force who was in seclusion.

He suddenly receives an urgent mission.

After seeing that mission, he was shocked and surprised.

The mission was to go and inspect the Tier-4 Boundary.

Rupert didn't waste any more time.

He quickly arrived at the Teleportation Platform.

Swoosh!

He activated the location server.

The next moment, he disappears from the spot.

When he appeared.

He appeared in the dark forest.

"What happened to this place?" He asked himself.

This particular barrier was under the protection of the Blood Shadow Force.

Each top force has their own boundary to guard.

But their Blood Shadow's boundary was safe and sound.

Rarely anything happens here.

When he was wondering, he spotted a dark shadowy figure moving in the forest.

Swoosh!

Seeing that Rupert felt immediate danger.

He moves forward to investigate the monster.

Clang!

Out of nowhere, a huge monster claw appears before his face.

Rupert moved backwards instantly before taking out his weapon.

His duel dagger glowed under the night light.

The monster claw struck the dagger blade

Clang!

A metallic sound reverberates throughout the area.

Rupert was pushed back by the impact force.

His expression changes drastically.

Because the monster has the strength of the Gold Mark Warrior.

He was taken back by the sudden realization.

He thinks that the Gold Mark Monster has escaped from somewhere and appeared here.

Thinking about it, his expression grew darker.

He didn't want to get entangled with a monster.

He doesn't know why he feels weird.

"Bleeding Cut"

Rupert used his inheritance technique.

He disappeared from the spot and appeared behind the monster.

He was instantly stabbed behind the monster's back.

The monster made a weird sound.

Green begins to bleed from the body.

Rupert grinned coldly.

He used the same technique again.

But before the duel dagger could stab again.

Smack!

Rupert was struck behind by another monster.

His body flung backwards before crashing onto the ground.

The second weird monster has the same strength of the Gold Mark Warrior.

Rupert was terrified in his heart.

He didn't expect to see another weird monster here.

Before he could think further.

Both of the weird monsters leaped towards him.

Rupert used his blood movement technique to escape from the spot.

Boom!

The ground was struck by the monster claw.

The strike has created a deep pit on the ground.

Swoosh!

Then Rupert appeared behind the injured monster to stab again.

This time he is using the movement technique simultaneously.

So other monsters couldn't react properly.

"Bleeding cut"

The dagger blades penetrated deep inside the monster's back making the injuries more gruesome.

The vicious green blood starts gushing out like a waterfall from the monster's back.

The other monster reacted finally.

Rupert used the opportunity to attack this monster.

Clang!

A metallic sound reverberates throughout the arena.

As the monster was able to block the attack successfully.

While the other monster laying on the ground was injured.

Rupert finds it difficult to deal immediate damage.

Clang!

Clang!

A metallic noise continued as both the monster and Rupert fought against each other.

At one point, Rupert used another powerful technique.

"Blood Flow"

He performed dual dagger moves.

It involves complex footsteps and then precision stabbing.

Using the complex footsteps, he easily avoided the weapon claws.

When he got closer to the monster 's body.

He threw the dagger targeting the Monster's neck.

Swoosh!

The daggers pierces through the air before slicing the monster's neck smoothly.

The headless corpse then dropped on the ground.

The other monster was dying because of bleeding.

Rupert appeared near the other monster and beheaded it.

Then he decides to spend a little more time finding the space crack.

Chapter 887: Part 2: Fighting against Luna

From MC's Perspective:

Clang!

A metallic sound reverberates through out the area.

After blocking her attack, I stepped back to perform the lightning sword technique.

We have been doing this for several minutes.

But none of us ready to use the elemental attack.

I looked at her and started to pour purple essence into the sword.

On the other hand, Luna's eyes narrowed.

She saw that Zack is ready to use lightning attack.

She steps backwards as well.

Then she gripped the katana handle tightly by using both hands and ready to perform the counter technique.

“Sword Divide”

A purple sword beam burst forth from the sword.

The purple lightning beam cut across in a straight line toward Luna.

In the blink of an eye, the attack reached its destination.

Luna swung her sword, releasing a similar technique.

A silver beam shot towards the purple one.

Both beams momentarily blinded everyone.

Boom!

When the two beams collided, a terrific noise erupted.

Their energies canceled each other out, creating a huge impact force.

Shockwaves spread outward before striking the barrier with a loud crash.

The barrier withstood the impact.

All of this happened within seconds.

Looking at her execute a similar technique, I decided to try the lightning defensive technique.

I wondered how she would defend at close quarters.

My eyes gleamed with anticipation.

“Lightning Phantom Technique!”

After executing the movement technique, both my legs were instantly covered in purple arcs.

I disappeared from the spot and dashed towards Luna.

Luna remained unflustered.

Her focus intensified as she pointed her katana blade at him.

An intelligent glint flashed in her eyes.

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She had seen Zack's duels before and likely guessed his next move.

A sly smile crept across her lips.

I reached her instantly.

To my surprise, her facial expression remained normal.

I couldn't detect any signs of fluster.

"Lightning Defense Technique!"

A purple wheel materialized around me in an instant.

Simultaneously, Luna executed her technique.

My eyes flickered in response.

A silver metallic shield appeared in her right hand as she wielded the katana in her left.

As both techniques were executed simultaneously, neither of us held an advantage.

When the collision occurred, both defensive attacks proved formidable.

Bang!

The purple lightning wheel collided with the silver metallic shield, exploding and sending lightning bolts flying in all directions.

But Luna was unharmed.

Her metallic shield had blocked the attack.

With perfect timing, she threw the shield at the purple wheel and hurled herself backward to avoid the impact.

The impact force sent me reeling backward a few steps.

My eyes widened in surprise as I saw her completely unscathed.

She was incredibly clever; she had thrown herself backwards at the last moment.

That meant she had predicted my attack.

This is what happens when your opponent knows your moves intimately.

Regret flashed through my eyes.

I couldn't catch her off guard with my usual tactics; she would anticipate them easily.

Meanwhile, Luna held her katana in her right hand, a playful smile gracing her lips.

Outside:

Their actions were displayed on the large screen.

The crowd erupted in cheers as they witnessed the intense rivalry between the two.

Duel Platform,

Swoosh!

The next second, I saw her charging towards me.

Unlike her, I knew little about her attacks since she hadn't used her katana blade much in this competition.

Her movements were clear in my mind.

I gripped my sword tightly.

I wasn't afraid of close combat; the lightning wheel was difficult to break.

Luna took a few steps before appearing in front of Zack.

She raised her katana above her head and swung it vertically.

A silver glint flashed on her katana blade.

"Lightning Wheel!"

I executed the technique again.

But as the lightning materialized, a silver light flashed before it.

The light sliced through the wheel like butter.

Crack!

A crack appeared in the wheel.

The next moment, it exploded.

This sudden change caught me off guard.

I took the full brunt of the attack.

The impact force sent me flying backward before I crashed onto the floor.

Gasp!

Gasps erupted from the crowd.

They had seen the purple wheel attack multiple times, and so far, no warrior in this competition had destroyed it without sustaining injuries.

Yet, there stood Luna, calm and collected.

No signs of lightning bolts striking her body were evident.

Twice, she had cleverly used her wits to avoid the lightning's wrath.

Seeing Zack Lockwood down, Luna didn't waste the opportunity.

She swung her katana again.

Swoosh!

A silver metallic arc shot towards Zack.

My body throbbed with pain, but I maintained focus on her actions.

When I saw her unleash the attack, I activated the Lightning Phantom technique to evade her strike.

Thanks to my strong physique, I managed to regain my footing immediately after the impact.

“Lightning Finger Technique!”

I raised my hand and executed another technique.

A powerful purple lightning beam shot towards her.

I’d skipped the first stage to maximize its strength.

I wanted to see how many times she could evade it.

Compared to sword moves, I could release multiple finger beams.

Luna saw another lightning attack approaching.

She calmly decided to employ the same tactics.

The lightning beam raced forward in a straight line.

When it reached her, a metallic shield appeared in her hand once more.

She didn't want to hold the metallic shield for long, knowing that lightning power could easily penetrate it.

With decisiveness, she threw the shield at the purple beam and leaped backward.

The purple beam struck the metallic shield, causing another explosion.

Boom!

A deafening sound echoed throughout the area.

I saw her escape using the same tactics once more.

Ignoring her evasion, I continued firing finger beams at her.

One after another, the lightning bolts shot forward.

Seeing multiple lightning attacks simultaneously, Luna's emotions were visible for the first time.

She appeared surprised and flustered.

This time, without taking damage, blocking all incoming attacks would be challenging.

Meanwhile, inside the special box, everyone wore surprised expressions.

They hadn't seen Zack Lockwood struggling before.

All his lightning attacks had been effortlessly countered by Luna.

"Lord Lowell, I think your student has hit a roadblock this time," the arena manager stated.

He could see that Luna was well-prepared.

Inside the Special Box:

"He will figure it out soon," Lowell replied.

The arena manager seemed to think Lowell was simply bluffing.

Unbeknownst to him, Lowell had already identified Luna's weakness.

She avoided prolonged contact with the shield due to the risk of lightning penetration.

Any miscalculation could electrocute her.

Lowell hoped Zack would discover this flaw soon.

Duel Platform:

Luna used her metallic shield to block the first attack.

As she stepped backward, another finger beam appeared before her.

In a split second, she moved to avoid being hit.

However, another purple beam reached her.

This time, she didn't have time to sidestep.

Immediately, she activated her defensive technique, and a metallic shield appeared in her hand.

Just as the purple beam made contact with the shield, a collision occurred.

Not only was the shield deflected, but the lightning power also pierced through it, striking Luna's body.

Luna didn't have time to throw away the shield.

She felt a sharp electric shock.

Her body was flung backward, crashing to the ground.

Gasps erupted from the crowd.

For the first time, Luna was pushed into a defensive position.

The lightning bolts inflicted agonizing pain on her body.

On the other hand, my eyes gleamed with excitement.

I had found the clue.

The lightning energy was penetrating the metallic shield.

That's why she had been discarding the shield at the last moment.

Confident in my discovery, I continued to bombard her with lightning beam attacks.

One after another, the lightning finger beams struck her.

As time passed, Luna sustained increasing injuries from the relentless lightning power.

Inside the special box:

The arena manager gasped in surprise.

He glanced at Lord Lowell before returning his gaze to the duel platform.

The other staff members were equally shocked.

Everyone had been convinced that Luna would easily claim victory.

Just moments ago, Zack Lockwood had been struggling.

Now, the situation had reversed, with Zack gaining the upper hand.

The outcome of the duel was uncertain.

Duel Platform:

Pfff!

Luna coughed up a mouthful of blood.

Her skin was scorched black, revealing open flesh wounds.

She was bleeding profusely.

If this continued, her foundation would be irreparably damaged.

A hint of frustration flashed in her eyes.

Her opponent had discovered her weakness, making it increasingly difficult to turn the tide.

The next moment, she dashed towards Zack, aiming to engage in close combat.

This would allow her to escape the rapid-fire finger beams.

She planned to rely on her katana technique once more.

In the blink of an eye, she appeared before Zack.

I initially attempted to retreat but ultimately decided to engage in close combat as well.

I wanted to see how she would destroy the lightning wheel this time, as I hadn't observed it clearly last time.

Chapter 888: Winner of the 2nd internal competition

From MC's Perspective:

Duel Platform:

Luna was mere inches away, her eyes locked on mine.

“Lightning Drop”

In a flash, I raised my hand, channeling the electric energy within.

A crackling ball of dense purple lightning materialized in my palm, its energy humming with raw power.

With a battle cry, I slammed the lightning orb onto the platform right beside Luna’s feet.

The ground erupted in a blinding flash as the sphere detonated.

A web of crackling purple energy surged outwards, a tempestuous storm contained within a single, explosive moment.

Luna, caught in the maelstrom, yelped in surprise.

The shockwave slammed into her, her emerald hair whipping around her face as she was thrown backward.

Her light flash sword technique, forgotten in the face of the sudden assault, flickered uselessly at her side.

A deafening boom resonated across the platform as Luna crashed against the far wall.

Smoke and dust billowed around her, momentarily obscuring her form.

Pfff!

Luna expelled a mouthful of blood, her face contorted in agony.

This time, the blow had landed with brutal force.

Her katana lay discarded on the ground, a testament to her fading strength.

Her legs trembled, unable to bear her weight.

That final, desperate strike had been her last gamble.

Argh!

A muffled groan escaped her lips as she mustered the last of her strength to rise.

The cold realization washed over her – any further delay would prove fatal.

The shockwave dissipated, leaving behind a haze of dust and acrid smoke.

I surveyed the duel platform, my gaze fixed on Luna.

Her body was a canvas of crimson, a stark contrast to the grim determination etched on her face.

It was time to end this duel.

Instead of relying on the volatile power of lightning, I opted for a swift and decisive strike.

With a blur of motion, I closed the distance between us.

In an instant, my sword was at her throat, the cold steel a stark reminder of my victory.

With a calculated kick, I sent her katana clattering away, leaving her utterly defenseless.

Luna blinked slowly, her gaze fixed on the blade at her throat.

Finally, defeat seeped into her consciousness.

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"I admit defeat," she murmured, her voice devoid of emotion.

A thunderous roar erupted from the spectators, their cheers amplified by the arena's speakers.

The protective barrier around the dueling platform began to descend.

A wave of relief washed over me.

This small victory was a testament to my abilities.

I hoped it would satisfy the federation head.

As the barrier vanished, the referee stepped into the arena to assess Luna's condition.

The medical team swiftly arrived to transport her to the infirmary.

"The final winner of this competition is Zack Lockwood!" the referee announced, raising my left hand in triumph.

The crowd's cheers reached a crescendo, my name chanted rhythmically in a euphoric cacophony.

I acknowledged the cheering crowd with a wave before stepping off the platform.

As I made my way towards the exit, I couldn't help but feel a surge of adrenaline.

Meanwhile, in the exclusive viewing box, Lowell stood up with a triumphant grin.

His student had once again emerged victorious, this time against a formidable group of Senior Warriors.

He was confident that the Federation Head would be thoroughly impressed by Zack's performance.

The Arena Manager and other officials offered their congratulations.

The Manager had witnessed firsthand the underhanded tactics employed against Zack but was equally amazed by the young warrior's resilience and skill.

Shortly after, Lowell emerged from the box.

"Zack, you've done exceptionally well.

I'm proud of you," he said warmly.

"Thank you, Teacher," I replied, feeling a sense of accomplishment.

We made a hasty retreat before the crowd could overwhelm us.

Upon arriving at the headquarters, we were greeted by a throng of congratulatory lobby staff.

After acknowledging their well wishes, I joined Teacher Lowell in the elevator.

We soon reached the top floor.

The office door creaked open as we approached.

Federation Head Ben sat calmly behind his desk, his expression serene and expectant.

I couldn't shake the feeling that he had been anticipating our arrival.

"I knew you two would be here," Ben stated matter-of-factly.

His gaze shifted from Lowell's evident pride to my face.

It was clear that he was impressed by my quick thinking and strength.

"Kid, you've impressed not only me but also people at Star University," Ben stated calmly.

A bolt of lightning seemed to strike me.

"Star University?" I exclaimed, astonishment evident in my voice.

Even the usually composed Lowell looked stunned.

He couldn't believe what he was hearing.

Ben noted the shock on our faces.

"It's true.

I received a response from Star University yesterday.

They're interested in recruiting you sooner rather than later.

Until then, they want you to maintain your excellent performance," the Head explained.

I gasped, my breath catching in my throat.

This was beyond my wildest dreams.

I had assumed I'd need to reach General Rank before even being considered for Star University.

"Head, did they specify anything else?" Lowell asked, his voice filled with curiosity.

He was well aware of the stringent enrollment criteria for such prestigious institutions.

Ben understood Lowell's skepticism.

"I was equally surprised by their response.

I expected them to assess Zack before extending an offer.

It seems there are unusual circumstances on their end."

"Whatever the reason, I'm certain they're serious about this.

It's just a matter of time before Zack is enrolled," Ben assured us.

"But for now, Zack, you must focus on your next goal: the SSS-ELITE Rank Top List Competition," Ben emphasized.

"I will do my best, Head," I replied, determined.

Lowell nodded in agreement.

He clearly trusted Ben's assessment.

After a few more minutes of discussion, we left the office.

As the elevator descended to my floor, Teacher Lowell turned to me.

"I think you deserve a short break.

After that, you can visit Jonathan," he suggested.

"Alright," I replied, feeling a mix of excitement and exhaustion.

We parted ways, and I headed straight for a shower.

A few minutes later, I collapsed onto the bed in fresh clothes.

Meanwhile, news of Zack Lockwood's victory spread like wildfire.

Even Federation members on distant missions were informed.

The elders of the Eclipse and Giant Tower Academies were also made aware of the astonishing feat.

When the news reached the Blood Shadow Force, the elders experienced a complex array of emotions.

Their repeated attacks on Zack Lockwood had been unsuccessful, making him a high-priority target.

The failure of their missions had prevented them from discussing the incomplete mission, adding to their frustration.

A rumor was circulating among the elders that their leader, Rupert, was handling the incomplete mission.

Meanwhile, Rupert was recuperating in his room.

The injuries sustained in his previous duels with the two monsters had lingered.

Despite finding a space crack after the battle, it was small and showed no signs of expansion.

Such cracks typically healed over time.

He turned his attention to the online news, scrolling through several pages before coming across an image of Zack Lockwood.

The accompanying headlines filled him with surprise.

This kid has won their second internal competition,” Rupert muttered to himself, a hint of unease in his voice.

He knew he needed to eliminate this threat before it grew into something more formidable.

The Blood Force had already established animosity with the young warrior, and ignoring him would be a grave mistake.

Unfortunately, his current condition prevented him from taking any immediate action.

A sudden beep interrupted his thoughts.

As he read the message, his expression transformed dramatically.

It was an emergency signal from the same boundary where he had encountered the monsters.

"It's happening again," he murmured, a sense of dread creeping into his voice.

He tried to rise immediately, but a sharp pain shot through his body.

A muffled groan escaped his lips as he ignored the agony and swung his legs over the bed.

His face hardened with determination.

Without delay, he left his room and headed for the teleportation platform.

Activating the device, he stepped onto the platform and vanished in a flash of light.

When Rupert materialized, he found himself within the Tier-4 boundary.

A shadowy figure was moving through the dense forest.

His eyes narrowed as anger flared within him.

It was likely the same monster.

With a swift movement, he vanished into the undergrowth, pursuing the monster.

The pain in his body intensified with each stride, but he gritted his teeth and persevered.

Drawing a pair of daggers, he activated the “Bleeding Cut” skill, causing a crimson glow to emanate from the blades.

Spotting the monster, he disappeared once more.

In an instant, he reappeared behind the creature and plunged his daggers into its back.

The monster let out a blood-curdling screech as green blood spurted from the wounds.

Rupert’s face twisted in disgust.

His body was still recovering, yet this creature had disturbed his rest.

Rupert was completely pissed off.

He wants to finish monster as soon as possible.

Chapter 889: Meeting Jonathan after long time

A few hours later, Rupert returned to his place after eliminating the monster.

Fortunately, he’d encountered only one this time, helping to prevent further injury.

However, the problem wasn’t over yet.

There was another space crack, slowly repairing itself.

It could take a while to vanish.

Something was amiss; this wasn't the usual pattern.

Rupert realized he'd likely need to guard the area until the space crack closed, but his current condition made this challenging.

He took another healing potion and closed his eyes to rest.

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The following day,

I woke up late.

After getting out of bed, I started my morning routine.

Then I went to the bath after a few minutes.

The bath took another 20 minutes.

I walked out and then changed into my Federation uniform.

Today, I decided to go to Delta City.

It had been a while since I last saw Jonathan.

I hadn't expected him to become a Black Mark Warrior so soon.

I heard it might take people decades or so to feel the barrier.

Which means Jonathan's talent was high to begin with.

Then I began to get ready.

After combing my hair, I looked into the mirror.

Satisfied with my appearance, I left the room.

I reached the lobby after walking out of the lift.

The staff were surprised to see me.

A few of them quickly came forward to congratulate me.

I thanked them before stepping out of the HQ building.

I knew that euphoria would take time to die down.

I think it would be the same for at least one or two weeks.

Then I started walking towards the Teleportation Platform.

I don't know why, but I felt much more relaxed today.

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Like a free bird.

I think yesterday's news of Star University's acceptance had an effect on me.

Perhaps, the shadow of insecurity had disappeared from my heart and mind.

At least, in the inner post region, no one could touch a University Student.

But before all of that, I had to officially enroll.

I hoped that day would come sooner.

After walking for a few minutes, I reached the Teleportation Platform.

The guards recognized me instantly.

After another round of congratulations and thanking, I stepped inside the platform.

Then I entered my destination, which was Delta City.

I activated the server.

The next moment, the platform activated.

Swoosh!

I disappeared from the spot.

When I opened my eyes, I found myself in the Delta City's Teleportation Platform.

The guards here were stunned upon seeing me.

“Hello,” I nodded at them before leaving the place.

It took them a moment to realize.

But before they could say anything, I appeared in midair and started flying towards Lowell Castle.

While flying, I looked around the city.

The place was thriving with an influx of people.

Today, the city looked different.

Several new structures could be seen everywhere.

Outsiders would be surprised to know that the city was under attack some time ago.

I guess it’s thanks to the Teacher that the city has returned to normalcy.

Shortly afterward,

Lowell Castle came into view.

After getting closer, I descended to the ground.

Touching the ground, I started walking.

Being back in this familiar place, past events vividly appeared in my mind.

The McClain Family had come here to see me for the first time, but they had rejected me.

Thinking about the McClain Family's plight now, I sighed inwardly.

They must be deeply regretting their actions by now.

I pushed these thoughts aside and continued walking.

After walking further, the Castle Gate appeared in view.

I had come without informing Teacher.

I wondered whether he was currently inside the Castle.

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After walking in front of the Castle, I decided to call the Teacher.

"Young Master, you are back!"

A loud female voice broke my thoughts.

I turned around to see a female maid walking towards me.

I remembered her working in the Castle back then.

"Yes, I came here without informing the Teacher," I replied.

The female maid walked up to the gate.

A monitor screen was attached to the next wall.

She scanned her ID.

Creak!

The big Castle Gate opened.

She invited me.

I smiled at her before walking inside.

“Looks like they’ve made several changes after the Castle attack,” I thought to myself.

“Young Master!”

“Young Master Zack is here!”

One after another, loud exclamations sounded.

Many maids and servants recognized my face immediately.

I smiled and started speaking to them.

Not long after, someone else appeared.

It was none other than Jonathan.

Compared to before, the energy around him was different and powerful.

But he was still weaker than a Silver Mark Warrior.

“Zack, you’ve shocked everyone with your win,” Jonathan said.

Hearing Jonathan’s voice, I turned around to see him.

He looked the same, but I sensed danger from him now.

“I thought you would take a long time to break through,” I replied.

“I was lucky and had a fortuitous encounter as well,” Jonathan replied.

We then walked inside the building.

After entering the hall, I saw the room was neatly arranged with furniture and other wooden items.

I sat on the sofa, and Jonathan sat opposite me.

“During my seclusion, I heard about your news from time to time.

But your growth has been fast.

Not only did you do well in the Top List Competition but also won the two internal competitions,” Jonathan said.

“It’s all thanks to Teacher and the Federation Head.

If they hadn't provided me with resources, I wouldn't have been able to break through so fast," I replied honestly.

From Elite to Super Elite Rank, and then to SS-ELITE Rank, the journey was tough but very fast.

Jonathan sighed inwardly.

He knew Zack was talented; he had personally seen his growth.

But right now, he was shocked.

After leaving the outer post region, he thought Zack had experienced exponential growth.

There might be multiple reasons for this, including the fact that the world energy here is better than in the outer post region.

We continued to speak for a few more minutes.

Then I asked, "Where is Teacher?"

Hearing this, Lowell's expression changed for a moment.

He tried his best to hide it.

On the other hand, I felt something was wrong.

"What happened?" I asked.

"Master went for an important mission.

'I don't know when he'll be back,'" Jonathan asked.

Hearing that, I furrowed my eyebrows.

He was speaking as if it were just another mission.

Something felt off, but I couldn't pinpoint why.

"Alright, you can wait for him here.

I think you want to spend time in the castle,'" Jonathan said.

After talking to him, I decided to enter the underground chamber to practice.

At least, I could focus on something.

Next, I went to the underground chamber.

The place resembled the one in the HQ building, but these chambers were less powerful.

Nevertheless, I wanted to use them.

I decided to start with the illusion chamber.

It had been a while since I'd used it.

Then I walked inside and activated the monitor system.

I walked to the middle of the platform and sat cross-legged on the ground.

The illusion chamber activated.

A whooshing sound filled the air as white mist erupted, engulfing the room.

Though I hadn't closed my eyes, I found myself in a different environment.

"What a powerful technology!" I thought to myself.

The familiar rainforest materialized before me.

The illusion environment typically reflected one's own memories.

Suddenly, a booming sound echoed through the chamber.

A colossal monster, a monstrous worm to be exact, emerged from the ground.

A sense of déjà vu washed over me.

Gripping my black sword tightly, I braced myself for the attack.

The monstrous worm lunged towards me with ferocious speed.

"Sword Divide!" I yelled, unleashing a powerful lightning attack.

A bolt of crackling energy erupted from my blade, striking the creature's body.

The monster shrieked in pain.

Seizing the opportunity, I charged forward, sword held high.

The earth trembled beneath the monster's immense weight as I vanished from my spot.

With a deft sidestep, I evaded the attack.

Reappearing beside the beast, I plunged my sword deep into its flesh.

A geyser of yellowish liquid erupted from the wound.

Relentlessly, I unleashed another strike.

Streaks of lightning erupted from my blade, searing the wound and inflicting further damage.

My movements were faster than ever before.

In a blur of motion, I landed several blows on the monstrous worm.

Moments later, the creature crumpled to the ground, lifeless.

As the illusion shifted, I found myself facing a new foe: a colossal blood mosquito monster.

With a swift swing of my sword, I cleaved the creature in two.

One by one, I cut down the monstrous mosquitoes that materialized within the chamber.

After a few minutes, the environment transformed once more.

This time, a monstrous snake materialized before me.

Each monstrous adversary I faced triggered a sense of familiarity.

The training session continued within the ever-shifting illusion chamber.

Chapter 890: Invasion of weird monsters

Tier-5 Boundary (Federation Side):

Lowell McClain was drenched in blood and sweat, but he stood tall, staring at the monstrous creature before him.

Twice his size with enormous claws, it was the same species that had attacked Rupert, the leader of the Blood Force.

But it has the strength equal to the Silver Mark Warrior.

A shimmer of black bolts danced across Lowell's body.

His expression was grim as he alternated his gaze between the monster and the space crack hovering above its head.

He was determined to eliminate the creature before addressing the fissure.

A screech shattered the tense silence.

The grotesque green monster lunged, vanishing from sight.

Lowell remained vigilant, unsheathing his sword.

With a swift motion, the monster reappeared above his head.

Lowell swung his sword, the silver blade clashing against the monster's claw.

In the next instant, black lightning erupted from the sword, striking the creature with electrifying force.

The monster was hurled backward, crashing to the ground, paralyzed.

Seizing the opportunity, Lowell moved in for the killing blow, slicing through the monster's neck.

Its head rolled to a stop.

Yet, he didn't relax.

Instead, he approached the space crack, ready to confront whatever emerged.

His battered condition was a testament to the relentless onslaught of these creatures.

They came in waves, testing his limits at every turn.

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Meanwhile, space cracks were abruptly forming across multiple boundaries within the inner post region, catching major organizations off guard.

Silver Mark Warriors were immediately deployed to contain the situation.

In some critical cases, force leaders personally intervened due to the overwhelming strength of certain monsters, some matching the power of Gold Mark Warriors.

Even Academy Institutions contributed by sending their Silver Mark Warriors.

However, the incident was kept under wraps to prevent widespread panic among the inner post region's population.

Leaders within the region believed the root cause was a serious breach at the Tier-4 Boundaries, typically guarded by universities.

They theorized that the universities were overwhelmed, preventing them from protecting the Tier-5 Boundaries.

Unlike the divided Outpost regions, the Tier-5 Boundary housing the inner post region boasted a massive population.

A breach here could have catastrophic consequences for humanity.

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From MC's Perspective:

After a few hours of practice, I left the underground training chamber and returned to the surface for lunch.

Jonathan was waiting for me.

I didn't see the teacher yet.

A hint of confusion flickered in my eyes.

Something was bothering me, but I couldn't pinpoint the issue.

It felt related to the teacher.

Jonathan was setting the table as the maids brought in the food.

He casually glanced at me and noticed something was wrong with my expression.

"What happened?" Jonathan asked.

I looked around as the maids entered to serve the food.

Taking a seat, I sat opposite Jonathan.

The maids carefully placed the dishes on the table before leaving.

Turning to Jonathan, I asked, "What happened to the teacher?"

Jonathan's eyes flickered again.

He knew the answer but couldn't reveal that their boundaries were under attack.

Monsters equivalent to Silver Mark Warriors were currently assaulting them.

He'd even heard rumors that leaders from top organizations were personally guarding the border.

He should have been at the frontline, but his Black Mark Warrior strength was like paper against these monsters.

“Jonathan?” I called out his name.

“Zack, he went on an important mission.

I don’t know about Master’s mission.

Because his missions are confidential.

Do you think Silver Mark Warriors would do ordinary missions?” he replied.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, I realized the dangers involved in these missions could endanger his life.

What could possibly pose such a threat to him?

Suddenly, a lightning bolt struck my mind.

I remembered an important conversation with Uncle James back home.

He had revealed a secret about my birth parents and how I was adopted by him.

He’d also mentioned that our world was involved in a kind of war.

At the time, I hadn’t paid attention to the wars, preoccupied by my parents’ unfortunate demise.

After arriving at the inner post, I’d completely forgotten about it.

In fact, I'd chosen to ignore the outer post region altogether.

But now, hearing that Teacher Lowell had also gone on an important mission, I suspected a connection to the ongoing war.

It was strange that nobody here talked about it.

Even the digital and print media were silent on the matter.

Everyone seemed focused on the rat race: who would become the Black Mark Warrior first and who would reach the Tier-4 Region.

A cold shiver ran down my spine.

Jonathan observed Zack's expression while eating, troubled by keeping secrets from him.

But it was protocol.

Zack's rank wasn't high enough.

Even he had waited before becoming a Black Mark Warrior to learn the truth about the world from his master.

After gaining that knowledge, he'd realized the people in Tier-4 regions were true guardians.

He was glad Zack was inquiring, but seeing Zack's lack of appetite, Jonathan sighed internally.

"Zack, stop worrying so much.

You can't do anything with your current strength.

It's better to focus on breaking through," Jonathan said indirectly.

"Earlier, I thought you were progressing too quickly without sufficient accumulation.

But I was wrong.

Only after reaching Black Mark Warrior can you live without worry," he added.

Hearing Jonathan's words, I was surprised.

His advice seemed to confirm my suspicions.

"So my life would be in danger if I don't become a Black Mark Warrior," I thought to myself.

But Jonathan was right.

For now, I must focus on improving myself.

I had already taken one step closer to my goal.

Joining Star University would accelerate my path to becoming a Black Mark Warrior.

This was crucial, even more so than impressing Jonathan.

What neither my Master nor Jonathan knew was that I would die if I didn't reach Black Mark Warrior within a certain timeframe.

My body needed to handle the drop of ancient blood hidden within me.

With each breakthrough, not only did my rank increase, but my body grew stronger as well.

This was largely due to my cultivation method, but the ancient blood also played a significant role.

I focused on eating my food.

After a few minutes, lunch finished, I decided to leave.

Jonathan's words had made me realize the importance of not wasting time.

Jonathan wasn't surprised by my decision.

There was nothing left for me to do there, and he anticipated a barrage of questions.

A few minutes later, I left Lowell Castle and returned to the Teleportation Platform.

This time, the guards had time to chat with me.

After a brief conversation, I stepped onto the platform.

Swoosh!

I activated the server and vanished.

When I opened my eyes, I was back in the HQ region.

After a nod to the guards, I headed towards the HQ building.

Upon entering the building, a tense atmosphere enveloped me, far more intense than what I'd felt at Lowell Castle.

Federation members coming and going wore solemn expressions.

For a moment, I considered asking what was happening, but decided against it.

No one would answer me.

Shaking my head, I entered the elevator.

I returned to my floor and went to my room.

A few minutes later, I changed into practice clothes and re-entered the essence chamber.

I was determined to reach the barrier as soon as possible.

Time passed, and the space cracks in some boundaries began to expand.

Increasing numbers of monsters poured through the fissures.

Fortunately, this new wave of monsters was roughly equivalent in strength to Black Mark Warriors, offering the leaders some relief.

To combat these creatures, organizations began summoning their Black Mark Warriors.

After a while, the Federation's boundaries faced the same crisis.

Federation Head Ben ordered all Black Mark Warriors to their respective barriers to repel the invading monsters.

Unlike some other organizations, the Federation was relatively fortunate.

Their boundaries had not yet experienced the intrusion of Gold Mark Warrior-level monsters.

However, Ben remained vigilant, prepared for anything, including a potential Gold Mark Warrior attack.

He was puzzled by the lack of communication from Star University.

The invasion of their boundaries indicated that the Tier-4 Region was not as safe as previously thought.

He hoped they could resolve the situation quickly to alleviate the burden on the Federation.

Suddenly, Zack Lockwood came to mind.

He recalled the unusual eagerness of Star University to accept Zack.

Now, he began to understand their haste.

While he hesitated to voice his suspicions, he believed the death toll on their side must have been significant, necessitating a rapid influx of new, powerful warriors capable of surpassing the Silver Mark level.

He sighed, contemplating Zack Lockwood's future.

Zack's generation would face unprecedented challenges compared to theirs.

He believed it best to withhold the truth about the war for now.

As long as Zack joined the University, he would eventually learn the truth.

Until then, he had to protect him from harm.

There was a possibility of the Blood Shadow Force exploiting the chaos to cause trouble.