

BloodLine 961

Chapter 961: Part 1: Unknown Ancient Healing Technique

From MC's Perspective:

I ignored their whispers, their curious glances, and continued eating my meal.

When I finished, I rose from the table, carrying my tray back to its place, feeling the weight of their stares on my back.

Let them watch.

It didn't matter.

I had more important things to focus on.

I left the canteen and pulled out the map, tracing the path to the Healing Palace.

The route was simple, winding through quiet courtyards and past towering buildings.

My footsteps echoed softly in the still air.

After a few minutes of walking, I arrived at another grand manor.

It was as imposing as the Golden Lightning Palace, its towering walls carved with intricate symbols I couldn't decipher.

My thoughts were interrupted as the enormous, ornate gates in front of me swung open with a low creak.

Elder Ann must have sensed my arrival.

I stepped through the gates and found myself in yet another sprawling courtyard.

Unlike the other palaces, this one was filled with life-rows upon rows of carefully cultivated herbal plants stretched out before me, their vibrant green leaves catching the light.

The air here was different, heavy with the scent of earth and the subtle fragrance of herbs.

I breathed it in, feeling a strange sense of calm wash over me.

As I wandered, taking in the sight of the lush garden, a voice rang out from behind me.

“Zack Lockwood, you came at the perfect time.”

I turned around to see none other than Elder Ann herself.

She stood there, her green hair glowing softly under the sunlight, a knowing smile on her lips.

“Master,” I greeted her with a respectful nod.

She inclined her head in acknowledgment, her eyes gleaming with a mix of amusement and wisdom.

“I heard from Elder Austin that you’ve obtained the Purple Lightning Seed.

Now it’s my turn to offer you something.”

She didn’t wait for a response, simply turned and gestured for me to follow.

Her movements were deliberate, each step measured as though she held the weight of centuries of knowledge.

I trailed behind her as she led me toward the main building.

The doors opened into a grand living room, its walls lined with shelves filled with ancient tomes and scrolls.

A fireplace crackled gently in the corner, casting a warm glow over the room.

“Sit,” she commanded, and I obeyed, taking a seat in a chair.

My heart raced with anticipation.

What could she have in store for me?

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Another rare treasure, perhaps?

My thoughts raced, but I kept my face neutral, waiting.

Elder Ann sat across from me, her eyes piercing as if she could see right through my thoughts.

“Elemental Seeds are rare, Zack,” she began, her voice calm but firm.

“Especially those related to healing.

I’ve only read about healing seeds in ancient texts, but I don’t possess one myself.”

Her words hit me harder than I expected.

A wave of disappointment rolled through me, though I tried to mask it.

Of course, I couldn't expect to be this lucky twice.

I already had the Purple Lightning Seed.

I should be grateful.

But still...

Elder Ann, ever perceptive, saw the flicker of disappointment in my eyes.

Her lips curved into a soft smile.

"Don't fret," she said, her voice soothing.

"I don't have an elemental seed for you, but I've prepared something just as valuable."

With a graceful motion, she pulled out a stack of old, weathered parchments from a drawer nearby.

The scrolls looked ancient, their edges worn and cracked with age.

My breath caught as I realized what they were.

Healing techniques.

My heart skipped a beat as I stared at the parchments.

These weren't just any techniques-they had to be ancient, powerful methods passed down through generations.

What kind of secrets were written in them?

I looked up at Elder Ann, my mind racing with curiosity and excitement.

"What kind of healing techniques are these?" I asked, my voice barely above a whisper.

Elder Ann looked at me with a thoughtful expression.

"I possess numerous healing techniques," she said, her voice calm yet weighty.

"But not all of them are complete.

Some are fragments of greater techniques, lost to time.

However, I do have a few complete healing elemental methods in my collection."

She paused, letting the weight of her words sink in before continuing.

"These techniques come with strict requirements, though.

To practice them, a warrior must possess a pure healing element, nothing else.

Only then can the warrior fully unlock their potential."

Her gaze sharpened as she studied me.

“Similarly, other techniques come with similar restrictions.

Some are designed solely for cultivating healing essence, while others are tailored specifically for female warriors.”

I furrowed my brow, digesting her words.

“And what about me?”

Elder Ann leaned back slightly, crossing her arms.

“Your situation is unique, Zack.

You possess both the essence of lightning and a physique tied to the blood element.

The healing element within you is, at best, supplementary.

It isn’t your primary focus.

You likely use it only when you’ve suffered injuries-correct?”

Her words hit me with a startling accuracy, and I felt my stomach twist.

She was right.

“Yes, Master,” I admitted, nodding slowly.

"I only use my healing element when I need to heal myself.

The Healing Hand technique I learned allows me to treat others as well, but...

that's the extent of it."

Elder Ann nodded knowingly.

"You see?

The healing element in your body is underutilized.

You're barely scratching the surface of its potential."

I frowned, feeling a pang of frustration.

"I never truly learned how to use it properly," I confessed.

"Tell me," she said, her voice soft but probing.

"How did you come by this technique?

What is its origin?"

Taking a deep breath, I began recounting the story.

"I got the healing technique from an old man at the Saw Scale Viper Academy," I explained.

"He taught me the Healing Hand method-how to cure myself and others."

For the next ten minutes, I shared the details of that encounter, describing the old man and his teachings.

Elder Ann listened intently, nodding occasionally as I spoke.

When I finished, she leaned forward, her expression serious.

“It’s a good technique, Zack,” she said, her tone gentle but firm.

“But compared to the methods practiced here, it’s quite basic.

Now that you’re in a Tier-4 region, that technique is at the bottom of the scale.”

Her words stung, but I knew they were true.

I had suspected as much ever since I arrived here.

My Healing Hand technique felt...

rudimentary compared to the powers I had witnessed in this place.

“You should consider replacing it,” she continued.

“Otherwise, you’ll be wasting the healing element inside you.

It could be put to far better use.”

I bit my lip, my mind racing.

Replacing the only healing technique I knew?

It was daunting.

But if it meant unlocking greater potential, then perhaps it was necessary.

“Master,” I asked cautiously, “what should I do?”

How do I change my technique?”

Elder Ann smiled slightly, a glimmer of warmth in her otherwise stoic demeanor.

“We’ll find something better suited for you, Zack.

But you must be prepared.

Healing techniques of higher caliber require greater understanding and control.

It won’t be easy.”

Her words filled me with both excitement and apprehension.

Elder Ann leaned forward, her eyes gleaming with intensity as she spoke.

“Let me offer you some advice, Zack,” she said, her tone a mix of wisdom and caution.

“You possess lightning essence for cultivation, and your physique is tied to the blood element.

This dual cultivation makes you significantly stronger than most.

Each element complements the other, enhancing your overall strength and resilience.”

I nodded, absorbing her words.

The combination of elements had always felt like an advantage, but hearing her confirm it brought new clarity.

She continued, her voice growing more thoughtful.

“You can use your healing element to enhance and protect your body in ways that others cannot.

Take, for instance, this ancient healing technique,” she said, reaching for a worn scroll from a nearby shelf.

She carefully unfurled it, revealing faded characters etched into the delicate parchment.

“It’s incomplete, a relic from my earlier years of exploration.

But even in its fragmented state, it holds immense potential.”

I leaned in closer, my eyes scanning the mysterious script.

The words were unfamiliar, yet I could sense the power they held.

“This unknown technique is unlike any conventional healing method,” Elder Ann explained.

“It doesn’t just focus on treating external wounds.

According to what I could decipher, by practicing this technique, you can actually strengthen your veins, meridians, blood vessels, and all of your internal organs.

It transforms the very fabric of your body's internal structure."

I felt my pulse quicken as she spoke.

"Strengthen my veins and meridians?" I repeated, my mind racing.

"But how?"

Elder Ann's gaze was sharp, her tone measured.

"Through consistent practice, this method could grant you the ability to fortify those parts of your body that are normally vulnerable.

The text hints at something remarkable-over time, it claims that your veins, meridians, and even blood vessels could develop special powers, becoming more resistant to damage, and potentially even gaining the ability to heal themselves."

Her words struck like lightning, and my heart pounded with excitement.

Self-healing organs?

It sounded impossible, like something out of a legend, but the way she spoke made it seem almost within reach.

Chapter 962: Part 2: Unknown Ancient Healing Technique

From MC's Perspective:

“What do you think?” Ann asked.

In her opinion, she thinks it’s the best suitable healing method.

But it has the drawback that it’s an incomplete technique.

Hearing her question, I felt her opinion was right.

This incomplete healing technique is indeed suitable for me.

If the description of this technique is true, then I might be able to get the special powers of healing.

“Master, I’ll accept this incomplete technique.

But what about the incomplete part,” I asked in concern.

I hope that the incomplete part won’t be that important.

“Zack, don’t worry.

You might be lucky this time.

I didn’t even expect this technique to be matching for you,” She said with a smile.

“Because this ancient healing technique has two parts.

One part is the internal method.

Which I told you.

The other one is external, which is used to treat others by using the healing essence.”

“Since you are going to be a battle warrior.

You can ignore the incomplete part.

Rather you can have the first method and practice it.”

“Like I said, you might gain special healing powers after successful practice,” She added further.

This time I’m completely convinced.

This ancient healing method is tailor made for me.

“Alright, master.

I accept this gift,” I said.

Ann smiled before handing over the ancient parchment and translated version of the ancient text to him.

“You can use this translated version to get started,” She said.

I nodded to her before putting the things to the storage ring.

“Initially, I thought of something else.

Since you have chosen your suitable technique.

You can leave," She said.

I thanked her for the gift before leaving the room.

Then I walked out of the Healing Palace and started walking fast towards my residence.

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I can't wait to get started in this incomplete technique.

There is also my body cultivation.

Since I have become an SSS-ELITE Warrior in essence cultivation.

I have to focus on my body cultivation as well.

Then only I can become somewhat strong to survive here.

Several minutes later,

I returned to residence.

I locked up the door and went to the small practice room.

After entering inside the practice room, I found a place to sit down and started viewing the old parchment first.

Inside the old parchment, the ancient texts were found.

But I don't know the ancient text.

Then I decided to read the translated version.

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Meanwhile,

The Thunderflame Faction is in small turmoil because of the Dark Variant Faction's actions.

The strong warriors in the Thunderflame Faction were responding to the attack as well.

But it's yet to reach the point where everyone is involved.

Currently, only the bottom ranked warriors were affected.

Especially those who were in the Outer Hall.

The Above respective Halls have Black Mark, Silver Mark, Gold Mark Warriors.

They won't get involved in these small skirmishes easily.

Otherwise, it would alarm the whole Star University.

Right now, the Dark Variant Faction is using its Outer Hall Member to stir trouble.

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Outer Hall:

The Star University is big, it stretches across miles.

Mainly because each hall has vast territory.

There are thousands of warriors in the Outer Hall.

For them, the university has built several hundreds of training facilities.

So that thousands of warriors can use and benefit from it.

Because of the size of the population in the Outer Hall.

The Talented Warriors prefer to join the Warriors Faction.

Whether they can easily use resources to rise up in ranks.

At this moment, the Outer Hall Warriors from the Dark Variant Factions are looking for a fight.

Since they have received the task from their faction elders.

These people are looking for the ThunderFlame Faction Warriors.

The Faction Warriors are talented warriors.

The other moderate warriors who have not joined any faction were enjoying the show.

Viewing the faction rivalries, the moderate warriors feel it's better not to join any faction.

The ongoing conflict of the Thunderflame Faction and the Dark Variant Faction caused other factions to pay attention to them as well.

Especially other powerful factions among the top 10 rankings.

Which includes the Bloodline Factions headed by various Bloodline Families and Clans.

Unlike the barren outer post and inner post region.

The Tier-4 region is totally different.

Here the top families are Bloodline Families and Clans.

Some Families have the bloodline of their Ancestors passed down from generation to generation.

The others have Bloodline of some ancient beasts which they have gotten from the Powerful Inheritance.

The Bloodline powers received from the inheritance can be passed from generation to generation.

Which is why there are many Bloodline Factions in the Star University.

Especially, in the top 10 rankings.

There are 4 Bloodline Factions.

In which two of them have warriors with human ancestors Bloodline.

During their lifetime, their ancestors must have been warriors above the Red Mark Warrior Rank.

Then only they can pass down the Bloodline power to the next generations.

So some of these bloodline families' descendants join with their allied Bloodline families' descendants to form the Bloodline Faction.

Similarly, the hostile Bloodline families' descendants created another faction.

Where their allied families joined them as well.

The remaining two Bloodline factions have warriors who come from the Clans where their ancestors got powerful beast inheritance.

Their inheritance was not ordinary inheritance but Red Mark or above.

Only in this condition, they can pass down their bloodline power to the next generation.

That's why the top forces pay attention to the Inheritances held by the Star University.

If any ordinary warrior gets powerful inheritance, then the warrior can create another powerful bloodline family when his strength surpasses Red Mark or above.

So the Bloodline warriors in the Outer Hall were paying attention to the Thunderflame Faction and the Dark Variant Faction.

Near the canteen, a small fight broke out between the 2 groups.

These 2 groups are exactly from the 2 factions.

The Dark Variant Faction started their plan by cursing and scolding the Thunderflame Faction.

Which immediately provoked the Thunderflame Faction Warriors.

Since only the talented and strong warrior can join the Faction.

There is no clear winner between the two.

A few warriors on both sides are lying on the ground.

While those who are extremely strong are still keeping the fight.

They are fighting by using brute force.

None of them dared to use their technique and elements.

Because it's forbidden to fight against each other in the University.

A small skirmish can be overlooked.

The conflict is especially happening between the two factions.

No one is going to punish them.

But if there is any serious situation, it might involve their respective faction.

"Damn, these b@stards won't leave us alone!"

“We need to teach them a serious lesson”

“Come on, everyone!”

“Beat the sh!t out of these Dark M***#”

Smack!

The Dark Variant Faction’s warriors weren’t silent either.

They continued their assault, attacking crazy as hell.

By using their fist and legs.

Their superiors have asked them to do it.

So they can’t run away under this forced order.

Otherwise, their faction will deal with them later.

The group fighting has caused other warriors to spectate as well.

Everyone has left a huge space for them.

So these 2 groups can fight according to their heart content.

At this moment, the different bloodline faction warriors are watching them with interest as well.

They are making joking comments while watching the fight.

Only the top 10 Factions' warriors can act like this.

The other small and medium sized Faction warriors dare not to voice out.

Otherwise, it will be the end of their faction.

"Harumph, what a waste!"

"None of them were going for a kill"

"It's boring to watch"

"Why don't they fight with us?"

"We can solve them within minutes."

The comments made by the Bloodline faction warriors fell into the ears of the Thunderflame Faction Warriors.

"Damn it, if the newcomer was here.

He would have easily made those in the same rank bedridden," A bulky warrior mumbled under his breath.

"Are you muttering about the new comer Zack Lockwood?" Another ThunderFlame Faction's Warrior asked.

"Yes, it's him.

If he was here, it would be good,"he added.

"Then why don't we invite him later?" The other warrior asked.

"Yes, we should invite him.

Right now, let's teach this b@stards a lesson," The Bulky warrior said.

The 2 warriors exchanged glances before resuming their attacks on the Thunderflame Faction Warriors.

But they don't know that their conversation was heard by the nearby Bloodline Warriors.

"Who's the newcomer they are talking about?"

"Yeah, I heard the Thunderflame Faction had accepted a new warrior a day before."

"Is he strong?"

"It's possible, the top factions only accept the strong warriors"

"We should share this information 2 our superiors"

The Bloodline Warriors decide to inform this piece of news to others.

The acceptance of the new warriors in the Thunderflame Faction is only known to the Elders of Top 10 Factions and other

factions.

But the rest of the warriors were yet to know about it.

If the Bloodline Factions takes action, then the whole Outer Hall would remember the name.

The fighting lasted for another 30 minutes before everyone exhausted their energies.

Then the warriors from both factions left the place with their battered and bruised bodies.

Chapter 963: Part 3: Unknown Ancient Healing Technique

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the practice room,

I memorized the translated text.

Then I started practicing according to the method described.

I don't know why I'm feeling uncertain all of a sudden.

Removing the distracting thoughts, I closed my eyes and started running the method.

Slowly, I became immersed in attracting the healing elements around me.

Time passed,

In my mind, a strong green light appeared in the middle of the 2 runes.

The Star shaped rune of the lightning method and the bloody circle-shaped rune of the blood element method.

The green light slowly starts to take shape.

It takes the form of a small tree.

The shape reminds me of the power of the incomplete ancient healing method.

If it was an ordinary cultivation method, it wouldn't form a rune in mind.

I haven't told this to my Master Ann.

But my lightning method is not the modern-era version.

But it's the real ancient lightning cultivation method.

Similarly, the blood element method has the breath of an old era.

I'm not even sure how old the blood element method was.

But undoubtedly the 2 methods of mine were powerful.

Seeing this ancient healing method.

I feel it's equally powerful as the other 2 cultivation methods.

I'm starting to have hope that the things mentioned in its description would be true.

If I get special healing power, it would be beneficial to me.

But this is still too far away for me.

Now, I have to focus on getting started.

The formation of runes is just the first step.

Then I continued to focus on attracting the healing elements from the surroundings.

30 minutes later,

I'm still trying to attract the healing elements from the surroundings.

But only a small amount of healing energies entered my body.

It was not enough to get started with the Ancient incomplete healing method.

To get started, I need a large amount of healing energy.

The environment here is not suitable.

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Though the environment is filled with abundant world energy.

But I'm having difficulties in attracting a large amount of healing energies towards me.

"Maybe I should ask the Teacher?" I asked myself.

Then I thought about the essence chamber in the Golden Lightning Palace.

Then I shook my head.

It would be rude to ask him.

Since I'm doing it for the healing method.

I should ask Master Ann.

Maybe her Healing Palace has an essence chamber as well.

As this thought arose, I opened my eyes and stood up.

I turned off the lights and left the practice room.

I didn't waste any more time.

I walked out of the residence and started walking towards the Healing Palace.

A few minutes later,

Creak!

The Gate of the Healing Palace opened again.

Seeing that I walked inside.

To my surprise, Master Ann is stepping out of her house as well.

“What happened?”

“Didn’t you practice?” She asked me.

“Master, I have encountered some difficulties,” I answered, before starting to explain things to her.

When I finished staying there, everything.

She let out a small chuckle.

“It shows that you are almost close to getting started.

To get started, it might require a large essence.

It’s no wonder that you can’t attract that much healing essence,” She said after some thought.

“But there is a place where you can get a large amount of healing essence with little effort.

It’s called the essence chamber.

You must have heard of it,” she added.

“I know, but?” I muttered.

I thought the Healing Palace had an essence chamber like the Golden Lightning Palace.

Ann hears the muttering, with a smile on her face.

She says, “You are a faction member now.

There are essence chambers in our faction.

You can use it with your ID.”

“The newcomers are granted some free merit points.

You can use it now.

But next time, you have to complete the task to earn the merit points,” She added further.

“Thanks, Master, I’m going there now,” After saying that, I turned around to leave in a hurry.

“Wait a second!”

“Don’t go outside for a few days.

Until some time, stay inside our faction territory,” Ann said with concern.

She also hears about the infighting in the Outer Hall.

She knows it’s the trick of the Dark Variant Faction’s main elders.

They are looking for a way to attack the ThunderFlame Faction.

Things happening at the Outer Hall are just a starting point.

“Why master?”

“Is there any problem?” I asked back with confusion.

I’m looking forward to visiting the Outer Hall.

Earlier, I had a plan to visit the Other Hall after getting the gift.

But the gift turned out to be an ancient healing method.

Now, I’m focusing on getting started in it.

Ann shakes her head.

She doesn’t want Zack Lockwood to know for the time being.

“You will know eventually.

But right now, focus on getting started on this technique and report back to me when you are done with it,” She said in a strict tone.

My expression turned solemn as well.

If she is saying something, then something must have happened as well.

I nodded to her before leaving the Healing Palace.

Elder Ann watched him disappear.

“I hope they won’t target him,” She uttered in a low tone.

But she knows that if the real information about Zack being a disciple of hers and Austin were to be leaked.

Then Zack Lockwood would be in danger.

She thinks that the faction leader has done the right thing by keeping the information confidential for the time being.

10 minutes later,

I reached the training facilities of our Thunderflame Faction.

As Master Austin said that day.

There are huge common training facilities.

It's a very big courtyard.

There are several fighting platforms.

I swept my eyes across to find the essence chamber.

Then I found that the layout here is similar to the Golden Lightning Palace.

So the other training facilities must be in the next courtyard.

After confirming it, I started walking to the next place.

On the way, I attracted the curious gazes of others.

But I ignored them and continued walking.

When I entered the next courtyard.

I found several rooms on all sides except this small entrance.

Then I spotted the digital board sign saying the essence chamber.

Follow the directions.

I walked into that particular room.

“Who are you?” A female warrior is sitting behind the desk, raising the question.

Her sudden appearance startled me.

I calmed down and looked at her.

“Hi, my name is Zack Lockwood.

I’m looking for the essence chamber to practice,” I replied.

The girl with long black hair nodded her head before checking the database.

She saw the profile appear on the screen with the image.

Seeing that it’s the same person.

She didn't ask for my ID.

"Okay, you can use the first chamber.

Just use your Digital ID for scanning," The female warrior said.

Until now, she didn't recognize the person.

She sat back in her seat to focus on other tasks.

Creak!

I used the ID to open the essence chamber.

Seeing that the door is open.

I walked inside.

My gaze immediately fell on the blue crystal walls.

"Wow," I said.

The usage of blue crystal appears to be some new technology.

Which I hadn't seen in the Inner Post region.

Buzz!

Before I could appreciate the other function.

The chamber starts to vibrate.

Then I realized the chamber was activated upon sensing my presence.

“What about the credit points?” I asked myself.

Then I shook my head, feeling that it was not time to waver.

So I sat cross-legged in the middle of the chamber, closed my eyes and started practising the ancient healing method.

The blue and white mixed pure world energies start to fill the room.

I immediately felt the sensation of being surrounded by pure world energies.

But I feel that the essence chamber here is a little weaker than the essence chamber in the Golden Lightning Palace.

Maybe it was installed by Master Austin specifically to train his disciples, including me.

I removed the unnecessary thoughts and started focusing on running the ancient healing method.

Slowly, the small green tree rune starts shining in green light.

I immediately felt this time it was going to work.

Slowly, a large amount of healing energies entered my body because they were getting attracted by the small green tree ruin.

When enough green energy entered my body.

I started to circulate according to the method mentioned in the Ancient healing method.

The ancient healing method follows a specific route for the healing energies to pass through inside the body.

Fortunately, my meridians were opened.

I don't know when it happened.

I guess it must have been when I first practised the blood element method.

I tried to circulate the healing energies in a specific route.

One hour later,

There is little circulation, and I'm feeling a warm sensation in my veins.

It was little.

But I know it's the effect of the ancient healing method.

So I continued to focus on circulating the healing energies according to the process.

Chapter 964: Body wash fruit

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the essence chamber, I forgot about the time and solely focused on practising the incomplete ancient healing method.

A few hours later,

I felt a warm sensation in my body.

The healing elements from the surroundings were strengthening the inner organs, veins, meridians and other important parts.

I have successfully gotten started in practising the ancient healing method after feeling the continuous complete circulation of healing energies internally.

A few minutes later,

I opened my eyes.

My eyes flash with a surprised glint.

I'm feeling a new warm sensation in the internal system.

This is something new.

I'm starting to believe that I might be able to gain special healing powers after successful practice.

Then I thought of something important.

No matter how ancient the cultivation method was.

It will only help me to reach the General Rank.

After the General Rank, I need to accept the Inheritance for the next stage of cultivation.

It's the same for the lightning scripture and blood element method.

I don't know what's awaiting for me after the General Rank.

Sighing!

I let out a sigh before removing the unnecessary thoughts.

After checking the physique status once more.

I stood up and walked to the door.

Creak!

Upon sensing my presence, the door opens automatically.

"You have come out," The female warrior said.

Hearing that I frowned and looked at her.

Because I found her voice a bit too enthusiastic.

"Yes," I replied in a calm tone.

"Good, you have less than 100 merit points now.

If you want to earn merit points, then you have to go to the Outer Hall's Task Hall to pick up the task," She said to me, smiling.

I stared at her, smiling again.

Then I left the place.

"Why is this girl smiling over-enthusiastically?" I asked myself.

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Then I thought of something important.

Since I have succeeded in practising the ancient healing method.

I should report it back to Master Ann.

She must be waiting for me.

I immediately started walking towards the place.

On the way, I found curious gazes of warriors training on the fighting platform.

"Hey, he is here!"

"Our members are looking for him everywhere, inform them immediately."

"Is he strong?"

“I heard he is an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior.

But he is still weak against the warriors of Dark Variant Faction.”

As I left the training facility, I could hear the murmurs of others.

“People are looking for me, why?” My eyes gleamed with a twinkle.

Then I immediately thought of those 2 arrogant idiots who challenged me earlier.

Shaking my head, I continued walking towards the Healing Palace.

A few minutes later, I arrived at the Healing Palace.

The door opens as usual upon sensing my presence.

Then I walked towards her residence.

Creak!

The door opens all of a sudden.

The next second, Elder Ann steps out of the door.

Then her gaze immediately fell on Zack Lockwood.

Her eyes shone for a moment.

She sees new shining green elements in his internal body.

“You have succeeded on your first try,” She said with a smile.

She was quite surprised.

She is confident in Zack’s talent.

But she didn’t expect it would be too good.

This shows that Zack Lockwood has more prospects of getting one of the most powerful inheritances in the university.

Her eyes flash with a quick glint when she thinks about the future.

But there is still some time left for that.

On the other hand, I’m looking at her with surprise.

As I expected earlier, she was indeed waiting for me.

Elder Ann smiled and took out a red-colored fruit, which was quite weird in shape.

But the energy coming from it shows that it’s not an ordinary fruit.

“This Fruit is called Body Wash Fruit.

After consuming it, the physique will undergo powerful cleansing.

The energies will wash away the impurities in your body.”

“Then your chances of getting a breakthrough in body cultivation will increase,” She said in a calm tone.

But I’m quite surprised.

This time I was truly shocked and happy.

I didn’t expect her to take out rare, expensive treasure.

I guess she still thinks that an incomplete ancient healing method is not equal to the purple lightning seed.

She then handed me the body wash fruit.

I accepted it and put it inside the storage ring.

“Master, I’m thinking about taking on some tasks.

My merit points were too low,” I said to her.

“No!”

Ann’s face changes drastically.

She is thinking about the risk posed by the Dark Variant Faction.

“Listen to me, the Outer Hall is not peaceful these days.

That’s why I told you earlier to stay inside the faction territory.”

“If you go now, you might be targeted.

Let me tell you now, your strength is still weak against the warriors from other factions.”

“After seeing you, they will try to test you.

So it’s not wise for you to go outside now.

It’s better to have a body breakthrough as well.

It will make you stronger,” Ann said with concern.

“Faction rivalries, huh?” I muttered.

So that’s what is going on. That’s why the members are looking for me as well.

“Okay, Master.

I will focus on getting a body breakthrough next.

But I need a few items for that,” I replied to her.

Ann smiled and asked, “What do you want?”

“The body wash fruit will improve your chances by 50%.

What do you want next?”

Hearing that I replied, "I need monster cores.

Especially if it has something to do with the blood element and the lightning element, it would be better."

Sighs!

Ann sighs.

She is surprised to hear that the blood element method of his requires a monster core for practice.

But the Monsters with blood element cores are rare.

"I don't have a monster core of the blood element monster.

But I'll ask Austin and the other main elders.

When it comes to the monster of the lighting element."

"Austin might help you.

I'll ask him; you should return to your residence to consume the body wash fruit," She said in a strict tone, afraid that he could go to Outer Hall next.

"I have no choice," I said in my heart before nodding to her.

Then I left the Healing Palace.

Shortly afterwards,

I came across other members in the faction.

They were enthusiastic upon seeing me.

They seem to find a way to strike up a conversation with me.

But for some reason, they are hesitating.

“Faction Rivalry?” I recalled the situation in my mind.

Right now, I should not involve myself with struggles.

I should better focus on getting a body breakthrough.

Soon, I arrived at my residence.

After entering inside, I locked the door and went to the training room.

I didn’t care whether it was day or night.

I’m getting a sense of urgency.

After coming to the training room.

I sat cross-legged in the middle of the room.

Then I took out the Body Wash Fruit and consumed it in one go.

A warm torrent of energy entered my body.

Then I closed my eyes and started to run the blood element method.

I don't know whether it's going to be useful or not.

I'm trying it anyway.

The warm energies started to attack everything on its way.

Including the veins, meridians, blood vessels and organs.

The bloody rune in my consciousness starts to flicker.

When the warm energies start to circulate.

The red blood light appears above the bloodstream.

The red lights fell on the warm passing energies.

To my surprise, nothing happened.

It failed to convert the warm fruit energies to the mysterious white energies.

Then I tried it again.

But it ended up in failure.

Without having any specific route to direct the passing fruit energies.

It starts to touch every part of my body, including all the internal organs and, finally, the bones.

But it has brought me immense heart-wrenching pain.

I seem to realize what's called body wash.

The fruit energies are going to drill every part of my body to wash away the impurities.

Time passed,

Slowly, the black sludges, which are hidden deep inside every part of the body, start coming out.

But the process is slow and painful.

I started to think about something else to distract myself from the pain.

Meanwhile,

A few warriors start to gather in front of the residence.

"Hey, is this the residence of Zack Lockwood?"

"Yes, this is the one.

Members have seen him coming out from this residence."

"Will he agree to help us"

“I guess we should offer him a position in our Monster Hunting Squad.”

“A position in the monster hunting squad is too much”

“Maybe we should pay him with merit points.

For the newcomers, merit points are useful.”

The warriors gathered in front of the residence start discussing among themselves.

They are here to get Zack Lockwood’s help after hearing about his strength.

As long as they can invite him to fight.

They can have additional help against dealing with the warriors from the Dark Variant Faction.

Not only them, but the other Monster Hunting Squad Teams are discussing it as well.

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From MC’s Perspective:

Time passed,

The heart-wrenching pain slowly starts to disappear.

Feeling that I realized the cleansing process had come to an end.

When the pain was finally gone.

I opened my eyes and looked at my body.

The Black Sludges have completely covered the skin.

The bad smell attacks my nostrils.

Then I stood up and exited the Training Room.

I quickly went to take a bath.

The bath lasted for 20 minutes,

When I walked out.

I finally noticed the time.

It was already late midnight.

I changed into comfortable clothes quickly.

Feeling the tiredness came after experiencing gut-wrenching pain.

I decided to sleep.

Meanwhile,

Different Hunting Squad Teams are keeping an eye on this particular residence.

By this time everyone in the ThunderFlame Faction learnt about the new member.

Especially, having ongoing conflict with the Dark Variant Faction.

The Monster Hunting Squad Teams in the Thunderflame Factions are looking for new powerful warriors to add to their Team.

Each member from a different team is looking for a way to recruit Zack Lockwood.

But unfortunately, it's already late at night.

They had to wait until tomorrow to meet him.

The following day,

After getting out of bed, I began the morning routine.

When I finished doing that.

I entered the Training Room to practice.

Right now, I'm feeling fresh, and my physique seems to be gone one step further.

My eyes flash with a quick glint.

"Thanks to the Body Wash Fruit," I said in my heart.

Apart from the washing away of the impurities, I'm feeling hidden strength in the flesh and organs.

Unlike the blood element essence which is concentrated in my skeleton.

I guess the body wash fruit has managed to tap the hidden potential in the body.

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Like Master Ann told me.

I will be able to get a breakthrough in body cultivation.

It's a pity that I have consumed the merit points.

If I had more merit points, I would have gone to the essence chamber to practice.

But this training room is enough for daily practice.

The world energy in the Tier-4 region is good.

It's not worse than the essence chamber.

Then I sat cross-legged on the ground.

I closed my eyes and started to practice the blood element method.

The bloody rune in consciousness starts to shine.

The blood element from the surroundings starts to approach me.

Slowly, the blood element starts to enter my body.

Then I started to circulate the blood energies according to the blood element method.

During circulation, the red blood lights appear above the bloodstream.

The red light starts to fall on the blood energies.

Then the blood light starts to convert the blood energies into the mysterious white energies.

Then, the mysterious white energies start to enter all parts of the bones.

The familiar feeling of the pain has come once again.

The pain starts to increase over time.

I continued to repeat the process.

Meanwhile,

The Monster Hunting Squad Team Members have changed their shifts.

Now, other members of different teams have come and gathered in front of the residence.

“Is he that strong?”

“We could be wasting our time here.”

“Yeah, the newcomer is still an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior.”

“The Dark Variant Faction’s Hunting Squad has more Commander Rank Warriors”

“I hope the newcomer can survive in our squad.”

“Ha...Ha...Ha...., that’s right.

The newcomer might not survive a few moves from the Commander Rank Warriors”

The Hunting Squads’ warriors are discussing deeply.

Their movements have been under the watchful eyes of many elders.

Including the Main Elders of the Thunderflame Faction.

Elder Austin and Ann are especially keeping an eye on Zack’s movement.

Elder Ann has already informed Elder Austin about giving incomplete ancient healing methods and body wash fruit to Zack.

Elder Austin was surprised.

He didn’t expect Zack to succeed in practicing the incomplete ancient healing method.

He knows it’s not easy to practice the ancient methods.

Most of the warriors in the Tier-4 region practice the modern era cultivation methods, which have been improved many times by the researchers.

The warriors continued to practice this method until they reached the General Rank.

After getting a certain inheritance, they practice the method that comes from the inheritance.

So Austin is happy right now.

Because by practicing the ancient methods.

It will make Zack's foundation more solid.

The Faction Leader and the Main Elders, including him, had noticed Zack's other 2 methods, which also had the breath of an old era.

That's why he didn't ask Zack to change his current lightning cultivation method.

It's the same with the blood element method.

There are very few modern-era blood element methods.

But they come with certain conditions to practice.

So he feels Zack is more fortunate to find the blood element method.

Now that Zack has got another ancient method from Elder Ann.

He thinks Zack has more chances to get one of the powerful inheritances in the Star University.

A few minutes later,

He received a summon from the Faction Elder Clifford.

Seeing that he immediately went to the Thunderflame Hall to meet.

Inside the Thunderflame Hall, the faction leader, old man Clifford, is sitting on the main seat.

He is expecting the arrival of everyone.

Swish!

Elder Austin appears in the Hall.

The next second, one more silhouette appeared.

In the blink of an eye, everyone appeared in the Hall.

Elder Austin sat on his seat.

Elder Ann, Elder Cathy and Elder Leona sat in their respective seats as well.

The Faction Leader Clifford looks at everyone before his gaze falls on Elder Austin and Elder Ann.

“What is he doing?” He asked.

Hearing that, Elder Austin understood that he was asking about Zack Lockwood.

Then he explained a few things to him.

He told about Zack’s breakthrough to reach the SSS-ELITE Rank in lightning essence after the use of purple lightning seed.

Hearing that purple lightning seed was successfully taken by Zack Lockwood.

Everyone was taken by surprise.

“It’s good news.

To think he could accept the purple lightning seed easily.

He has a good future.

We can expect a lot from him,” Clifford commented.

“Elder Ann, what about you?” He asked her.

Elder Ann smiled and explained a few things about the incomplete ancient healing method and its description.

Then, how Zack succeeded in practicing the ancient healing method and giving him the body wash fruit to improve his physique.

This further surprised the other 3 elders here.

“Elder Ann, you are willing,” Elder Leola said in a solemn tone.

She knows that Elder Ann has collected those techniques during her earlier years.

To think she can give away such a technique.

Elder Leola was surprised.

"I have accepted him as my disciple.

He is a bit different than others.

So I can't teach him the normal healing techniques.

I can only come with this technique," She said.

"On top of it, Zack has accepted the purple lightning seed.

So he shouldn't be dragged down by the healing element as well," She added.

Hearing that Elder Leola and Cathy nodded their heads.

"If the description of the ancient healing method is true, then the ancient healing method should be more old than we assume," The Faction Leader said.

Then he thought of something important.

"Alright, let's come to the main topic.

I have summoned you because Dean Jerome has given me a task.

A low-level threat has come."

"The population of flesh-cutting mantis monsters has crossed the limit.

These monsters can grow up to the General Rank."

“Even if they don’t grow beyond the General Rank, their sheer numbers pose a threat; if we don’t do something, then a monster outbreak could occur.”

“According to the mantis monsters’ current numbers, they could easily wash away a few Tier-4 cities with the blood,” Faction Leader Clifford said in a solemn tone.

Elders became serious as well.

“Since it’s a low-level threat.

The dean has given me access to the special passage.

Where I want the Monster Hunting Squad Teams under you guys to take part in the cleaning process.”

“The Task will be successful when the significant number of killings is reached,” Clifford said.

“It’s a good task.

Our Monster Hunting Squads can easily solve the problem,” Elder Leola.

“In case of emergency, I’ll send additional Monster Hunting Squads from our faction,” Clifford added.

“Do we have to go as well?” Elder Cathy asked.

“No, the space barrier inside that small piece of land is fragile.

It can hold the strength up to the General Rank.

That's why the flesh-cutting mantis monsters were thriving," Clifford said.

Then his gaze fell on Austin.

He thinks about Zack Lockwood.

He feels sending Zack Lockwood there would be a good experience for him.

"Elder Austin and Ann, I think Zack Lockwood should participate as well.

He will gain a good understanding of the threats we are facing in the Tier-4 region," He said.

Hearing that Elder Ann showed hesitation.

She thinks Zack's strength is weak.

Elder Austin was surprised as well.

He knows Zack has yet to achieve a body breakthrough.

Chapter 966: Part 2: Emergency Task

From MC's Perspective:

Main Hall,

Faction Leader Clifford said, "Sooner or later, Zack's talent will be exposed.

So he should experience the dangers first."

“Okay, leader,” Austin agreed.

“I think as long as he participates in the fight in the outer area.

He won’t face a high-ranking monster,” Elder Ann said all of a sudden.

She thinks Leader Clifford was right.

She doesn’t want Zack to grow in a greenhouse.

The more he gets the experience, the stronger he can get.

It will be beneficial to him in future.

After discussing a few more things, the main elders disappeared from the Hall.

Meanwhile, I opened my eyes after experiencing the heart-wrenching pain.

The Skeleton of mine appears to be containing powerful energy.

If I look deeply into my skeleton surface.

I can spot small red runes inscribed over them.

However, I didn’t feel the barrier.

I know that those days may not be faraway.

After pushing the thoughts back off my mind.

I stepped out of the training room and went to take a bath.

The bath lasted for 20 minutes,

I changed into a fresh uniform and started to comb my hair.

Buzz!

All of a sudden, the notification alarm sounds.

Hearing that I looked at the display on the storage bracelet.

“Master Austin,” I uttered in shock.

Then I attended the call without thinking further.

“Zack, come to the Golden Lightning Palace quickly,” Austin said before ending the call.

My heart skips a beat for a second.

Because I found his voice to be serious.

“Did I do something wrong?” I asked myself.

Then I realized I had done nothing.

It must be something else.

After doing my hair properly, I left the room.

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When I walked out of the entrance gate.

I found many warriors standing in front of my place.

“What’s going on?” I asked myself.

Then I shook my head and decided to leave.

I don’t know why they have gathered here.

But I don’t have time to get entangled with them.

I started to run away from the place.

Seeing that the warriors from the Different Hunting Squad were stunned.

“Hey, what just happened?”

“He fled right after seeing us!”

“You must have scared him.”

“Maybe he is afraid of us.”

“That’s right, so many of us have gathered here.

It must have shocked him.”

“Why are we still waiting here?”

“Let’s follow him”

The Warriors spoke to each other.

Some decided to follow.

While others choose to leave.

Soon, I arrived at the Golden Lightning Palace.

The manor door was already open.

I walked into the place.

When I reached the training courtyard.

I saw Master Austin standing in front of me.

“Master,” I greeted him.

“You have arrived.

Good.

But it's a pity that my other disciples went outside to complete the task, "Austin said in a solemn tone.

Then he looked at Zack and said, "I have asked you to come here for an important reason."

"We have a Team called Monster Hunting Squads.

From time to time, they were given special tasks from the Faction.

Right now, I want you to join one of the teams to complete the task," Austin said.

Hearing that my heart was in turmoil.

I'm hearing the same words again.

First time was during my first day here.

Someone talked about this.

"But my strength right now?" I asked in my heart.

"Do you have any doubts?" Austin asked.

"Master, what's the task?" I asked.

"I'll take you there, you will understand," Master Austin said before grabbing the shoulder of mine.

Swish!

We vanish from the spot.

Everything flashes before my eyes.

The outside scene appears to be a blur.

Before I knew it.

I found myself standing in front of a huge crowd.

The crowd was split into different groups.

They are divided into small teams of five members.

“Here, it’s the Monster Hunting Squads under the Golden Lightning Palace.

There are 20 Teams here.

Other teams are doing outside missions,” Austin said in a solemn tone while looking at me.

Hearing that I was shocked in my heart.

No wonder, there are so many fighting platforms inside the Golden Lightning Palace.

It must be for their training.

On the other hand, the warriors in the Monster Hunting Squads are observing the newcomer as well.

Even some of them recognised.

Especially those who had gone to Zack's residence to stand in front of it earlier.

"So he has come here!"

"He is going to join the Golden Lightning Palace's Hunting Squad."

"Those who were in other Palaces might be still looking for him."

"I feel bad for those guys"

The warriors discussed in a low tone.

Austin swept his gaze across everyone before his gaze fell on the 20th Squad.

"20th Squad, Zack Lockwood will join you as a 6th member," Austin said to them.

The 20th Squad was surprised.

The Team consists of all young male warriors.

It's different from other Squads who have more than one female warrior.

Here, the 20th Squad is a young one.

The Captain is Commander Rank Warrior and the rest of the four warriors are SSS-ELITE Rank Warriors.

It might be the only squad without General Rank Warrior.

"Zack, go to them," Master Austin said.

Hearing that I nodded to him before walking towards the 20th Monster Hunting Squad.

The Captain of the 20th Squad seems a little older than me.

But the other four warriors might be one or two years older.

“Hi, I’m Dan, the Commander Rank Warrior.”

“They are Rick, Neil, Alexon and Cleon,” He introduced me to others.

I said “Hi” to everyone.

Everyone seems to be stronger.

None of them were average.

I found gazes from other Squad members as well.

“Alright, I’m going to talk about the Special Task right now,” Austin said.

“You are going to a small secret land where the population of the flesh-cutting mantis has grown beyond the limit.

Our leader has given a task to the main elders to gather Hunting Squads to reduce the population of this monster mantis.”

“Your job is to kill the monsters along the way.

When enough numbers were reached.

I'll call you back," After saying that he asked all captains of 20 Teams to step forward.

When the 20 Captains stepped forward.

He gave them small black tokens to distribute to their teams.

He gave the 20th Team Captain Dan 6 tokens including for Zack Lockwood.

The Captains retreated and started distributing the tokens.

I received a small black token from Dan, which I put inside the storage ring.

When the distributor was done.

"Keep the tokens safe.

Note that it can record your killings.

And It's the only thing that can allow you to return," After saying that, Austin turned around to face a Black space.

He used his power to open the secret passage.

Buzz!

A small path opens, which leads to a secret land.

“Each Team entered one by one,” Austin said.

Hearing that, the 1st Squad stepped forward and started walking towards the passage.

When the 5 warriors entered the passage.

They disappeared from everyone’s sight.

Then the 2nd stepped forward to go inside.

One by one the team starts to disappear.

When it was the turn of the 20th Team.

Captain Dan stepped forward to enter.

The Team members behind started following him.

Seeing that I followed as well.

“Zack, don’t go deep inside the territory.

Hunt only in the outer area,” Master Austin’s voice reached my ears.

I nodded to him before entering the path.

When I appeared on this site, I found myself falling from the sky.

The end of the secret passage appeared in the mid-air.

Then, I immediately used my flight ability to slow down the falling before stabilizing myself.

Just a few feet above the ground surface.

I was able to stand in mid-air without falling.

Sigh!

A sigh escapes from my mouth.

I swept my gaze across the surroundings.

“What kind of place is this?” I asked myself with excitement.

Growing up, I went to specially built monster zones for training.

Then I went to the Saw Scale Viper Academy where I got chances to visit the Twin Mountains, Canyons, and other places to progress further.

Then I went to the inner post region later, where I got the opportunity to hunt monsters living beyond boundaries locked by barriers on all four sides.

Now, in the Tier-4 region.

I have come to this new place now.

Which appears to be a small world in itself.

I guess it must have been purposely separated from the mainland by powerful warriors.

The small world can't form on its own.

I guess it must be related to incidents and wars in older eras.

After appreciating the new place, I touched down on the land below.

Master Austin asked me not to go beyond the outer area.

Which means something dangerous must be in a deeper area.

The other Hunting Squads got more General and Commander-rank warriors.

They can afford to go further.

This is the first time I've heard of a type of monster that can pose such a threat to the General Rank Warriors.

I found a tree to lay down underneath it.

Currently, there are no monsters around me.

So I decided to wait here.

Chapter 967: Part 1: Hunting Mantis Monsters

From MC's Perspective:

Secret Land,

I was waiting for the Flesh-Cutting Mantis to appear.

But so far there was no sign of them.

I don't want to waste any more time.

I took the black token out of the storage ring and put it in my pocket.

Then I took the black sword and held it in my right hand.

The next moment, I activated my perceptual ability.

Soon, the surrounding area becomes clear to me.

Then I spotted a huge monster in the east direction of mine.

Swish!

I immediately start dashing towards the monster.

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

The monster is over 20 feet tall.

From the looks of it, it's searching for its prey.

Then, both of its antennae straightened.

It found the prey next to it.

The Flesh-Cutting Mantis Monster turned towards me.

Seeing that I wasn't surprised by its response.

Rather my heart was in turmoil for a different reason.

"How can insects grow beyond 20ft?" I asked myself.

It feels weird.

Then I decide to attack.

It's time to test the power of purple lightning seed.

Crackle!

A purple essence covers the blade in the blink of an eye.

Lightning arcs can be seen dancing over the blade.

"Swish!"

I vanished from the spot and dashed to the monster.

My target is Monster's jointed legs.

Buzz!

The Mantis Monster reacted strongly.

It flapped its giant wings.

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The next moment, the monster disappears from the spot.

It appears in a different spot a few meters away from the previous spot.

Seeing that my eyes flickered.

The Mantis Monster is using the wind element.

When the realisation dawned on me.

My expression becomes more serious.

Buzz!

The Mantis Monster flapped its wings again.

This time it's something different.

A powerful wind blade shot towards me.

“Lightning Phantom Technique”

I immediately used the movement technique to disappear from the spot.

Moving in a zig-zag manner, I closed the gap between the monster and me within seconds.

Buzz!

The Mantis Monster is startled.

It started flapping its wings to move again.

But before it could take off.

“Sword Divide”

I charged the sword by using the purple essence.

In a blink of an eye, the sword was completely charged.

Then I

pointed the sword tip, targeting the hindlegs of the monster.

Boom!

A purple beam released from the tip of the sword.

The Mantis Monster felt something wrong.

It started flapping its wings fast to move away.

But this time the monster was a bit late.

The purple beam, which is more powerful because of the purple lightning seed, hits the target.

Under the attack, the hind leg of the monster blasts into pieces.

Thud!

The Mantis Monster lost its balance before dropping to the ground.

But still, it looks ferocious.

The wind element is swirling around the monster.

“Now, I know that the Monster is just a Class-7 Monster.

There is nothing to be afraid of,” I said in my heart.

But it’s special because it can control the wind element.

I decide to end the monster with this move.

I don’t know how powerful it will be.

I executed the lightning drop technique.

A powerful purple ball formed in my palm.

Looking at it I felt dread.

The lightning element has become powerful because of the purple lightning seed.

Then I looked at the Ferocious Mantis Monster.

Which is still looking at me like it's prey.

"Lightning Drop"

I slammed the lightning drop to the ground near the monster.

When the powerful lightning ball touches the ground.

Boom!

It explodes into different purple lightning bolts.

Many of them struck the Mantis Monster.

The lightning bolts easily cracked the skin of the monster.

Then, it started to damage the flesh and organs of the monster in the blink of an eye.

Within seconds, the Mantis Monster completely charred and died in the end.

Thud!

The Monster's lifeless body dropped to the ground.

Seeing that I sighed inwardly.

I ended the monster by using two moves.

The Class-7 Monster here is many times stronger than those Class-7 Monsters in the inner post region.

I just experienced the Mantis Monster using wind blades.

Then, I collected the thoughts before taking out the monster core.

The token shone with light for a moment before turning to normal.

I immediately understood what happened right now.

The token of mine confirmed the killing.

Then, I put the monster core in the storage ring before leaving the spot.

Next, I have to find another Mantis Monster.

Master Austin was right.

It's just the outskirts, yet a Class-7 Monster is looking for its prey here.

I don't know how dangerous the inner and core areas of this land are.

Shortly afterwards,

I came across another Class-7 Mantis Monster.

This time, I didn't use the Sword Moves.

I used the same "Lightning Drop" move to fry the monster in one go.

The Mantis Monster was struck by several lightning bolts, one after another.

The power of the purple lightning was too much for the monster.

A single lightning bolt paralyzed and injured the monster.

After getting successive hits, the Monster's body broke into pieces.

Blood and body parts splattered on the ground.

My gaze swept over body parts before finding the monster's core, which was somewhat intact.

The token in my pocket shone again.

It's my second kill.

But I know it's not enough.

If I want to kill more monsters.

Then, I have to go a little deeper.

But the warning of Master Austin rang in my mind.

If I came across the 8th order and above, then it would be troublesome.

After weighing the options, I chose to stay in the outer area for the time being.

Time passed,

I came across 2 more monsters.

They met with the same end as well.

After 2 hours of my arrival, my kill count raised to 10.

But it was nothing compared to the actual task.

The task of the Hunting Squads is to reduce the population of the Mantis Monster to some extent.

My killing number is insignificant.

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Meanwhile,

In the innermost region, the Federation Head, Ben, receives the official confirmation letter from Star University.

After reading the letter he was shocked to the core.

“Zack Lockwood, not only succeeded in joining the Star University.

But he got into one of the top 10 Warrior Factions as well.”

“Hmmm, ThunderFlame Faction.

No, wonder,” Ben is speaking to himself.

He thinks Zack’s lightning element played a role in getting him into the Thunderflame Faction.

“I know he would be fine.

But I didn’t expect him to become a member of the Warrior Factions,” He muttered to himself.

He knows some information as well.

It’s not easy to join the Warrior Factions.

Even small Factions require only talented warriors to join them.

When it comes to top factions.

It’s even more strict when it comes to selecting a new warrior.

He decides to tell the happy news to Zack’s teacher Lowell McClain.

Lowell Castle:

Lowell McClain is in his study room.

The past few days have been peaceful days for him.

Because there were no emergency missions.

But he has been worried about something else.

He doesn't know what happened to his student Zack Lockwood.

The only person who could contact the Tier-4 region Star University is the Federation Head.

The Gold Mark Warrior has such authority.

He is just a Silver Mark Warrior.

But so far the Federation Head haven't said anything.

So he couldn't help but feel restlessness.

Buzz!

Just as he was thinking about it.

His communication device starts buzzing.

Then he notices that the Federation Head has sent him something.

"Confirmation letter," He muttered to himself.

Then he opened the digital letter to read it.

At first, his expression was neutral.

Then his expression changed and turned to disbelief.

“Ha...Ha...Ha...” When he finished reading the letter, joyful laughter left his mouth.

The burden pressing his heart disappeared all of a sudden.

“Zack is fine, and he has found a strong backer as well,” Lowell said to himself.

He heard of the different factions as well.

Because he had been to the Tier-4 region to accept his inheritance.

At that time, he learnt about these warriors’ factions.

It exists in all Tier-4 region forces.

Without the Federation Head needing to tell him.

He knows that Thunderflame Faction is one of the top 10 factions there.

Then suddenly, he thought of something.

“They must have seen Zack’s triple element.

The Factions only accept geniuses.

Which explains why?" He figured out the reason.

Sighs!

A soft sigh escapes from his mouth.

He is not going to worry about Zack's safety anymore.

The triple element warrior is rare.

But the Tier-4 region is not without geniuses.

There are bloodline families and inheritance families.

Their descendants are strong.

The double-element warriors can be spotted in the Tier-4 region as well.

The only thing that is going for Zack it's his triple element.

He thinks Zack will find how strong and competitive is Tier-4 region's warriors are.

"I don't know whether he would take time to meet us in future," He sighed to himself.

Then he decides to share the news with Jonathan as well.

Chapter 968: Part 2: Hunting Mantis Monsters

From MC's Perspective:

More than a hundred Monster Hunting Squads were focused on eliminating the Flesh-Cutting Mantis Monsters.

Apart from the Monster Hunting Squads under the Main Elders.

The other Hunting Squads Teams in the Thunderflame Faction were doing their part as well.

As time passes, the clashes become more intense.

The Warriors started to get hurt and suffered serious injuries.

The Elders have already expected this.

So, they have added a secret function to the token.

In case of emergency, such as receiving life-threatening injuries.

The token will send out the injured warriors out of the secret land, next moment.

At this time, the Hunting Squad Teams under the Golden Lightning Palace were progressing at a rapid rate.

The strong teams are going to deeper areas to hunt Class-8 and above monsters.

They have more number of Commander and General Rank Warriors.

While the rest of the Teams continued to hunt in the Inner Area.

But not all the teams have full members.

Some teams got separated while entering the secret land.

Such warriors were fighting individually.

Meanwhile,

I found another Mantis Monster a few distance away from me.

When I noticed its strength.

My mouth curves into a smile.

“It’s just a Class-6 Monster,” I mumbled under my breath.

Buzz!

The Mantis Monster noticed the enemy.

It immediately rushes to attack with razor-shopped grasping legs.

I simply held the black sword tight.

When the Monster got closer to me.

I channelled the purple essence to the sword and covered the blade with purple lightning.

Cut!

The Monster was a few feet away from me.

Its grasping legs almost reached my body.

At this time, I swung the sword casually.

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Thunder!

A crackling lightning burst out from the sword; it tore through the small head of the Mantis Monster.

Boom!

The remaining lightning crippled and easily destroyed the body of the Class-6 Mantis Monster.

Not even the monster core was left.

Click!

Seeing the result, I clicked my tongue.

The Class 6 Monsters are too easy to solve.

Not even full effort was needed.

My purple lightning has become stronger and more destructive.

Once again I'm feeling great because of the purple lightning seed.

And I know it's not even the full strength of purple lightning seed.

It's a growth-type treasure.

So it will grow along with me.

Thinking about it, I'm feeling good about myself.

I don't know why whether it's foolish or not.

My heart wants me to go deeper into the secret land.

If I stayed here, I could only face Class-6 and Class-7 Monsters.

Which is very easy to kill.

They don't pose any threat to me.

If I want to gain experience, I have to face dangers ahead.

It's just Master Austin's advice bothering me.

I seriously doubt they would let the Warriors die in the secret land.

The Hunting Squads are the strength of the Warrior Factions.

So, each of them here is a valuable asset to the Thunderflame Faction.

So I doubt that elders would sit and watch, in case of some emergency.

After convincing myself, I started moving towards the deeper area.

While on the move, I activated my perceptual ability.

So far no monsters appeared in my area.

20 minutes later,

I have successfully entered the inner area.

But I failed to come across any monster or fellow faction warriors.

I wonder what others are doing.

The Golden Lightning Palace has 20 teams participating in this task.

I guess it's the same with other elders as well.

After this mission, I will get to know more about the Monster Hunting Squads.

I'm curious to know which Monster Hunting Squad is powerful in the Faction.

I'm not forgetting there are other warrior factions in the University as well.

They must have their own strongest team as well.

I'm getting more curious about these hunting squads.

Thinking about it my blood is boiling.

To not disappoint the 2 Masters of mine.

I should increase my kill count.

Buzz!

When I was lost in thoughts.

I felt sudden heart palpitations.

Without thinking further.

I used the Phantom Movement Technique to escape from the spot.

Boom!

Just as I moved away from the spot.

A massive Mantis Monster destroyed the ground with its hind legs.

The Mantis Monster was completely black.

I appeared a few distance away from it.

“Class-8 Monster,” I said in a serious tone.

I was wondering where were the higher order monsters.

Fortunately, one of them appeared before me.

“Lightning Drop”

I executed the technique the next moment.

A thick purple ball appears in my right palm.

Then I shot the purple ball towards the monster.

Buzz!

The Black Mantis noticed something wrong.

It immediately backed away from the spot within seconds.

Boom!

The lightning ball strikes the empty ground.

The next second, several lightning bolts hit the surroundings.

But the Mantis Monster is standing at a safe distance.

“Damn it,” I cursed out.

The Monster’s speed was fast.

I can only think of using the defensive technique.

I looked at the Monster.

This time, I chose to defend instead of wasting my essence on hitting the failed target.

Buzz!

The Black Mantis flapped its wings.

Then it vanishes from the spot and appears above the target by using the wind element.

In a split second, I hear a loud buzzing sound above my heart.

A sense of crisis touched my heart.

“Lightning Wheel”

A purple wheel appears around me.

At the same time, the Black Mantis uses its forelegs to attack.

The purple wheel filled with lightning power.

The forelegs of the monster come in contact with the purple wheel.

It triggered the purple wheel to explode.

The next second, the Manstis Monster bore the full brunt power of purple lightning.

Boom!

The Monster was defenceless as the lightning power struck it.

The impact force caused the monster to crash on the ground.

The Black Monster was left paralyzed by the power of the lightning.

Half of its body was charred.

It can be said that its life is hanging on a thread.

I stood up and adjusted my clothes.

The impact force sent me a few meters away earlier.

After adjusting the clothes, I walked towards the Monster.

The Monster's vitality is depleting at a faster rate.

I used the black sword to cut the monster's neck.

Cut!

The next second, the decapitated head rolled over the ground.

Then I immediately collected the monster core.

The token in my pocket is lit at the moment.

Then I glanced at the monster before leaving the place.

I continued to walk deeper.

Time passed,

I continued to kill monsters.

When it was completely dark.

I found the token in my pocket buzzing.

Feeling that I took the token out and held it in my hand.

An invisible layer covered me before I felt my vision go dark.

When I opened my eyes.

I found myself standing in front of Master Austin.

"I'm back," I uttered in a surprise.

"Yes, you are back.

Give me your token," Master Austin's voice reached my ears.

Then I handed the token to him.

“You can go back to your team,” Master Austin said.

I nodded to him before turning around and walking towards the 20th Team.

“Hey, you were hunting alone.

We tried to locate you.

But we were pretty occupied dealing with the monsters,” Captain Dan said in a serious tone.

“Don’t worry, I was doing pretty well on my own,” I replied.

“Zack, how many monsters did you hunt?” Cleon asked.

Hearing that everyone perked up their ears as well.

My eyes flickered.

I don’t know whether to say it or not.

“Alright, everyone.

All the Hunting Squads have returned.

It’s time to leave,” Master Austin said.

His voice attracted everyone’s attention.

Then I saw the last warrior appeared as well.

“Let’s get to the airship first,” Captain Dan said.

Hearing that, others let go of this topic before starting to walk towards the airship.

“Zack, come here,” Master Austin called out.

Hearing that, I said goodbye to the team before going to Master’s side.

A few minutes later,

When everyone boarded the airships and was ready to depart.

“Let’s go,” Master Austin grabbed my shoulder again.

Before I could grasp things, master started taking me back to the Golden Lightning Palace.

10 minutes later,

He dropped me in front of the Golden Lightning Palace.

“The results will be announced tomorrow.

You can browse it online.

It will appear on our Faction’s digital rankings.

I'll see you tomorrow," After saying that Austin left the spot.

I stood in the same spot.

"Digital Rankings, "I muttered to myself.

"Looks like I need to look into social media accounts," I said in my heart.

Then I turned around and started walking back to my residence.

It was already dark.

When I got there.

Street lights were illuminating the street.

After reaching the residence, I walked into my room and shut the door.

Then I went to take a cold bath.

The bath lasted for 20 minutes,

After walking out, I changed into comfortable clothes before going to bed.

Chapter 969: Digital Rankings

From MC's Perspective:

The Following Day,

I woke up quite late.

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

After doing that, I went to the practice room to cultivate.

I want to focus on getting a body breakthrough.

After entering the training room.

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

The Body Wash Fruit has strengthened my physique.

I just need to practise a little longer.

I will eventually touch the barrier.

After putting these thoughts back off my mind.

I closed my eyes and started to run the blood element method.

Right after, the blood rune in my consciousness starts to flicker.

Slowly, the blood elements in the surroundings began to gather around me.

They were attracted by the blood rune.

When the energies entered the body.

I started to guide the energies according to the blood element method.

When the blood energies start flowing.

A red blood light appears above the bloodstream.

This red blood light fell on the blood energies and started converting them into mysterious white energies.

The mysterious white energies then drill into my skeleton of mine.

At the same time, I'm experiencing heart-wrenching pain.

Gritting the teeth, I continued the process.

The red skeleton gains more blood energy.

2 hours later,

I opened my eyes.

I felt slight improvement.

Yet there is a gap to touch the barrier.

Then I stood up and walked out of the training room and went to take a bath.

About 20 minutes later,

I changed into a uniform.

After getting ready, I recalled Master Austin mentioning something about Digital Rankings.

My eyes flash with a curiosity.

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Then I accessed the online media posts.

Especially, I found the Thunderflame Faction's notification.

"Ranking was released," I uttered in surprise.

Then I started to go through the details.

The ThunderFlame Faction released the Digital Rankings of the Monster Hunting Squads early morning.

The ThunderFlame Faction has more than 100 Monster Hunting Squad Teams.

Which is also one of the reasons for its standings among the top 10 rankings.

But not all of the strong teams have particular in the special task yesterday.

Many of the strong teams went outside the Star University for a mission.

Including the disciples of the Main Elders, except Zack Lockwood.

The Warriors didn't expect the Rankings to be announced early in the morning.

Some random warrior noticed it first before he shared the information with others.

Soon, the information spreads across the Thunderflame Faction.

And each Monster Hunting Squads begin to look up the rankings.

They want to know their contribution.

[Digital Rankings:

Palace Rankings: 1.

Golden Lightning Palace: Class-9 Monster -152, Class-8 Monster-93.

2.

Black Flame Faction : Class-9

Monster -112, Class-8 Monster-87.

3.

Ice & Fire Faction:

Class -9 Monster- 86, Class-8 Monster -79.

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Steel Faction: Class-9 – Monster -21, Class-8 Monster -16, Class-7 Monster- 32.]

[Monster Hunting Squads:

No.1: 1st Squad, Golden Lightning Palace.

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2: 3rd Squad, Golden Lightning Palace.

No.

3: 1st Squad, Black Flame Palace.

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4: 2nd Squad, Black Flame Palace.

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5: 1st Squad, Ice & Fire Palace.

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18: 20th Squad, Golden Lightning Palace.

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No.112: 1st Squad, Steel Faction.]

When everyone saw the Palace Rankings and Monster Hunting Squad Rankings.

People weren't surprised.

It's always been like that.

The top spot is competed by the Golden Lightning Palace and Black Flame Palace.

Sometimes, Ice and Fire Faction shocks everyone.

So the warriors started to look at their own faction's performance.

Then they started looking into the Monster Hunting Squads rankings.

Apart from the Palace Rankings, the Monster Hunting Squads rankings make everyone's blood boil.

Because you can see which team is strongest inside the faction.

Yet the knowledgeable warriors knew that the actual strongest team was doing missions outside of the University.

So, these rankings won't determine anything.

Apart from these, there are also individual rankings.

Where each warrior's performance is ranked.

But it's released at the end of each month.

So everyone can only wait in silence.

If there is any mission next, then the warrior's contribution will be added to his rankings.

Which will accumulate, including the performance of tasks issued by the Task Hall.

As time passes, the initial curiosity dies down as everyone reviews their squad's performance.

Main Hall,

Faction Leader Clifford is sitting on his main seat.

Where the four main elders are seated in their place as well.

“Well, the Mantis population has been successfully controlled.

They won’t be able to pose a threat for at least a few years,” Clifford said with a smile as he reviewed everyone’s report.

Later, he had to make one to give to the Dean of the Star University.

“Is there any notable performance?” He asked, looking at everyone.

“Ha..Ha...Ha...”

“As usual we won first place in the rankings,” Austin said with a laugh.

His laughter displeased others.

“Harumph, my disciples are busy completing the task outside.

If they had participated, then we would easily get the 1st place,” Elder Leona said with a snort.

“It’s the same case with me as well.

My disciples were capable of fighting across ranks.

But it’s a pity that they rarely participate in a task like this,” Elder Cathy said with a smile.

None of their disciples were weak.

Each was strong on their own.

“Cough!”

Suddenly, Elder Ann coughs up to attract everyone’s attention.

“Don’t forget, the real strongest team is under the Leader.

The Zero Squad formed by his disciples,” Ann said with a smile.

Hearing that Cathy and Leola controlled their emotions and returned to their usual self.

Sigh!

Austin let out a sigh.

Then he said, “Even if he wants, none of our disciples can enter the secret land, except the last disciple of mine.”

“All of our eldest disciples have touched the limit of Gold Mark Rank.

They need more dangerous experiences.

And Don’t forget, Leader’s Eldest Disciple got more chance to breakthrough,” Austin said.

“You are right, Faction Leader is hiding something.

I don’t know whether his Elder Disciple is here or not,” Elder Cathy said.

Elder Leona and Elder Ann were also looking at old man Clifford with a questioning look.

"I almost forgot.

Elder, what's the Zero Squad up to now?" Elder Leola asked.

Her question made everyone serious.

Austin frowned.

He has been focusing on his 6th disciple, Zack Lockwood.

So he didn't pay attention to other matters much.

It's a similar case with Elder Ann as well.

Her disciples were more focused on the Healing Technique.

Except for her new disciple Zack Lockwood, whom she taught a unique healing method.

Everyone is busy with their work.

They almost forgot about the Zero Squad.

Old Man Clifford noted everyone's reaction.

He has an amusing smile on his face.

"I know it's not easy to distract all of you," Clifford said.

"The Zero Squad of our Thunderflame Faction is going to clash with the Zero Squad of the Dark Variant Faction," He added further.

But it felt like a thunderclap in everyone's ears.

The Zero Squad of both Faction is going to fight each other.

It's nothing less compared to the Faction Wars.

"Leader, are you serious?" Austin asked.

His eyes were in disbelief.

He didn't expect the matters with Dark Variant Faction to exlate this much.

Everyone thought it was a faction fight going on in the Outer Hall.

The Silver Mark Warriors and Gold Mark Warriors are students of the Core Hall and Legacy Hall.

They are an important asset to the Star University.

Though they are part of faction.

Unless something serious they won't participate in the internal fighting.

Elder Leola frowned.

Elder Cathy and Ann are tense as well.

They know that their Leader is not stupid.

There is no need to clash with the Dark Variant Faction.

Old man Clifford observed everyone's reaction before saying, "I know what your guys are thinking?"

"It was another special task given by the Dean," He revealed the truth.

Gasp!

Surprise gasps left the mouths of Elder Cathy and Ann.

Only Elder Leona and Elder Austin managed to hold back their emotions.

They know that Dean rarely interferes in the Faction Fights.

Unless there is something serious like internal fighting.

He won't step in.

"It's not about the Dark Variant Faction.

I guess he plans to lure out the Bloodline Factions by placing a small bait," He added.

Hearing that Austin quickly thought of something and said, "I heard some Bloodline Families causing some troubles lately."

“They have been meeting with people from other Universities.”

Hearing that, everyone understood what was going on.

“You are right, Dean might be planning to root out some weeds,” Clifford said.

Then he shook his head and said, “Don’t think too much about it.

I don’t think both the Zero Squad would fight to the death.

They might be testing each other’s strengths.

I guess which is enough to convince the dean.”

After hearing that, everyone let go of their worry.

“Austin, what about Zack?”

“How did he perform?” Clifford asked.

Hearing that Austin smiled and said, “He did well.

He was able to hunt down a few Class-8 Monsters and many Class-7 Monsters.”

“Well, not bad,” Clifford replied.

Chapter 970: Taking part in faction fight

From MC’s Perspective:

After taking a look at the digital rankings, I got a new understanding of the Thunderflame Faction.

I know that Master Austin and Ann's other disciples didn't participate in this task.

They must be doing a mission outside.

Besides, I have realised that those who participated in this task were warriors below the General Mark Rank.

The Black Mark Warrior and above were nowhere to be found.

My eyes flash with a quick glint.

I wonder where they are hiding in the Faction.

I hadn't seen any single Black Mark Warriors and above.

And I have yet to explore the entire Star University.

Apart from the Outer Hall, there are other Halls as well.

But Outer Hall Warriors weren't allowed to go there.

Unless they get a breakthrough and become eligible to enter the next Hall.

Then, thinking about the Palace Rankings, I'm glad that I'm the disciple of both Master Austin and Master Ann.

The Monster Hunting Squads under the Golden Lightning Palace are strong.

When going through the online information.

I noticed there is one more ranking.

There is something called individual rankings, which are released at the end of every month.

Where warriors can know his/her standings in one's Faction.

But this digital ranking is a bit troublesome.

Because the whole university can access it.

I'm not worried about the Palace Rankings and Monster Squad Rankings.

But the individual rankings are a bit different.

If they know I'm strong, there will be a wave of warriors who will challenge me.

"Harumph, I'm not afraid.

It's just I don't want it to happen before I get the body breakthrough as well," I said to myself.

"I wish there was a similar fruit to the body wash fruit," I thought.

Then a good idea comes to mind.

Apart from the essence chamber, there are good places that can aid in warrior's cultivation.

I must discuss with the teacher about this.

Then I started to get ready.

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About 18 minutes later,

I left the residence and started walking to the Golden Lightning Palace.

“Argh!”

“There is he!”

A sudden voice filled with alarm attracted my attention.

When I turned around.

I saw a group of people walking towards me.

Their strength varies from the SSS-ELITE Rank to the General Rank.

Seeing that, my eyes flash with a glint.

“I’m sure everyone must have heard about the rumour.

I’m a member of the 20th Monster Hunting Squad under the Golden Lightning Palace.”

“These people won’t be stupid to trouble me,” I thought.

“Zack Lockwood, we are not here to disturb you.

But we urgently need your help.

Our faction warriors are getting attacked by the Dark Variant Faction in the Outer Hall”

“As a member of our faction, you should lend us help at this time,” A male warrior said.

Hearing that I frowned.

Normally, I don’t want to get into senseless duels.

But if they are attacking our faction, I should not sit and watch.

Otherwise, it will create a bad impression.

Though Master Ann clearly explained some backdrops behind it.

I still think I should help.

It’s just a fight in the Outer Hall.

It won’t raise big alarm.

“Let’s go,” I said to them.

Everyone’s expression turned bright.

“Ha...Ha...Ha...”

“With your presence, we can handle the pressure,” A female warrior said.

Then I followed the group to go to the Outer Hall.

Soon, we left our Faction Territory and entered the Territory of the Outer Hall.

The Outer Hall’s territory is huge, comparable to a small city with all training facilities and cafeteria.

On the way, we come across other warriors who were not part of faction.

I can confirm with their expression.

Especially after seeing their reaction when they saw our Thunderbolt badge.

Everyone’s gazes became more respectful.

More than that, they were more excited to watch the clash between the Thunderflame Faction and the Dark Variant Faction.

Feeling all the enthusiasm around, I realised it was my debut fight as well.

Not only should I gain respect for myself but for the faction as well.

Soon, we came to an open fighting platform near the training facilities.

I can see a huge crowd gathered around the platform.

They are chanting the name of their favourite warrior.

When we got there.

We immediately attracted the attention.

They opened the gap so that we could enter the fighting platform as well.

We walked through the warriors and reached the fighting platform.

And the whole fighting platform came under my view.

There are many circular platforms.

But one the middle is huge, and fighting is taking place currently.

A blonde warrior wearing a thunderbolt badge is fighting against the black-haired warrior who is wearing a black crown-shaped badge.

Both of them seem to be exhausted.

When I tried to see through their strength.

I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

Because the Blone-Haired Warrior is Commander Rank Peak Stage and the fellow fighting opposite to him is SSS-ELITE Peak Stage.

“Hmmm,” Suddenly, I found ill-intent gazes on me.

When I turned my head.

I saw people wearing Blood colour badges.

A look of understanding dawned on me.

“So-called Bloodline Faction,” I thought.

Then I ignored them and shifted my attention back to the fight.

I doubt whether the blonde warrior could hold on.

His Golden Lightning is easily defended by the Black-Haired Warrior.

“Something amiss,” I uttered when I noticed a similar black colour power was destroyed by the golden lightning.

When I looked at their fighting closely.

“Black Lightning,” I uttered in a low tone.

But there was a surprise in my voice.

Because I thought all the lightning warriors were gathered under one umbrella named Thunderflame Faction.

But I have guessed it wrong.

“Don’t be surprised.

He might have Black Lightning but he was not suitable for our Thunderflame Faction.

His nature was more suitable for the Dark Variant Faction.”

“I heard he purposely chose the Dark Variant Faction over the Thunderflame Faction back then,” A Faction member next to me said.

Hearing that, I realised the warriors who have some Dark Variant Elements have chosen to join the Dark Variant Faction.

“No wonder they can put pressure on the Thunderflame Faction Warriors.

The Lightning Element can naturally go against the Dark Variants,” I said in my heart.

“It’s over!”

“You are defeated,” The Black Haired Warrior said.

The Blonde-Haired Warrior knelt on the ground.

He has consumed all the essence.

He can’t continue the fight.

Under the mocking gazes of the Black Variant Faction.

The Golden Haired Warrior walked out of the platform.

But none of them Thunderflame Faction Warriors here made fun of him.

“You did well, Collins.

It’s not easy to defeat that monster,” A Faction member said.

“Who is coming next?” The Black Haired Warrior asked in disdain.

Hearing that Thunderflame Faction Warriors hesitated.

I couldn’t help but raise my eyebrows.

I’m sure that only a fraction of warriors are here.

But none of them here can take down the opposite side.

Don’t tell me that they have planned it well.

Their timing is too good to be beleive.

If I don’t step up, then the face of Thunderflame Faction will be ruined today.

Then I guess it will be a matter of time before the Inner Hall gets into the fight as well.

My eyes flash with a cold glint.

Under the gaze of everyone, I walked towards the platform.

“Zack, is he going to fight?” The ThunderFlame Faction Warrior was surprised.

“It’s good that we made an effort to bring him.

Let’s see how strong he is,” A female warrior from the faction commented.

Some of them have been trying to bring Zack Lockwood from the beginning of the conflict.

Yet their previous several attempts turned futile.

Now some of them were able to bring Zack Lockwood to support them.

On the other hand, I entered the platform and stood opposite the Black Haired Warrior.

“Harumph, an SSS-Elite Early Stage,” The Black Haired Warrior said with a snort.

I ignored his disdain and said, “You can take some time to recover.”

“I don’t need a break to defeat another weak warrior,” The Black Haired Warrior said.

A small laughter erupted from the side of the Dark Variant Faction.

“Well said, Ronnie!”

Someone shouted from their faction.

“So his name is Ronnie,” I thought.

Then, I decided to end the fight by using the blood element method.

“Let’s start,” I said.

Ronnie smiled and circulated the black Lightning power in his right palm.

Seeing that I started to circulate the purple lightning as well.

A thick purple Lightning appears around my right arm and slowly gathers in my right hand.

“I’m going to see the effect of the purple lightning seed.

What could be a better opponent than one who holds black lightning,” I thought.

Dash!

Ronnie rushed forward with a wide grin on his face.

He can already imagine the opponent’s right arm snapping.

No one can withstand his Black Lightning.

Especially in the same rank, no one defeats him.

The best example was the previous fight.

Even the Command Rank Warrior lost against him.

Seeing that the opponent is taking the initiative.

I dashed forward as well.