

BloodLine 971

Chapter 971: Defeating Ronnie

From MC's Perspective:

Ka#boom!

When the purple lightning-covered right fist comes in contact with the opponent's black lightning fist.

It easily pushed back the black lightning.

The impact force caused the opponent to take a few steps backwards.

On the other hand, I remained rooted in the same spot.

"How is this possible?" Ronnie uttered in disbelief.

He knows how strong and dominating power was his Black Lightning.

No ordinary lightning can withstand the power of Black Lightning.

The previous warrior was the user of Golden Lightning.

Even he had suffered defeat in his hand.

Yet this person made him retreat.

"Who are you?" Ronnie asked; he was not going to underestimate the person this time.

This simple clash convinced him that the opponent could fight across the ranks.

"I'm Zack Lockwood," I replied, with a smile on my face.

Gasp!

A loud gasp sounded around us.

The Dark Variant Faction Warriors were shocked and surprised.

They trusted in Ronnie's strength.

Now, they think the duel isn't going to be easy for Ronnie to win.

Everyone saw that Thunderflame Faction Warriors is also a lightning element user.

Cheer!

The ThunderFlame Faction Warrior let out a small cheer.

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

I told you.

He is strong," A Faction Warrior said to a friend next to him.

"We can hope for a win from this duel," The Female Warrior added with a smile as well.

Collins, who participated in the previous duel also showed approval look.

He knows the power of the Black Lightning.

He had experienced it first-hand.

“A new member of our faction is not easy at all,” He added.

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Hearing Collins’s positive words.

Others became more supportive as well.

On the fighting platform,

“I guess we should get serious,” Ronnie said.

“Yes,” I replied.

Dash!

Ronnie vanishes from the spot the next moment.

Only a black lightning trail can be seen moving on the platform.

Seeing that I activated my perceptual ability.

I could perceive everything around me.

I spotted a black lightning trail coming towards me in a zig-zag manner.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes.

I realised the opponent was using the movement technique to me.

It appears that the technique or his mastery over the techniques is better than mine.

Because I could not see his body.

The Star University is full of hidden tigers and dragons.

There are a lot of talented warriors.

Cut!

Ronnie's attack reached me.

His movements were covered under my perception.

So, I easily sidestepped to avoid his attack.

Ronnie went behind me before revealing his body.

Gasp!

Another loud exclamation sounded again.

The warriors can see that Ronnie has missed his attack again.

The first can be considered a fluke.

If it's happening for the second time.

Everyone can tell that Ronnie's opponent is strong as well.

Ronnie heard the murmurs.

His eyes flash with glint.

He is angry.

He is close to making a fool out of himself.

Swish!

He vanishes from the spot leaving the Black Lightning trail.

He is going to use his speed to attack the opponent.

In the blink of an eye, he reached me again.

Yet again he has failed to touch me.

I avoided making contact by sidestepping.

Ronnie wasn't going to give up.

He continued to try.

Swish!

Swish!

A black lightning zig zag can be seen passing over the afterimages of Zack Lockwood.

After some exclamation, the warriors became silent.

Everyone is watching the duel carefully.

It's not an easy duel at all.

"Who is pushing Ronnie this hard?" A Dark Variant Faction Warrior asked.

"I know who he is?" A Knowledgeable Fellow Faction Warrior said.

Hearing that everyone turned towards him.

"Did you forget?"

A newcomer has entered the Thunderflame Faction recently.

Even our elders asked us to keep an eye on him."

"His name is Zack Lockwood.

He is the one who is fighting against Ronnie," The Warrior answered.

A look of understanding dawned on Dark Variant Faction Members.

From the beginning of the conflict, they heard some members of the Thunderflame Faction talking about a newcomer.

They didn't expect to meet him here.

Everyone's expression turned solemn.

They are looking at a formidable enemy.

Such strong people are at the top of any faction.

Looking at how hard Ronnie is fighting.

They can predict the outcome of the duel.

The opponent is not taking the fight seriously.

He is indirectly showing the level difference between the two.

In the fighting platform, I decided to end the match.

I thought the opponent would bring out something.

But he is relying on speed to tackle me.

Since he is not going to use his other techniques.

I'm getting bored.

Slowly, I used the blood energy to cover my fists.

People were too busy to focus on the black trail.

I used the opportunity to cover the red blood energies with the purple lightning.

I can feel immense power brewing in my hand.

When the opponent got closer to me once again.

This time, I didn't evade.

Rather, I confronted him with a powerful punch.

"What?" Ronnie was caught off guard.

Kaa#boom!

When both of our fists collided.

Ronnie's eyes almost popped as he felt immense pain and a cracking sound from his right arm bones.

Thud!

The next second, the impact force destabilized his movements, and he then smashed to the ground.

“Argh!”

A heart-wrenching cry escaped from his mouth.

Quiet!

The sudden cry made everyone quiet.

Everyone saw Ronnie lying on the ground, his left hand desperately grasping the right arm.

In the fighting platform, I retracted both energies and looked at the opposite camp.

“He is injured.

Take him to the infirmary,” I said to them.

My tone was neither humble nor arrogant.

But the faces of the Dark Variant Faction Warriors tell me something different.

“How dare you injure him?” A Warrior walked towards me.

He is giving off the aura of Commander Rank.

I turned towards him and said, “If you want to fight, you can step inside the platform.

”

Hearing that Commander Rank Warrior became angrier.

Before he could talk, all the Thunderflame Faction Warriors appeared.

Seeing that, he let out a low humph, before carrying Ronnie out of the platform.

“Zack Lockwood, you did well.”

“Yeah, you gained us a face.

We weren’t wrong to bring you here.”

The Faction Warriors started to gather around me.

I revealed a simple smile on my face.

I came here for my selfish reasons.

I wanted to test the power of purple lightning seed.

And it didn’t disappoint me.

It can go against the powerful black lightning.

While I’m hearing the praise of everyone.

I noticed the malicious gazes of a few warriors in the audience.

Because the perceptual ability is still active.

I could notice these people.

“Who are those people?” I asked, pointing at a specific group of warriors among the crowd.

The ThunderFlame Faction Warriors turned around to locate the warriors.

“Are you pointing at the Warriors with blood colour badges?” A female warrior asked.

“Yes,” I replied.

“They are another troublesome bunch.

They are more nasty than the Dark Variant Faction,” A male warrior clarified.

“Let’s go back to our faction before they stir up another trouble,” he added.

Everyone agreed and we started walking back to our faction.

On the other hand, the warriors from the 2 Bloodline Factions took note of the newcomer named Zack Lockwood.

It’s just that everyone saw one of the Bloodline Faction.

The other Bloodline Faction members are watching it from the nearest building.

They were able to see another strong warrior rising from the Thunderflame Faction who could rival them in future.

Soon, the crowd dispersed, and news about this particular duel started to spread across the Outer Hall.

Everyone in the Outer Hall knows about the newcomer who joined their Outer Hall and Thunderflame Faction.

Because it was the hot topic a few days ago.

Now, the newcomer made another splash, which intrigued many people.

In the Dark Variant Faction, the news caused a storm.

Because Ronnie is a well-known, talented Black Lightning Warrior.

Even among the dark elemental variants, the black lightning is considered one of the top-notch.

The Warriors, who could control the black lightning, have great potential.

They got more chances of becoming Purple Mark Warrior in future.

Ronnie suffered a bone fracture.

This news was shocking to everyone.

Especially after hearing the ins and outs.

Because neither of the warriors had tried out their real techniques against each other.

They fought by using brute strength and simple elemental manipulation.

Which further made them evaluate the power of Zack Lockwood.

The Elders of the Dark Variant Faction were already showing concern.

Because such warriors have more chances to obtain powerful inheritance.

Everyone has trust in Ronnie to get a powerful inheritance in future.

So they are more certain about Zack Lockwood's talent right now.

But to make any decisions.

They need to discuss this with the Faction Leader.

It's forbidden to take any action without his knowledge.

If everyone does act on their own, it would easily lead to a faction war.

So, no one makes a major decision without the Faction Leader.

This one certainly needs his opinion as well.

Chapter 972: Golden Pill

From MC's Perspective:

After returning to the Thunderflame Faction territory.

We exchanged contacts.

I know the importance of the network building.

These guys knew more information than I could find online.

Next, I went to the Golden Lightning Palace to cultivate.

Looking at the ongoing tension between different Faction.

I feel it's necessary to increase my strength further.

It can happen after getting a physique breakthrough.

I don't know why I feel those days are not longer.

After reaching the Golden Lightning Palace, I used my I.D.

to enter inside.

I guess Master Austin is not here.

Otherwise, he would have opened the door for me.

Then I made my way towards the Training Courtyards.

When I got there.

I saw no one was there.

I couldn't help but think of Master's other disciples.

I'm sure they must be Black Mark Warrior and above.

After pushing down these thoughts, I found the essence chamber in the next courtyard.

I didn't waste any time.

I got there and used the I.D.

to enter inside.

The door behind me shut automatically.

Then I walked to the console to activate the function.

Buzz!

The next second, the chamber started.

The world's energy starts pouring inside.

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

I closed my eyes and started practising the blood element method.

A few hours later,

I ended the cultivation and walked out of the essence chamber.

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There is excitement in my eyes.

I finally felt the barrier.

Yet, I'm one step away from truly touching the limit.

But I knew it in my heart.

It won't take more than one or two days.

Then I left the Golden Lightning Palace and started walking back to the Residence.

After reaching the residence, I entered inside.

I locked the door and went to take a bath.

Meanwhile,

Austin is currently busy doing an important task.

He receives an information.

It's an information sent by an elder who manages the intel collection work for the ThunderFlame Faction.

It doesn't matter whether the news is big or small.

Nothing escapes the eyes and ears of the Elders.

After reading the message, Austin wore a solemn expression on his face.

He doesn't know whether to feel happy or bad.

On the one hand, the Zero Squad is going to take matters into their own hands.

Here, his new disciple has made a perfect debut.

It would surely elevate the face of the Thunderflame faction.

But he knows better than that.

The other Factions among the top 10 rankings would move as well.

Since Zack has shown his talent.

He knows Zack is going to face more challenges than ever.

He decides to have a good talk with him later.

Time passed,

After a few hours, all the elders and members of the Thunderflame Faction knew about the recent fight.

The Members of the Monster Hunting Squads under the Golden Lightning Palace were more surprised.

They didn't expect newcomers to garner so much attention.

It's because of the opponent.

The Dark Variant Faction Ronnie had garnered attention when he made his debut.

It's now happening with Zack Lockwood.

The Following Day,

I woke up and began my routine as usual.

About one hour later, after getting ready.

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

While on my way, I got call from Master Austin.

After knowing that I'm on my way there.

He ended the call.

I furrowed my eyebrows.

Master Austin's voice sounded solemn.

I don't know but something is up.

When I got there.

The door opened automatically.

I walked into the place.

Instead of going to the training courtyard, I moved towards his residence.

I arrived in front of the door.

Before I could knock it.

Creak!

The door opened.

“Come inside,” Master Austin greeted me inside.

I nodded to him before going in.

Master Austin then sits on the chair.

He asked me to take a seat as well.

Looking at his behaviour, I think there is going to be a serious conversation next.

After sitting down, I turned towards him.

“Zack, I heard about your duel yesterday.

I’m truly impressed,” Austin said.

“Thank you, Master,” I replied.

Austin’s gaze turned serious next.

He added further by saying, “I don’t want to hit your confidence but it’s not good for you to show up in faction conflict.”

Hearing that my expression changes drastically.

He is saying the opposite of my thoughts.

I thought ThunderFlame Faction would gain face.

But he doesn’t want me to show up.

“Why?” I asked myself.

Austin noticed Zack was confused.

“I know you are confused.

Normally, I should be encouraging you to fight for the faction.

But this is not the normal times.”

“The conflict between the Dark Variant Faction and our faction has reached another heights.

Only elders will take part in the action”

“You don’t have to be involved in skirmishes.

Otherwise, you will be targeted unnecessarily,” Austin said.

A look of understanding dawned on me.

The Faction conflict is more serious than I thought.

It’s not just about the Outer Hall.

Even Master Austin is serious about it.

My back went chill thinking about it.

“I understand Master.

I’ll stay out of it,” I said to him.

“Good,” Austin said.

“What about your body cultivation?”

“Is there any progress?” He asked.

Hearing that my mood got better.

“I sensed the barrier.

I’ll get a breakthrough in one or two days,” I replied, honestly.

“Good,” Austin uttered, again.

He then thought of something before taking out a box containing a treasure pill from his storage ring.

He then opened the box in front of Zack’s eyes.

A golden colour pill is in the box.

Its textures were beautiful.

This beautiful-looking pill costs millions of non-attribute affinity stones.

But Austin didn’t plan on revealing its costs.

“This Golden Pill is one of the best pills for strengthening muscles and organs under the Black Mark Rank.

It can be only found in the Tier-4 region.”

“And it’s highly restricted and circulated among the top organizations.

This Golden Pill is not available to the general public,” Austin said.

My heart set off storms.

I never expected the Tier-5 region to have this type of transaction as well.

My eyes flash with a complicated glint.

Austin sighed and said, "There is a reason for it.

The pill recipe is a complex one.

And it needs rare resources.

Such resources are cultivated by the top forces."

"And only the top forces have purchasing power.

Their descendants consume rare treasures such as these to make their foundation solid.

So that they can accept inheritance without any trouble."

"Some inheritances have tough requirements.

If you don't have a solid base and suitable physique, you won't be able to get the inheritance."

"That's why the top forces are powerful.

They invest in the next generation.

So that they can continue the lineage.

So I'm going to give you this Golden Pill for this reason as well."

"You should not lack in any aspect before reaching the General Rank," Austin said.

I don't know what to do.

I'm sure the cost of this pill is unimaginable.

To think the rich people are burning off their resources to get powerful inheritances.

I have finally realised.

I'm underestimating the inheritance as well.

"Was it because?"

I already have one," I said in my heart.

"Zack, what are you thinking?" Austin asked.

"Master, it's too expensive," I replied.

Austin said, "I'm not only doing this for you.

But also for our faction.

Our Thunderflame Faction needs the next generation of Strong Warriors."

"You know that Faction Leader is half-step Red Mark Warrior.

There is another faction leader with the same base.

But what about the next generation?"

Hearing I don't know what to say.

"You don't have to feel burdened.

The other Faction Elders are doing the same.

They are investing in the young generation so that they can increase their faction strength in future."

"If you become a strong warrior in future, you can do the same to the next generation," Austin said with a smile.

This time I was truly convinced.

If I become a strong warrior above the Silver Mark, then I'll treat the newcomers with the same.

"Then I'll accept it," I replied.

Master Austin then handed over Golden Pill to me.

I received the golden pill and stored it inside the storage ring.

Then we discussed other things before I went to the essence chamber to cultivate.

With this Golden Pill, I can break through.

But I don't want to use it before I touch the barrier.

After reaching the essence chamber, I entered inside.

Then I activated the chamber.

Buzz!

The world's energy starts to fill the chamber room.

I sat crosslegged to cultivate.

I closed my eyes and started using the blood element method.

The blood rune in my mind flickered.

Slowly, the blood energies from the world energies inside the chamber start to float towards my body.

When the blood energies entered the body.

I started to circulate according to the blood element method.

The red blood lights appeared above the blood and started doing their job.

As time passes, white energies start entering my bones.

I continued to repeat the process.

At one point, the feeling of barrier becomes more clear.

Chapter 973: SSS-ELITE EARLY STAGE (Body Breakthrough)

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the training chamber, I continued the process of touching the barrier.

Once the barrier is stabilized.

Then I can start attacking it.

Not long after, the barrier became more apparent and solid.

I don't know how long has passed.

But I have finally reached the limit of my current base.

"Should I start an attempt to break through?" I asked myself.

My eyes flash with a firm glint.

It's not wise to delay it any longer.

Since I already got the Golden Pill.

It can aid my effort.

Then I took the Golden Pill out of the storage ring and swallowed it.

The Golden Pill enters my mouth and starts travelling down my throat.

I felt a warm powerful energy going down inside.

When it entered the body.

I started using the blood element method again.

This time, when red blood light starts to convert the thick, warm golden energies.

A change can be seen.

Golden energies converted it into mysterious white energies.

The white energies were made dense this time.

Feeling that I'm expecting a gut-wrenching pain next.

The white energies then start penetrating bones from all sides.

Argh!

A small muffled grunt escaped my mouth.

My body cultivation has reached its limit.

The incoming energies make the pain worse.

But I want the barrier to shatter.

So I continued to endure it.

Because of the Golden Pill, the white energies were like surge of tides.

Facing the limit, the energies start attacking the barrier, as it has blocked the way barrier.

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Only if there is no barrier the bones can absorb more energy.

The barrier starts to take the full brunt of the attack.

As the time passes, the barrier starts to crack.

A small cracks can be felt on the barrier.

Feeling that I used the remaining energies to attack the barrier.

Shortly afterwards,

The cracks start to expand all over the barrier.

In the blink of an eye, the whole barrier crumbles.

As the floodgate opens, a torrent of energy rushes through it.

The bones start greedily absorbing the incoming energies as the Physique enters the new rank.

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The small red runes all over the bones start to flicker.

As they become more powerful and visible.

Feeling the breakthrough, I didn't stop the practice.

I continued to cultivate to stabilize the new rank.

About 2 hours later,

I opened my eyes after stabilizing the new rank strength.

"Finally," My eyes flash with relief.

Now, I can be said not lacking behind the other newcomers.

My essence and body are both in the same rank.

If I fight against Ronnie, then I can defeat him in one move.

I can feel the horrible energy hidden in my bones.

If I burst out in full strength, then I can easily defeat all the geniuses in the same rank.

After calming down my heart, I stood up.

Then I turned off the function.

The world's energy then disappears into the blink of an eye.

Then I walked out of the essence chamber.

I'm going to share the news with Master Austin before going back to the residence.

When I got there.

I noticed Master Austin gazing up at me from up and down.

"Did you break through?" Austin asked, his eyes filled with surprise.

I nodded to him.

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

"I thought you would take at least a few days.

But I didn't expect your accumulation was enough already," Austin said with a laugh.

"Thanks to your Golden Pill Master.

It helped me achieve a breakthrough in the first attempt.

The pill is powerful," I thanked him sincerely.

There is no falsehood in my words.

The pill has brought changes to the mysterious white energies.

Its power has easily shattered the barrier in the first attempt.

“Don’t thank me.

It’s all your effort.

I just helped you.

Next, you should focus on improving your skills.

So, I’ll take a look at your skills tomorrow.

You can go back now and take a good rest,” Austin said with a smile.

“Alright,” After bidding goodbye, I left the place.

Austin is genuinely happy.

He feels that getting Golden Pill is worth his effort.

It has helped Zack to save lot of time.

Next, Zack can focus on steady progress like the Outer Hall Students.

He then shares the news with the main elders and the faction leader.

Including Elder Ann who is busy preparing lessons for Zack.

After reaching the residence, I shut the door.

Then I texted Master Ann about the body breakthrough.

She is my Master as well.

I wonder what kind of lesson she is preparing for me.

Now, that I have achieved the body breakthrough.

I should equally focus on the unique healing method.

After making decision, I went to the bath.

About 20 minutes later,

I walked out of the bath and changed to the comfort clothes.

Then I sat on the sofa comfortably to look at the online news.

“Hmmm,” I raised my eyebrows, as something caught my attention.

The ThunderFlame Faction members have sent me some messages.

I opened the first message to read it.

After finishing reading it, I don't know what to do.

They are inviting me for another fight.

But Master Austin has restricted me from showing up.

They have to do it without me.

So I sent a message in reply saying that I'm focusing on my cultivation.

Then I read other messages which are the same as well.

Everyone wants me to show up.

So that they can introduce me to their friends.

Then I logged in to view the trending news in the university.

When the news feed appeared.

I noticed many news posted by warriors from other factions.

As I started to scroll down the pages, I noticed most of the news was about the Faction Fights between the Dark Variant Faction and the Thunderflame Faction.

Some of them talked about the conflicts that took place today.

I'm wondering what the Outer Hall Elders are doing.

It's their job to stop everyone from fighting.

But they are letting it happen.

I couldn't help but feel something amiss about it.

“Were they purposely let it happen?

I asked myself.

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Dark Shadow University:

Like Star University, it is one of the 6 Universities in the Tier-4 Region.

The Blood Shadow Force in the Tier-5 Region is branch of the Dark Shadow University.

Compared to other forces, the Dark Shadow University has recruited a few warriors from the Tier-5 Region.

Their Envoys didn't find any worthy warriors.

This situation has attracted the attention of their Council elders.

When they summoned the 2 Dark Envoys.

They Genuinely reported the conditions of the Tier-5 Region.

The Dark Envoys didn't forget to blame Rupert, the Leader of the Blood Shadow Force.

The inability of the Blood Shadow Force to develop the next generation of talented warriors is seen as a failure by the Council elders.

While discussing the Blood Shadow Force, the Council Elders learnt about the infamous incomplete mission.

The Dark Shadow University also have killing missions.

In order not to break harmony, they carry out tasks against all forces except the top forces in the Tier-4 region.

But it doesn't mean they don't target potential threats.

All the top geniuses of other forces are on their Killing List.

After hearing that the incomplete mission target of the Blood Shadow Force has joined the Star University.

Everyone felt ashamed.

If other forces heard about this, they would make fun of them.

The Council Elders decide to call back Rupert to the Tier-4 Region.

They are going to make someone else take over the Leader position of the Blood Shadow Force.

While Rupert has to finish the incomplete task by himself.

They know that the target, Zack Lockwood, is not even an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior according to their information.

So it's easy for Rupert to eliminate Target.

When the meeting was ended.

Rupert was immediately notified.

He felt a thunderclap sound in his ears.

He knew the 2 Dark Envoys would make him a scapegoat.

They were extremely dissatisfied by the lack of talent here.

So they had chosen to take the anger out of him.

"Damn you," He cursed out loud.

He knows he can't go against the 2 Dark Envoys.

They can easily kill him with snap of their fingers.

He can only take his anger on the person who is responsible for all of this.

"Zack Lockwood," He uttered in a cold tone.

He wasn't able to kill the kid in the inner post region.

Now, he has enrolled at Star University.

He knew it would be even more difficult.

But Rupert sees an opportunity in this dire time.

The world energy in the Tier-4 region is the best place for Gold Mark Warriors like him.

Even an ordinary place is many times better than the Tier-5 region.

By taking this task, he can find time to cultivate as well.

He also knows it's impossible to deny the task.

The higher-ups want him to clear this shame by himself.

In the coming days, someone will come to take the position of the next leader.

He can then leave with the envoy.

Chapter 974: Reviewing the skills

From MC's Perspective:

The following day,

After getting ready, I left the residence.

Then I soon arrived at the Golden Lightning Palace.

Master Austin has told me that he would take a look at my skills.

Creak!

The massive door opened, and I walked inside.

When I got closer to his residence.

I saw Master Austin walking out.

“Let’s go to the fighting courtyard,” Austin said.

I nodded to him before following him.

When we reached the fighting courtyard.

We stood in the center of the huge fighting platform.

“Alright, show me your skills,” Austin said.

Hearing that, I decided to show the lightning skills and blood element skills, but I decided not to talk about the soul skills.

I always wondered why they couldn’t see that I knew soul techniques as well.

After pushing down these thoughts, I started to show the Sword Divide Technique.

“Sword Divide”

I channeled the purple essence through the veins according to the technique.

After circulation, I started to charge the black sword in my hand.

In the blink of an eye, the black blade flickers with a purple glint.

I swung the sword, aiming at the metallic Puppet in the distance.

Ka#boom!

The purple beam shot from the sword.

It went across in a straight line before striking the puppet.

Boom!

The metallic Puppet explodes into pieces.

The metallic parts rolled over the ground.

The purple lightning seed has made the lightning element more powerful and destructive.

Earlier, I had to release multiple attacks to make the puppet explode.

Here, I just released one attack.

And I know the metallic Puppet is many times better than metallic puppets in the inner post region.

After executing the technique, I turned towards Master for his comments.

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“It’s a simple sword attack.

You are just charging and releasing it.

The sword is acting as a medium.

But it's not real sword technique in some sense," Austin said without many expressions.

"But when it comes to the mastery of that said technique.

You are very good at it.

You are just one big step away from completion.

When you do that your attack moves would be natural," He added.

"Completion?

Is he talking about the Great Wheel," I thought.

Nonetheless, I noted down his comments in my heart.

"Next," Austin said.

Hearing that I decided to show the Lightning Wheel Technique.

As time passed, I continued to show one technique after another.

About 2 hours later,

"Apart from the sword technique, all other lightning techniques are good," Austin said with a serious face.

He realizes that Zack's cultivation talent is not only superior but also comprehension talent.

"When it comes to the Blood Element.

It was surprising and understandable.

Blood elements are so rare.

There aren't many cultivation methods available, including the techniques."

"I'm surprised that you even got one.

And those 2 techniques," Austin said with a smile.

"I guess you are hiding one more technique," Austin said.

Hearing that my heart skips a beat.

But before I could find a lie to convince him.

He said, "It's the healing technique I'm talking about.

Are you planning on showing it to Elder Ann?"

I sighed inwardly, knowing that it was a false alarm.

I was scared for nothing.

"Yes, master.

It's a simple healing technique," I replied to him.

"Alright, practice your technique here.

I'll go and fetch a useful technique for you," After saying that Austin left.

When he disappeared from the spot.

I turned my gaze towards the destroyed puppets.

After calming my heart, I started to recall the techniques in mind.

1.

Sword Divide: Perfect wheel (Intermediate)

2.

Lightning Wheel: Perfect wheel (Intermediate)

3.

Lightning Phantom: Perfect wheel (Intermediate)

4.

Blood Field Technique: Big wheel (Intermediate)

5.

Soul Tower Method: Big wheel (Proficient)

6.

Soul Needle Art: Big wheel (Proficient)

7.

Lightning finger technique: Big wheel (Intermediate)

8.

Blood Fist Technique: Big wheel (Intermediate)

9.

Healing Hand: Big Wheel (Intermediate)

10.

Lightning Drop: Small Wheel (Specialist)

After coming here, I didn't have time to hone my skills further.

Guess what?

I'm going to hone my skills all day today.

Then I started to practice the techniques.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

When it was dawn time.

Austin appeared at the fighting platform again.

This time, he is carrying old, worn-out pages.

But these seemingly worn-out pages have a record of dangerous lightning techniques.

“Zack, come here,” Austin called out.

Hearing my Master’s call, I stopped my practice and went to him.

“Alright, you have been practicing since morning.

You can give it a break.

Here, take this blood.

An unknown lightning technique is written in it.”

“I had found it during exploration in my early days.

Don’t underestimate it, just because it’s a gradeless technique.

I have practiced it as well,” Austin said.

Hearing that my heart set off storms.

He is giving me a priceless technique just like that.

I thought I had to earn points to learn such a technique.

I guess it’s the benefit of having such a Master.

He has already given me a growth-type lightning seed.

Now, I’m getting another treasure again.

“Don’t think too much about it.

After memorizing the technique, give it back to me,” Austin said after noticing Zack’s confusion.

Hearing that I received the blood and placed it in my storage ring.

Then I thought of something before asking, “Master, is there any place I can hunt monsters to hone my skills?”

Austin nodded his head before saying, “You are already part of the 20th Monster Hunting Squad.

You can join them to hunt monsters in secret lands.”

“This?” I became hesitant.

I don't want to show blood in front of them.

If I participated in a team, then I had to act low-key.

Which is not what I wanted.

"Is there any problem?" Austin asked.

"Master, I want to hunt the monsters alone," I replied, honestly.

"Hmmm," Austin raised his eyebrows.

He can see that Zack is not the type of forming and leading the team.

He is more of a lone wolf.

"There is a place.

Where you can hunt peacefully.

It's one of the secret lands under the control of the Thunderflame Faction," Austin said.

Hearing that I was shocked to the core.

"Master, does our faction also control secret lands?" I asked back.

"All secret lands are under the control of Star University.

It's just responsibilities were divided among various factions," Austin clarified.

“You can go and take a rest.

I’ll take you to that place tomorrow,” Austin said.

Then I bid goodbye to him before walking back to my residence.

After returning to the residence, I went to take a cold shower.

Then I returned to bed to sleep.

The following day,

After getting out of bed, I started doing the morning routine.

About 20 minutes later,

I entered the training room to cultivate.

My purple essence reserve is low.

I need to fill it.

After entering the training room, I sat cross-legged on the platform and started running the lightning scripture.

About 2 hours later,

I walked out of the platform and started to get ready.

Then, as usual, I reached the Golden Lightning Palace at 10 A.M.

When I got there.

I saw Master Austin was already waiting for me.

I walked up to him.

“Good, you are here on time,” Austin said before grabbing my shoulder.

Swoosh!

The next second, we vanished from the spot.

My visions were blurred.

Before I could think further.

Thud!

We landed on the ground.

When the vision became clear.

I noticed the place was dark.

I realized Master Austin had brought me to a secret place.

“Well, this place is an entry point to one of the secret lands.

Which is firmly guarded by Purple Rank Warriors,” Austin.

A quick gleam flashes in my eyes.

“This secret land will be not so dangerous for you.

Because the powerful monsters were already wiped out leaving behind only monsters under Commander Rank and General Rank for our students practice”

“Here, take this token.

After one hour you will be automatically escorted out.

I’ll come at that time,” Austin said.

“Okay, master,” I replied while receiving the token.

“Good,” Austin said before turning his gaze towards the empty black space.

Then he took out a similar token before pouring energies into it.

The token was completely charged.

He then shot the token into space.

Boom!

The token hovers in the air before a crack appears in the space.

It's the entrance to the secret land.

"Enter," Master Austin said.

Hearing that I quickly entered the secret entrance.

When I crossed the path.

I felt my vision go black before I landed on the ground.

When the vision becomes clear.

I noticed that the sky was bright.

Then I activated my perceptual ability.

The area surrounding me appears in my mind.

I picked one direction and started moving in that direction.

Not long after, I encountered a tree monster.

My perception picked up a movement from one of the tree roots.

I had no idea about the secret land.

Perhaps it could be land filled with tree monsters.

Chapter 975: Part 1: Ant Queen

From MC's Perspective:

The Tree Monster appears to be a Class-6 Monster.

I ignored it and started moving forward.

As Master Austin said, people have already cleared the Peak Stage Monsters, leaving behind High and below Middle-Class Monsters to train.

Just as I was sure that secret land was filled with Tree Monsters.

Buzz!

I hear a loud buzzing sound coming from a distance.

I raised my head and saw a 10ft Monster coming towards me.

I'm stunned.

The next second, I circulated the lightning power and shot a small purple lightning ball at the monster.

Ka#boom!

The purple lightning ball strikes the Monster.

The next second, the Monster explodes into pieces.

The blood and body parts were splattered all over the ground.

Looking at the splattered blood.

I looked at my palm.

A purple arc ran through my right hand.

It was a simple method that I had come up with without relying on the actual technique.

But it was enough to kill a Class-7 Monster.

This will save me from draining my mana reserve.

Then I continued to move forward.

Meanwhile,

The dead Ant Monster was a worker Ant.

Soon, the other workers, Ants, arrived at the place.

After seeing the gruesome death of their comrades.

The worker Ants sent a message to the queen.

In the middle of the secret land, a massive structure exists under the ground.

It was built by the Monster Ants.

In the deep location of the structure.

A 20ft Monster Ant Queen is resting.

It continuously gives commands to the Worker Ants.

Suddenly, it received the signal of emergency.

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Shriek!

The Monster Ant Queen let out a shriek, knowing that the enemy has appeared.

The powerful aura that bursts out from the Monster Queen is equal to the Early Stage Class-8 Monster.

The Monster Queen broke not long ago.

So it's quite confident of its strength.

It immediately gave signal to Worker Ants to capture the Enemy.

In the secret land, apart from the Monster Queen.

A Tree Monster is closer to reaching the Class-8 Rank.

It's just one step away from it.

So, no monster can pose a threat to the Monster Ant Queen.

After giving the order, the Monster Queen leaves her place and goes deep behind the structure.

The pathways appear to be naturally formed caves.

Yet, it's now part of the Giant Ant Colony.

The Monster Ant Queen finally arrives at the place.

It was a dark place.

But a ray of sunlight coming from above.

It illuminates the dark place.

The Monster Ant Queen then slowly enters what appears to be a pond filled with dark liquid.

The enemy contained in the Dark Liquid excites the Monster Ant Queen.

The existence of the Dark Liquid for its rapid growth.

If Austin were to see this he would be shocked to the core.

One of the priceless treasures in the Tier-4 region exists in one of their secret lands.

Those top bloodline families and inheritance families would die to get a few drops of the Dark Liquid.

Inside the forest, my perception has picked up the presence of several Ant Monsters.

Seeing that I wasn't surprised.

"They must have picked up the signal of the Dead Companion," I thought.

I gripped the black sword and looked at the Monsters around me.

Buzz!

A Giant Ant Monster closed in.

Seeing that I coated the black sword with lightning power.

When the Monster was an inch away from me.

Cut!

I swung the sword.

The black blade sliced through the body of the Monster.

The body is completely heaved in half.

Pfff!

Blood splattered all over the ground.

This was all happened within seconds.

Buzz!

Seeing their dead companion, the other Ant Monsters came towards me to attack.

I held the black sword tight and started swinging the around the sword.

Pfff!

The black blade sliced through the body parts of the monster one by one.

The purple lightning makes the monster paralysed upon contact.

Which made the monster unable to retaliate.

The blade easily then cuts through the body.

One after another, the Ant Monster's bodies drop to the ground one by one.

In the blink of an eye, the Monsters which have surrounded me have died.

The whole place looks gruesome.

The ground died red with the monster's blood.

A frown appeared on my face.

I don't know how many ant colonies are there.

But I knew that Monsters wouldn't let me go.

So I left the place immediately.

Then I started to go deeper.

On the other hand, the ant queen continues to send the signal.

It doesn't want the enemy to slip away after attacking them.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

After going through the dense forest, I have come to an unbelievable place.

In front of me is a huge Ant Colonies covering the land.

I couldn't even see the end.

Through my perception I noticed.

There are no Ant Monsters nearby.

I decided to retreat.

But all of a sudden a sense of crisis hit me.

I raised my head and saw a huge shadow coming towards me at a fast speed.

"Lightning Wheel"

A purple lightning wheel appears around me.

The silhouette then directly collides with me.

The lightning wheel explodes the next second.

I couldn't even see what exactly hit me.

My body flew backwards like a broken kite before smashing into the nearby trees.

I realised the strength of the Monster is above Class-7.

The silhouette is none other than the Ant Queen.

Her body was charred by the Lightning Power.

But it was not enough to kill her.

She has suffered slight injuries.

Her body defence is usually strong.

Yet the lightning power has managed to injure her.

The Ant Queen Monster was shocked.

She has a human-level intellect.

She became angry.

She decides to kill the enemy.

Feeling the threat, I raised my head and finally saw the appearance of the Monster.

My pupil shrinks.

I recognised the Monster instantly.

“Ant Queen,” I mumbled under my breath.

“It’s going to be troublesome,” I said in my heart.

Then I stood up.

I put the black sword back in my storage ring.

I have decided to use the blood element.

Buzz!

The Ant Queen rushed out towards me.

“Blood Fist”

I used the blood energy from my bones.

The blood energy starts to course through my arm before gathering at my fist.

When the Ant Queen was a few feet away from me.

I raised my fist to punch.

The punch filled with blood and fist power.

When my fist comes in contact with the Ant Queen's body.

Boom!

The Ant Queen let out a shriek.

The blood energy caused the monster's defence to crack.

Her injuries worsen further.

The Ant Queen retreat backwards.

Seeing that I raised my hand to hit the monster with the Purple Lightning Finger.

"Lightning Finger"

I used the finger technique.

A purple lightning shot from my finger.

The lightning beam went across in a straight line before striking the injuries of the Ant Queen.

Shreak!

The Ant Queen let out another shriek before flying fast back towards her den.

Seeing that Monster was fleeing.

My eyes flash with a glint.

I have decided to give it a chance.

As long as I can kill the Ant Queen.

Then dealing with the Worker Ants won't be a problem.

Swoosh!

I started to follow the monster from behind.

In the blink of an eye, the Monster Queen reaches the entrance to the Underground.

The Ant Queen wants to go to the Dark Liquid.

Where she can use the Dark Liquid to heal her injuries.

On the other hand, I saw the monster going underground.

A hint of hesitation flashes in my eyes.

But I think it's necessary to kill the monster.

The Monster is already Class 8.

It won't be long before it reaches Class 9.

Master Austin has told me that there are no Class-8 and Class-9 Monsters in the secret land.

But here the Ant Queen has managed to such a level.

My eyes flash with a curiosity.

So I followed the Monster from behind.

The underground path goes deeper with a bad smell.

I don't know how the Ant Queen lives here.

I hope there will be no danger ahead.

So I continued to follow the trail.

A few minutes later,

I saw the Ant Queen is going even further deep.

For a second, I showed some hesitation.

It doesn't look ant colony to me.

This place looks existed before the ant colony.

“Is the monster leading me to a trap?” I asked myself.

I know that Ant Queen has a human-level intellect.

So I should not underestimate it.

Then I used the lightning phantom technique to catch up with the monster.

In a zig-zag manner, I exploded at top speed.

If anyone looks at me, then they can see purple arcs.

In the blink of an eye, I was able to get closer to the Ant Queen.

The Ant Queen is going somewhere with destination in mind.

But there was no illumination here.

The place looks dark.

I’m using purple arcs to illuminate the path.

Chapter 976: Part 2: Ant Queen

From the MC’s Perspective:

The Ant Queen arrived at the Dark Liquid Pond, feeling happy as she approached the dark liquid.

She hurriedly entered the pond to heal her wounds.

Once she reached the middle of the pond, the Ant Queen stopped moving, and the dark liquid began to cover her body.

Upon contact with her injuries, the dark liquid started to react.

It seeped into her wounds, initiating the healing process.

Shriek!

The Ant Queen felt immense pain but knew the dark liquid was working.

She hoped that her enemy wouldn't discover this pond.

Meanwhile, I followed the dark path until I reached the end.

Under the dim atmosphere, I slowly advanced.

My perception ability remained active; if the Ant Queen was nearby, I would sense her presence.

Shortly afterwards, I arrived at the end.

Through my perception, I noticed a naturally formed pond ahead.

As I drew closer, I saw the Ant Queen Monster bathing in the strange liquid.

"What's going on?" I asked myself.

I sensed something was off.

The Ant Queen was injured-just why would she come here to bathe?

“There’s something wrong with the pond water,” a realization struck me.

This couldn’t be ordinary water.

I drew my black sword and held it firmly in my hand.

Swoosh!

I quickly entered the pond area to strike.

“Sword Divide!”

In mere seconds, I executed the technique.

The black sword charged with energy, flickering with a purple glint.

Boom!

A beam of purple lightning shot straight from the sword, striking the Ant Queen hard.

Ka-boom!

The Ant Queen took a heavy hit.

Amid her healing, she couldn’t dodge the attack, and the lightning power surged through her injuries.

Shriek!

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The Ant Queen let out a pained cry as her vitality began to wane.

In desperation, she sought to submerge herself back into the Dark Liquid.

“Sword Divide!”

Noting the monster’s intentions, I decided to unleash a series of continuous lightning attacks.

Boom!

Lightning beams struck one after another, further worsening the Ant Queen’s injuries.

With time passing, her vitality dropped at a rapid rate.

About ten minutes later, the Ant Queen’s body stopped moving.

She finally succumbed to the loss of vitality.

Phew!

I let out a sigh of relief and sheathed my sword back into the storage ring, then shifted my attention to the pond.

I lifted my right hand, conjuring a small purple lightning ball that illuminated the surroundings.

What I saw in the pond was not cave water but an unknown dark liquid.

“A natural treasure,” I thought to myself.

Now, I understood the existence of the Ant Queen Monster.

It had risen to Class-8, likely because of this Dark Liquid.

As an SSS-ELITE Rank Warrior, I realized that this unknown dark liquid could potentially accelerate my growth.

If this dark liquid was dangerous, I was not afraid; I had confidence in my Blood Element Method.

After contemplating my thoughts, I entered the dark pond and walked to its centre to begin cultivating the Blood Element Method.

I felt this method was the most suitable for me at this moment.

As I commenced my practice, the Blood Rune in my mind began to flicker.

The dark liquid around me reacted, and I heard the sound of bubbles popping as if the dark liquid was boiling.

This extreme reaction sent a shudder through me.

I noticed there was no such reaction when the Ant Queen was healing; it had to be a response to the Blood Element Method.

I closed my eyes and focused on my cultivation.

Extreme dark energies surged into my body through every pore, causing a burning sensation.

The dark energy inflicted a tearing pain.

For a fleeting moment, I considered abandoning my practice, but I dismissed that thought at the last second.

Opportunities like this to encounter a natural treasure were rare.

If I tried to acquire something like this outside, I could only imagine how expensive it would be.

So, I decided to make the most of this opportunity before the time ran out.

Master Austin had given me only one day.

Initially, I thought it would be just one hour, but now I realise one day was the minimum limit.

I began to guide the dark energy according to the Blood Element Method.

After completing one circulation, I envisioned a blood-red light.

To my surprise, the refined dark energy started to flow directly into the bones throughout my body.

This unexpected change sent chills down my spine.

I knew that only mysterious white energies usually aided my growth.

However, the dark energy bypassed the conversion process and directly entered my bones.

What was even stranger was that I felt no pain at all.

This was absurd.

I continued to concentrate on the process.

As time went by, the red skeleton eagerly absorbed the refined dark energies.

The red runes inscribed upon my bones began to shift to a dark red, emanating a sinister aura.

At first, the dark liquid showed no signs of depletion.

About an hour later, however, I noticed that the dark liquid was starting to decrease.

At the same time, incredible changes were taking place inside my body.

Not only were my bones becoming stronger, but my skin, flesh, tendons, bone marrow, and internal organs were also being fortified.

This strengthening felt different from other types I had experienced before-the dark energy left behind a dark red aura in all parts of my body.

Before I could think further, I sensed a limit-a small stage barrier.

If I broke through it, I would reach the Mid Stage.

I assumed the changes would stop there, but to my surprise, my bones absorbed the dark energy even more greedily.

In the blink of an eye, I hit the limit, and the barrier became solid and unyielding.

Click!

Shortly afterwards, the barrier shattered, unable to withstand the power of the dark energy.

This development filled my heart with immense joy.

Due to the breakthrough, my physique began to strengthen even further.

I continued to circulate the dark energy to stabilize my foundation.

As time passed, the dark liquid depleted further.

The Ant Queen had consumed less energy to become a Class-8 Monster.

I realized that even a small-stage breakthrough was draining the dark liquid faster than I expected.

Thirty minutes later, after stabilizing my current base, I opened my eyes and looked at the pond.

To my shock, the dark liquid had been reduced by half.

I was taken aback-had I consumed half of the pond's liquid for just a small breakthrough?

I didn't know whether to laugh or cry, but one thing was certain: I felt strong.

If I faced the Ant Queen now, a single punch would be enough to render the monster half-dead.

Then I looked at the timer and the remaining pond liquid, and a crazy idea crossed my mind.

I didn't want to leave the remaining liquid behind.

A determined glint appeared in my eyes.

I closed my eyes again and continued to run the blood element technique.

As I suspected, my skeleton greedily absorbed the refined dark energy.

As time passed, the dark liquid continued to deplete, revealing the bottom surface of the pond.

Thirty minutes later, the dark liquid in the pond was completely drained.

Feeling the sudden lack of energy, I opened my eyes.

Looking around, I saw that the pond was empty.

"What is the source of the dark liquid?" I wondered.

I crouched down to examine the bottom of the pond, hoping to find something that might have produced the dark liquid, but there was nothing.

It seemed as if someone had poured the dark liquid here, but I knew that was impossible.

Why would anyone come to place a treasure here?

"Could it be the Ant Queen?" I murmured, glancing at the corpse nearby.

But I also recognized the difficulty of that idea.

The Ant Queen had human-level intelligence, but her ability to find such a treasure might be different.

I concluded that the Ant Queen was likely found in the presence of the Dark Liquid Pond.

Now that the dark liquid was gone, it was time to assess my gains.

I began to evaluate my physique.

“SSS-ELITE Mid Stage.”

A glint of excitement flashed in my eyes.

I suspected I was above the mid-stage already; with just a little more energy, I could break through the next barrier.

But it was a pity that the dark liquid was completely gone.

I stood up and began to leave the area.

I realized that I was underneath the Ant Colony, so I decided to use the lightning phantom technique.

Purple lightning arced around my legs, and I exploded forward with incredible speed.

A few minutes later, I emerged from the Ant Colony.

I looked around and found no sign of other monsters.

Satisfied, I started my journey back to my previous location.

About 20 minutes later,

I felt the token was reacting.

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

Chapter 977: Study Plan

From MC's Perspective:

Buzz!

The token in my hand reacted.

Invisible energy wraps me around before I am thrown out of the secret land.

When I opened my eyes.

I found Master Austin standing in front of me.

Austin smiled upon seeing Zack.

He wants to greet him, but he widens in surprise the next second.

"You found an opportunity to break through," He asked.

I nodded to him.

"Good," He said with a smile.

Then he grabs Zack's shoulder before leaving from the spot.

Shortly afterwards,

Both returned to the Golden Lightning Palace.

After returning to the residence, Austin sat on the sofa.

I sat opposite him in the chair.

"So how was it?" Austin asked.

Hearing that, I have decided to ignore encountering Ant Queen.

"The training went well.

I fought against the Tree Monsters," I said to him.

"Hmm, the Tree Monsters are good target practice,"

Austin said in affirmation.

Then he thought of something before saying, "Take good rest today.

From tomorrow you should visit Elder Ann.

She is waiting for your visit?"

"Elder Ann?" I uttered in surprise.

I think she must have made some study plans for me.

Then we discussed a few things before I walked out of the Golden Lightning Palace.

A few minutes later,

I arrived at my residence.

This place is now calm and serene.

No one is gathering here to cause trouble.

After entering the room, I decided to take a bath before going to bed.

The Following Day,

After completing the morning routine, I entered the Training Room.

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

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In my hand, there are old, worn-out book pages.

I wonder what type of technique is it.

Then I started to go through the pages.

The technique was written in ancient text.

Fortunately, the last page has deciphered text.

I started to read it.

A few minutes later,

I was astonished.

Master Austin was right.

It's indeed a lightning technique.

And it's a control-type lightning technique.

It's called Lightning Cage.

The deciphered text has detailed the route of essence circulation.

So following it won't cause any problem.

Hoping that I decided to try to memorize the technique first.

20 minutes later,

I channelled the purple essence in the following route.

The process is slow.

I took time to make a complete circulation.

Only after doing the circulation right can I channel the energy outward.

Time passed in the blink of an eye,

I was exhausted 2 hours later.

There is no purple essence in the Dantian.

I need to replenish before continuing the practice.

But I don't have time for that now.

Today, I have to visit Elder Ann.

She must have known I had returned from the secret land.

Then, I walked out of the training room and went to take a shower.

Meanwhile,

Ronnie was displeased by the reactions shown by the members of the Dark Variant Faction.

He has been doing fine until he received defeat at the hands of Zack Lockwood.

Before everyone was optimistic about him.

People took the initiative to make friends with him.

Now, the single defeat has caused countless doubts to arise.

Maybe others don't know.

But he knows the power of his dark lightning.

It was equally pressured by Zack Lockwood's purple lightning.

During the duel itself, he noticed that the purple lightning technique of the opponent was unusual.

If he had known that before the duel, he would have made adequate preparation.

His overreliance on the dark lightning made him forget the basic things.

So the defeat had enlightened him.

He was not worried about other things.

Yet the people around him didn't think so.

The other members felt the defeat was personal.

They had already decided to fight against Zack Lockwood if he came out of the Thunderflame Faction territory.

So they have their Members in the Outer Hall looking out for him.

As long as that person appears, the rest of the team will go there.

On the other hand, the conflict between the Dark Variant Faction and the Thunderflame Faction was the centre of the attraction.

But that doesn't mean others are staying silent.

The 2 Bloodline Factions were making their small moves as well.

It's just their target is another faction in the Top 10 Rankings.

Yet the information regarding Ronnie's defeat at the hands of the newbie has reached their member's ears.

Many got defeated at the hands of Ronnie at the same rank.

So this news came as a surprise for them.

Some of the warriors have decided to try out the test of the newcomer.

So that everyone can know who is strongest in the Star University when it comes to SSS-ELITE Rank.

Apart from the 4 Factions, there were also different Elemental Factions, named as per the Elements.

They are Blazing Fire, Dew Water, Storm Wind, Mountain Earth,

Dazzling Gold and Cutting Silver.

The news has reached them as well.

Compared to the top 4, the remaining Faction have a large number of warriors, including the Black Mark, Silver Mark, Gold Mark and Purple Mark Warriors.

Yet a single warrior from any of the top 4 Factions can defeat many of the warriors in their factions.

The top 4 Factions have qualities.

The remaining ones have quantities.

So whenever something related to the top 4 happens in the University.

They watch the show from the sidelines.

After knowing that someone from the Thunderflame Faction defeated a warrior from the Dark Variant Faction.

People become more interested.

Especially those who continuously compare themselves to the Top 4 Factions' geniuses.

So the Warriors in the Outer Hall are looking for Zack Lockwood.

As long as he appears, the remaining faction warriors would come as well.

Meanwhile,

I arrived at the Healing Palace after getting ready.

I decided to inform her.

But I found the Gate was already open.

Then I opened the door and walked inside towards her residence.

When I got to the house door.

Elder Ann opened the door and greeted me inside.

“Zack, I thought you forgot about your healing element?” Ann said jokingly as she sat on the sofa.

I sat on the chair and replied, “Elder, I planned to come here after achieving a physique breakthrough at that time.”

Ann’s eyes were observing his Physique changes.

She found a dark, menacing aura inside the organs.

Her expression changed for a second before she confirmed that dark energies were part of him.

Others can’t tell the changes because they were minute.

As a healing element warrior.

She can feel the changes inside of Zack’s body.

“Tell me what did you do in the secret land?

I see a lot of dark aura inside you.

Strangely, they are not foreign substances but you have refined them," Ann asked in a solemn tone.

"I'm exposed," I thought.

"Master, I refined some strange liquid by using the blood element method.

They have become part of bones and body.

You can tell that I had a small stage breakthrough as well," I answer her.

Since she has found out.

There is no point in lying.

"That's why you broke through fast.

Elder Austin told me earlier.

But he must have misunderstood the source," Ann said with understanding of the situation.

"I don't know about the Blood Element that much.

But I will find some time to look up some books for you," Ann said.

"Thank you, master," I replied, truly grateful.

"Now, let's go to the healing part.

I don't see any healing essence in your Dantian.

You should give importance to practising the healing method as well," Ann said in a stern tone.

I nodded to her helplessly.

"These days, I have arranged a study plan for you," After saying that, she sent the document to his contact.

Buzz!

The notification came, and I opened the document to take a look.

But after reading several lines.

I got blacklines on my forehead.

"Master, what is this?"

"You want me to fight duels every day," I asked out of curiosity.

Ann nodded her head.

Looking at her old face, I doubt she is joking with me.

So this study plan is real.

"The Unique Healing Technique is different.

You have to practice it daily.

I feel daily duels will increase your progress.”

“The continuous duel will burden your body.

It will put stress on your internal system, including organs, veins and bones.”

“By practising the Unique healing technique, would alleviate the burden.

At the same time, it will improve your mastery of the technique,” She said in her opinion.

Hearing that I find it logical.

But the problem is not me but Master Austin.

He has been banned from participating in faction fights.

Then I told her about it.

Master Ann nodded her head before saying, “Elder Austin was right.

There is no need for you to be involved in faction fights.

But you can find ThunderFlame Faction members to fight.”

“What do you think?

I have a good idea in my mind.

I'll post a task of wanting someone to duel with you daily.

The interested warriors can get points after fighting a set number of duels daily," Ann said with a smile.

I found the plan was good as well.

"Okay," I replied, agreeing with her plan.

Chapter 978: 2 Options

From MC's Perspective:

"Good, then I'll post the task.

You can start fighting duels from noon onwards.

We can set up three duels per day.

But we have one more thing to decide," Elder Ann said with a smile.

"What is it, master?" I asked.

"Our University has 2 combat training plans.

One is to use a virtual platform to fight against your opponents.

The other one is the real combat.

Where you fight against your opponent live in front of an audience.”

“For the First one, there is a Virtual Training lab installed by the University in each Hall.

You have to go to the Outer Hall to use that facility.”

“The second one is a bit easy; every Faction has huge fighting platforms to train their faction members.

We have one as well.

The members are training every day in the platform,” Ann explained.

“Virtual Training Lab?” I uttered in surprise.

I have yet to roam across the Outer Hall and look at various training facilities.

I was planning to visit the places.

But the Faction Conflicts have caused change in my plans.

“Master, what do you just?” I asked.

Ann nodded before saying, “The first option is best for you.

Because if you are fighting virtually.

It won’t affect your physical body.

It’s like a game, but it’s more advanced.

You will feel the real pain if you get hurt.”

“But the second option comes with a risk.

If you get injured or your opponent gets injured, it would be a waste of them.

Then you or your opponent have to spend some time in healing injuries.”

“So you should go to the Virtual Training Lab this noon.

Make sure to return to the Faction after completing the task.

There are chances that Students from other factions would come to challenge you,” She added further.

I raised my eyebrows in surprise.

She is saying it casually.

But what to do if others come to challenge me?

I don’t want to be high profile.

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“Don’t worry, master.

I’ll ignore then,” I replied.

“Good, you can use the essence chamber in my palace to cultivate.

After Posting the task, I’ll notify you at noon,” Ann said.

She then recalls something before adding, “I have modified the access.

You can use your ID to enter the Chamber.

The essence chamber is at the back of my residence.

It’s similar to the one in the Golden Lightning Palace.

You don’t have to worry.”

I revealed a wry smile.

She saw through my small thoughts.

“Alright, master.

I’m going,” After saying that I left her residence in a hurry.

Ann lets out a small chuckle.

Then she calls Elder Austin to share the news.

On the other hand, I arrived at the Essence Chamber shortly afterwards.

In front of me is a small building.

Apart from the Training Chamber, there are other chambers as well.

Out of curiosity, I looked at others.

“Seed Collection Chamber,” I read the name on the digital board.

A sudden realisation dawned on me.

She is a healer and warrior at the same time.

So her chambers are related to healing seeds, plants and fruits.

After giving one last glance at that chamber, I walked to the Essence Chamber.

I showed my I.D.

over the smart screen.

Creak!

My I.D.

was verified.

The next second, the door opens.

I walked inside, and the door behind me shut automatically.

Then I turned around to look at the console.

I walked up to it and saw the chamber function was set at the basic settings.

After confirming that I turned on the function.

Buzz!

With a sound, the world's energy starts coming in from the inlet.

Seeing that, I walked to the platform and sat cross-legged on the ground.

My physique has gone beyond the SSS-ELITE Mid Stage.

It's one step away from reaching the Peak.

So I can start focusing on the essence cultivation.

I closed my eyes and started running the lightning scripture.

The abundant pure world energy fills the entire chamber in the blink of an eye.

The Lightning rune in my mind flickers.

Slowly, the purple energy starts floating towards me.

As time passes, more and more purple energy enters the body.

Feeling that I started to guide the energy in the body according to the lightning scripture.

The pure purple lightning energy starts coursing through my veins.

After circulation, the refined purple energy enters the dantian.

The refined energy then settles down in the middle of the dantian slowly.

Seeing that I continued to repeat the process.

Meanwhile,

Elder Ann spoke to Elder Austin and conveyed her plan.

Elder Austin showed some hesitation but he agreed in the end.

In one way or another, they felt they were restricting Zack Lockwood from fighting.

A True Warrior grows from the challenges.

They don't want their conditions to put restrictions on Zack's growth.

In that way, Elder Ann's study plan can be considered as good.

She allowed Zack to fight.

Austin is looking forward to daily duels as well.

His other disciples are not in the University.

If they were here, he would have asked them to spar with Zack Lockwood.

Elder Ann then officially posted a task on Thunderflame Faction's page.

Elder Ann is one of the Main Elders.

So, her post immediately attracted attention.

When warriors read the information.

It alarmed everyone.

The post says that there is a special task available.

The special task is about fighting Zack Lockwood in Virtual Duels.

The task requires 3 SSS-ELITE Rank Warriors to fight Zack Lockwood every day.

Those who select a task will be given points regardless of the results.

But if someone defeats Zack Lockwood in a Virtual duel.

They would be given additional points.

The Timing of the duel starts at noon.

The news caused commotion among the ranks of warriors and elders.

The news quickly starts to spread like a wildfire.

Especially those who were training inside the Thunderflame Faction Territory were the first ones to notice the news.

Right after, the members immediately went to the Task Hall inside the Thunderflame Faction to register.

But the problem is large number of warriors are going for the same reason.

When it comes to the Task Hall.

The First person who picks the task would be given preference based on first come, first served.

At this time, there is already a small crowd in front of the Task Hall.

They were here for the different tasks.

But Elder Ann's task has caused commotion.

The staff were all surprised and quite shocked.

They are discussing it among themselves.

Their conversations have attracted the attention of the warriors as well.

"Hey, what is it?"

"Care to share with me?" A female warrior asked.

She is SSS-ELITE Peak Stage Rank.

She is part of the reputed Monster Hunting Squad in the Thunderflame Faction.

So the staff didn't dare to neglect her.

They told her about the special task.

"What?" She exclaimed in a surprise.

"Rosie, what happened?" Her team member called out from behind.

Hearing that she narrowed her eyes.

If she tells them, then they will jump in line to register.

"It's nothing," She replied.

Then she turned toward the staff and said, "Hey, let's go and register my name first."

"Okay," the staff said before leaving her to the monitor.

Her Monster Hunting Squad saw her behaviour.

But they ignored it.

Rosie then walks up to the monitor before selecting the special mission.

Her team has a plan to go outside for a mission.

Now that she has selected the mission.

She is going to fight a duel against Zack Lockwood in the afternoon.

And it's going to be a virtual duel.

It's a good deal for her.

The Virtual Duels won't have her actual body.

So she can participate in the team mission tomorrow.

Just after she finished the registration, she heard a huge commotion from her behind.

She turns around casually.

The next second, her eyes widened in disbelief.

A huge crowd of people came running towards her.

"Move, they are coming for the special mission," The staff behind the desk alerted her.

Hearing that Rosie immediately moved aside.

The groups of warriors immediately arrive in front of the mission desk.

Then they start asking about the special mission.

"Someone has registered the first place already.

Only remaining 2 positions a available today," The staff explained.

Hearing that the bulky warrior standing first in line raised his hand and said, "Register my name."

"You can do it on the screen," The staff said.

Hearing that bulky warrior proceeds to register his name.

"You dare," All of a sudden, someone hits the back of the bulky warrior, hindering them from registration.

The Bulky Warrior was pissed off.

He immediately turns around to fight.

"Which one of you did that?" He shouted in a loud tone.

But none of them replied.

They were tactical.

Everyone's goal is to stop him from registering.

And they are not blind enough to use their element here.

They were banned from fighting anywhere else except the fighting platforms.

So they are not going to do that.

“Puny tricks,” The bulky warrior saw through everything.

He decides to proceed again.

Chapter 979: Lightning King

From MC’s Perspective:

Buzz!

The notification sound broke my concentration.

I opened my eyes and saw it was a call from Master Ann.

I immediately answered the call.

“Master,” I said.

“Zack, it’s time for you to appear.

Go to the Virtual Training Lab right now.

The three warriors in the SSS-ELITE rank have registered their names and are going to duel against you shortly,” Ann’s voice came through the other end.

“Okay, Master.

I’m going,” I replied.

After ending the call, I focused on my body and checked my dantian.

It was filled with purple lightning essence.

I figured it was enough for me to fight in continuous duels.

I stood up and walked to the console to turn off the function.

As I did, the remaining world energy began to deplete rapidly.

I opened the door and started to walk out.

Master Ann had instructed me to go to the Virtual Training Lab, but my back was drenched in sweat.

I decided I needed a quick shower first.

So, I rushed back to my residence.

About 25 minutes later, I walked out of the Thunderflame Faction territory, feeling ready.

With no one following me, I started walking towards the Virtual Training Lab.

I had a map with me that outlined the route, so I continued toward my destination.

Meanwhile, three warriors from the Thunderflame Faction had already gathered in the Training Facility inside the Virtual Training Lab building.

They were Rosie, an SSS-ELITE Peak Stage Warrior with the element of blue lightning; Iron, a bulky warrior and SSS-ELITE Mid-Stage with the element of Red Forest Fire; and Russel, a slender-looking SSS-ELITE Peak Stage Warrior with the element of green lightning.

The three of them stood in front of the training room.

“Where is he?” Rosie muttered to herself.

She was the first to arrive and was now feeling curious.

The other two arrived shortly after her.

Their names had spread throughout the Thunderflame Faction, and everyone was looking forward to this matchup.

“He must be on his way,” Iron said, crossing his arms.

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“When did Elder Ann accept a disciple?

Why did she post a task to help the newcomer?” Russel asked, sounding doubtful.

“It’s impossible.

He is a lightning-element warrior, and Elder Ann is a healer.

There has to be another reason,” Iron countered.

Hearing their conversation, Rosie shook her head.

A few minutes later, I arrived at the tower-shaped glass building.

The architecture seemed to fit the name of the Virtual Training Lab perfectly.

Not many people were walking by, allowing me to enter the building easily.

“Do you need any help?” A beautiful voice reached my ears.

I turned to see a middle-aged lady in a black suit.

“Hi, I’m here for the virtual fights,” I said to her.

“Good, my name is Olivia.

I’m the staff member in charge here.

You can go to the second floor; the Training Facility is there,” she patiently explained.

I thanked her before moving toward the lift.

Shortly afterwards, I exited the lift and saw three people standing in front of a room next to me.

Realization hit me: they must be the warriors who were going to challenge me.

They turned to me, sensing my gaze.

“Hi, I’m Zack Lockwood,” I introduced myself.

The three of them appeared surprised.

“You’re late, but it’s okay.

My name is Rosie.

I’m part of Black Flame Palace,” Rosie said, smiling.

“I’m Iron, part of Ice and Fire Palace,” Iron said with a wide grin.

“And I’m Russel; I’m part of Lightning Wolf Palace,” Russel said, his expression indifferent.

I smiled in response.

The opponents were strong-two of them from the Main Elder factions.

The last one, from Lightning Wolf Palace, was known for having only a few but exceptionally strong members.

All three could push me to use my full strength.

“Alright, let’s go inside,” I said.

Creak!

We entered the room, and the door shut automatically behind us.

“Wow, we have visitors here,” an old voice greeted us.

I turned to see an older man in a white coat addressing us.

“We’re here for the virtual duel; it was the task assigned in the Thunderflame Faction,” Rosie explained to the old man.

“My name is Daniel; I’m the Supervisor here.

We have already received notification regarding the virtual duels, so you all have virtual accounts,” he said.

“Yes,” the three of them replied, while I remained silent.

“I’m the newcomer here, so this will be my first experience,” I stated.

“It’s easy to create a virtual account.

Once inside the pod chamber, just follow the instructions to create an account,” the old man said.

“Okay,” I replied.

The old man turned to the others and asked, “Share your usernames so that the young man can send a duel request.” Hearing this, Rosie and two others provided their usernames.

The old man then gave us some basic instructions.

We were asked to enter the pod chamber, and after stepping inside, I put on the helmet as instructed.

I closed the top door securely.

The next moment, the lights turned on, and the helmet activated.

I felt my consciousness being pulled into a different space.

It felt unreal.

This was my first experience with such advanced technology.

When I opened my eyes, I found myself standing on solid ground.

I was in the middle of a blue sphere; it was a virtual space designed for the duel.

Buzz!

In the next instant, a blue screen appeared in front of me, displaying instructions for new users.

I followed the prompts to create an ID, using the name “Lightning King.” After creating the ID, I sent duel requests to three users.

Outside the pod chamber, Old Man Daniel looked at the large blue screen displaying the scenes of four warriors inside the blue virtual space.

When he saw the ID name “Lightning King,” he shook his head.

“This kid is clueless.

That name is going to offend many people,” the old man said to himself with a smile.

The Virtual Training Lab is accessible to the entire Star University community.

Everyone has a virtual ID, including all halls and elders.

This duel would be recorded and could be watched by anyone with a virtual ID at Star University whenever a virtual duel took place.

Students would receive a link to view the duel, meaning the name “Lightning King” would be seen by many.

The old man wondered whether the news would circulate, but he thought Zack’s reaction would be worth watching.

Rosie, Iron, and Russel accepted the duel request, all surprised by the ID name.

Even the Purple Mark Warriors don’t typically dare to use the word “king” in their usernames.

For now, they could only wish him good luck.

Once the duel request was accepted, all warriors with virtual IDs received messages about it.

Some who were busy disregarded the messages, while others felt curious.

It is not easy to use the Virtual Training Lab; registration for a duel is required first, followed by a waiting period for the request to be processed and approved.

There are only a few hundred pod chambers in the Virtual Training Lab, and they require careful maintenance, so unnecessary duels are not permitted.

Consequently, many were interested in watching the duel.

Among the Thunderflame Faction, everyone accepted the link to watch the virtual duel, which was about to begin shortly.

Elder Austin and Elder Ann accepted the viewing link from their palace.

A few mid-level elders from the Thunderflame Faction, such as Clinton Francis and Sally Johns, also accepted the link.

They had recruited Zack Lockwood to Star University and convinced him to join their faction.

Both were shocked by Zack's progress, having two main elders as his masters during this time.

They were thrilled to watch this duel.

However, the link wasn't just accepted by the Thunderflame Faction members; warriors from other factions, including those from the Top 10 Factions, also joined in.

Inside the Dark Variant Faction, Ronnie was at his residence when he casually accepted the link from the Virtual Training Lab to watch the duel.

But when he saw the usernames and their faction names, he was stunned and stared at the screen.

"Is it him?" he asked himself, noticing that the challengers were identified as SSS-ELITE Rank Warriors.

His instincts told him something significant was about to happen.

Suddenly, the scene shifted, revealing a blue space where two warriors stood facing each other.

He focused on the male warrior, knowing he would never forget that face.

"This is him," he murmured to himself.

However, when he saw the username, his mouth twitched.

He hesitated, realizing he couldn't take such a risk.

"He's about to face a storm of challenges," he thought, a smile creeping onto his face.

"It seems our members in the Dark Variant Faction won't have to lift a finger."

Now, he was determined to confirm his suspicions.

He knew that Zack Lockwood's purple lightning was unusual, and this duel would provide him with valuable information.

Settling comfortably on the couch, Ronnie fixed his gaze on the screen, ready to watch.

Chapter 980: 1st Virtual duel win

From MC's Perspective:

Inside the blue space, I'm standing with anticipation.

I just sent a request to others.

Don't know who will fight against me first?

Swoosh!

The next second, a figure appeared opposite me.

The person is none other than Iron, SSS-ELITE Mid-Stage Warrior.

Even though he is a Mid-Stage Warrior.

I'm not going to underestimate him.

Because he is part of the Ice and Fire Palace.

I don't think Main Elder Cathy would accept a normal genius to her Ice and Fire Palace.

"Ha..Ha..Ha., I'm the first one to fight against you.

Let's see whether you are strong as everyone says," Iron said with a laugh.

[Countdown starts 1...2....]

The Mechanical voice sounded.

Hearing that I manifested a black sword in my hand similar to the original one.

Iron manifested a huge hammer.

He held the hammer handle by using both of his hands.

[Countdown 3...

Ended.]

Swoosh!

With a determined stride, Iron lunged forward to strike, lifting the hammer high.

In an instant, intense dark red flames engulfed the hammer, radiating power and intensity.

A single strike from it can obliterate the target, reducing it to mere fragments, while intense red flames instantly incinerate anything in its path.

I felt the intense heat radiating from the hammer.

I know it's virtual, but still, the flame power is incredible.

I gripped my sword and quickly started charging the blade with purple essence.

"I can't rely on my perception in this situation, so I need to be extra cautious," I thought.

As Iron lifted his hammer to deliver a fierce blow, I decisively unleashed a powerful lightning beam from my sword.

"Sword Divide."

The purple beam surged forward, slicing through the air at breakneck speed, locking onto the fiery red hammer.

In an instant, the two collided in an explosive clash.

Collision!

A loud, terrible sound echoed through the space.

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I knew it was not real, so I was not worried about my surroundings.

Instead, I used the lightning phantom technique to reach him.

Argh!

A determined grunt escaped Iron's lips as the purple beam surged forward, overpowering his attack with fierce intensity.

Lightning arcs sizzled against his skin, but he refused to back down.

Just as he braced for another strike, an instinctual sense of danger gripped him.

"Damn it!" he shouted, channeling his frustration as he swung his hammer with renewed vigor.

A swirling tornado of red flames erupted around him, fueled by the force of his swing.

Swoosh!

I appeared before him, locked in his gaze, the tornado of crimson flames swirling protectively around him.

A fierce glint flashed in my eyes.

"Lightning Wheel!"

A powerful purple lightning wheel materialized around me, unleashing an awe-inspiring destructive force.

The lightning wheel sliced through the raging tornado, showing no signs of being affected.

Iron's sense of crisis intensified as he realized the threat.

"What is he planning?" he questioned himself, unease gripping him.

But before he could think any further, he witnessed the impossible.

Zack Lockwood charged directly at him, the formidable lightning wheel poised to make contact with the furious flames of the tornado.

"It's over," Iron muttered, a sinking feeling settling in.

Ka#boom!

The purple lightning wheel detonated upon colliding with the fierce red tornado, unleashing a surge of energy that quelled the flames instantly.

As the red tornado collapsed in an eye blink, the remaining lightning power surged toward him, striking his body with force.

"Impossible," he stated, feeling the overwhelming power of the lightning surge through him for the first time.

Even the mere presence of that energy was enough to instill a sense of dread.

Pfff!

Blood splattered.

He is feeling heart-wrenching pain as the lightning power destroys his bones and flesh.

The pain that occurs in virtual space makes you feel real.

In the blink of an eye, both of his arms exploded, and his left leg smothered into pieces.

He stared in disbelief at the chaos unfolding around him.

He had been certain that his flame tornado would successfully block the lightning strike.

Yet, despite his SSS-ELITE Mid-Stage Body, the force of the impact was overwhelming.

He was propelled backwards.

Tud!

The body landed on the ground.

He looks miserable, half beaten to death.

[The challenger lost the condition to fight.]

[Zack Lockwood declared as the winner]

The next second, Iron's body disappears.

Seeing that Lightning Wheel attack beat him to half death.

My eyes flash with satisfaction.

It's the effect of purple lightning seed.

If it were an ordinary warrior, he would have been killed by the sword move.

Yet Iron's flame hammer took the full brunt of the sword.

Which left him with a superficial injury.

The real killer move was the lightning wheel.

I have used it countless times as my end moves so far.

[You got 5 minutes to prepare for the 2nd duel]

The Mechanical voice sounded again.

I don't know how it works in virtual.

I thought of a purple essence reserve.

The next second, the information appears in front of my eyes.

[Dantian Lightning Reserve: 87%]

Seeing that I clicked my tongue.

The Virtual Training Lab is something.

Everything here is data.

I guess this data was made after calculating the power of my two moves.

Outside,

Iron removed his helmet and opened the cover of the pod chamber to step out.

He then stood on the ground and started gasping for breath.

“Here, consume this potion kid.

It will energize you,” Old Man Daniel gave him a bottle containing white liquid.”

Iron didn’t say anything, he directly accepted the bottle.

He removed the cork and swallowed the white liquid in one go.

A few seconds later, he started feeling the effects.

The mental tiredness was gone.

His mind was clear.

His body is being energized as well.

He took a deep breath before calming down his heart.

“It’s not your first time fighting inside the virtual space.

Then why are you gasping for breath,” the Old man asked.

“Yes, it’s not my first time.

But this is time for me to face death,” Iron replied.

He was half beaten to death with a crippled condition.

It’s close to real-life death as well.

Old man Daniel nodded his head in understanding.

“You have blocked his sword’s energy with a hammer.

Yet your fire elemental couldn’t withstand the destruction of purple lightning.”

“The data were off the charts.

The destructive power of lightning instantly destroyed your flames.

So your defeat is logical,” the Old man said while looking at the blue screen in front of him.

The other staff were seriously working to record the profile information of Zack Lockwood.

Especially the information related to combat ability.

The information will help Elders to come up with a good training plan.

“So strong,” Iron gulped his saliva when he saw the destructive power of purple lightning recorded in four digits.

While his flame-destructive power was under three digits.

So his defeat was convincing.

Iron then looks at the other 2 pod chambers.

They must have watched the duel from their perspective.

So he thought of something before asking, "Elder, what do you think of them?"

"Them?" Daniel's mouth curves into an arc.

"Yes," Iron replied; he wanted to see whose lightning power was best.

"They will lose," Daniel uttered.

Hearing that Staff who were working smiled knowingly.

Because they have the data of Rosie and Russel with them.

There is a huge gap between the power of lightning shown by Zack Lockwood and their recorded data.

"How?" Iron asked out of curiosity.

Old man Daniel looks at the screen, which has 2 minutes left before the next duel.

"You kid look at his chart.

His last lightning strike has caused 1124 Degrees Celsius of heat.

While the 2 fellows in the pod chamber have 556° C and 587° C.”

“Among the three, your data chart is weak.

Your forest flame’s tornado strike showed a heat of 487°c.

That’s why it got obliterated by the purple lightning,” Daniel said while pointing fingers at the chart on the blue screen.

Gasp!

Iron sucked a cold breath of air.

“How is it possible?

All of us are in the same rank,” Iron said in his heart.

He has seen this level of power output in the Black Mark Warrior.

Meanwhile,

Ronnie stood up from the sofa with a hint of disbelief in his eyes.

From the beginning of the duel, he has been focusing on the Lightning Element.

As he had suspected, the flame element couldn’t hold a candle.

The information about the warrior appeared on the screen as well.

“Ice and Fire Palace is known for selecting powerful warriors.

So the opponent was not weak.

Zack Lockwood is strong, especially his purple lightning,” Ronnie said to himself.

He was always proud of his Black Lightning, which has corrosive properties.

So far he has defeated many Lightning Warriors.

Some of them had powerful variant lightning.

But none of them were able to defeat him.

Yet, out of nowhere, someone with Purple Lightning appeared and defeated him.

Suddenly, a good idea comes to his mind.

“The Virtual Training Lab holds the data of everyone.

Since the First Duel ended.

The staff must have recorded Zack Lockwood’s data.”

“If he wants he can go to the Virtual Training Lab to fight against the Virtual Zack Lockwood,” Ronnie said to himself.

But it's not going to be easy.

He knows it requires permission from the elder.

Otherwise, the Virtual Training Lab would be crowded with people.