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Chapter 146: Deterioration

The roaring fire griffin didn't dissipate but, following Gerard's flurry of punches, charged straight out with a roar.

Boom!

A pathway of flames about ten meters long and two meters wide appeared amongst the rocks, and at the end, another explosion sent a one-meter-high wave of flames surging in all directions.

Standing dozens of meters away, Jason felt a scorching heat.

But what burned even hotter were his eyes.

The Griffin Combat Technique was stronger than he had imagined!

It had surpassed the realm of ordinary fist and foot attacks!

Watching his cousin's excited, expectant expression, Gerard, unharmed in the midst of the flames, walked back with a smile.

Of course, it was intentional.

To completely mobilize someone's passion for learning,
one naturally had to showcase the best results.

Gerard knew that Jason was diligent and didn't need such motivation.

But...

Time was short.

He could feel it.

However, not a trace of it showed on Gerard's face.

He continued to smile.

"Griffin Combat, when combined with the Griffin Body Refinement Technique, can unleash such power,"
he said.

"But that is not everything," Gerard continued.

“Not everything?” Jason asked in surprise, looking at the rocky terrain that appeared as though it had been bombed.

A power that rivalled the explosion of several grenades, and that wasn’t everything?

How powerful would it be in full?

A missile?

Or...

A nuclear bomb?

Jason silently wondered.

Gerard went on to say:

“Of course, it’s not everything.”

“My specialty is swordsmanship, not Barehanded Combat.”

“Otherwise, it would be even more powerful.”

Gerard said this, slightly lifting his head, adopting a proud demeanor in front of his cousin.

He hoped to see more of his cousin’s astonished looks.

If there was admiration...

That would be even better.

Unfortunately, Jason silently turned and walked back to the beach, beginning to train the Griffin Combat Technique following Gerard’s instructions.

Gerard: ...

My cousin is really not cute!

But Gerard didn't disturb Jason's training.

He only spoke when Jason made a mistake in his movements.

With expert-level Barehanded Combat as a foundation and Gerard's meticulous guidance, Jason learned the Griffin Combat Technique even faster than the Griffin Shooting Technique.

By dusk, Jason had mastered the basics.

[Mastered Griffin Combat Technique (Basic)]

[Griffin Combat Technique (Basic): A basic secret technique from the Griffin School. Like Griffin Swordsmanship, it is one of the essential secret techniques all disciples must learn. Easy to learn but difficult to master; when reaching Proficiency Level, combined with the Griffin Body Refinement Technique, it will unleash incredible strength.]

(Note: The highest level of Griffin Combat without mastering Griffin Body Refinement Technique is "Proficient")

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"Indeed, the Griffin Body Refinement Technique is the core secret technique!"

“All techniques of the Griffin School are limited by this core secret technique!”

“Whether it’s to raise the level or to exert the corresponding strength, the Griffin Body Refinement Technique is required.”

As the text appeared, Jason subconsciously thought.

Then, his gaze fell on the requirements to level up the Griffin Combat Technique.

2 points of satiety!

Not much, within acceptable limits.

Jason took a deep breath and chose to upgrade.

[Griffin Combat Technique (Beginner): A basic secret technique of the Griffin school, much like Griffin Swordsmanship, it is one of the essential techniques that disciples of the school must learn; easy to learn but hard to master. Upon reaching Proficiency Level and combining it with Griffin Body Refinement Technique, incredible Strength will be unleashed. At this moment as a beginner, you already possess techniques that ordinary people lack; Effect: Strength+0.1, Agility+0.1]

(Note: The maximum level of Griffin Combat Technique is Proficient when Griffin Body Refinement Technique has not been mastered.)

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After the complete Griffin Combat Technique was upgraded, Jason reaped more benefits.

More importantly, some battle experiences he had never gone through began to meld into his mind.

These were even more profound than those of Barehanded Combat.

Huff, huff!

After several breaths, Jason, looking at the Griffin Combat Technique that required 3 points to continue upgrading, hesitated slightly before choosing to improve it again. The increase in dual attributes, as well as combat skills and practical experience, were a significant temptation for Jason, who was in urgent need of strength.

At this time, his satiety level had dropped to 7 again.

[Griffin Combat Technique (Proficient): The proficient Griffin Combat Technique is a terrifying skill for killing. Your hands, legs, elbows, knees, and head will all become the most lethal weapons. Just one step away, and you will truly witness the power of the Griffin Combat Technique; Effect: Strength, Agility+0.2 (Beginner, Proficient)]

(Note: The maximum level of Griffin Combat Technique is Proficient when Griffin Body Refinement Technique has not been mastered.)

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The skill synchronization process took slightly longer this time.

When he had completed everything, Jason suddenly opened his eyes, pushed off the ground with one hand, and his whole body soared into the air, spinning as he kicked towards the distance. However, in the moment when his strength was about to burst forth, he experienced a delay.

Although he ultimately completed the kick, it did not have the power he had imagined. It was stronger than a regular kick, but compared to Gerard, it was far too weak.

Jason frowned, feeling somewhat dissatisfied.

But amazement flickered in Gerard's eyes.

Although he only had a minor specialization in Griffin Combat Technique, Gerard's keen vision allowed him to clearly discern that his cousin had mastered in an instant a skill that ordinary people couldn't achieve in five years.

He was only one step away from truly mastering the first killing move of the Griffin Combat Technique.

A genius, huh?

Gerard pondered in admiration.

Recalling that it took him a week to reach this level, Gerard's sense of wonder deepened.

Yet what followed was elation.

He initially thought his cousin wouldn't be able to grasp the basics in a short time, but now it seemed he was mistaken.

"Take a rest,"

"We'll continue in a little while,"

Gerard said.

This time Jason didn't refuse. He took big strides over to the leather bag.

He pulled out the stopper and began gulping down the 'Holy Water'.

The successive skill upgrades had left him feeling a considerable drain on his energy.

At this moment, he felt a weariness from deep within, wishing to lie down and sleep soundly.

Fortunately, the 'Holy Water' slowly alleviated such fatigue.

And while Jason was resting, Gerard began explaining once again.

This time it was no longer Griffin Combat Technique.

But Griffin Swordsmanship and... Griffin Body Refinement Technique.

Jason listened attentively.

He asked questions about anything he did not understand.

Gerard explained thrice in succession and, after confirming that Jason had memorized everything, went through it once more.

“I won’t join you for dinner tonight,”

“There are some matters I need to take care of,”

“Practice on your own tomorrow morning,”

“If you have any questions, you can go directly to 111 Duron Street, fifth floor. If I’m not there, look for Butler Reed. As soon as I receive your message, I will rush back immediately,”

Gerard instructed Jason.

After Jason nodded silently, Gerard once again patted Jason’s shoulder firmly and turned to walk towards 111 Duron Street.

Watching Gerard’s swiftly disappearing back, Jason’s brows furrowed slightly.

Despite Gerard's nonchalant demeanor, Jason could sense a constant urgency in him.

Had the situation deteriorated to this extent?

Jason speculated.

As he considered how to help Gerard, a faint sense of cold suddenly emerged in his perception.

The direction was...

The cottage!

Dennise!