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Chapter 96 - 96: Mountain Dew Essence

"Congratulations, everyone! You've all proven to be the best among the hundreds of thousands of candidates for this year's Celestial Mountain Academy City Selections. You should be proud of your achievement.

It's impossible to overcome many challenges and emerge victorious without feeling proud, so be proud. This is a rare accomplishment, and your success today will have a lasting impact." The war goddess said, making everyone smile with satisfaction.

Indeed, they had become the elite of the moment. There were 200 of them, each having faced impossible odds to secure their place. Who wouldn't be proud of that?

"But as much as I would like to say that all of you will make it to the Academy, reality is often harsh. In three months, you will compete against other top candidates from cities across the Eastern Region at Arcadian City.

Only a selected few will advance to the Union selection, but those who won't make it will not be forgotten. This time, the Academy will ensure you have a stable opportunity. Even if you don't progress to the next round, you will still receive benefits to help you continue your growth."

The war goddess continued, "The competition in Arcadian City will be tough. You'll face even stronger opponents and more challenging tests. But this is an opportunity to prove yourselves on a bigger stage.

Prepare well over the next three months. Train hard and refine your skills. Show everyone the strength and determination that got you this far.

For those who advance, great opportunities await. For those who don't, remember that this is just one step in your journey. The Academy's support will help you keep moving forward and grow stronger.

Keep your spirits high and stay focused. The future holds many possibilities for you all. Good luck to everyone." The War goddess ended her speech.

The Announcement Lady also started, "Now that we've celebrated your achievements let's talk about what comes next. Each of you will receive a special reward: Mountain Dew's Essence. This will help you advance to the Master stage faster."

She paused to let the news sink in, then continued, "Mountain Dew's Essence is a powerful substance. It enhances your energy and boosts your combat abilities. With this essence, your training will become more effective, and your progress will accelerate."

"Taking it will clean impurities from your system, making you more in tune with the flow of spiritual qi. This will allow you to harness even more energy to boost your attacks. Trust me, this is a rare treasure that only grows at the highest peak of Celestial Mountain."

Klaus and Anna exchanged glances and nodded at each other. Klaus had read extensively about Mountain Dew's Essence, and he knew its effects were remarkable. The essence could cleanse the body of impurities, enhancing one's ability to channel spiritual energy.

Klaus, despite his large pool of Star Qi, could only harness a maximum of 8%. This was more than sufficient for his battle prowess. However, if he could clear out more impurities, he would be able to channel even greater amounts of energy.

But Klaus didn't need the essence for himself. He already had a Celestial-grade body and cultivated the Star Diagram. His system automatically clears impurities every time he levels up. Using the essence would be a waste for him, but he kept that to himself.

One of the notable effects of Mountain Dew's Essence is its ability to help people regain or retain their youth. It works best on ladies and can significantly rejuvenate those who use it. Klaus wanted his mother to use it.

Unfortunately, his mother had awakened a weak class and talent, making it impossible for her to cultivate effectively. Even fighting Tier 1 monsters was a challenge for her. Klaus's father had tried to help her, but she was too weak and weakhearted to even kill subdued monsters and Zombies

They tried using monster cores to improve her abilities, but after reaching Level 5 Awakened, the cores had no effect. But despite her struggles, she never showed anger or sadness. She found happiness in being a good wife and mother.

When Klaus's father went missing, and they were forced out of their home, his mother saw how her weakness prevented her from supporting their family. It wasn't her fault; destiny had been cruel. Awakening with a cooking class and talent was not ideal for surviving in the apocalypse.

Klaus wanted to use the essence to help his mother regain her youth. Although she appeared to be in her 30s, the exhaustion of the past year had taken its toll. He wanted her to look as young and beautiful as she once did—the beauty that made him see her as the most beautiful woman in the world.

"Some of the effects of Mountain Dew's Essence include increased stamina and strength. It helps to heal minor injuries quickly and improves your focus during battles. It's a valuable aid for anyone looking to reach the next level."

The Announcement Lady smiled. "But that's not all. Along with the essence, you will also receive a training guide. This guide is designed to help you make the most of your time before the next competition. It includes advanced techniques and exercises to improve your skills."

"Each guide is personalized based on your performance. It will offer tips and strategies that suit your strengths and areas for improvement. Make sure to study it carefully and follow the advice."

She looked around the room, making eye contact with several candidates. "Remember, this is not just a chance to improve your abilities. It's also an opportunity to prepare yourself mentally. The trials ahead will test your resolve and character.

You will face even stronger and terrifying odds and opponents, but passing will mean you are one step closer to being an official disciple of the prestigious Celestial Mountain Academy."

"As you prepare, remember that success in the next stage will require more than just strength. It will need strategy, adaptability, and a strong will. Be prepared to face unexpected challenges."

She glanced at her notes and then said, "Finally, I want to remind you all to stay connected with your peers. Building alliances and learning from each other can be as valuable as individual training. Support one another and share your experiences."

"There will be workshops and seminars held over the next two months. These events will cover advanced combat techniques, team strategies, and personal development. Participation is optional but highly recommended."

"Keep an eye on the Academy's bulletin board for announcements about these events. They will provide additional resources and opportunities for growth."

"Good luck to every one of you. We look forward to seeing your continued progress and success. Remember, the Academy believes in your potential. Make the most of this opportunity."

She gave a final nod and stepped back.

"Through these doors, you will be sent to the inventory section. Use your Mountain Dew Essence to advance to the Master stage before the next Selection. Good luck, everyone," a young lady announced, directing everyone away.

"Little brother, come see me at Arcadian City when you have time," the war goddess said to Klaus as he moved toward the inventory.

"I sure will," Klaus replied.

"Good. And little sister, if you manage to come out in the top ten of the regional selection, I will pick you as my one and only disciple. Okay, you can go now." The war goddess vanished into thin air before she could see the shocked expressions on Anna's face.

The people around them were stunned. The war goddess, the strongest figure in the Eastern region, had just made an incredible offer to Anna. The news was so surprising that even the onlookers nearly tripped and fell.

"Well, congratulations, Anna! You'll need to work hard to win that offer. Big sister, picking you as a disciple would be a great opportunity," Klaus said, making Anna nod, her fist clenched.

They walked through the door and appeared on the other side. Soon, they received a parcel and made their way to the parking lot. Klaus knew things were about to change for him, but he wasn't worried. In fact, he was eager for the changes to come. After all, he still had heads to cut and a technique to master.