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Danger Again

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—Next Morning—

Max and other had woken up and had breakfast. Seeing that everyone had finished their breakfast, Max took out the things that he took from Bartan's spatial bag.

"Wah! He had so much wealth." Leticia cried out in surprise after seeing the things in front of her.

There were four hundred mana stones, seven beast cores, a few dozen mana recovering pills, two transparent pills that were useful for water element users and some other pills.

"Four hundred mana stones, seven beast cores..." Haory took a deep breath. She really needed a lot of mana stones to keep up with the rest of them in terms of cultivation. With this, she wouldn't have to worry about resources to cultivate for some time.

Max looked at her and smiled. "Shall we divide—"

"Wait. I also have some." Just as he was about to divide them, Leticia suddenly interrupted him and look out two spatial bags "I found these two spatial bags from the guys we killed yesterday. I put everything those five had in these. Here, let's divide them too, hehe." She said rubbed hands excitedly.

Max took the bags and emptied their content in front of everyone. There were a total of 270 mana stones, four beast cores, a short dagger that was a magic artefact and a few pills.

Seeing this, everyone's eyes twinkled. Max calmly said "We'll divide the mana stones equally and these beast cores will be given to the academy to exchange for more mana stone. As for these pills, you guys can take them according to your need."

Everyone agreed to the arrangement and took their mana stones and the pills. Haory took the short dagger as her short sword had broken when fighting Bilaz. Max stored his share of mana stones and the beast cores in inventory.

"How many beast cores do we have now?" Haory asked.

Max counted and said "Twenty-five."

“Okay.” She nodded calmly. However, her eyes were flashing with excitement while Leticia almost started jumping in joy.

Twenty-five two-star beast cores could be exchanged for two thousand and five hundred mana stones. How can they not be excited, after all, they would get 1/5th of the share which might be able to push their strength up by one small level.

After that they started travelling towards the gathering point. They occasionally encountered some beasts which were easily taken care of by them. *Ovlxt.coM*

They would travel in day and cultivate in night.

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Swoosh! Swoosh!

In another mountain, a group of five ran desperately.

There were three girls and two boys in the group. One girl was badly injured and was being carried by a golden colored beauty, who was also injured. Her hands and abdomen had claw marks and were bleeding continuously. The rest of the group members also had varying degree of injuries.

“Huff... Huff... Flavia, leave her and run or you would also die.” A boy who was running in front, turned around and shouted while breathing heavily.

“Yes... yes, leave her Flavia. Her injury isn’t something that can be healed with normal healing pills.” Another group member said.

‘Do I have really have to abandon her?’ Flavia gritted her teeth. She didn’t want to leave her teammate behind to die.

Whoosh!

Growl~

“Damn it. It’s catching up.” Hearing the growl of the beast behind, everyone’s faces went pale. They didn’t bother with Flavia any longer and sped off.

“Flavia... It’s okay. Leave me behind. If that beast catch up to us, you will also die.” The girl on her back said with a smile, even though it was forced but even so her courage was commendable.

“No.” Flavia said in hoarse voice and pushed her speed to the limit.

She knew, she should leave her behind. As it was better for one to die instead of two. However, her heart wasn't willing to abandon her comrade and if one can't be true to their heart, then there was no hope for them to breakthrough past the mortal boundary.

Seeing that the beast was going to catch up anytime soon, she decisively took out the talisman given by her mentor before he dropped them here.

Swoosh!

However, before she could crush it, the chasing them, caught up to them, causing their expressions to freeze.

The wolf swiped its claws towards them.

It was a high stage, wolf type beast. They accidentally stepped into its territory when it was fighting a high stage two-star beast and they foolishly tried to kill them. But since it was a agility type beast, it injured them while fighting the other beast. So, they escaped but they hadn't expected that this beast would be so vengeful and chase them while ignoring the other beast.

The girl on the back of Flavia gritted her teeth and gathered all of her strength before kicking Flavia on her back.

Bang!

Flavia was thrown away while the girl was hit with the wolf's claw and her body was shredded into pieces.

Flavia was dumbfounded. Seeing the wolf munching on her corps, Flavia's blood seemed to freeze. However, she forcefully calmed herself down and fled. She wasn't going to let her sacrifice go to waste.

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As people struggled to survive, Max and others had comparatively easy time. They didn't encounter any agility type beast, flying beast or a peak stage two-star beast.

There were some high stage beast, but they were killed easily since Belen's vines had become more powerful and others also had improved so they could keep the beasts busy while Max or Hoary or Rima used their ultimate spell to finish them off.

Therefore, their journey wasn't too dangerous and gradually six days passed and they had almost reached the gathering point.

—Last day of outing, Afternoon time—

Swoosh!

As they were travelling, suddenly a figure appeared in front of them and said in excitement "Gathering point is only a mile ahead of us." The figure was Leticia who had gone ahead to scout the area.

"Finally!" Haory and Rima couldn't help but exclaim. They would finally be able to leave this dangerous area and train without having to worry constantly.

Max and Belen also smiled before continuing forwards. In a few moments, they arrived in an open stony area where they were to gather.

"Mm?"

There were already a few groups present when they arrived. They looked at Max's group with surprise and their expression became respectful as they looked at them.

Max and others found it odd but quickly understood. There wasn't any complete group present right now, every group had lost at least one member while some lost three or even four.

After talking to some of the groups who had trained under elder Jack, they found out that most people had died due to the surprise attacks of the beasts.

Hearing this, Haory and others, especially Rima and Leticia looked at Max with grateful expressions and thanked their luck that they were with him or their outcome wouldn't have differed much from other groups.

"Ahhhhh..."

Just as they were going to find a spot to settle until someone arrives to bring them back to the academy, a pained scream sounded out. Everyone immediately became alert and got ready to fight.

However, when they looked towards the source of the scream, their expressions changed dramatically.

Max's face also went pale as he cursed "Fuck."

Chapter 182 Shocking The Crowd

Everyone froze after looking towards the direction of the scream. Max's expression also changed and he couldn't help but curse "Fuck!"

There was a pack of five fiery wolves and all of them were in middle stage two-star realm while the leader seemed to be in high stage. There was a body that was torn in two pieces, lying in front of the wolf leader.

“Snarl...”

The wolves snarled as they locked onto the people in front.

There were over forty disciples gathered here and more were coming as the time passed. However, right now all forty were standing there like statues.

Max quickly reacted and shouted at Belen and others “Belen, Haory, construct the defensive wall and protect yourself. Rima, start casting your spell.” As he said this, mana burst out from his body and started converging around his fist.

Because of his shout, Belen and others came out of their frozen states and started constructed the Sand-Vine wall while, Rima and Leticia started casting their spells.

Hearing Max’s shout, others also recovered. However, there reactions were a lot different from Max, especially of those who were near the wolf pack.

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There first instinct was to escape. Immediately, the situation became chaotic as everyone started running in panic.

Swoosh!

The wolves snarled and charged forwards. Their speed was insanely fast. In just a moment they had caught up with the people who were close to them and started attacking with their fiery red claws.

Katcha!

“Ahhh...”

In an instant, five disciples were slashed into pieces. They couldn’t even resist as they were only focused on escaping.

Howl!

The wolves howled after killing them, as if expressing their superiority before they started massacring others. In just a few seconds, the terrified screams of disciples replaced the previously quiet environment.

“Where are the helpers? Ahhhh...” Some had crushed their talismans and were shouting for the help but ended up slashing into two by the wolves.

“Damn it. You fools! Stop trying to escape. You can’t outrun an agility type beast. STOP AND FUCKING FIGHT IF you want to have some chance at survival.” Suddenly a loud shout resounded in the area, bringing everyone to their senses.

It was Max who shouted upon seeing them running like headless chickens and getting killed left and right.

He didn’t do this because he cared for them as he wasn’t someone to care about others. However, he had to make them realize the situation they were in so they would fight back. If not, he, Belen and others would also be in life-threatening situation.

Bang!

“Yeah! Let’s fight back. If we can hold until the help arrives, we will survive.” A bulky man shouted and kicked one wolf away. His body was covered with metallic sheen giving him high defence and physical strength.

“Yeah. They are only five while we are forty. Let’s fight!” A woman with sword in hand also shouted as electric sparks covered her sword blade.

Some others also took stand and urged others to fight alongside them.

Due to this, everyone gritted their teeth and went into fight mode. Some took out their magic artefacts while some used their strongest spell to defend or attack the wolves.

They had finally realised that fighting was the only way out as escaping from the beasts whose forte was their speed was just foolish at their current level.

After the disciples had started to fight back, the death rate had fallen drastically. However, although they could barely defend against the middle stage wolves after grouping up, there was no stopping to the high stage wolf leader.

Each time it moved, somebody would be slashed into two.

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Five hundred meters away on a tall tree...

Three figures, wearing Cloud academy’s white robes, were standing there watching the happenings on the gathering area. Two were females and one was male.

“Oh, there are some who can think rationally even in this type of situation. Not bad.” One female elder nodded in satisfaction.

"If I'm not wrong, the kid who shouted first should be a disciple from your group right? It seems this time your luck isn't too bad." The other female elder said while looking at the male elder with a smile on her attractive face.

"Yes." The male Elder nodded expressionlessly. He was Elder Jack, the incharge of Max's group of fifty. Other two also had fifty disciples under them, who were recruited from other cities this year.

The female elder who spoke first frowned upon seeing disciples getting killed and said "Shouldn't we go and save them? The outing period will be over in a few hours anyway."

"No need. This is for their own good. It will give the survivors a lesson while simultaneously strengthening their resolve to become strong. Moreover, If they can't even deal with five beasts with more than forty people, then they would die sooner or later. It's better to die sooner and not waste academy's resources." Elder Jack plainly said.

The female elder sighed and didn't say anything.

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"Snarl..."

The middle stage wolves snarled in anger seeing that their targets had started resisting and had even started attacking them even though they couldn't land the attacks.

Swoosh!

The wolf leader appeared in front of a group of ten and lunged at a female disciple who had just defended against one middle stage wolf's attack, and swiped its claws at her neck at lightening quick speed.

"Ahh..." The female disciple was caught off guard. She screamed and closed her eyes in fright.

Clank!

Just as the sharp red claw of the wolf leader was about to cut her neck off, the bulky man from before, blocked it with his shield as sparks flew.

Crack!

The shield, that was a grade two artefact broke in pieces and the claw continued to slash at his forearm, leaving a bone deep claw mark.

“Ugh...” He gritted his teeth, suppressing the pain and astonishment. He then kicked at its abdomen with his full strength.

Shua!

The wolf agilely leapt back, easily dodging his kick.

“Mm?” The female disciple opened her eyes when she wasn’t struck by the wolf’s claw and saw a man’s broad back.

“Thank you for protecting me.” She thanked him while sighing in relief.

“Grrrr...”

The wolf leader snarled as it looked at the bulky man with murderous look, ready to attack again.

The Bulky man also stared at it warily. ‘If I didn’t have crystal element, my hand would have been slashed in two.’ He sweated cold sweat looking at the wound on his forearm.

He was very proud of his element which gave him defence tougher than steel but it was broken through this easily.

Max’s eyes, who was 100 meters away dodging the attacks of a middle stage wolf, glittered upon seeing this.

His cast had been completed a few seconds ago but he didn’t attack the middle stage beast and kept following the wolf leader with his eyes, waiting for a chance to strike.

In his eyes, the middle stage wolves weren’t of much threat. Only the high stage wolf was dangerous.

Shua!

He moved in zigzag around the middle stage wolf whose speed was barely faster than him and moved towards the high stage wolf.

Meanwhile, the wolf leader glared at the bulky man for moment before its body turned a deeper shade of red and fire sparks seemed to ignite on its claws.

Whoosh!

Then it lunged at him and swiped its claws at his neck.

Fuck!

The bulky man's expression hardened seeing this. He knew that he won't be able to survive this strike now that it had used its special ability to increase its power.

"Everyone attack!" The girl behind him shouted all the members of the group launched their attacks at the wolf.

Suu—

The wolf leader moved to the side, dodging most of the attacks. Then it swiped its claws at the remaining attacks and they were slashed in two before vanishing.

"What!!" The girl and others shouted in disbelief seeing their attacks getting nullified so easily.

"Grrrrrr..."

The wolf became angry and looked at them with cold eyes which made them take a step back. After that it once again focused on the bulky man.

Shua!

It appeared in front of him in an instant and swiped its claw at him.

"Ahh!!" With no one to help him this time, the bulky man cried out and used all of his mana to enhance his defence. Another layer of crystal covered his body as he crossed his hands in front and closed his eyes.

Swoosh!

BANG—

Just as he thought that wolf's claw would slash him in two, whooshing sound sounded in front before a loud bang resounded.

As he opened his eyes to look, his mouth opened wide in astonishment.

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Max had appeared beside the wolf leader just as it nullified the attacks and attacked the bulky man.

He stomped his foot and jumped five meters in the air, raising his right fist on shoulder level which was burning with crimson fire and punched at its head from above.

The crimson fire was burning more vigorously. It had completely engulfed his fist and was extending one inch further on his arm. He had put two thousand MP in this cast, instead of usual one thousand plus.

Just before his punch could land on its head, the wolf noticed his presence and tried to dodge but there wasn't enough time as Max had perfectly timed it so that it won't be able to dodge.

BANG—

The punch landed on its head which was then smashed into the ground, producing a loud bang.

Everything seemed to freeze at this moment as everyone, including the wolves stared at this scene with astonished expressions.

Chapter 183 Killing Pack Leader

“Grrrr...!”

The wolf leader snarled and its eyes turned dangerously red being smashed into the ground like this.

Swish!

It swiped its claws above its head to slash off Max's arm. However, Max easily dodged and retreated.

“Grrrr...”

The wolf leader kept snarling while glaring at Max and tried to stand up to chase after him.

Thud!

However, its legs wobbled and it once again fell on the ground as blood started leaking out from the scorched wound on its head and its mouth also bleed as a lot of teeth had broken due to the impact.

“What defense!” Max exclaimed as he retreated and watched the beast trying to stand up only to fail.

Because the wolf was agility-type beast, its defense shouldn't be anything good. However, Max was astonished to find out that its skull was more than two times tougher than the masked woman's dark shield which was a grade two magic artefact.

'Thankfully I can use two thousand MP to cast my spell or I would have died there.' He sighed in relief. If he wasn't able to damage its head to the degree where it was having difficulty coordinating its movements, it could have slashed him in two the moment his fist landed on its head.

While Max was lost in thought, Everyone, broke out in exclamations.

"Powerful! Who is he? Is he really a newbie like us?"

"Indeed. His strength has surpassed everyone here by two folds."

"You don't know him? He is one of the best newbies that got selected from Zexin city."

"Zexin city? No wonder we don't know him. He is from different state."

"Don't you think the spell he used just now was too overpowered? I wonder what grade is that."

Everyone was dumbfounded by his show of strength and looked at him as if he was a god. Most of the present weren't recruited from the Zexin city so they hadn't interacted with everyone and didn't know him.

Therefore, those who knew him, proudly told about him.

In a corner, stood a woman who was as beautiful as Haory. She was facing a middle stage wolf that was currently in a dazed state.

'He seems to be a bit stronger than before. I hope he doesn't find trouble with me.' She thought was poured her mana into her sword.

Weng~

Her sword hummed as small electric snakes danced around on its blade.

Shua!

The electricity encircled her feet and she vanished from where she was standing and appeared beside the dazed wolf.

Katcha!

Her sword slashed at its neck at the speed comparable to the wolf leader's attack speed.

Before the wolf could even react, its neck was sliced off.

“Huu...”

She took a deep breath to retract her sword as the wolf fell on the ground with a ‘thud’.

However, apart from a few disciples who were facing the same wolf as her, no one noticed this. *Ovlxt.coM*

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“Amazing!!” The second female Elder exclaimed. “This disciple’s strength is on par with the second-year disciples. Elder Jack, your luck is indeed great to have him under your wing.”

“Mhm.” Elder Jack nodded slightly. However, he had a frown on his face. ‘Such a strong fire elemental spell! I think he never used it during the training and it doesn’t look like it’s from the academy.’

“Mm, he is strong and has great presence of mind. However, his spell is too overpowered. It should be a peak tier spell which only us Elders can learn. Where did he find it?” The first female Elder said with frown.

Elder Jack glanced at her and said expressionlessly “It is indeed a peak tier spell. But there isn’t any fire elemental spell that are used with fist like his in the academy. So, it’s not stolen from the academy. Therefore, there is no need to think how or from where he got this. There are many disciples whose family has some ancestral spell or have found some legacy.”

The female Elder looked at him and smiled “Hehe, Elder Jack, I was just a bit curious.”

“Oh, that electric girl also isn’t too bad.” She said upon seeing her slay a middle stage wolf in one strike.

“Yeah. She isn’t bad and has good talent.” The second female Elder said with a face full of smile. She was her mentor. So, she would be happy to see her disciple perform well.

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“What are you waiting for? Kill the rest of the beasts.” Max shouted upon seeing everyone dazed and raised his hand up.

[Death Rain]

Fire arrows materialized above him in just a second and he pointed at wolf leader, who was struggling to stand up.

Sou! Sou! Sou!

Pak! Pak! Pak!

More than seventy, one-meter-long fire arrows converged towards the wolf leader and pierced towards its body.

The arrows started falling onto its body at high speed. However, they weren't able to cause much harm to it. After all, It was a high stage beast and true to its name had high resistance to fire.

Howl!!

Seeing this, Max directed rest of the arrows towards its injured head and were able to pierce inside causing it to howl in pain.

After all the arrows had finished falling down, the wolf leader was on its last breath.

Max smiled seeing this and walked towards it to finish it off.

"Friend, how about you let me finish it off?" The bulky man bowed towards Max and asked.

"Mm?" Max frowned. "Do you want to claim it?" Max asked coldly as his mana swirled.

"Peak stage?" The bulky man and the girl behind him murmured as their expressions became even more astonished.

The bulky man quickly reacted and shook his head "No, you misunderstood me. I was saying that because this wolf is at its last breaths and would try to kill anyone that got close to it. As you can see my element gives me very tough defense so I'll be comparatively safe. Don't worry, its core will belong to you."

"Oh! You can go ahead and kill it then and bring the core to me." Max said as he understood why he wanted to help him.

Chapter 184 Tylor

The crystal man nodded and without delay, started attacking the wolf leader with his crystal fists.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Each time his fist struck, a loud bang would resound along with some faint cracking sounds. His strength could be imagined from this.

The wolf leader also resisted and attacked with its claws but because of the injury on his head, which had affected its mind, its claws didn't have enough power to penetrate the bulky man's defenses.

Max nodded his head seeing this and went back to Belen and others in case they needed help.

However, after reaching them, he realized that his worries were useless. Belen and other were standing beside the Sand-Vine wall looking at him with smiles on their faces.

Just as he wanted to ask if none of the beasts attacked them, he saw a wolf's corpse, that was cut in two symmetrical pieces, lying in front of them.

Swoosh!

"Max, Can you teach me the [Destruction Wheel] spell please?" Leticia appeared in front of him. She grabbed his hand in her soft hands and requested as she looked at him with puppy eyes.

"Mm?" Max raised his brows at this. He didn't understand why she would want to learn it so suddenly. It should be known that he had offered them if they wanted to learn it after teaching it to Rima, but they had rejected saying that they were busy improving their respective elemental spells.

Belen let out a small chuckle and said "It's because she had realized that this spell is stronger than her [Wind bullets]..."

After Belen told him what happened here, he understood why she wanted to learn it.

When the middle stage wolf had attacked them, they were feeling helpless as they weren't able to land any attack on it.

After a while, Belen managed to restrict its movements. Just when they thought they could kill it, Rima had completed casting her [Destruction Wheel] and cut its body in two, immediately killing it.

If it was only that, Leticia wouldn't have been motivated to learn it, but Rima told her that it could become stronger as her mastery over it and her reserves improved.

This made Leticia want to learn it as her wind bullets could only contain maximum five thousand mana units even when she gained complete mastery over it.

"If you want, you can learn it from Rima. However, you should know that no matter which spell is it, it takes a lot of time to gain mastery over it and I think your [Wind bullets] has a lot of room to grow, right?" Max said.

Hearing this, Leticia fell into deep thought. It was true that every spell required a lot of time and practice. Even Rima, who spend almost all of her time to practice, took more than half month to be able to properly use one thousand mana units to cast the [Destruction Wheel].

'It's true that my [Wind bullets] still has a lot of potential left to explore. I should focus on improving it since it will enhance my familiarity with my element and make it easier to learn other wind elemental spells in future. Moreover, it isn't any weaker in terms of destructive power. After I reach three-star realm, I'll be able to choose more powerful spells.' Leticia thought.

Those who have awakened their element, tend to choose the spells related to their element since they will be more powerful than non-elemental spells and deepen their understanding of their element.

If anyone first learns a non-elemental spell then try to learn an elemental one, it would take double the time to learn it and their understanding of their element would be lacking which would hinder their progress.

Thinking this, she couldn't help but feel that she was too naïve and wasn't thinking of long term. At the same time, she felt pity for Rima who didn't have choice but to learn it.

"Okay, I'll focus on my own spell then." She nodded seriously. However, her serious face looked very cute that made them laugh and causing her to pout her lips in frustration.

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After a while, remaining two middle stage wolves were also killed and the bulky man had also killed the high stage beast and brought it over to Max.

Thud!

"Hah! I've killed it friend and I didn't touch its beast core." The bulky man said.

"Okay, thanks for the help." Max nodded.

When the bulky man heard this, he felt embarrassed and then gratefully said "I should be the one to thank you friend. If not for you, I would have died back there. So, thank you for saving my life. If you ever need my help to do anything, you just need to say okay."

"Mhm, okay." Max nodded and accepted his gratitude. *Ovlt.coM*

The bulky man turned to walk away but then suddenly turned and laughed awkwardly "May I ask friend's name?"

“Oh, I’m Max. What’s your name?” Max said and then asked for his name for courtesy’s sake.

“I’m called Tylor brother Max.” The bulky man replied with a smile.

Others in his group had come by now and they also thanked Max for saving their life.

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“Hah... ”

After greeting everyone, he sat down in exhaustion and noticed that Belen, Rima and Leticia looked very happy.

“What is it?” He asked curiously.

They looked at each other and smiled before simultaneously shaking their head. Seeing that they didn’t want to tell him, he didn’t ask again.

Leticia then proceeded to dug out the wolves’ beast cores and Max stored the wolf leader’s body in his inventory. Since, the food was very expensive in the academy, he was going to eat its mana rich meat with Anna.

‘I wonder, if she has broken through to the two-star realm or not?’ He wondered when remembering his angel like step-sister.

“So many people died.” Leticia mumbled seeing many corpses of disciples. From the initial forty or something disciples, a dozen had died in wolves’ assault.

“What happened here?” As more disciples came to the gathering point, they were dumbfounded by the scene.

After talking to the disciples, they heard what happened and this caused them to panic.

“We thought that we will be safe after arriving at the gathering point, but this...”

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After that, the gathering point was attacked by some other beasts but fortunately there wasn’t any agility type beast. Therefore, the casualties weren’t as much as before.

“Oh!” As Max was talking with Belen and others, he suddenly saw a familiar figure.

A/N: Dear readers, I'm raising the number of privilege chapters by a bit. So, there may not be any new chapter available until day after tomorrow. I appreciate your support. Thank you<3

Chapter 185 Evangeline

Belen and others immediately noticed this change in his expression since they were always focused on him, and looked where he was looking.

There was a woman who could be called the prime example of a dangerous beauty.

Only in terms of beauty, she had easily surpassed normal woman and was comparable to Flavia. Moreover, after taking a glance at her, one would get the feeling of danger, which somehow made her even more attractive to men.

"Isn't this that masked woman who attacked us a few days before?" Leticia asked, frowning.

Realising that she was the woman who tried to kill them and the fact that she turned out to be more beautiful than her, her mood soured and she became angry even more. The same was true for Rima and Belen.

"Yeah. She is." Max nodded and stopped looking at her.

Like other men who were staring at her like hungry wolves, he didn't seem to be affected by her beauty.

However, that didn't mean he wasn't attracted to her. But the fact that she tried to kill him and he already had woman comparable or even more beautiful than her, made him treat her differently.

Just as he stopped looking at her, the masked woman who wasn't wearing a mask now, seemed to feel something and glanced in his direction.

Seeing Max, she was a bit surprised before a charming smile appeared on her face. The nearby men who were watching her fell into daze seeing her smile.

"Such a beauty! I hope I was in her team." A man exclaimed with a dreamy look on his face.

"You? What would you have done even if you were? Do you have courage to make a move on her?" A female disciple beside him said in disdain.

"Hmm, that doesn't matter. At least I could have spent a month with her." The man grinned.

“Tch, horny bastard.” The female disciple cursed.

“However, who’s she is smiling at?” That man and others curiously glanced over and saw Max which caused their expressions to freeze

“Hahaha.... What? Why don’t you keep oogling her?” The female disciple laughed.

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“This bitch. How dare she smile like that at him?” Leticia became enraged seeing this and couldn’t help but curse.

Max looked at her in surprise. He didn’t expect a pure girl like her to curse.

He then noticed that Belen and Rima also had angry expressions and looked as if they couldn’t wait to go over and kill her right now.

Moreover, he noticed that their gazes were also filled with jealousy as they stared at her which caused him shake his head and smile wryly.

He recalled people say that women were strange creatures who would compare themselves to others and would feel jealous when encountering someone more beautiful than them.

He then glanced at Haory. She didn’t have any intense reaction and her eyes flashed with a cold look momentarily before returning to normal.*Ovltxt.coM*

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Suddenly, Max saw her walking towards them which made him frown slightly.

Boom!

Leticia, Belen and Rima all released aura and their mana swirled furiously. They were ready to attack her anytime.

Max was taken aback a little and said “Relax guys. She shouldn’t be foolish enough to attack us in front of everyone.”

Belen and Rima realized what they were doing and felt a bit embarrassed. Leticia on the other hand didn’t back down and retorted “What if she does.”

Max expression instantly turned cold as he said “Then, I’ll make sure she dies right here.”

“Ugh!” As he said this, they felt a murderous aura radiate from him which made them freeze for a second.

They then looked at each other and sighed in relief.

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Masked woman’s footsteps stopped when she felt the killing intent radiate from him.

Shua!

The four disciples behind her surrounded her in circles, looking warily at Max and company.

Others watching them realised that this beauty had some kind of enmity with Max’s group.

Some guys’s eyes twinkled and they had urge to help her to gain her favor, but they suppressed this urge only watched.

If it was before the beasts started attacking, they might have helped her. However, now they knew how powerful Max was and were wary of him. If they can’t befriend him, they definitely wouldn’t offend him.

“Move back.” The masked woman said after noticing Max’s murderous aura retract and ordered the four disciples to move back and walked towards him.

“Hello! Sir Max. How are you?” She greeted Max with a smile.

Max simply looked at her without bothering to return the greeting.

The masked woman’s expression became a bit awkward seeing this but she couldn’t blame him because just a few days ago, she was trying to kill him. So it was only normal for him to behave like this.

She then took a deep breath and said “My name is Evangeline. As I said that day, I’m not your enemy although I tried to kill you and you guys also killed a few of my men.”

She then continued “However, I admire your strength and will treat you as my opponent from now on. So, I advise to be prepared since everyone who I deemed as my opponent, is now dead.” As she said this, her eyes started to flicker with intense fighting spirit.

She then turned around and walked away without waiting for his reply.

Sending her away with his eyes, Max had a faint sneer on his lips.

“What an arrogant woman! How dare she threaten you like this?” Rima said as she looked at Evangeline with cold look.

Max looked at her and shook his head “Remember to not mess with her anytime soon. You guys aren’t her match right now.”

Leticia and Rima looked at each other before nodded helplessly.

Belen on the other hand, didn’t seem to agree with him but still nodded as she can’t go against his orders.

Leticia and Rima looked at her and thought ‘Belen might have chance to defeat her since she has reached the peak of middle stage and might reach high stage in a few days.’

After a few hours, the sun was shining brightly in the sky. Over a hundred disciples had gathered by now and no new disciple came out in past one hour.

“It’s time. Let’s go.” Elder jack said and jumped down the tree along with other two Elders.

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Everyone was waiting for Elders to come and take them back to them academy right now.

“How much more time do we need to wait?” A disciple said in frustration.

Shua!

Just as he said this, three figures appeared in front of them.

Everyone immediately became alert thinking that some more beasts had come.

However, after looking closely, they realised that they were the Elders and excitedly started to greet them.

Chapter 186 Good Job, Keep It Up

“Greetings Elders!”

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Everyone started greeting them after realizing that they were the Elders of the academy. Max and company did the same.

“Mhm.” Elder Jack and other two female Elders nodded slightly and then glanced around.

“Today, the one-month period of outing has completed. Those of you who had used their talisman had failed and move to the left side.” One of the Female Elders said.

Many disciples’ face became gloomy upon hearing this and they started to move to the left side.

However, not everyone was honest and some tried to test their luck and didn’t move to the left side.

“Everyone come out.” After around 30 disciples had moved to the side, Elder Jack shouted.

“Come out? Who?” The disciples were confused hearing this.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Suddenly, a total of ten figures came out of the forest and landed behind the Elders.

Some disciples who hadn’t moved to the left side had their expressions turn pale seeing them and immediately regretted their decision.

Other disciples seemed to realize something after seeing their expressions. Some sighed in pity while others had gloating expressions.

“Elders, I also used my talisman. I apologize for not going to the side.” One female disciple hurriedly came out and apologised aa she bowed.

One of the female Elder glared at her and said coldly “Aren’t you under my charge? How dare you try to trick us?”

The disciple was frightened seeing the Elder become angry.

“However, since you admitted your mistake, I won’t kick you out of the academy. “Instead, as punishment, you won’t receive the monthly resources for the next two years.” The Elder said.

Hearing this, her expression froze and she was overwhelmed with regret. If she had come out earlier, her monthly resources would have only halved. *Ovltxt.coM*

However, after the regret she felt relieved and nodded her head before going to the left side.

Everyone knew that Cloud Academy was very strict with rules, so, she felt relieved of the fact that she wouldn't get kicked out of the academy for trying to trick the Elders.

Seeing her monthly resources cut down completely for two years, The disciple who had obediently gone to the left side sighed in relief. At least they will get half of the monthly resources.

One should know that the monthly resources were everything for the disciples who didn't have the ability to complete missions or kill the beasts to earn mana stones by themselves.

So, it could be imagined how bitter her struggle would be for the next two years.

"Elder, please forgive me too. I didn't come out before."

"Yes Elder, I was wrong to try to trick you...."

Following the girl's example, a few other disciples also came out and apologized.

The Elders weren't too strict and 'forgave' them after giving the similar punishments to them.

Some disciples understood that the Elders were only trying to scare them so they will stay obedient in future.

They couldn't really afford to kick them out just for these small offences even the rules were strict, since their academy already had very few disciples compared to other academies.

After that, the people behind the Elders started writing the names of the failed disciples.

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After a while, they were done. They then took back the unused distress talismans from the passed disciples and also checked if they had at least ten beast cores or not.

Clap!

Elder Jack clapped his hands to gather the attention of everyone and said "From the initial one hundred and fifty disciples that had come to this mountain, only you hundred managed to survive, even though some of you failed. Although this result isn't ideal, you guys did well."

He then asked in a stern voice “After this experience, did you realize anything?”

“Yes Elder!!” All the disciples shouted at the same time.

Elder Jack nodded and pointed at one disciple “Tell me what did you realize?”

The disciple was startled slightly. However, he instantly calmed down and said aloud “I realised that I’m too weak and need to improve myself more.”

“That’s right. You guys are too weak right now.” Elder Jack said without mercy.

He then continued “Therefore, you need to work hard many times and become stronger as soon as possible. The world you have seen until now isn’t that dangerous compared to the real dangers out there.”

Elder Jack then glanced at other two Elders and nodded before they all whistled.

Immediately after, three white hawks shot into the sky from the forest and came flying towards them at astonishing speed.

Whoosh!

The wind from the flapping of their wings pushed back most of the disciples. Only some, such as Max, Belen, Tylor, Evangeline and a few others remained in their place with much difficulty.

Shua!

The three Elders jumped up and landed on hawks’ backs.

One of the female Elders looked towards the disciples and smiled faintly “Come up disciples. Let’s go back to the academy.”

All the disciples became excited and frantically started to climb up. The Elder watched them with faint smiles.

After Max and company climbed the Elder Jack’s hawk, they realised that this time, there was a lot of space empty for them to sit or lie down leisurely since there were more than a dozen disciples less in their group.

Max couldn’t help but sigh at this. At the same time, he shivered upon thinking that if he didn’t have the system that helped him improve, he also would have been one of the missing disciples right now.

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After everyone had climbed on to the hawks, they took off towards the Academy.

After a few minutes, Elder Jack came to where Max was sitting with Belen and others.

“Elder!”

They bowed while sitting, in greeting.

Elder Jack nodded slightly and looked at Max and said “I noticed that your group has made the most improvements with your improvements being highest.”

Hearing this, Max became alert but smiled “It’s all because of your teachings Elder.”

“Don’t be too polite. It’s your hard work that made it possible.” Elder Jack shook his head and glanced at Belen and others and said “You girls also seemed to have worked very hard this past month. Good job keep it up.”

Leticia, Belen and Rima became red hearing this and stiffly nodded “Y-Yes Elder.”

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Elder Jack raised his brows seeing their reactions and smiled lightly. He thought that they must be feeling shy upon being praised.

He then turned to Max and his expression became solemn as he said “Max, from your fight against the fiery wolf, I noticed that although you’ve become stronger, your mana core seems to have grown weaker.”

“You should know that the mana core is the foundation of everything. If we use some external help to increase our strength in a short time, this foundation becomes unstable, and an unstable foundation causes some irreversible injuries to our mana core and body which hinder our future progress and in some cases leads to death.”

“So, I advise you to focus on the consolidation of your foundation before pushing towards the higher realms.”

When Max was casting his spell [Calidus Brachium] and after when he used [Death Rain], Elder Jack had noticed the slight change in his expression and guessed that he must be feeling pain in his mana core.

When Max heard this, his expression also become a bit serious.*Ovlxt.coM*

He had noticed that his mana core would become a bit weaker every time he increased his mana by a large amount, although this won’t be too obvious so, he hadn’t paid much attention to it.

However, after using that pill to replenish his mana, when fighting against Bartan, his core showed signs of frailty.

Even after a week of strengthening, it wasn't fully recovered and needed some more time.

Therefore, whenever he used his spells, he would feel faint pain in his mana core. He hadn't expected Elder Jack to notice that small detail.

Initially, he had thought that the weakening of core was only due to the fact that he used that pill, but it seemed that the gradual weakening of mana core, due to him using system to increase his mana levels was also one of the reasons.

However, this made him frustrated. He couldn't cultivate like others and had to rely on the system to improve.

Which meant that he would have to waste time on consolidating his core every time he increased his mana.

Seeing his expression turning serious, Elder Jack smiled and said "You don't need to worry too much."

"After returning to the academy, you can just focus on consolidation of your mana core. It shouldn't take you more than a week. Oh, you can also use the 'Foundation strengthening Pill'. It is especially made for foundation consolidation."

"Thank you Elder." Max gratefully said and bowed his head. He felt a bit ashamed on himself that he thought that the Elder might have some other motive approaching him.

"It's okay. This is my duty as an Elder to guide disciples. However, if you are really grateful, how about you try your best in the upcoming inter-academy competition?" Elder Jack said as he went back to stand on hawk's head.

"Inter-academy competition?" Seeing him going away, Max murmured in confusion.

"You don't know?" Rima asked in surprise. Belen and others were also surprised.

Everyone who joined any of the academies would know about the major events, such as this Inter-academy competition. So, their surprise was logical.

"Nope." Max shook his head. He hadn't bothered to pay any attention to the academy stuff after joining.

Rima smilingly shook her head and explained

“The inter-academy competition is held every five years among the academies. Every academy in the Green Leaf Kingdom is eligible to participate in this.

Before the commencement of this competition, Every academy used to fight one another for resources since there are only limited amount of resources in the kingdom.”

“Therefore, to prevent meaningless fights where countless people would die, under the leadership of the King, academies decided to hold a competition and then distribute the resources available according to the rankings they got in the competition.

The ranked first academy would get more resources while ranked last would get fewer resources. Therefore, some call it ‘Rankings competition’. However, this competition is also a huge opportunity for disciples.

If they manage to perform well, not only would they get a lot of resources from their respective academies, they would be able to get the rewards that are especially prepared for the winners of the competition such as, grade three or grade four medicine, artefact or part of supreme tier spells.”

As she finished speaking, her eyes were shining like stars. Belen and Leticia also felt the surge of excitement.

Haory clenched her fists and murmured “I have to work hard and be eligible to participate.”

Hearing this, Max asked “Oh, does it any requirements that participating disciple has to fulfil?”

“The competition itself only has one requirement that is the age. The participant shouldn’t be above the age of 25. However, since every academy wants to perform well, they only allow the best to participate.”

“Therefore, almost every academy including our Cloud academy organise a small competition six month prior to the Inter-academy competition.

In this competition, only inner and core disciples that are 24 years old or younger can participate and only top ten disciples can participate in the Rankings competition.” Rima explained.

“So, how much time is left until the academy organise this selection competition?” Max asked.

“Three months.” Rima replied.

“Hmm, okay.” Max nodded and sat there silently as he watched the scenery below.

Belen and Rima looked at each other before Rima asked “Um, so are you going to participate?”

Given his strength, he had a high chance to be the among these top ten participants.

As Rima asked this, Elder Jack’s ears perked up.

“Maybe.” Max replied curtly before focusing on enjoying the scenery.

Hearing this, Elder Jack felt like shouting at him and ask why the fuck he showed such lackluster interest to participate.

Any normal person would be excited and would work hard to be able to participate. Especially after hearing the lucrative rewards the might receive.

However, was Max like others, normal? No, he wasn’t.

He didn’t care about the rewards since he had better things waiting for him to unlock in his system.

The reason he didn’t directly deny the possibility of him participating was because he needed a lot of mana stones.

Although, he couldn’t cultivate and increase his strength using them like others, he still needed them to buy the stuff he needed or give them to his loved once to cultivate.

Rima, Belen and others smiled wryly and shook their heads. They weren’t too suprised to hear this as they have grown familiar to him. Only Haory frowned her brows.

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However, they weren’t the only ones to feel relieved. Others who were strong like Max also relieved.

After all, even strong people wouldn’t want to live in an uncivilized place like mountain forest, even if the danger to their life wasn’t much.

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“Haha, isn’t it Elder Jack? How many of your disciples are still alive?” A teasing voice that filled with power and elegance sounded from behind as another white hawk appeared above the clouds.

Elder Jack’s expression, that was indifferent most of the time, rippled. His eyes also flashed with emotions upon hearing this voice. However, it was momentary.

He then turned around and looked at the newcomer expressionlessly.

The other two female Elders also glanced back and had interested expressions on their faces after seeing who it was.

It was a woman wearing Elders’ robes. Although she didn’t seem too beautiful at first glance, her beauty was soothing to look at and one would want to take a few more glance at her.

Her face was beaming with a teasing smile as she looked at Elder Jack.

Elder Jack didn’t say anything and only looked at her for a while before looking forward.

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“Elder Hailey, it seems your group of disciples had only a few casualties. Congratulations.” The female Elders smiled and congratulated her.

“It’s nothing much. I was lucky to have some outstanding disciples. However, Elders your groups seemed to have quite a few disciples missing.” Elder Hailey said as she glanced at the disciples behind them.

The two Elders had wry smiles and couldn’t help but glance at Elder Jack and said “Let’s just say, their luck wasn’t too good.”

Elder Hailey saw this and immediately realized what their gazes meant and consoled “It’s okay Elders. Some people don’t have human emotions and treat everyone sternly.”

The corner of Elder Jack’s lips twitched hearing her say this. However, he didn’t say anything and only sighed in his heart.

Swoosh!

The hawks soon swooped down and landed before the academy’s gates.

Everyone was then led to an open field, where a stage was set up.

There were already some groups there, standing in the rows in front of the stage.

Seeing more groups of disciples coming, they started talking. Their discussion was focused on the number of surviving disciples of a group.

“Hey, look. That group has forty people alive. They aren’t too bad.”

“That group only has thirty-two. That’s even worse than our group.”

“ ... ”

The group in which Max and others were, had lost 16 disciples in total and was looked down upon by them.

Max also scanned through the crowd and noticed that each group had lost at least ten or more disciples.

“Okay disciples, go and stand there for a while until all new inner disciple come back.” Elder Hailey said.

After that everyone stood in rows and waited as they looked around, appraising other disciples.

After one hour, most of the disciple had arrived. Until now, the highest number of disciples in returning groups was 44. Everyone looked at them in awe since this represented their group’s strength.

Suddenly, there was a commotion as a new group arrived.

“What? They only have this many disciples remaining. Were they all very weak?”

“No, it shouldn’t be the case. Since the weaker ones tend to use their distress talisman when encountering some danger. They must have encountered some powerful beasts.”

“How unlucky! Even the surviving ones looks very ruffled.”

“ ... ”

Max also looked at this group and was surprised to see that there were only a total of 19 disciples remaining out of fifty.

Even the Elders frowned at this and immediately started to question the disciples and helpers that were assigned to the area this group was in.

“Mm?” Suddenly, Max saw a familiar figure. It was a girl who had golden hair.

She looked completely haggard even more than others in her group. Her clothes were tattered and were dyed red in blood that had dried up.

Her head was held down as she walked and others in the group seemed to avoid her.

Belen and others also looked where he was looking and found that she was somewhat familiar although they couldn't see her face.

"Isn't she..." Suddenly, they recalled who she might be and turned to look at Max, however, he wasn't beside them anymore.

"Where is he?" Leticia asked in confusion.

Hoary expressionlessly pointed towards the group that had just arrived "There."

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Whoosh!

Max arrived before the group in an instant or more precisely in front of the golden-haired girl. *Ovltxt.coM*

Sensing that someone was in front, she looked up and saw Max standing there with a worried expression.

Seeing this, she had a panicked expression which was then replaced by a desolate smile and said in a voice that so weak that one wouldn't be able hear without paying full attention "Hello, Max."

Max's expression was complex after seeing her face and looking at her smile, he felt sadness enveloping his heart and sighed.

She was Flavia, whose beauty could be compare to Lilly and Anna and was a goddess in countless people's heart.

Someone who Max had liked the first time he saw her and started to like her even more after interacting with her.

However, right now, she had a bone deep claw scar, that went from the right side of her forehead to all the way to her neck.

Her eyes were dim and had dark circles under them while her lips were parched. She didn't resemble her angel like appearance from before.

When she raised her head, everyone who saw her, felt pity. Especially the ones who recognized her like Belen, Rima and others.

Seeing his expression, a somewhat disappointed smile appeared on her face. At the same time, the light in her eyes seemed to dim down even more.

Without saying anything anymore, she stepped to the side and walked past him.

Before she had encountered that horrifying beast in the forest and got the injury that left this ugly scar on her face, everyone, especially males were desperate to get close or even talk to her.

However, after she lost her beauty, they stopped treating her nicely and kept their distance from her.

Although she already knew that everyone was after her because she was beautiful and they couldn't suppress their lust for her, she still felt that this world was twisted.

If someone were to hear her thoughts, they would laugh at her and say that she was too naïve.

However, this situation didn't make her sad because to begin with, others' opinions never bothered her thanks to her indifferent personality.

Moreover, this situation wasn't all that bad since she wouldn't receive those lustful gazes anymore or at least she found some medicine to heal this scar completely.

Although, she didn't feel sad because of others disgusted, pitying expressions when looking at her, Max's expression saddened her a lot and made her disappointed. It was because Max wasn't like everyone else.

He had become one of the few people, who she considered close to her. Unknowingly, she had started to develop some feelings for him. Therefore, the disappointment and sadness she felt were magnified many times.

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Shua!

It took Max some time to come out of the shock after seeing her face, he suddenly moved and appeared in front of her again.

Flavia was surprised but her expression softened considerable because, even after seeing her 'ugly' face, he didn't avoid her like others instead, came in front of her again.

Just as she wanted to say something, Max hugged her out of nowhere.

Flavia was stunned for a moment before she felt a surge of emotions in her heart, and her eyes became watery.

When was the last time she felt such warmth? She couldn't remember and didn't have time to remember because she realized that there were many people watching them and they didn't have a relationship where they could be intimate like this.

She hurriedly said "Max, it's okay. You don't need to c-comfort me."

"I know." Max said and continued to embrace her.

"Re-... release me. There many people watching." She said weakly and her face started to turn red.

"I know."

She panicked even more seeing that he had no intention to let go of her and said whatever came to her mind "W-Why would you want to hug me? I'm ugly now."

"No, you're not." Max said softly and tightened his hug.

"I-I..." She didn't know what to say anymore. Suddenly, her emotions started overflowing feeling the warmth in his embrace and crystal like tears started to fall down her cheeks.

"It's okay. I'm here." Max gently patted her back.

Whenever there was some kind of gathering or event somewhere in the academy, 'The Disciplinary Hall' would be responsible for making sure that disciples didn't cause any commotion or broke the discipline.

Since today was the day when all of the new disciple were going to come back from outing, and gather here, the disciplinary hall had sent some people who were in the three-star realm to maintain decorum.

Seeing Max suddenly run out to meet someone when everyone was required to stay in their place, the disciplinary hall disciples frowned.

One D.H. (Disciplinary hall) disciple, who was standing near Max, was about to go and teach him a lesson. But he stopped after seeing Flavia's face and felt pity.

When Flavia walked past Max, he was about to go towards him but he didn't expect him to suddenly hug her in front of everyone.

All Elders frowned in displeasure. Although they also felt that it was pity that her face was ruined, it didn't mean that they would allow them to act however, they wanted in public place.

“Woah! This guy is bold. He doesn’t even fear the D.H. I wonder what punishment he will receive.”

“At least we won’t get bored anymore waiting here.”

“Yeah..”

“...”

The disciples broke out in discussion.

Meanwhile, Belen and other had wry smiles on their faces when they saw Max going to meet her. They knew that he was very close to her since they had seen them together in the recruitment.

After seeing Flavia’s condition, they felt sad for her. However, they hadn’t expected Max to suddenly embrace her in public.

This made them panic for her. They had heard that the D.H. was very strict and would punish offenders heavily.

“Don’t you put the rules of academy in your eyes?” The D.H. disciple shouted and released his aura towards Max.

Max glanced at him coldly and didn’t seem to feel his aura.

The D.H. disciple frowned seeing this. ‘This brat.’*0v\xt.coM*

Flavia panicked and used all her strength to push Max away and hurriedly bowed towards the D.H. disciple “Senior please forgive us.”

Before, the D.H. disciple could say anything, an indifferent voice sounded.

“It’s okay. Hurry up and move to your place. The headmaster is about to arrive.”

The D.H. disciple turned around to see who dared to interfere in the proceedings of the D.H.

However, seeing that it was Elder Hailey who spoke just now, he hurriedly nodded and went back to his position while Max and Flavia went to their respective groups.

Many disciples were disappointed by the result. But hearing that the Headmaster was coming, they broke out in discussion, forgetting the scene from before.

“Did I hear correctly? The headmaster is coming?”

“No, you heard it right. However, it’s strange for headmaster to show up for the returning inner disciples.”

“It’s indeed strange. I heard that for the past few years he hadn’t showed up at all.”

“ ... ”

Everyone was excited to see this headmaster that had reached the four-star realm and was very close to breaking through the mortal boundary.

Swoosh!

“Silence.” Suddenly, a dominant voice sounded a few figures appeared on the stage.

After Max returned to his group, He immediately asked Belen for her “life potion.”

“I’m sorry Max. All of it has been used up.” Belen smiled bitterly. This was the first time he had asked for her help directly, but she couldn’t help.

Max frowned and was about to open his system to check if there was any medicine capable of healing the scar on Flavia’s face.

Belen suddenly said, “If you want it to heal her scar, the life potion won’t be able to do it.”

“Oh, why? I remember that Rima’s scars had disappeared after taking it.” Max frowned.

Belen shook her head, “Yes, you are right. However, that was only because they were skin scars. Flavia, on the other hand, has bone-deep scars.”

Max nodded his head in understanding. Life potion was basically the more effective version of healing pills and could only heal injuries, not scars. The reason why it could heal skin scars was just a side effect.

“Do you know anything that can heal her scar?” Max asked since she was the most knowledgeable about the medicine. If she didn’t know anything, he would have to look in his system shop.

Hearing his question, Belen suddenly thought of something, and her eyes twinkled.

She nodded and said, “Only peak grade three or grade four medicine can heal that kind of scar. However, such high-grade medicine cost a fortune since they are very rare due to the fact that there aren’t many mages who focus on alchemy and the resources required to make them are also rare.”

“How many mana stones would be enough to buy that medicine?” Max hurriedly asked, hearing that there was medicine available that could heal her.

Although he was pretty sure that he could find something to heal her in his system shop, he didn’t want to use his precious LPs to unlock it because the things in the system shop cost a lot.

The pill he bought previously needed thirty thousand LPs to unlock.

Seeing his expression, Belen smiled and said, “I don’t know the exact amount, but the cheapest grade three medicine costs around ten thousand low grade mana stones.”

Hearing this, his expression froze. Where would he get so many mana stones from?

Initially, he was thinking that the mana stones he would get from exchanging the beast cores would be enough to buy it.

However, even after exchanging all thirty cores, he would be far from having enough to buy even the cheapest grade three medicine.

Moreover, all of the beast cores weren’t only his and, according to Belen, the medicine needed to heal her scar might even be a grade four medicine.

If that were to be the case, the cost would be multiplied by tens or even hundreds of times.

Belen smiled and understood why his expression was becoming ugly. She then said, in a suggestive tone, “Although I’m not sure, if you participate in the ranking competition, you might be able to gather enough mana stones.”

“Oh, is that so?” Max said and again fell into his spiral of thoughts. However, he couldn’t think about the things clearly when a dominant voice sounded out.

“Silence!”

Swoosh!

Following the voice, a few figures appeared on the stage. Everyone became quiet and looked towards the stage.

Three people were standing on the stage right now.

In the middle, stood a man who looked to be in his sixties, while on his left and right stood a man and a woman.

The man[Ma1] was middle-aged, his face was stern as he coldly glanced at the disciples, and he was the one who shouted just now. As for the woman, she looked to be in mid-twenties and was very beautiful[Ma2] , she had fair skin, long black hair tied elegantly behind, her figure was also stunning.

Max and others who had been recruited from Zexin city recognized her. She was the second envoy, Adrienne.

The elderly man stood there and glanced at the disciples with a light-hearted smile on his face.*ovlxt.cOm*

The disciples looked at him in confusion. No matter how they looked at him, he appeared to be just an ordinary old man.

However, seeing two elders standing behind him wearing respectful expressions, they knew that he wasn't a normal man. Some thought of a possibility, and their expressions also became respectful.

Just as he appeared on the stage, every elder and disciplinary hall[Ma3] disciple bowed, "Greetings, headmaster!"

Hearing this, every disciple realised that he was the legendary headmaster, and they hurriedly bowed and greeted, "Greetings, headmaster!"

The headmaster smiled and nodded, "Hello everyone."

After that, every disciple stood with their backs straight and looked at him with utmost attention.

The headmaster then said, "I hope you all have realised your strengths and weaknesses after this outing and will work hard to become stronger."

"I'm here today to announce that in four months from now, a selection competition will be organised. The top ten participants will be eligible to take part in an inter-academy competition. Every inner disciple of the age of 24 or below is welcome to participate in it. Work hard. "

Swoosh!

As he finished saying this, his figure disappeared from the stage like a ghost.

All of the disciples were stunned to see this. Just a second before, he was in front of them, and in the next, he vanished, as if he wasn't there to begin with.

"What speed! We didn't even see how he left. "

“He is just as the rumours stated, fearsome.”

‘He seems to have reached the peak of the four-star realm.’ Evangeline took a deep breath. ‘It seems my decision to join Cloud Academy was right.’ A smile appeared on her face.

“Woah! Will I be able to do this someday?” Leticia exclaimed. As a wind elemental mage, her speed was very fast, and it was increasing with the increase in her strength.

However, she couldn’t even see his shadow as he left. She wondered how much stronger she needed to be to do something like this.

Max was also astonished. Even with his senses, he couldn’t see how or in which direction he left. It was as if he had vanished into thin air.

Chapter 188 - Scarred beauty



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“It’s nothing much. I was lucky to have some outstanding disciples. However, Elders your groups seemed to have quite a few disciples missing.” Elder Hailey said as she glanced at the disciples behind them.

The two Elders had wry smiles and couldn't help but glance at Elder Jack and said "Let's just say, their luck wasn't too good."

Elder Hailey saw this and immediately realized what their gazes meant and consoled "It's okay Elders. Some people don't have human emotions and treat everyone sternly."

The corner of Elder Jack's lips twitched hearing her say this. However, he didn't say anything and only sighed in his heart.

Swoosh!

The hawks soon swooped down and landed before the academy's gates.

Everyone was then led to an open field, where a stage was set up.

There were already some groups there, standing in the rows in front of the stage.

Seeing more groups of disciples coming, they started talking. Their discussion was focused on the number of surviving disciples of a group.

"Hey, look. That group has forty people alive. They aren't too bad."

"That group only has thirty-two. That's even worse than our group."

"..."

The group in which Max and others were, had lost 16 disciples in total and was looked down upon by them.

Max also scanned through the crowd and noticed that each group had lost at least ten or more disciples.

“Okay disciples, go and stand there for a while until all new inner disciple come back.” Elder Hailey said.

After that everyone stood in rows and waited as they looked around, appraising other disciples.

After one hour, most of the disciple had arrived. Until now, the highest number of disciples in returning groups was 44. Everyone looked at them in awe since this represented their group’s strength.

Suddenly, there was a commotion as a new group arrived.

“What? They only have this many disciples remaining. Were they all very weak?”

“No, it shouldn’t be the case. Since the weaker ones tend to use their distress talisman when encountering some danger. They must have encountered some powerful beasts.”

“How unlucky! Even the surviving ones looks very ruffled.”

“ ... ”

Max also looked at this group and was surprised to see that there were only a total of 19 disciples remaining out of fifty.

Even the Elders frowned at this and immediately started to question the disciples and helpers that were assigned to the area this group was in.

“Mm?” Suddenly, Max saw a familiar figure. It was a girl who had golden hair.

She looked completely haggard even more than others in her group. Her clothes were tattered and were dyed red in blood that had dried up.

Her head was held down as she walked and others in the group seemed to avoid her.

Belen and others also looked where he was looking and found that she was somewhat familiar although they couldn't see her face.

"Isn't she..." Suddenly, they recalled who she might be and turned to look at Max, however, he wasn't beside them anymore.

"Where is he?" Leticia asked in confusion.

Hoary expressionlessly pointed towards the group that had just arrived
"There."

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Whoosh!

Max arrived before the group in an instant or more precisely in front of the golden-haired girl. *0v/xt.coM*

Sensing that someone was in front, she looked up and saw Max standing there with a worried expression.

Seeing this, she had a panicked expression which was then replaced by a desolate smile and said in a voice that so weak that one wouldn't be able hear without paying full attention "Hello, Max."

Max's expression was complex after seeing her face and looking at her smile, he felt sadness enveloping his heart and sighed.

She was Flavia, whose beauty could be compare to Lilly and Anna and was a goddess in countless people's heart.

Someone who Max had liked the first time he saw her and started to like her even more after interacting with her.

However, right now, she had a bone deep claw scar, that went from the right side of her forehead to all the way to her neck.

Her eyes were dim and had dark circles under them while her lips were parched. She didn't resemble her angel like appearance from before.

When she raised her head, everyone who saw her, felt pity. Especially the ones who recognized her like Belen, Rima and others.

Chapter 189 - Tears



Seeing his expression, a somewhat disappointed smile appeared on her face. At the same time, the light in her eyes seemed to dim down even more.

Without saying anything anymore, she stepped to the side and walked past him.

Before she had encountered that horrifying beast in the forest and got the injury that left this ugly scar on her face, everyone, especially males were desperate to get close or even talk to her.

However, after she lost her beauty, they stopped treating her nicely and kept their distance from her.

Although she already knew that everyone was after her because she was beautiful and they couldn't suppress their lust for her, she still felt that this world was twisted.

If someone were to hear her thoughts, they would laugh at her and say that she was too naïve.

However, this situation didn't make her sad because to begin with, others' opinions never bothered her thanks to her indifferent personality.

Moreover, this situation wasn't all that bad since she wouldn't receive those lustful gazes anymore or at least she found some medicine to heal this scar completely.

Although, she didn't feel sad because of others disgusted, pitying expressions when looking at her, Max's expression saddened her a lot and made her disappointed. It was because Max wasn't like everyone else.

He had become one of the few people, who she considered close to her. Unknowingly, she had started to develop some feelings for him. Therefore, the disappointment and sadness she felt were magnified many times.

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Shua!

It took Max some time to come out of the shock after seeing her face, he suddenly moved and appeared in front of her again.

Flavia was surprised but her expression softened considerable because, even after seeing her 'ugly' face, he didn't avoid her like others instead, came in front of her again.

Just as she wanted to say something, Max hugged her out of nowhere.

Flavia was stunned for a moment before she felt a surge of emotions in her heart, and her eyes became watery.

When was the last time she felt such warmth? She couldn't remember and didn't have time to remember because she realized that there were many people watching them and they didn't have a relationship where they could be intimate like this.

She hurriedly said "Max, it's okay. You don't need to c-comfort me."

"I know." Max said and continued to embrace her.

"Re-... release me. There many people watching." She said weakly and her face started to turn red.

"I know."

She panicked even more seeing that he had no intention to let go of her and said whatever came to her mind "W-Why would you want to hug me? I'm ugly now."

"No, you're not." Max said softly and tightened his hug.

"I-I..." She didn't know what to say anymore. Suddenly, her emotions started overflowing feeling the warmth in his embrace and crystal like tears started to fall down her cheeks.

"It's okay. I'm here." Max gently patted her back.

Whenever there was some kind of gathering or event somewhere in the academy, 'The Disciplinary Hall' would be responsible for making sure that disciples didn't cause any commotion or broke the discipline.

Since today was the day when all of the new disciple were going to come back from outing, and gather here, the disciplinary hall had sent some people who were in the three-star realm to maintain decorum.

Seeing Max suddenly run out to meet someone when everyone was required to stay in their place, the disciplinary hall disciples frowned.

One D.H. (Disciplinary hall) disciple, who was standing near Max, was about to go and teach him a lesson. But he stopped after seeing Flavia's face and felt pity.

When Flavia walked past Max, he was about to go towards him but he didn't expect him to suddenly hug her in front of everyone.

All Elders frowned in displeasure. Although they also felt that it was pity that her face was ruined, it didn't mean that they would allow them to act however, they wanted in public place.

"Woah! This guy is bold. He doesn't even fear the D.H. I wonder what punishment he will receive."

"At least we won't get bored anymore waiting here."

"Yeah.."

"..."

The disciples broke out in discussion.

Meanwhile, Belen and other had wry smiles on their faces when they saw Max going to meet her. They knew that he was very close to her since they had seen them together in the recruitment.

After seeing Flavia's condition, they felt sad for her. However, they hadn't expected Max to suddenly embrace her in public.

This made them panic for her. They had heard that the D.H. was very strict and would punish offenders heavily.

"Don't you put the rules of academy in your eyes?" The D.H. disciple shouted and released his aura towards Max.

Max glanced at him coldly and didn't seem to feel his aura.

The D.H. disciple frowned seeing this. 'This brat.' *Ovltxt.coM*

Flavia panicked and used all her strength to push Max away and hurriedly bowed towards the D.H. disciple "Senior please forgive us."

Before, the D.H. disciple could say anything, an indifferent voice sounded.

"It's okay. Hurry up and move to your place. The headmaster is about to arrive."

The D.H. disciple turned around to see who dared to interfere in the proceedings of the D.H.

However, seeing that it was Elder Hailey who spoke just now, he hurriedly nodded and went back to his position while Max and Flavia went to their respective groups.

Many disciples were disappointed by the result. But hearing that the Headmaster was coming, they broke out in discussion, forgetting the scene from before.

“Did I hear correctly? The headmaster is coming?”

“No, you heard it right. However, it’s strange for headmaster to show up for the returning inner disciples.”

“It’s indeed strange. I heard that for the past few years he hadn’t showed up at all.”

“ ... ”

Everyone was excited to see this headmaster that had reached the four-star realm and was very close to breaking through the mortal boundary.

Swoosh!

“Silence.” Suddenly, a dominant voice sounded a few figures appeared on the stage.

Chapter 190 - Headmaster



After Max returned to his group, He immediately asked Belen for her “life potion.”

“I’m sorry Max. All of it has been used up.” Belen smiled bitterly. This was the first time he had asked for her help directly, but she couldn’t help.

Max frowned and was about to open his system to check if there was any medicine capable of healing the scar on Flavia's face.

Belen suddenly said, "If you want it to heal her scar, the life potion won't be able to do it."

"Oh, why? I remember that Rima's scars had disappeared after taking it." Max frowned.

Belen shook her head, "Yes, you are right. However, that was only because they were skin scars. Flavia, on the other hand, has bone-deep scars."

Max nodded his head in understanding. Life potion was basically the more effective version of healing pills and could only heal injuries, not scars. The reason why it could heal skin scars was just a side effect.

"Do you know anything that can heal her scar?" Max asked since she was the most knowledgeable about the medicine. If she didn't know anything, he would have to look in his system shop.

Hearing his question, Belen suddenly thought of something, and her eyes twinkled.

She nodded and said, "Only peak grade three or grade four medicine can heal that kind of scar. However, such high-grade medicine cost a fortune since they are very rare due to the fact that there aren't many mages who focus on alchemy and the resources required to make them are also rare."

"How many mana stones would be enough to buy that medicine?" Max hurriedly asked, hearing that there was medicine available that could heal her.

Although he was pretty sure that he could find something to heal her in his system shop, he didn't want to use his precious LPs to unlock it because the things in the system shop cost a lot.

The pill he bought previously needed thirty thousand LPs to unlock.

Seeing his expression, Belen smiled and said, "I don't know the exact amount, but the cheapest grade three medicine costs around ten thousand low grade mana stones."

Hearing this, his expression froze. Where would he get so many mana stones from?

Initially, he was thinking that the mana stones he would get from exchanging the beast cores would be enough to buy it.

However, even after exchanging all thirty cores, he would be far from having enough to buy even the cheapest grade three medicine.

Moreover, all of the beast cores weren't only his and, according to Belen, the medicine needed to heal her scar might even be a grade four medicine.

If that were to be the case, the cost would be multiplied by tens or even hundreds of times.

Belen smiled and understood why his expression was becoming ugly. She then said, in a suggestive tone, "Although I'm not sure, if you participate in the ranking competition, you might be able to gather enough mana stones."

"Oh, is that so?" Max said and again fell into his spiral of thoughts. However, he couldn't think about the things clearly when a dominant voice sounded out.

"Silence!"

Swoosh!

Following the voice, a few figures appeared on the stage. Everyone became quiet and looked towards the stage.

Three people were standing on the stage right now.

In the middle, stood a man who looked to be in his sixties, while on his left and right stood a man and a woman.

The man[Ma1] was middle-aged, his face was stern as he coldly glanced at the disciples, and he was the one who shouted just now. As for the woman, she looked to be in mid-twenties and was very beautiful[Ma2] , she had fair skin, long black hair tied elegantly behind, her figure was also stunning.

Max and others who had been recruited from Zexin city recognized her. She was the second envoy, Adrienne.

The elderly man stood there and glanced at the disciples with a light-hearted smile on his face.*ovlxt.c0m*

The disciples looked at him in confusion. No matter how they looked at him, he appeared to be just an ordinary old man.

However, seeing two elders standing behind him wearing respectful expressions, they knew that he wasn't a normal man. Some thought of a possibility, and their expressions also became respectful.

Just as he appeared on the stage, every elder and disciplinary hall[Ma3] disciple bowed, "Greetings, headmaster!"

Hearing this, every disciple realised that he was the legendary headmaster, and they hurriedly bowed and greeted, "Greetings, headmaster!"

The headmaster smiled and nodded, “Hello everyone.”

After that, every disciple stood with their backs straight and looked at him with utmost attention.

The headmaster then said, “I hope you all have realised your strengths and weaknesses after this outing and will work hard to become stronger.”

“I’m here today to announce that in four months from now, a selection competition will be organised. The top ten participants will be eligible to take part in an inter-academy competition. Every inner disciple of the age of 24 or below is welcome to participate in it. Work hard. ”

Swoosh!

As he finished saying this, his figure disappeared from the stage like a ghost.

All of the disciples were stunned to see this. Just a second before, he was in front of them, and in the next, he vanished, as if he wasn’t there to begin with.

“What speed! We didn’t even see how he left. ”

“He is just as the rumours stated, fearsome.”

‘He seems to have reached the peak of the four-star realm.’ Evangeline took a deep breath. ‘It seems my decision to join Cloud Academy was right.’ A smile appeared on her face.

“Woah! Will I be able to do this someday?” Leticia exclaimed. As a wind elemental mage, her speed was very fast, and it was increasing with the increase in her strength.

However, she couldn't even see his shadow as he left. She wondered how much stronger she needed to be to do something like this.

Max was also astonished. Even with his senses, he couldn't see how or in which direction he left. It was as if he had vanished into thin air.