

STRIKER 271

Chapter 271: Anticipation filled the air!

About a few hours later,

Jeremy Night landed at City A airport. After leaving the airport, he found an aircab to take him away. It didn't take a long time for him to reach Central University 14.

After paying the fare, he turned to enter the university. He saw the new guards looking at him with surprise. He guessed people must have missed him since he was away from the controversy.

Especially those two S-Graders must be pissed off because he ignored their duel challenge. Jeremy then started walking towards the dormitory.

On the way, while walking on the footpath, he came across other students who were going about their business. But they all stopped in their tracks upon seeing him.

The next second, they started to take out their digital devices to take pictures. Jeremy knew it would be a matter of time before the whole university knew of his return. He then continued walking, ignoring them.

Soon, he returned to his dorm room. The first thing he did was enter the bathtub. He forgot about the outside noise.

Outside,

The pictures posted by the students appeared online. Then the students began to notice it. Quickly, everyone realized that Jeremy Night had returned.

The Elemental Department students quickly informed May Lindsey. On the other hand, Victor Scott learned the news from his classmates.

The first one to react was May Lindsey. She immediately left her classroom. A few of her classmates followed her.

About ten minutes later,

May Lindsey came to the STRIKER department class. She saw Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone, but Jeremy Night was not there.

Betsy Lowe stood up and looked at her.

"He is not here. He must be resting," she said to her.

Daniel Stone was stunned. He didn't expect May Lindsey to come here directly. Everyone had been looking for Jeremy since yesterday.

The first-year students wanted to see a rematch, but Jeremy Night left the campus without responding to the challenges.

May Lindsey frowned. She looked at both of them before saying, "If you guys see him, tell him that I want a rematch."

"My strength has increased. I have reached the Tier-1 Limit. Jeremy Night is no match for me. If he denies, then ask him to defeat me again," she added before leaving the room.

Her classmates followed her. When everyone was gone, Betsy Lowe said, "Call him."

Hearing that, Daniel took out his device to make a call, but the call was not connected. The next second, he revealed a helpless smile on his face.

"He is not answering the call. Maybe, like you said, he is resting," Daniel Stone said.

"I'm leaving. I don't want to face the students from the Control Department." After saying that, Betsy walked out.

Daniel Stone recalled Victor Scott, who had been low-key for so long. He understood that the upcoming days wouldn't be peaceful. He hoped that Jeremy Night would solve all of that.

Then he left the place in a hurry. He didn't want to confront the Control Department's students alone. But not long after he left, no one came from the Control Department.

As usual, Victor Scott made the decision to watch the duel between May Lindsey and Jeremy Night first. He had reached the Tier-1 limit as well, a few days after May Lindsey. He didn't think Jeremy Night, with A-Grade Talent, had surpassed them.

So he thought if Jeremy appeared this time, he would lose face.

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Meanwhile,

Something was happening at the headquarters of the Red Squad Team. Manager Alex found that four team members had been missing since yesterday. Their connection was cut off, and no one was able to reach them through other means.

Manager Alex suspected that the team must have gone into the wilderness. They had yet to return to the city, so he was not pressing the alarm bell just yet. There had been cases where people had spent one week in the wilderness.

In case of any serious injury, it would take a lot of time for them to return. After looking at their current mission details, he thought his guess was right. It was reported that an Iron-winged Panther was spotted in the core area.

The higher-tier beasts lived there, so he knew how dangerous that place was. He decided to wait a couple of days before reporting to the higher-ups. But he didn't think anyone could have targeted the team; it had never happened before.

So such a reason didn't come across his mind.

On the other hand, another Red Squad Team, which had taken the job of the underground network, learned that their target had returned to the university. Earlier, they had thought the target had entered the wilderness.

Some of their eyeliners were waiting at the city gate, yet no one had spotted him. This indicated that their target had returned from somewhere else.

Then they called back their eyeliners. The team that took on this mission was frustrated. It's an underground network mission; they couldn't openly ask for help from others. They had to do it secretly.

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City Gate:

As early as two days ago, the City Guard team began to be wary of the Red Squad Team. Their members' appearance was not a good sign since they found out they were after Jeremy Night.

With the help of the City Police, they were keeping an eye on them. It didn't take long for Captain Nathan to get the news. After learning that Jeremy Night had returned, he heaved a sigh of relief.

He knew that Jeremy Night had spent time with his family. He had learned from the authorities there. If Jeremy had entered the wilderness of City A, he was sure that the Red Squad Team would have gone after him.

Then things would have taken a serious turn. But the threat was not over yet. He thought it would be a matter of time before Jeremy decided to go into the wilderness.

He had escaped attacks more than once, but he didn't think that kid could pull off the same success against the Red Squad Team.

The following day,

Jeremy left the dormitory after getting ready. He had already seen the messages and online posts last night. He knew everyone was waiting for his response right now.

While walking, he kept an eye on his surroundings. He zoomed in to check whether anyone was waiting for him. Then he spotted a group of students standing under a tree.

They were not facing in the direction of the dormitory. He was not sure whether they were there for him. Jeremy glanced at them before continuing his walk.

Soon, he reached the department building. He went to the top floor and walked into his classroom. As always, two people were there before him.

Daniel and Betsy stood up from their seats. Their faces were full of tension.

"Brother Jeremy, have you made any decision?" Daniel was the first one to ask. Both of them had sent him messages last night.

Betsy furrowed her eyebrows and said, "The Elemental Department students have started a negative campaign against you. They have started calling you names, such as 'coward'. If you don't fight, then things will get bad."

Jeremy sighed inwardly. He was expecting this kind of childish behavior from students in other departments. But he was unwilling to reveal his strength. A Red Squad Team was after his life.

If he revealed his strength, they wouldn't remain silent. Then he could face an even more threatening situation.

Daniel Stone and Betsy Lowe were stunned. They didn't understand why Jeremy was pondering this.

"Is he scared?" Daniel thought. The next second, he shook his head. He had trust in Jeremy's strength, but Jeremy wouldn't do anything he wasn't sure about.

Seeing his hesitation, Daniel wondered whether it had anything to do with two S-Graders reaching the Tier-1 limit. He couldn't see through Jeremy's strength at all.

Betsy Lowe was thinking the same thing. She believed Jeremy had yet to reach the Tier-1 limit, which was why he was being indecisive right now.

After gaining some clarity in his thoughts, he turned towards them.

"Don't worry, I'll find a solution," Jeremy said to them.

He then turned around to leave without saying anything. Betsy and Daniel were stunned. They didn't expect this response from Jeremy.

"I think he is weighing something on his mind," Betsy said.

Daniel's eyes flashed with understanding.

He turned around and looked at her.

He asked, "Do you think he is still thinking about the killer?"

"I heard from Instructor Jacob that the investigation is still ongoing," he added.

Betsy's eyes gleamed with realization. She had almost forgotten about this case. But what did it have to do with the challenge duel?

She shook her head before saying, "I don't know what's exactly on his mind right now."

Then she exited the classroom.

Daniel Stone stood confused. He thought Instructor Jacob would answer his questions. He decided to see him right away. Otherwise, he would go crazy from the suspense.

On the other hand, Jeremy got closer to the joint training facility. He found different gazes on him. Most of them were now filled with ridicule.

He found it funny. Just a few days ago, everyone was scared of him. At that time, he had beaten a couple of students inside the same building.

Chapter 272: Turmoil at the training facility

Joint Training Facility:

Jeremy reached the building. When he entered, he found that more than one group was staring at him. His gaze fell on their badges one by one.

Seeing that they were from the Elemental and Control Department, his mouth curved into an arc. He knew what was going on, but he was confident that these guys wouldn't dare to attack him.

As he looked at them, some of them were already averting their gazes.

"Harumph," he snorted before heading towards the training room.

The students waited for Jeremy Night to enter the training room. They had a plan in mind. When Jeremy Night entered the room, they looked at each other.

"He is gone!"

"Let's call May Lindsey. Only she can make him respond."

"You are right!"

"If May Lindsey comes here, then he won't have any other choice but to reply."

The students discussed among themselves. Then one of them made a call to May Lindsey.

Similarly, the students from the Control Department contacted Victor Scott and updated him on the details. He was also keeping an eye on Jeremy Night.

Meanwhile,

May Lindsey, who was in her class, received the news. After learning that Jeremy Night had entered the training room, her eyes flickered with surprise.

She had been waiting for this news. She didn't understand why Jeremy Night was not responding to the challenge, so she wanted to meet him face to face.

The students in her class remarked that Jeremy Night had not reached the Tier-1 limit, which was why he was not responding. But she knew his Tier-1 rank was lower than hers, yet he had defeated her last time.

After casting aside her thoughts, she stood up to leave. Some of her classmates followed her.

On the other hand, Victor Scott had received the news as well. He stood up from his seat and decided to go there as well. He wanted to verify something with his own eyes.

The last time Jeremy Night and May Lindsey had dueled had shocked him. After that duel, he had been working hard to improve his strength.

He had made progress as well and had now reached the Tier-1 limit. His control over his lifeline beast poison ability had improved as well.

He then left the place with some of his classmates.

About 10 minutes later,

May Lindsey was standing with her classmates inside the training facility. Her arrival had caused a commotion because not only had she come, but her classmates had come to support her as well.

May Lindsey learned what had happened here. Apparently, Jeremy Night had entered the training room after glaring at them.

Since she was there, she didn't want to return without getting answers. She started waiting.

Not long after, Victor Scott walked into the facility with his classmates. Upon seeing May Lindsey there, he was not surprised, but May Lindsey was taken aback.

She had thought Victor Scott wanted to verify Jeremy's strength from behind the scenes. She didn't expect him to come here directly.

Gasp!

The other department students took a sharp breath. They suspected something might happen today. They guessed that both S-Graders wanted to confront Jeremy Night regarding the challenge.

Some of the students began posting stories online, and the news swept through the university. It didn't take long for Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone, the two members, to learn the news.

Daniel was about to meet Instructor Jacob regarding Jeremy's decision, but he hadn't expected the other department students to act so soon.

He was shocked to know that both May Lindsey and Victor Scott had gone there. He couldn't help but decide to go as well.

On the other hand, Betsy Lowe did the same. She worried that both S-Graders might team up to confront Jeremy.

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Staff meeting room:

Instructor Jacob was chatting with other staff inside the staff room. All the staff received the news at the same time. They were shocked to the core.

Their gazes immediately turned to the Control and Elemental Department Instructors. Then they turned to Instructor Jacob of the STRIKER Department.

Jacob's heart boiled with anger. Only he, Elder Derek, and the Dean knew what that kid Jeremy Night had been going through for the past couple of weeks.

That kid was under huge pressure. There were unknown killers after his life, and he had been barred from going to the wilderness.

He had thought that kid would find a peaceful atmosphere here; instead, he had been facing pressure from the senior students. Now the two first-year S-Graders were against him.

Quiet!

The temperature inside the huge staff room dropped. Each had their own personal cabin, but for some important discussions, they used the staff room.

Yet in the middle of the discussion, such breaking news unfolded.

"I don't know what's happening with your students. Why have they started bullying Jeremy Night? It was not long ago that management issued a statement as a warning."

"Now the two S-Graders have started acting," Jacob said to the two Department Instructors.

Gasp!

Hearing that, the staff took a sharp breath. They hadn't expected to hear such a thing from Jacob. He didn't mince his words.

The faces of the two Instructors from the Elemental and Control Departments turned ugly. Even they were hearing the news for the first time; May Lindsey and Victor Scott were acting on their own.

"We don't know about it."

"Both of them are acting on their own."

"Let's go before a fight breaks out."

The two instructors said before turning around to leave.

Jason Henry had no choice but to leave with them. The three Instructors exited the building and moved towards the Joint Training Facility.

About 10 minutes later,

The Instructors arrived at the facility. Upon seeing the crowded place, their faces showed displeasure.

"What are you guys doing here?"

"Those who are not here to train, leave the place immediately."

"Have you forgotten about the warning statement before?"

The Instructors started scolding them. Some of the department students left unwillingly. Only the students from the Control and Elemental Departments remained.

Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone arrived just in time. Upon seeing Instructor Jacob, they went to his side.

Chapter 273: Direct confrontation

Facility:

"You guys have come," Jacob asked upon seeing Betsy Lowe and Daniel Stone.

Daniel nodded his head before wiping away beads of sweat from his forehead. He didn't expect to see a huge crowd within a few minutes.

Betsy Lowe showed a worrisome look.

"Instructor, where is he?" she asked.

"We have just come here," Jacob replied.

Then he turned towards the two instructors before beginning to inquire about what had happened.

The Elemental Department instructor was speaking with her students. The Control Department instructor did the same.

Right after, both the S-Graders appeared outside upon hearing about their arrival.

May Lindsey saw the instructor. Then she noticed the instructor and two members of the STRIKER Department. She frowned. She hadn't expected everyone to come so soon.

Jeremy was still training inside the room. She had yet to see him.

Victor Scott felt the same way. The drama hadn't started yet. He thought everyone had gathered beforehand.

On the other hand, Jacob sighed in relief after learning that Jeremy was training inside the practice room.

Then the Elemental instructor turned towards May Lindsey. She asked, "May Lindsey, what's going on?"

"Don't you know the management has already issued a warning? Private fights are not allowed," she added.

Hearing that, May Lindsey shook her head before saying, "I have just come here to confront Jeremy Night directly about the challenge."

The female instructor furrowed her eyebrows.

The middle-aged man who was the Control Department instructor faced Victor Scott.

He asked, "What about you?"

Victor replied with a smile, "My intention was the same. But unfortunately, he has yet to come outside."

Before their instructors could speak further, Instructor Jacob stepped inside.

He said, "If he is not responding to your challenges, then it clearly means he is not interested. What's the point of creating such a scene?"

"If he doesn't want to fight, he can say so. But so far, he hasn't expressed anything," May Lindsey replied.

"If he is scared to fight, he can say it openly," Victor Scott added from the side.

Gasp!

A small exclamation occurred. They hadn't expected low-key Victor Scott to speak out right now.

Jacob's eyebrows furrowed. He couldn't say certain things, for example, the problems faced by Jeremy Night.

"Jacob, let's wait for Jeremy Night," the female instructor of the Elemental Department said.

The Control Department instructor said the same.

Hearing that, Jacob had no choice but to stay silent and wait for Jeremy to come out.

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Training room:

Jeremy was practicing inside the room. Right now, he was thinking about how to better use his sword moves together with his eye abilities.

If he could do that, he could avoid unnecessary moves. Then he could take out targets in one or two moves. He thought it would be more efficient if he got to practice against the Corrupted beasts.

Unfortunately, there was a ban on him. He didn't know how to convince the Instructor, Elder Derek, and the Dean. They were worried about his life.

Sigh!

A sigh escaped his mouth as he thought about it. Then he decided to take a break. It had been one hour since he had been training non-stop. He then opened the door to step out.

When he appeared outside, he found numerous scorching gazes on him. His pupils shrank as he noticed a large number of students gathered there.

"What's going on?" Jeremy uttered in surprise.

Then he saw two people walking out among the crowd. Upon seeing them, his eyes turned cold.

"Don't tell me they have created a scene because of the challenge," he thought.

May Lindsey and Victor Scott were both walking towards him.

Gasp!

A commotion ensued.

Jeremy saw the Department Instructor Jacob, Betsy, and Daniel coming out of the crowd. Not only them; he spotted two other Department Instructors.

He felt he couldn't escape now. They would demand answers from him right away.

Then his gaze turned towards May Lindsey and Victor Scott.

"Jeremy Night, you have been avoiding my rematch request?"

"But I want an answer right now," May Lindsey asked.

Before he could respond, he heard Victor Scott open his mouth.

"Last time, I didn't challenge you. So I thought of fighting against you this time after becoming a Tier-1 limit Beast Tamer. But you have not responded to my request either."

"If you are scared, you can say it openly," Victor Scott said.

May Lindsey was taken aback. She found Victor's statement to be provocative. The Department instructors felt the same way as well. They hadn't expected Victor Scott to speak like this.

At the same time, the students who were watching from the sidelines were happy. They wanted to watch a drama. Now it was happening in front of their eyes.

Jeremy, who heard both of their statements, wasn't happy. He had already thought of a solution to this current problem.

He then said, "It's good that both of you have reached the Tier-1 limit. But I would be happy if you guys could kill a Tier-4 beast before challenging me."

Gasp!

"A Tier-4 beast?" May Lindsey was stunned.

Victor Scott was dumbfounded as well. He remembered that Jeremy had asked them to defeat Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts last time.

Now he was asking them again to defeat a Tier-4 beast. But the Tier-4 Corrupted Beast was not an ordinary beast.

May Lindsey was processing the words as well.

The instructors and the students exclaimed in surprise. They couldn't believe what they were hearing right now.

To kill a Tier-4 Beast was not an easy task. Even their 3rd and 4th-year students wouldn't be able to do that.

Instructor Jacob was dumbfounded as well. He recalled that last time Jeremy set the condition as well. But that was for Tier-3 Corrupted Beasts. The Tier-4 Beast was completely different.

It's not easy to kill, even for veteran Tier-4 Beast Tamers.

The students who were watching from the sidelines thought that the condition was unacceptable because their senior students wouldn't be able to do that.

They just felt Jeremy was avoiding the duel by setting this condition. They didn't believe Jeremy Night had the strength to kill a Tier-4 Beast either.

Betsy and Daniel were shocked. They had never thought of this idea before. Unlike others, they believed Jeremy could kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

Last time, Jeremy had saved their lives in the wilderness.

Chapter 274: Unachievable!

Training Facility:

"Jeremy Night, are you serious?"

"You are purposely making this condition. How can a Tier-1 Beast Tamer kill a Tier-4 beast?"

"If you don't want to fight, then say it bluntly. There is no point in putting forth this condition," May Lindsey said in a cold tone.

"She is right. Last time, you had a similar condition. We believed you. But I don't think you can kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast."

"So just honestly accept the defeat instead of making a fool out of yourself," Victor Scott said from the side.

Gasp!

A small commotion occurred. Everyone agreed with May Lindsey and Victor Scott's words. They started to voice their agreement.

"Jeremy Night is a coward!"

Someone shouted among the students. The next second, others started to echo the same words.

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The faces of Instructor Jacob, Betsy, and Daniel turned ugly. He was dumbfounded. He didn't know whether Jeremy Night could kill a Tier-4 beast.

He said, "Jeremy is right. If you guys can't even kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast, then stop bothering him."

Hearing that, the faces of the other Two Department Instructors changed drastically. They couldn't believe Jeremy Night's words. Now Jacob was supporting the argument.

The Elemental Department Instructor said, "Jacob, this won't work. It's impossible for a Tier-1 Beast Tamer to kill a Tier-4 Beast. Jeremy Night is simply avoiding the challenge to save face."

"May Lindsey, we can return to our class. There is no point in forcing someone to duel," she added.

Hearing that, May Lindsey nodded her head. For the first time, she felt resentment toward Jeremy Night. All she wanted was a rematch.

The Control Department Instructor said, "It's really too much. I didn't expect the STRIKER Department to be this low. There is no point in interacting with them."

"Victor Scott, let's go," he said to him.

Victor Scott's eyes flickered. He hadn't expected the result to be like this. He then shook his head before turning around to leave.

The department students who were watching from the sidelines were disappointed. Everyone wanted challenge duels to happen.

But Jeremy Night's condition had destroyed the chances.

Then everyone left the joint training facility within a few minutes. Instructor Jacob, Betsy, and Daniel were the only ones remaining.

Jeremy sighed inwardly. He felt it was quite a heated exchange. Others didn't know, but he could kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast and the Beast Tamers.

Just not long ago, he killed a Tier-5 Beast Tamer from the Red Squad Team. But then he could only keep these things in his heart. Then he started walking toward them.

Jacob's eyes flickered before saying, "I never thought you would come up with such a condition."

"I had to do this. Otherwise, they would continue to bother me," Jeremy replied.

"Looking at their faces, I don't think they would remain silent," Betsy voiced her concern.

Daniel thought of something before saying, "Brother Jeremy, don't you think they would try to damage the name of the STRIKER Department?"

Jeremy shook his head before saying, "Right now, I'm worried about myself. We can think about the STRIKER Department later."

Betsy and Daniel were stunned. Then they remembered the ongoing case.

Jacob interrupted by saying, "Jeremy is right. Right now, safety is more important. We can discuss other things later."

"Okay," Daniel nodded his head in understanding.

Betsy remained silent.

"I'm going back to my room," Jeremy said before leaving. He didn't want to talk more about this.

He had a lot of things on his mind. He was worried about the Red Squad Team's retaliation. If they learned about his thoughts, they would tremble in fear.

The top Mercenary Teams are a dream place for the passed-out students. Yet he had wiped out one of their teams during the first year itself.

After casting aside the thoughts, he continued walking.

Jacob saw Jeremy's disappearing back. His mood was complex. He knew about Jeremy's pressure. At the same time, he felt helpless as an Instructor.

"You guys don't forget his case is still ongoing. We still don't know about the people who wanted to harm him. So these duel challenges are a distraction right now."

"So don't encourage him to fight," Jacob said in a stern tone.

"Don't worry, Instructor. We know about it," Betsy said in a solemn tone. How could she forget about the life-and-death experiences in the wilderness last time?

She was sad because she was not strong. She could only watch others standing together against Jeremy Night.

Daniel didn't say it openly. But he was feeling weak as well. At the same time, he thought about the disadvantages of having fewer members.

They had to rely on the Instructor to save them.

Jacob saw through their thoughts. He had decided to speak with Ariel. Maybe she could help these two train. So far, he had not interfered in individual training.

But he thought without Jeremy Night around, these two would suffer.

A few minutes later,

They parted ways as well. At the same time, the news about Jeremy Night's condition spread like wildfire. The first-year department students had all heard about it.

Even the news reached the second, third, and fourth years. Everyone thought Jeremy Night was avoiding the challenge by stating this foolish condition.

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First-Year Department Head Cabin:

Elder Derek was in his office room when he learned about it. He didn't immediately disagree with Jeremy's words because he knew that Jeremy Night had escaped from the hands of veteran Beast Tamers.

So he thought Jeremy Night could indeed confront Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts directly. But he didn't want to make guesses about the result.

No one had seen Jeremy Night's lifeline beast. He had always thought that the lifeline beast was his trump card. If Jeremy Night could cross kills, he thought Jeremy Night's lifeline beast must be fearsome as well.

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Dean's Office:

Carolyn received the information as well. She was stunned before she thought Jeremy Night wanted to avoid the confrontation as well.

She had seen reports stating that Jeremy Night could escape from the hands of Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts. But escaping from the beast was different from killing it.

So she thought Jeremy Night wanted to avoid them. That's why he had made such a condition.

Chapter 275: Cancellation & Clinging to grudge!

Central University 14:

The following day,

Jeremy sits on the sofa after getting ready. He has decided not to go out. He then takes out the digital device to browse online news.

He wants to see whether anything has been reported about the Red Squad Team. Many articles appear on the news feed. He begins to go through them one by one.

About 10 minutes later,

His tense eyebrows relax. There is no news about the Red Squad Team this morning. He thinks that the higher-ups of the Red Squad Team have yet to confirm their death.

Right now, they must be thinking one of their team went missing in the wilderness. If they hadn't returned to the city after a long time, then the mission case will become a death case.

He thinks it will be a matter of time before the Red Squad Team confirms their death. If the news media learns about this case, their reporting could damage the reputation of the Red Squad Team.

Jeremy is expecting them to send another team to investigate. He hopes that his father won't have a hard time. Besides, there are also two other City Governors.

He believes the possibility of the worst-case scenario is low.

Outside,

Everyone is discussing Jeremy Night's absurd condition. The impression of Jeremy Night hits rock bottom overnight. Earlier, everyone used to be afraid of him because of his strength.

Now many have started to think that May Lindsey and Victor Scott's S-Grade Talent is beginning to play. Jeremy Night had an initial start greater than others, but he is just an A-Grade Talent.

He can't compare to the two S-Graders.

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Red Squad Team:

Manager Alex has finally lost his patience. He hasn't been able to confirm the status of the missing team. He has decided to inform the founders.

He quickly sends them a message one by one. It doesn't take long for him to get a reply. Currently, they are busy with their personal matters.

But they are clearly angered by the news. They don't know whether any Tier-6 Beast has found and killed them. So they don't want to take any risks without knowing anything.

They ordered Manager Alex to keep the information for the time being. It will be discussed when they return. The information has brought peace of mind to him.

He had thought they would blame him. Instead, they blamed it on the Tier-6 Corrupted Beasts. Even he began to realize that the possibility of them being killed by a Tier-6 Beast is higher.

So he ruled out other possibilities in his mind. He didn't know that one of their team was actually eliminated by a Tier-1 Beast Tamer.

Manager Alex then canceled the mission to find the Iron-winged Panther's cub. If he sends another team, it's similar to sending them to their death.

Meanwhile,

Another team of the Red Squad is waiting patiently. They have picked up the underground network task, but they haven't been able to complete it because the target is yet to leave Central University 14.

They have been thinking of a way to lure out the target but have failed to come up with a plan. The underground mission is something they can't discuss with their peers.

If this goes on, the customer could raise a flag. If that happens, then the Underground Network would cancel their mission before returning the status as an available mission.

Just as they were thinking about it, they received an anonymous message from the underground network. It was about their mission's cancellation.

After reading the message, their faces changed drastically. Their worst fear has come true. The underground network has canceled their job.

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Meanwhile,

The 3rd-year student, Timothy's father, Simon, raised a complaint in the underground network. It's been some time since he posted the mission. Yet there was no result whatsoever.

He is extremely dissatisfied. He thinks someone must have accepted the mission on a whim. They are delaying it. He hopes someone else will accept the mission.

From his son, he learned that a kid named Jeremy Night is having a hard time at the university. To think the son of a City Governor is facing difficulties, he is pleased.

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Time passed,

The news of Jeremy Night's condition has reached the ears of the higher-ups of the Lindsey and Scott Families. Like everyone else, they think the kid is avoiding the duel for face-saving.

Even their family beast tamers can't defeat a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast at the Tier-1 level. It was already amazing for May Lindsey and Victor Scott to have defeated a Tier-3 Corrupted Beast before that.

So this condition was not possible for any Tier-1 Beast Tamer to achieve. Unlike Central University 14, these two families are not willing to let go.

Last time, May Lindsey and Victor Scott were both overshadowed by an A-Grade Talent, Jeremy Night. If not for Jeremy's background and the Dean's support, they would have targeted him long ago.

This time, both families want to establish May Lindsey and Victor Scott's prestige. It can only happen by defeating the previous winner.

They have to defeat Jeremy Night to establish their status as the strongest beast tamers in the first year. Then everyone would realize the power of S-Grade Talent.

The two families immediately informed May Lindsey and Victor Scott. They don't care about the means. All they want is for the challenge duel to happen so they can win in front of everyone.

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Central University 14:

May Lindsey, who was in her class, felt a headache after receiving the news from the family. She found Jeremy's attitude to be straightforward. He won't agree unless they can defeat a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

May Lindsey shakes her head. She has decided to ask Jeremy Night again sometime later because she has seen a negative campaign against him online. She was not part of this, yet things are happening beyond her control.

Some people want to take advantage of the situation to get back at Jeremy Night. So she decides to meet him when things cool down later.

Chapter 276 276: Jacob Henry's bet

Central University 14:

Post noon, Jeremy steps out of the dormitory. He wants to discuss with Instructor Jacob and Elder Derek about his wilderness entry ban.

As he leaves the place, he finds the passersby looking at him with strange gazes. The passersby are students from other departments. Their gazes are filled with spite.

Jeremy thinks that the coming days won't be peaceful. He made a condition to deter them. But he has this feeling that it won't work this time.

After pushing down the thoughts, he starts walking towards the staff building. When he gets there, he comes across other instructors who are going about their business.

Everyone's gazes pause for a few seconds upon seeing him. But they don't ask him anything. Jeremy then makes his way towards Instructor Jacob's cabin.

Soon, he arrives in front of his cabin. Then he informs him.

Creak!

The next second, the door opens. Instructor Jacob looks at him with surprise. He looks around before greeting him inside.

"Did you see the online posts?"

"They're filled with hatred against you. Someone is fueling it. I guess the senior students are using this opportunity to damage the name of the STRIKER department," Jacob says as he sits in his chair.

Jeremy sits opposite him. He can tell that recent events are affecting him.

"Instructor, don't worry about it. If they want to be the number 1 student in the first year, they can do that. I'm not interested at all," Jeremy says to him.

Jacob is stunned. But he has heard something else from Elder Derek this morning.

"I guess you don't know, but things are not that simple. Elder Derek told me that the families behind those two students are unwilling to give up."

"They want both May Lindsey and Victor Scott to defeat you fair and square in front of everyone. So that their S-Grade talents can come to the spotlight again."

"I know why you are not willing to accept the duel challenge. But these two families would find a way to force the dean," Jacob reveals the truth.

Jeremy is stunned. He had only thought about May Lindsey and Victor Scott. He didn't take their families' say into his mind.

He frowns. Is there any way to solve this? He is racking his brain. He doesn't want to expose his own strength. At the same time, he needs to convince May Lindsey and Victor Scott.

Jacob sees that Jeremy is seriously pondering, so he starts to make coffee.

A few minutes later,

While drinking coffee, a good idea comes to his mind.

He says, "Instructor, I have a plan. All of this nuisance will be stopped if the two S-Graders get convinced."

Jacob raises his eyebrows in surprise. Even he couldn't think of anything to help out, so he is interested in knowing Jeremy's plan.

"What if I kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast in front of May Lindsey and Victor Scott's eyes?" Jeremy utters it casually.

Pfff!

Jacob almost chokes. He can't believe what he's hearing. He looks at Jeremy again.

"Do you know what you are saying?"

"Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts are not ordinary beasts. They can cause destruction to the city. Don't you see the Tier-3 and Tier-4 City Guards patrolling day and night to safeguard us?"

"Even they have to be careful while dealing with them. But you are a Tier-1 Beast Tamer," Jacob says in a stern tone.

He thinks Jeremy is making fun of his own life.

Jeremy isn't surprised. He was expecting this reaction. If Instructor Jacob tried to see through his strength, then he could notice that he is a Tier-2 Beast Tamer now.

Sigh!

A sigh escapes his mouth.

He then says, "Instructor, I'm serious. If you don't believe me, I can kill Tier-4 Beasts to prove my strength."

Jacob becomes serious. He is hearing an absurd thing from a Tier-1 Beast Tamer. This is something not even possible at the top 10 zones. Even S-Grade talents can't make such a claim.

Where does Jeremy Night's confidence come from? His gaze meets Jeremy's eyes. He can see that they are firm gazes. Only absolute belief can give you that kind of confidence.

"If Jeremy is having this kind of confidence, then he must have killed a Tier-4 beast before," Jacob thinks.

Even though it's unbelievable, he decides to go along with it.

"Alright, I'll accompany you to the wilderness now. If you can kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast in front of my eyes, then I'll request Elder Derek and the Dean to lift the ban for you," Jacob says in a firm tone.

Jeremy is dumbfounded. This was not on his list at all. He didn't expect to hear that from him.

"Instructor, are you serious?" Jeremy asks.

"Yes, I'm serious. What are we waiting for? Let's go," saying that Jacob stands up from the chair.

Jeremy gets serious upon seeing him. Then they both leave the staff building. Soon, they reach the entrance and exit through the gate.

Jacob uses his own flying car for the travel.

About 10 minutes later,

They reach the city gate. He parks his car before stepping out. On the other hand, Jeremy walks out of the car as well.

Then the duo goes to the city gate. The city guards recognize them again. Since he was with Instructor Jacob, they don't raise any complaints.

The duo then enters the wilderness. They don't inform the Management or City Police. They continue going deep inside the wilderness.

The Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts can be seen in the inner and core areas of the wilderness.

While going, Jeremy doesn't let down his guard. He is using his Eye Ability to observe the surroundings. Even if killers appear, he could spot them from a distance. It will help him to escape.

Jacob Henry doesn't know what he's doing. If Elder Derek knows about this, then he would definitely criticize him. But he knows that if they don't do something, then the STRIKER Department's reputation would hit rock bottom.

From next year onwards, no one would want to join their STRIKER Department. This year, they missed the talents because of the Beast Invasions and other crises.

So he is hoping that Jeremy will prove his strength.

Chapter 277: Shocking Instructor Jacob!

Instructor Jacob and Jeremy ventured deep into the inner part of the wilderness a few hours later.

There are only 2 hours left before dusk. If they don't come across Tier-4 Corrupted beasts before that, then they might have to return empty-handed.

Of course, Jeremy is not willing. He wants to prove his strength in front of Instructor Jacob.

Growl!

Just as they were waiting for the beast, they heard a growling sound from a distance.

When they turned towards the source, they saw an almost 10-foot tall hybrid hound looking at them. It's not the normal size of the Corrupted hound.

"Get ready!"

"This hound is a Tier-4 beast. If I see you in grave danger, then I'll intervene," Jacob said in a serious tone.

Though he agreed with Jeremy Night's wish, he is not going to believe blindly. The Tier-4 Beasts have faster reactions and responses.

They can easily overpower lower-tier beasts in a flash. So killing a Tier-1 Beast Tamer was not difficult for the beast.

He is ready as well. If there is any danger, then he will rescue him. Thereafter, he won't entertain any of Jeremy's ideas.

Growl!

The Tier-4 Hound Beast is a terrifying creature with incredible speed and defense. Its teeth are razor-sharp, capable of tearing through any hard skin and scales.

It is now observing the two prey, one of whom is standing a little distance away from it.

It already sensed the strength of the prey in front of it.

A bloodthirsty instinct kicks in after confronting the weak prey.

At the same time, Jeremy got serious as well. He knows he has one opportunity to prove himself. Not many would listen to him, so he didn't want to disappoint Instructor Jacob.

He unsheathed his katana sword and held it in his right hand.

Growl!

The Tier-4 Beast dashes out towards him. In a flash, the beast appears before him, its huge, gaping mouth aiming at him.

Jeremy began to use starlight energy to cover the blade. The milky white liquid enveloped the sharp edge of the blade in an instant.

In the next second, he employed his eye ability to find the weakness of the beast. Under his second eye ability, the beast's body became transparent.

All of its blood vessels became visible. Jeremy locked onto the blood vessel in its neck.

The beast's claw was a meter away from his head. The next moment, he moved his body.

Cut!

The katana blade in his hand danced before slicing into the beast's neck, severing the blood vessels in a flash.

Puchak!

The blood sprayed onto the ground. The beast's pupils enlarged; it was stunned. Seizing this opportunity, he jumped high before bringing his blade downward.

Cut!

The starlight-filled katana blade easily penetrated the flesh. The new starlight energy destroyed the strong tissue.

In a flash, the blade smoothly severed its head.

Thud!

The Tier-4 Hound Beast's head dropped to the ground. This all happened within a minute.

Phew!

Jeremy heaved a sigh of relief as the decapitated head fell to the ground as well.

A small smile appeared on his face. It went better than he had imagined. When he turned around, he was stunned by the next scene.

He saw Instructor Jacob recording the video. The next second, a look of understanding dawned on him.

Jacob Henry saved the video before a bright smile appeared on his face. But his heart was in turmoil. What he witnessed was nothing short of art.

He saw Jeremy Night's fluid sword movements before killing the beast. He was more shocked by his combat awareness.

"In a fraction of a second, he moved his body to evade the frontal attack. Then he directly targeted the weak spot to cut down the blood vessels."

"Then what followed was the finishing move to sever the head of the beast," Jacob thought as he recalled the scene in his mind.

Jeremy noticed that Instructor Jacob was in a daze, so he called out his name. They needed to return before nightfall.

Jacob recovered his thoughts before saying, "You have shocked me. I never expected your combat awareness to be at this level. Now, I realize it has to do with your A-Grade Talent, Supreme Combat Body."

"You are truly made for combat. No wonder you could kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast with ease. As an instructor, I even underestimated your talent."

"In a combat situation, it certainly plays a role," he added with a smile.

Jeremy didn't know what to say. He was worried that his strength would be exposed, but Instructor Jacob didn't seem to notice his real strength yet.

He was taken by the Tier-4 Beast's kill, so he allowed him to speak further. Hearing about the Supreme Combat Talent, he thought both the talent and eye ability had played a role.

Jacob then calmed his heart and put the recording device into his storage ring.

Then he said, "Let's go. We should return before midnight."

"It won't take that long," Jeremy replied.

Then both of them started heading back.

About an hour later, right after dusk, they saw the city gate. Soon, they reached the city gate.

The city guards didn't ask anything. Then they returned to the university using Instructor Jacob's flying car.

A few minutes later,

They walked into the university.

"I'll show the footage to Elder Derek in the morning. I'm sure he will convince Dean Carolyn to lift the ban for you," Jacob said before leaving.

Jeremy nodded to him before heading toward the dormitory. His plan had worked out well. He didn't have to prove his skills again. This video would convince everyone.

About 10 minutes later,

He returned to his room. He then entered the bath. The bath lasted for 20 minutes. He then walked out before changing into comfortable clothes.

Then he sat on the sofa before starting to browse online posts. As usual, he saw many hateful posts today. He thought the seniors were behind it.

"Looks like they haven't convinced yet," Jeremy thought. He believed the video would make them see reality.

Chapter 278: Dean was dumbstruck!

The next morning,

Inside Elder Derek's office, Jacob is having a discussion with Derek Gibson.

"Is there something?"

"You wouldn't come here for no reason," Derek asked.

Jacob smiled and said, "Yes, elder. I have something important to tell you."

"Elder, I took Jeremy Night to the wilderness yesterday," he added.

Hearing that, Derek was stunned. He looked at Jacob in confusion.

"What?" he asked.

Jacob then started to explain.

A few minutes later,

Derek Gibson was in disbelief. He couldn't believe what he was hearing right now.

"That kid, Jeremy Night, killed a Tier-4 Hound," he uttered.

"Yes, Elder. I have video recordings. You can view it," Jacob said in a serious tone.

After saying that, he took the digital device out and played the video in front of him.

Derek's gaze fell on the video scene where he saw Jeremy Night confronting the Tier-4 Hound Beast. From the size of the beast, he didn't doubt whether it was Tier-4 or not.

As he continued to watch the footage, he was astonished.

Jeremy Night ended the life of the Tier-4 Beast in two moves. He couldn't believe it. But the video proof said otherwise.

He didn't think Jacob would have edited it overnight. It showed that the combat talent of that kid was terrifying.

He was able to find the weakness in a fraction of a second before targeting it with great precision.

Sigh!

Elder Derek took a deep breath as he finished watching the video.

He said, "No wonder he was confident. He can really kill a Tier-4 Beast. That's why he proposed such a condition."

"Let's go to the Dean's office," Derek added.

Ultimately, she was the one who was going to make the decision.

About 10 minutes later,

They arrived at the Dean's office. Derek had already obtained permission on the way.

Creak!

The door opened. Both of them went inside. A white-haired old lady was sitting behind the desk.

She saw the two of them and asked them to sit down.

Derek and Jacob sat in the chairs. Derek looked at Jacob.

Seeing that, Jacob took his digital device out and played the video for Dean Carolyn.

Carolyn was confused at first. But when she saw Jeremy Night in the video, she continued to watch. She recognized the terrible hound as well.

"Tier-4," she uttered as she continued to watch the video.

A few minutes later,

Her pupils shrank. She didn't expect Jeremy Night to kill the Tier-4 Beast without breaking a sweat.

It may appear like he ended the duel in two moves, but she noticed that the two moves were precisely calculated.

One was to stun the beast by attacking its blood vessel. The next move was to sever the head completely.

"Is it true?" she asked, looking at both of them.

Then Elder Derek told her what happened.

Carolyn was surprised and shocked. No one took Jeremy Night's words seriously earlier. Everyone thought he was making excuses to avoid the duel challenge.

But the video proof was a tight slap in the face. Everyone underestimated the kid. Then she recalled his ambition to enter the top 10 zones.

She started to think that Jeremy Night might have a chance. If his combat strength is Tier-4 at Tier-1 level.

What if he reaches a higher tier in the future? Then he could kill Tier-6 Corrupted Beasts and above.

After collecting her thoughts, she looked at them and said, "You guys brought this evidence in time. The family behind the two S-Graders were asking me to arrange the duel."

"Now that I have this footage, I can shut their mouths and others who are causing problems," she added.

Jacob sighed in relief. He thought he would get reprimanded, but both of them turned a blind eye to his actions.

Jacob then sent the original copy to her.

"You have done a good job. Even I didn't believe that Jeremy Night could kill a Tier-4 Beast," Carolyn said.

"Jacob, you did well by breaking the rules this time. I don't know if I would have allowed you to go yesterday," Derek praised him.

Jeremy shook his head before saying, "It's not me. It's Jeremy. He wanted to prove his strength to me."

Carolyn's old eyes flickered.

She said, "That kid has already become a real striker. From the beginning to the end, he didn't use his lifeline beasts."

"Oh, yes!"

Derek was dumbfounded as well. He totally forgot about it. Beast Tamers rely on their lifeline beasts to fight, so more than 80% of combat power comes from the beast during a fight.

Yet Jeremy Night was able to kill the Tier-4 Beast without relying on his lifeline beast.

Gasp!

Jacob took a sharp breath. He forgot as well. He didn't know why, but while spending time with him in the wilderness yesterday, he forgot about his lifeline beast as well.

His back went cold thinking about Jeremy Night's lifeline beast. He thought it must be formidable with a high tier bloodline.

Jeremy was using the beast's ability to break the skin and flesh of the Tier-4 Beast.

Jacob then thought of something before asking, "Elder, Dean. I have something to ask you."

"What is it?" Carolyn said.

"You didn't ask me anything earlier," Derek said with surprise.

"I just remembered now. I promised Jeremy that if he could kill a Tier-4 Beast, then I would ask both of you to lift the wilderness entry ban on him," Jacob added.

Derek raised his eyebrows in surprise. He thought that kid had played Instructor Jacob. If the kid were to ask directly, no one would agree to his words.

Especially those who knew about the kid's situation.

Carolyn's mouth curved into an arc. She thought it was the work of Jeremy Night.

"That kid wanted to show his strength through Instructor Jacob. The unknown killers didn't know about Jeremy's combat strength yet."

"If the video is made public, then the mastermind could send high-tier beast tamers after him," she thought.

"Dean, what's next?" Derek asked.

"Are you going to lift the ban?" he added.

"It's too risky. I thought about publishing the footage a few seconds ago, but I have changed my mind."

"We still don't know who is harming that kid. If the unknown mastermind knows about the kid's strength, the mastermind could send high-tier beast tamers after him," Dean Carolyn said in a serious tone.

Hearing that, the expression of both the instructors changed.

Chapter 279: The 2 S-Graders Astonished!

Dean's office:

"I have an idea. I'm going to summon the two S-Graders. Let them watch the video. If they change their minds..."

"Then the issue would come to an end. Their families won't have any reason to complain," Carolyn said with a smile.

"I'm going to call their instructor," Derek said before making the call.

A few minutes later, he had finished explaining things to them. The two S-Graders would arrive shortly.

Instructor Jacob didn't leave. He was the one who recorded the video.

About 15 minutes later,

May Lindsey and Victor Scott walked into the room. Upon seeing the dean and others, they were startled.

May Lindsey immediately thought of her family. She knew about the discussions going on in her family.

They wanted to see the duel happen between her and Jeremy Night.

It was the same with Victor Scott. Unlike May Lindsey, he supported his family. He had been staying low-key for too long. His family was disappointed with his attitude.

So this time, he wanted to change it. Even if the dean disagreed, he would ask his family to convince her. The instructors had come behind them as well.

Dean Carolyn saw them and asked them to come in. There were two more chairs available for the instructors to sit in. The female instructor of the Elemental Department sat beside Jacob.

While the middle-aged male instructor of the Control Department sat next to Elder Derek, Carolyn asked both May Lindsey and Victor Scott to come to her side.

"I think you guys have already guessed the purpose of this meeting. It's regarding your challenge request to Jeremy Night," Carolyn said.

May Lindsey wasn't surprised. She was expecting this from her.

Victor Scott's eyes flickered. He started to think about the arguments. He couldn't let Jeremy Night steal their limelight. He was just an A-Grade Talent, whereas they were S-Grade Talents.

If it were any other place, their treatment would have been different. But here, an A-Grade Talent had taken their spot.

Their instructors wore solemn expressions on their faces. The dean was behind the development of the STRIKER Department. Going against Jeremy Night was the same as going against the STRIKER Department.

They were well aware of the politics. As Central University 14 staff, they would listen to the dean.

Derek raised his eyebrows. He couldn't wait to watch the dumbfounded reactions from them. That kid had already stupefied them. Now it was their turn.

Dean Carolyn saw the unwilling intent in their eyes. She could tell that these two were not going to give up easily.

She said, "If you two and your families want the challenge duel to happen, then you have to fulfill the conditions laid out by Jeremy Night."

Gasp!

May Lindsey took a sharp breath. For a second, she thought she was hearing something wrong.

Jeremy Night's absurd condition was supported by her.

Even Victor Scott thought he was hearing something wrong. He couldn't help but look at the two instructors.

Only they could talk back to the dean.

The female instructor felt the helplessness in May Lindsey's eyes. She could understand her emotions.

She said, "Dean, the condition is ridiculous. How can a Tier-1 Beast Tamer defeat a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast?"

"Jeremy Night is avoiding the challenge. If he doesn't want to fight, he can say so," she added.

"Dean, our university 14 has become a laughing stock because of this kid. He is just an A-Grade Talent. How can he be comparable to the two S-Graders?" the Control Department instructor said.

"Our City A is already laughing at our situation. If other zones and their Central Universities learn about this, we will become the laughing stock of our entire human population," he added.

Quiet!

The room became quiet all of a sudden.

Elder Derek and Instructor Jacob didn't make a sound.

May Lindsey and Victor Scott were happy that the instructors spoke on behalf of them. Obviously, they wanted to shine as the instructors of S-Grade Talents.

Their spotlight had been stolen by Jacob Henry. They wanted to score against him as well.

Dean Carolyn's mouth curved into an arc.

She then said, "Jeremy Night killed a Tier-4 Corrupted Hound yesterday in the wilderness. You can watch the video."

Gasp!

"Impossible," May Lindsey was the first one to utter.

"Are you joking...", Victor Scott stopped his words halfway. But he was dumbfounded as well.

Their instructors were shocked to the core. They couldn't believe that the dean was believing Jeremy Night's nonsense.

"Here is the video. I took Jeremy Night to the wilderness yesterday, and then I captured his kill," Jacob said, starting to play the video on his device.

He had made a copy earlier before sending the original to the dean.

The two instructors, May Lindsey, and Victor Scott's gazes were fixed on the video that was playing.

They saw Jeremy Night facing off against the ferocious hound beast. From its size, it was clear that it was a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

But their faces were written with horror a couple of seconds later because Jeremy Night had killed the Tier-4 Beast in two moves. It was a quick and swift kill.

The female instructor touched her skin. She was not dreaming. It was indeed a fast kill. That too, a Tier-1 Beast Tamer had done it against a Tier-4 Ferocious Hound Beast.

The middle-aged male instructor was frozen like a statue. A huge wave set off in his heart. He had berated that kid a couple of seconds ago.

After looking at the footage, he understood the reason behind the condition. That kid Jeremy Night was a real STRIKER. He had done something without relying on the lifeline beast.

The two S-Graders were nowhere near him.

The female instructor observed this point as well. Even a 4th-year student wouldn't be able to do this without relying on their lifeline beast.

May Lindsey stood rooted in the same spot. She was in disbelief. She couldn't believe Jeremy Night, who had an A-GRADE Talent, was able to achieve this accomplishment.

Victor Scott was terrified in his heart. He had finally decided to confront Jeremy Night after reaching the Tier-1 limit. Yet Jeremy Night's record had stunned him once again.

Last time it was a Tier-3 Beast. Now it was a Tier-4 Beast. He was one step ahead of them.

Chapter 280: Dean Carolyn's silent recommendation.

Dean's office:

An absolute quietness can be felt inside the room. The two S-Graders and their instructors were in huge shock. It was not easy for them to accept the evidence. But they had no choice.

The video evidence is real. It was not fake. It was recorded by Instructor Jacob, who is not going to lie when it comes to the STRIKER Department's reputation.

"No, I don't believe it."

"Give me a copy. I'll ask my family to check. If it turns out to be fake, then Jeremy Night is going to face even more hate," Victor Scott said all of a sudden.

Hearing this, the middle-aged man's face turned dark. He was sure that the Dean wouldn't lie about this evidence. She is the Dean of Central University 14.

She wouldn't do something that could harm the reputation of the university.

"Victor Scott, the evidence is real. Why would anyone fake it?" he said.

Victor Scott was taken aback. Then he realized something. At the end of the day, the instructor is part of the university.

Why would he go against Dean Carolyn?

"No, my family won't agree to this," Victor Scott said again.

The Control Department instructor's face further darkened. Before he could speak further, the Dean stopped him.

She said, "I don't care whether your family agrees or not. The evidence is real. If you want to fight against Jeremy Night, then go and defeat a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast first."

Victor Scott remained silent. He could only go back and inform his family.

On the other hand, May Lindsey was quiet as well. Unlike Victor Scott, she didn't doubt the evidence. But she was beginning to feel restless. She wanted to go back and fight against the Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts.

She had not done it before. The last time she had encountered a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast was during the Beast Invasion.

The female instructor saw May Lindsey's reaction. She thought May Lindsey was doing better than Victor Scott.

"Since you guys have seen it, you can leave," Carolyn said.

The next second, May Lindsey left with her instructor, followed by the Control Department instructor and Victor Scott.

Only Instructor Jacob and Elder Derek remained.

Dean Carolyn thought of something before saying, "Jeremy Night has proved his strength. With his current combat strength, he can graduate right now."

Her expression was serious. Earlier, she used to take Jeremy Night's words as a bluff. But with his current combat strength, he could really leave City A and find a place for himself in the top 10 zones.

Instructor Jacob noticed that Dean Carolyn wanted to say something further, but she stopped for some reason.

"Jeremy can leave the campus whenever he wants. There is no need for the ban anymore. He is stronger than most of the City Guard Captains," Carolyn said with a smile.

Derek Gibson could tell that Dean was taken aback by Jeremy's progress. Like the Dean, he thought that Jeremy would graduate early.

Shortly afterwards,

They left her office. Old Lady Carolyn was pondering. She was now considering whether to recommend Jeremy Night's name. The Human Alliance has a Genius Ranking List.

The Beast Tamers named on that list are the top Beast Tamers of the human population. If she decides to recommend his name, she would have to provide the evidence as well. The original video footage is the best evidence.

She started to think that she was being selfish. She wanted to develop the STRIKER Department. To that end, Jeremy Night is the pillar. Without him, it's difficult to develop the STRIKER Department.

But with Jeremy Night's combat strength, it's challenging to tie him down to Central University 14. From the video, she could tell that Jeremy's A-Grade Supreme Combat Body Talent is not less than that of the S-Grade Talents.

She knew it was not the first time this had happened. There are A-Grade Talents in the top zones that can rival the S-Grade Talents.

After seriously giving it some thought, she decided to recommend Jeremy Night's name for the Genius List. She had decided to upload the supporting evidence as well.

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Meanwhile,

May Lindsey left the university. She was going back to her family. She wanted to stop them from going against Jeremy Night.

She had misunderstood him earlier. He was not bluffing when making such a condition. He was being serious. So it's up to her now to complete the condition.

On the other hand, Victor Scott was on his way home. He was furious in his heart. He was still refusing to accept the video evidence because it was unbelievable.

It didn't take long for them to reach their respective families and report to them. The news came as a thunderclap for the higher-ups of both families.

The news caused them to convene an emergency meeting. When the meeting started, the heads of the families from each side requested a copy of the duel footage from Dean Carolyn.

Dean Carolyn had already recommended Jeremy Night's name to the Genius List. She uploaded the evidence as well. It would be a matter of time before Jeremy's name spread to other zones as well.

After doing that, she sent the footage copy to the Lindsey and Scott families. Both family heads analyzed the footage with other elders.

About 20 minutes later,

They came to the conclusion that Jeremy Night's Talent may be A-Grade Talent, but it's a special combat-related talent, which gives Jeremy Night remarkable combat awareness.

They saw how Jeremy Night found the Tier-4 Hound's weak spot in a short time before killing it with a blade. Both families confirmed the authenticity of the video. It was not fake.

What made the family elders terrified was that Jeremy Night didn't rely on his lifeline beast to kill Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts. But when he made the condition, he only asked May Lindsey and Victor Scott to kill the Tier-4 Corrupted Beasts.

He didn't ask them not to use their lifeline beasts. After figuring out Jeremy Night's intention, both families reduced their hostility towards him.

Now these two families were convinced that Jeremy Night's A-Grade Talent is comparable to the S-Grade. Since his talent is combat-related, he could be treated better in the future than some non-offensive S-Grade Talents.

May Lindsey sighed in relief. Her family was rational. They didn't show hatred or killing intent towards Jeremy Night because his identity was still intact.

She thought that with such combat awareness, he could be sought after by the Human Alliance in the future. So she didn't want to be left behind him.

She was going to ask her family to support her. She planned to find a Tier-4 Beast in the wilderness to train. Earlier, she thought it was impossible to face a Tier-4 Beast at Tier-1 level.

But then her mindset changed after watching the duel footage of Jeremy Night. She was starting to gain the courage to take up this challenge.

On the other hand, Victor Scott's condition was miserable. From a state of denial, he started to accept the facts. Since his family had verified the footage.

Their logical conclusion was that Jeremy Night had powerful combat awareness. He could find the weaknesses of enemies in a fraction of a second.

When the family elders told him this, he broke out in a cold sweat. His father further explained that Jeremy Night was generous in his condition. He had allowed them to use their lifeline beasts, which further woke him up from the delusion.

He couldn't imagine fighting against a Tier-4 Beast without his Spider Lifeline Beast because his talent was related to spiders. It took him a few hours to accept the facts.

Then his family supported him. They were going to arrange a new training plan for him. His next goal was to kill a Tier-4 Corrupted Beast.

He understood that if not for Jeremy Night, his family wouldn't have arranged a special training plan for him. Now they had Jeremy Night as a target to catch up with.

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Joint training facility:

Jeremy Night was practicing inside the room. He was practicing the sword moves without using the Eye ability first. Later he would make a comparison to see which would kill the enemy faster.

The training lasted until dusk. Then he stepped out of the training room. He found the training area unusually quiet. But he could see other students quietly training there.

If it had been earlier, he would have felt many gazes on him.

"Something changed," he muttered.

Then he thought of the duel footage of himself. His eyes gleamed with a twinkle. He hadn't followed up on the details because he was busy training. But he was sure that Instructor Jacob would have shown the footage to Elder Derek and the Dean.

After pushing down the thoughts, he started leaving the place. On the way, he noticed the same situation with other students.

Even the Elemental Department students were averting their gazes upon seeing him. He shook his head before continuing to walk.

Soon, he reached the dormitory. After entering his room, he closed the door and went to take a bath.

About 30 minutes later,

He was dressed in comfortable clothes. Then he made a call to Instructor Jacob.