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### Chapter 2821

Rudy straightened himself and said, "Thankfully, I'm here with you. Otherwise, I'd never be able to leave the Thousand Leaves Tower."

He shook the purple band on his wrist as he looked at Jackie happily. The rules had actually been a huge advantage for Jackie. At that moment, he was just Jackie's subordinate and could advance without needing to fight. As long as Jackie won, he, too, would move forward.

Jackie laughed before composing himself and focusing on the Purple Soul Gem in his hand. Even though the gem was not comparable to the Shattered Soul Crystals, it was an amazing treasure in its own right. He had nine of them in hand, and if he absorbed all of them, he would surely see improvements.

Time ticked away as Jackie formed seals with his hands, absorbing the pure soul energy from the gems while condensing Soul Swords. Jackie had already condensed 75 before, and he set a goal for himself this time. He had to complete Destroying the Void before he entered Thousand Leaves Tower. He would condense 100 Soul Swords. Even though he did not think the tower would be that difficult, it was better to enter the tower in his most capable and strongest form.

Rudy quietly looked on as Jackie formed seals. Even after knowing him for so long, Rudy did not know what kind of technique Jackie had. He merely assumed that Jackie probably had an upper earth level technique, but a guess was just a guess.

Five days passed by in a flash. Rudy tried to train himself during that time as well, but he was never that gifted in combat. After working for a long time without any results, he decided to focus on his alchemy after the fourth day.

Jackie opened his eyes on the fifth morning.

"You're finally done training!" chirped Rudy excitedly.

"I thought I would have to wait for another five or six days. I was getting bored."

Jackie let out a small chuckle before he calmly stood up from the ground. He dusted his clothes before he started to head to the tower gates without any delay.

Rudy followed after Jackie, and he could tell that Jackie was in a good mood. "Did you have any improvements? You broke through?"

Jackie nodded, much to Rudy's glee. The stronger Jackie was, the safer he would feel and be.

Rudy widened his eyes and giddily asked, "Do you think your true skills are at the middle stage of the spring solidifying realm?"

The middle stage of the spring solidifying realm was an unattainable level for Rudy, but it was just part of the journey for Jackie. Even though the Whirling World restricted their power, it did not mean they could not break through. As long as they had the ability, it was possible. It was just that they would be restricted to the late stage of the innate realm. Their strength would return after they left the Whirling World.

Jackie shook his head. "There's been no change, but I'm almost there. My martial technique has improved. I've already perfected it."

Jackie did not hide anything from Rudy when it came to these things. After all, Rudy was on the same boat as him, so there was no reason for him not to.

Rudy gulped at Jackie's words in shock and hurriedly walked to Jackie's side. "T-The upper earth level technique you're practicing is already at the third stage?"

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Jackie raised an eyebrow before saying, "It's not an upper earth level technique..."

Those words confused Rudy even more. He wanted to ask more questions, but Jackie stopped him. "You just need to know that I'll be able to bring you to a level-seven city. There's no need to ask anything else."

After saying that, Jackie entered the tower.

Rudy followed closely behind, still stupefied. He might be an alchemist without any martial talent, but he had basic knowledge. The skills that Jackie had shown before meant that Jackie did not have an ordinary technique. To him, a middle stage earth level technique was rather ordinary.

Inner disciples of eighth-grade clans all mostly practiced those techniques, but they were still no match for Jackie. This meant that Jackie's technique was stronger than theirs, or he would not have won in such an overwhelming manner.

Since Jackie had denied that it was an upper earth level technique, there was only one explanation for it, it was a lower ultimate god level technique!

Every warrior in the Hestia Continent knew what an ultimate god level technique meant. Rudy widened his eyes and gaped, not daring to believe what he was thinking.

High level techniques were not something easily learned. So many prodigies have tried to learn high level techniques, only to be met with failure. It was far too difficult. Without being at a certain level of strength, it was impossible to grasp the intricacies of the

techniques. Only those who could get to certain levels were able to try higher level techniques.

Rudy had seen many masters in this period. Whether it be inner disciples of seventh-grade clans or eighth-grade clans, not a single one of them would dare to try a lower ultimate god level technique. It was not due to the lack of resources, but due to a lack of courage.

Practicing a technique that was too powerful for them would only invite all sorts of trouble, and they would end up wasting a lot of time. Compared to wasting their time that way, it was better to master a technique they could grasp to strengthen themselves.

To Rudy, only those who were already at the divine solidifying realm or the late stage of the spring solidifying realm would attempt ultimate god level techniques, and success would not even be guaranteed by then.

How could a warrior at the initial stage of the spring solidifying realm successfully learn one?

Jackie never lost his calm when he used the technique. It was obvious that Jackie had reached at least the second or third stage of the technique.

Rudy did not want to think about it anymore; it would only baffle him even more. He began to admire Jackie even more at this point. To him, there were no limits to Jackie's talent.

After the two of them entered the tower, they heard a clamor in front of them. Looking forward was an uncountable mass of people. Jackie had been right, there were more people within the tower than at the plaza. They were all in high spirits, filled with battle intent.

Rudy could not help but take a deep breath as he went on full alert. He might not need to fight, but the atmosphere still affected him. He even began to feel fear too. Jackie, on the other hand, was not affected at all. Instead, he seemed even more spirited as he walked over to the inside of the tower.

Rudy frowned, hurrying behind Jackie. The tower had seven levels, and they were currently at the first.

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The moment he got the token, all the rules of the tower were transmitted into his mind. It might be Jackie's first time in the tower, but it already felt like a familiar place. He was not anxious at all. He wanted to walk around for a bit before doing anything else.

Rudy, on the other hand, merely followed after him. Several times did he think of stopping Jackie, wanting to ask a question or two, but Jackie never looked his way. He felt like he would just annoy Jackie if he interrupted what he was doing.

After a long time, they were finally back at where they entered the tower. Rudy could not hold on anymore as he hurried to Jackie's side. "Where are we going next? Didn't you say the battles will start after we enter? Why do you seem so idle?"

Jackie smiled and said, "There's no need to panic. I just wanted to look around before I queue up."

Rudy did not know about the rules of the tower and thus blurted, "Queue? What queue? Do you need to register for the battles?"

Jackie laughed as he patiently explained after patting Rudy on the shoulder, "There are seven arenas on the first level of the Thousand Leaves Tower. You saw it just now. Intense battles are going on in each arena."

Rudy nodded. They had walked a full circle around the tower just now and had seen everything. He did count seven arenas earlier, and each arena was surrounded by uncountable numbers of people.

The design of the arena was incredibly unique as well. It looked like a coliseum. There were spectator stands around the arenas filled with people cheering excitedly. Each battle was incredibly exciting, whether it be for the participants or the spectators. Everyone was filled with excitement, and the thirst for battle was thick among them. It was, simply put, a huge coliseum, but instead of battling beasts, extraordinary warriors duke it out in the arena.

Jackie continued to say, "If you want to take part in a battle, you just need to use the entry token to queue up. I've just entered, so I'm not in such a hurry. I just want to have a look around."

Rudy nodded before turning around to look at the arena closest to them. It was the largest arena he had ever seen and the largest audience as well. He estimated the number of people. He felt like each arena could easily house tens of thousands of people, and all of the arenas looked full.

The booming cheers and shouts of people huddled at the same spot made Rudy's head buzz. The total number of people added up in all the arenas would already have exceeded a hundred thousand.

Rudy pursed his lips in surprise at that.

For many years, he had put all his focus on alchemy. Even if he took part in a tournament or went somewhere else, he had never seen so many people in one place

before. Even since he entered the Whirling World, However he felt like he had been buried in a mass of people. He had never truly felt for himself how many people were in the Hestia Continent before.

He sighed at those thoughts.

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“Before, those people called the two of us ignorant, and I didn’t want to admit it. I feel like I have to admit it now, but it’s only applicable to me. I know that there are countless warriors in the Hestia Continent, but I’ve never really felt it before. I even thought that there won’t be that many people entering the Whirling World thanks to its restrictions. I know now how narrow-minded I was. The Hestia Continent is massive, home to countless warriors. Just the Middle Province alone has at least a hundred million people...”

“Even with the age restrictions, there are still countless warriors who can enter! Even after being filtered out, there are still so many who can enter the Thousand Leaves Pavilion. It’s possible that we’ll encounter countless people in the end. I understand now what it means when they say that there’s always a mountain higher!”

Jackie raised an eyebrow, feeling like Rudy’s moment of realization came genuinely from the heart. He had to agree that Rudy was ignorant. Even Jackie had never seen so many people in one place before.

Jackie smiled, about to say something when they were interrupted by sounds of excitement.

There were two people who were similarly dressed, evidently from the same clan. However, Jackie was not familiar enough with Middle Province and could not tell where they were from.

The shorter man frowned and said, “Have you gotten your number called? Why don’t you wait for the time being? Why are you so anxious? A level-eight city is not easy, let alone a level-seven one. It’s not good for you to do everything alone. Why don’t we wait for the rest of the team and our fellow disciples to gather before we move to the next city?”

The taller man shook his head. “There is strength in numbers, but there won’t be enough resources to go around. Do you think I’ll be able to get any of the good stuff? I’m used to moving alone. I’ll just feel restricted if I go with them. My number is already up. Once I win, I’ll go to the second floor.”

The shorter man frowned unhappily, obviously not agreeing with his fellow disciple’s opinion. Nonetheless, he did not dwell on it. “What number did you get? Who are you up against?”

The taller man sighed as he shook the token in his hand. "The fourth arena. I'm the seventy-eighth battle."

After the shorter man heard that, he frowned anxiously. "The fourth arena is already at the seventy-third round. It won't take that long for it to get to your turn. You still haven't told me who you're facing."

The tall man pursed his lips helplessly. "Paul Mason from the Deer Pavilion."

The mention of the Deer Pavilion caused the shorter man to pause. Rudy and Jackie exchanged glances at that, too.

It was the Deer Pavilion, Anthony was from the Deer Pavilion, too. The first time they met Anthony, he had very arrogantly told them that he was from the Deer Pavilion. They stood at the top of seventh-grade clans.

The shorter one sighed and pursed his lips. "I can't believe you're meeting an inner disciple from the Deer Pavilion right away. I've heard of Paul before. Among the inner disciples, he's not that amazing, but he's still in the middle. You have to be careful. I heard that this guy doesn't have a good temper. He kills without a second thought."

The taller man nodded, he frowned as he said seriously, "I've met all sorts of people before. Even though we're not that strong among seventh-grade clans, we're still quite a bit stronger than sixth-grade clans."

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"We have some amazingly talented disciples with us as well. Even though disciples of the Deer Pavilion have always been strong, I'm not worried at all. If he tries to kill me, I won't let him off easily. I'll make sure he pays the price, even if I have to die!"

The shorter man immediately got nervous at that. He reached out and pulled at the taller man's arm. "Don't be so hasty. No matter what, your life is the most important. As long as you're alive, you'll have the chance to reclaim what you've lost!"

The taller man nodded slightly, but Jackie could tell that he probably did not pay the shorter man's advice any mind.

The moment they were in the arena, the taller man would not hold back if Paul tried to kill him. It might even turn into a battle to the death.

Jackie raised an eyebrow, not saying anything, but Rudy started to get anxious.

Rudy whispered to Jackie, "Don't be reckless if your opponent turns out to be strong, your life is what matters most. We can take revenge later, so don't be reckless!"

Jackie knew what Rudy was worried about, and turned to look at Rudy, "Don't you know my personality? If the opponent insists on troubling me, I won't hold back. However, I'm not a reckless person. You don't have to tell me any of that. I know it all for myself."

Rudy helplessly pursed his lips.

With Jackie's personality, Rudy really had been wasting his time. Jackie had never been someone who looked for trouble. Every time Jackie took action or was angered, it was because the other party had been trying to cause him trouble.

Rudy sighed helplessly at that, not able to say anything. At that moment, he suddenly heard shocked cries as discussions started to be heard.

"Another one died! They just went ham in the area the moment they started fighting. They did not know how to surrender, either. It was a battle to the death!"

"Just look at all the blood on the floor, it stained the arena completely. Fights have always been bloody, and someone dying is normal!"

"I wonder what kind of opponent I'll face. Whoever it is, I hope they'll remember to be considerably patient and not take my head!"

As everyone discussed the matter, someone grabbed the corpse and tossed it aside. The person should have been a wandering warrior without any fellow disciples. There was naturally no one who wanted to deal with his corpse. The corpse was tossed out of the arena like it was trash.

Rudy frowned as he looked at the corpse, mumbling to himself, "How cruel!"

At that moment, the corpse's ribs were exposed, and it looked like a balloon had exploded inside the ribcage. The victor laughed as he walked out, not even giving the corpse another look.

It was a world where the strong ate the weak, the survival of the fittest. That was the most basic rule of the Hestia Continent. No one cried out for the corpse at all. Most of them were instead encouraging the victor, making a chilling sight.

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Rudy was a complete weakling when it came to combat. Looking at this scene, Rudy could only feel goosebumps on his skin.

Jackie turned and shot a look at Rudy. The two of them headed toward the spectator stands of the third arena, where cheers and shouts for the battle still echoed. Some of them were so excited that their eyes reddened, but overall, everyone was thrilled.



Jackie brought Rudy to a secluded corner without a good view over the arena, seeing as the good spots were taken up already. He could not be bothered fighting over them with the crowd. After all, he was not as passionate about watching the battles as the others were. He merely wanted to watch a match before he queued up for his battle.

Since there were so many of them and only seven arenas, the turnover speed of the matches were swift. The moment Jackie and Rudy sat down, a new match was about to start.

“Good man! We’ve got a good show to watch this time. The one in black clothes is Cody Stone from the Unbreaking Pavilion, while the one in white is Vale Monet from the Compass Pavilion. Both of them rank around the same in their respective clans and are both among the top inner disciples.”

“It’ll be an intense fight for sure. We were just looking at wandering warriors before. Even though it was entertaining, it was starting to get bland. A battle between two juggernauts will spice things up!”

Cody and Vale both stood at opposite ends.

Everyone quieted down as they whispered their thoughts to each other, and this was how Jackie got around to learn who the two competitors were.

Rudy whispered, “So the Unbreaking Pavilion is against the Compass Pavilion. Both of them are eighth-grade clans, but to be frank, the Unbreaking Pavilion is much stronger than the Compass Pavilion. It’s just that we don’t know who’s stronger between their disciples.”

Jackie raised an eyebrow, looking closely at Cody and Vale. The two of them did not like each other, evident just by analyzing their demeanor.

Normally, both sides would immediately attack after getting to the arena to save time, but for some reason, Cody and Vale merely looked at each other when they got on, not attacking.

The spectators did not urge them to start either. Everyone seemed to be waiting for them to roast one another. To the spectators, as long as the two of them were talented enough, they could give the competitors some time.

They wanted the atmosphere to be even more tense. Only an intense battle would excite them enough; fights that were not borderline fatal were boring.

Jackie could understand the mentality, but he did not like it.



Rudy obviously did not understand why the two of them were not fighting immediately. After all, many awaited their turn, and only once these two were done would they have their turn. He was baffled as he watched Cody and Vale merely staring at one another.

Rudy frowned before he whispered to Jackie, "Why aren't they fighting yet? What are they just looking at each other for?"

Jackie laughed. "They want to waste their time on words, and they want the battle to be even more intense."

The moment Jackie said that, Vale from the Compass Pavilion finally spoke.

"Other than within my clan, I've never shown any mercy when I'm fighting anyone else. You have to remember to surrender when we fight, or your life may very well be done for!"

Those words excited the crowd even more. The challenge within the words was plain for all to hear. He was clearly telling Cody that he would lose.

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Cody lightly snorted as he sneered, disagreeing with what was said.

"You should be telling yourself that. The Compass Pavilion might be an eighth-grade clan like the Unbreaking Pavilion, but everyone here knows that the Compass Pavilion's title is a hollow one. They're a level below our clan. Don't think that you can challenge me so carefreely just because our clans sound like they're equals!" snapped Cody.

He was not just targeting Vale but was also insulting the whole Compass Pavilion.

Vale was so furious that his face reddened and his lips twitched. There were a lot of people in attendance, including the disciples of the Compass Pavilion. When they heard Cody saying such foul words about them, they started to shout indignantly.

Vale pointed right at Cody. "You're full of crap! The Unbreaking Pavilion is just slightly stronger than the Compass Pavilion. Just give us a bit of time, and we'll make up for the difference!"

Exasperated, Jackie's lips twitched. He never expected that these two would start arguing. He hated those who go on ranting without any reason, there was no point at all. It was better to let their fists talk.

Both Vale and Cody eventually stopped, probably because both sides had been critical of each other. It was not out of peace, however, as they sprang into action and attacked one another.

Vale let out a furious roar as he pulled out a golden sword from his spatial ring. A ball of fire shot out from his body which enveloped him.

Everyone heard the cry of a bird after that as a three-legged golden bird appeared behind Vale. The bird opened up its wings, its flames burning brightly.

“My golden bird will take out the sun!” Vale let out a roar as the bird flapped its flaming wings, merging with Vale’s blade in a sea of fire.

Vale was furious as he swung down toward Cody.

Cody pulled out his weapon as well; it was an incredibly long spear. His hands shook as the spear quickly shrank to normal size, buzzing as Cody met Vale’s attack with it.

The next moment, the crowd burst into a flurry of noise once more. Some of them recognized the level of the skills Cody and Vale used and started to discuss things excitedly.

“The golden bird is a middle earth level technique. I heard that Vale has already mastered it to the second stage! I wonder what level Cody’s skill is. Does anyone know Cody? Do you know what kind of technique he uses?”

A few shook their heads at the question. Even if they knew Cody, no one knew what kind of technique he used, knowing only the fact that he would typically use a spear.

Right at that moment, a loud explosion was heard on the stage. The spear clashed against the sword, and both of them retreated a step, neither gaining an advantage. From that alone, it was clear that the two of them were somewhat equal skill-wise, with none triumphing over the other. The audience was much more excited then. There were even some who wanted to set up bets to let everyone bet on the winner.

Vale frowned. Even though the two of them had both retreated, he was far from happy.

## Chapter 2828

Cody’s words were downright provocative toward the Compass Pavilion. He had wanted to quickly end the fight for the Compass Pavilion’s reputation, but he never expected the attack to end up with a draw, even when he did not hold back.

This, in turn, made Cody worry. However, he did not care about anything else at that moment as a thought flashed across his mind. No matter what price he had to pay, he had to win this battle. It was not just a personal victory but also for the sake of his clan’s reputation!

Rudy, meanwhile, was entirely focused on alchemy, and the battle between Cody and Vale was merely something for him to watch. He could only see that the two of them seemed evenly matched, and a true victor could not be determined at this point.

He listened as the crowd continued to talk. Some of them said that Vale was stronger, while others said that Cody was no weakling and that he would come out as the winner. Various judgments were cast at that moment, which caused Rudy's ears to buzz listening to all of it.

He could not help but turn to glance at Jackie. All he saw was Jackie looking at the arena calmly, his expression undisturbed. It was as if he would not even bat an eye if someone died in the arena.

Rudy did not truly trust everyone else's judgment, but he would with Jackie's.

He whispered and asked, "Jackie, who do you think will win?"

Jackie pointed at Cody and replied, sounding rather sure of himself, "Cody seems to have the advantage."

This stunned Rudy. After all, both of them had taken a step back after the clash. It did not seem like Cody had gained much of an advantage, so why did Jackie say that Cody had the upper hand?

Jackie did not want to explain himself, but Rudy looked at Jackie with wide eyes. He even looked like he would ask more if he did not get an answer, and this made Jackie frown helplessly.

"Cody obviously seemed much more relaxed after the two of them clashed. It doesn't seem like he used his full power," Jackie explained calmly.

Rudy, not agreeing with Jackie's opinion, asked with furrowed eyebrows, "Are you looking at their expressions? How could you determine who's stronger between them like that? After all, everyone's different, so even their expressions..."

"Just shut up for now," interrupted Jackie curtly. "There's no way to prove anything even if we talk about it more. Just wait and look at the results."

Rudy's mouth stiffened as he reluctantly closed his lips.

The battle stopped for a moment as Cody and Vale stood at their respective sides, staring at each other. They were only pausing for a moment to look for weak points, but Jackie felt like Vale seemed to be in a panic at that moment.

Vale inhaled deeply, hiding his feelings as he raised his head. His anger at that moment was evident in his reddened eyes.

Cody snorted as he raised his eyebrow. "Aren't you going to attack again? Are you scared now?"

Vale's hands trembled as he nearly exploded with curses. Cody was downright infuriating! Everything he said made his temper soar.

Vale snorted loudly and said, "You're talking about me? Do you think I'm the only one in the arena? You haven't attacked me at all, so what right do you have to criticize me?"

Cody laughed, not taking it to heart. "I'm giving you a head-start. After all, you're nothing to me. If you still refuse to attack, the spectators might call you out for wasting time!"

Vale had still been able to compose himself and not let Cody's words get to him earlier, but upon hearing those words, Vale almost lost his sanity.

Vale let out an angered roar and rushed forward again!

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Vale wanted to go all-out. He would make his opponent eat his words, and then some!

The crowd was abuzz again, but the difference was that the disciples of the Compass Pavilion, who had been enraged initially, slowly fretted at the situation. It was plain from an outside view that Cody had said all that earlier with the sole intention of angering Vale and making him lunge.

It was obvious that Cody had planned something else, but it was too late to do anything. Vale had already made his move, and no amount of warnings or yells could reach him at this moment.

Rudy, too, felt like something was wrong as he mumbled, "Cody is a little too good at getting under people's skin..."

Vale shouted angrily as he formed seals with his hands. Red runes constantly flowed between his fingers as a vibrant golden bird formed again. The bird cried out as its wings flapped. Heat waves were sent out of his body as even the surrounding air started to distort from the heat.

The spectators closer to the stage retreated as sweat dripped down from their heads.

To deal his strongest blow, Vale used up all the true energy in his body. In turn, the golden bird behind him was almost twice the size of the one before!

Compared to how frantically Vale was acting, Cody was noticeably much calmer. He merely grabbed the spear tightly with both his hands with a resolved look on his face.

"Die!" screamed Vale as he shot right at his opponent as fast as a cannonball.

Cody snorted as he lunged forward, rushing right at the three-legged bird. This time, he had a change of plan. He did not face Cody directly and instead rushed upward toward the bird!

Everyone's eyes widened as he struck with his spear repeatedly at the neck, abdomen, and left claw of the bird. His speed was so terrifyingly quick that only afterimages could be seen. Even Vale had failed to react!

An explosion was heard mere moments later.

Vale had only managed to react when his true energy was already too unstable for him to control, and Cody obliterated his golden bird with a strike at its vital point.

Under normal circumstances, Vale would never have given his opponent the chance to strike at his technique's weakest points even if his opponent saw through it. However, Cody had been far too quick.

Cody had been so swift that no one could react before the attack was done. The golden bird had been destroyed in three strikes, dispersing into energy.

Vale's eyes widened as he looked over in disbelief.

Cody merely sneered, believing that showing mercy was just opening himself up to be backstabbed. With that, he struck with his spear again, spearing Vale's stomach.

Everyone heard a crack as Vale's whole body was sent flying in one strike toward the pillar at the stage quickly. With a loud impact, Vale crashed right into the pillar and slowly slid toward the ground as blood seeped from the corner of his lips. His bones were completely snapped as he suffered numerous internal injuries. This was only with Cody holding back.

With Cody's temper, he could have killed Vale off with one blow. After all, Vale had been too prideful before with his arrogant words.

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Nonetheless, many eyes were on Cody, and he could not afford to worsen the relationship between their two clans. He could not cause a rift between the clans just for a moment of excitement. Of course, he did not let Vale get away unscathed. Vale would be rendered useless for a good few months after that strike.

Cody's speed had stunned everyone, especially the last three strikes that no one had been able to react to. They felt chills down their spines, and some of them were even rendered speechless by the shock. Prodigies looked amazing, wherever they were.

The crowd was mixed, with about half of them being wandering warriors and half of them being disciples of clans. Regardless of who they were, however, most of them were average in skill. They started to get excited after seeing such shocking attacks.

“My god! Cody is so strong! He managed to undo Vale’s strongest attack in three strikes, all while looking composed from the start. It’s just like he said, Vale was nothing to him.”

“That’s right! I underestimated him big-time. I thought that he was at the same level as Vale and that it’d be an intense battle. I never expected Cody to be so strong. He seemed to know the bird’s weak point incredibly quickly. He attacked so swiftly before Vale could even react, destroying the bird immediately!”

“It’s so frustrating comparing myself to him. Even though Cody’s incredibly strong, Vale was no slouch either. I was up there, I’d be done before I could even launch a second attack!”

Their discussions filled the air, but Jackie remained as calm as usual.

Rudy widened his eyes as he gaped slightly, not knowing what to say. He turned to look at Jackie somewhat reluctantly.

“How are you always able to get it right?”

Jackie let out a light laugh as he calmly answered, “You’ll understand in time. The results of this battle weren’t that hard to guess, though. Calm yourself and observe their slightest reactions. You’ll be able to see who’s more confident then.”

Rudy nodded earnestly, feeling like Jackie was right, but he asked again, “But the warriors gathered around us have all probably been through many battles as well. Why couldn’t they see it? All of them seemed rather confident in their guesses, yet most of them turned out wrong. Even those who were right merely guessed without assurance.”

Jackie calmly answered, “Didn’t I already say it? You need to have a calm mind. Just look around you. Other than a few exceptions, most of them are all riled up from the atmosphere of battle. How could they calm down to see who’s stronger?”

Rudy slapped his thigh. “You got a point. Everyone was too emotional at the moment!”

Rudy then looked around him. Even though the battle had ended, the excitement did not leave the people. The unexpected result merely threw them into silence before they burst into discussions once more.

The result had been out of their expectations, but it was enough to excite them. After all, Cody’s final attack was beautiful. Compared to the emotional Vale, Cody had control over himself the whole time.

Even though Vale had used all his true energy to launch his strongest attack, Cody still saw it coming. Cody had launched the last three strikes all too calmly, correctly hitting all of the golden bird's weak points.