

## **Last Days 1031**

### Chapter 1031: Rank 9 Magic Beasts (3)

Dark element explosion appeared on the place where the rank 9 light magic unicorn stood not long ago.

Black scorched mark spread out on the rank 9 light magic unicorn's body as it forcefully broke through the encirclement that Pena had set up before.

\*neigh\*

The rank 9 light magic unicorn looked at Pena with great displeasure.

How dare he!

Pena smiled when he sensed the rampaging light element coming from the rank 9 light magic unicorn in front of him.

These people and magic beasts with the light elements have always been very cocking, making him disgusted to no end.

Did they think that they were far superior than others simply because they have light element?

What a joke.

Even if they have light element, their behavior was worse than those who have dark element and was caused out.

"Yes, just go on rampage, damn unicorn," Pena muttered.

Afirer Kingdom encompassed an extremely large area and it was impossible for every area to have the same treatment for their citizen. Some areas were more tolerant for the poor and ordinary but some areas were harsher towards them as they felt that these people were nothing more than burden.

People without any talent for magic were seen as nothing more than eyesore.

Many people didn't want to see them in the slightest bit.

Pena was born in such area.

Or...

At least, he arrived in that kind of place.

As a young man whose magic talent was low and seemed to have extremely bad circumstances.

When he came to Afirer Kingdom, he was being beaten up and Pena failed to fight back. Those people were simply too strong for the current him at that time, turning him black and blue from being beaten up.

After realizing that he had come to a completely different world, Pena tried to learn more about the world. But he realized that for a commoner like him, getting the first step alone would be extremely difficult.

So difficult that most people would have long given up from the very beginning.

But Pena didn't want to.

The Green Planet's consciousness had carefully selected the people chosen to go to Afirer Kingdom. Each and every single one of them were people who were not willing to bow down to their so called fate.

No matter what was thrown to them, they would figure out a way to come out and possibly overturn their previous fate.

It was terrifying to a certain degree.

All they needed is a chance.

Otherwise, they would still look like a normal human being on the surface but who knows what they were actually planning behind their back.

The Green Planet's consciousness had actually seen what these people would do should there be no grand magic beasts' tide. And it appreciated their actions, even if many of them were already on the verge of breaking the laws and all.

But they all just wanted to survive.

"Dark element is the worse element, huh?"

In the place where Pena was thrown to on Afirer Kingdom, people with dark element was ousted out.

They were seen as the scourge and that people with dark element didn't deserve to live a normal life.

It was to the point that many of them were killed in their youth.

For Pena to be able to grow up until he was an adult and survived was a miracle in itself. Moreover, Pena himself had no memory of the time before he was brought here from the Green Planet.

He could only pierce together the clues bit by bit.

And what he saw made Pena's heart grew cold.

His talent is that of dark element and the people in this place hated the dark element more than anything.

Because this was an area that idolized people with light element.

How ridiculous.

So it took Pena a long time of planning, scheming, murder, stealing, and so on in order to be able to start his practice.

Since these people saw the dark element mages as scourge, then he would become one.

Besides, Pena didn't care how these people see him.

He just wanted to get stronger.

'If I really want to traverse the world on my own without anyone bothering me yet strong enough to survive, what other profession would be better than necromancer?'

It had an army.

And Pena didn't have to waste time cultivating relationship with his skeletons like those beast masters did with their magic beasts.

For Pena, any sort of emotional relationship was utterly stupid.

It was useless too.

What was the point of making friends only to be betrayed in the end?

In short, Pena refused to trust others and could only trust what he obtained by himself without other people's intervention.

This might make his future path even more difficult, but Pena didn't care about such a thing.

As long as he could become a necromancer, it would be good.

It took him more than a year to find out that other areas actually treated people with dark element normally. Only the place where he came from was extremely biased, which made it difficult for any dark element magician to come out and survive.

Pena was lucky.

Lucky?

When Pena heard that coming from the acquaintance he made when he studied magic, he only sneered.

How could it be lucky when Pena basically destroyed the entire village when he came out to start his exploration? Since they have such deep prejudice against him, isn't it a waste if he didn't make their accusation come true?

Otherwise, it would be such a waste for him to suffer so much.

As for changing their perception about him?

Why should he do that?

Pena felt that it would be nothing more than a waste of time and his own dark element was also imbued with the element of destruction.

So he simply let himself loose and destroyed the entire village.

In this way, no one would be able to remember or talk bad about him anymore.

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The beginning of his path was arduous and Pena was filled with hatred against those with light element.

Perhaps he was influenced by those people.

But he didn't care.

Anyway, while Pena disliked people with light element in general, he was too lazy to pay attention to them as long as they didn't bother him.

Thankfully, there were not many people as annoying as those people in the village where he came to in Afirer Kingdom. The other magicians were mostly selfish b\*stards who only cared about their own well being.

Well, he himself was not much better, so Pena couldn't really say anything about it.

But he still disliked other light magician.

Now that Pena has to face rank 9 light magic unicorn and other light elemental magic beasts... he felt that he just had to destroy this damn rank 9 light magic unicorn as fast as possible.

Boom!

He hated all light element.

Isn't it better to let everything be enveloped in darkness?

\*neigh!\*

The rank 9 light magic unicorn struggled under the rapid beating from Pena, but it was obvious that the rank 9 light magic unicorn was not a match against Pena.

But when he was about to win, Pena saw the passage shook once more and a few more rank 9 light magic unicorn came out from the passage.

"Hah, you really don't think of giving me any time to rest, aren't you?" Pena sneered.

Thud!

The first rank 9 light magic unicorn had already fallen to the ground, the entire body was decomposed until nothing but the skeleton remained.

Most necromancers wouldn't dare to touch anything related to the light element. This was because they all knew very well that the contrasting properties would destroy them and many of them didn't dare to get close to them.

But Pena hated it.

As a necromancer, his own physical strength was already worrying enough and now he had to pay attention to the light element.

So he figured out some methods.

How about corrupting the skeleton of those light elemental humans and magic beasts to the point that even a dark element magician like him could use it?

The idea was seen as absurd in the beginning.

And many people felt that Pena was crazy because he failed to become the best necromancer of his rank in Afirer Kingdom.

But Pena felt that it's feasible.

As long as he could make sure that his magic could bind the other party and controlled the skeleton, then it wouldn't be a problem, right?

"O rise, servant of darkness. The light has fallen and dark spread out, penetrating deep into the bones and heart. Let your body fell into the darkness and despair," Pena chanted from a distance as he looked at the rank 9 light magic unicorn's skeletons while his other skeletons were handling the other rank 9 light magic unicorns.

Magic surged up and surrounded the rank 9 light magic unicorn's skeleton.

The previously white and shining bones were slowly eroded, carving black marks on the previously flawless bones.

The bones didn't turn completely black.

But the markings looked ominous enough.

Pena continued calmly, "From east to west, wind chimes, the sun sets down, turning the white ray into red and then into pure darkness. Rise, my skeleton!"

\*neigh!\*

The rank 9 light magic unicorn's skeleton slowly rise up, light element still existed within the rank 9 light magic unicorn's skeleton, yet it was controlled by the dark element.

\*neigh\* \*neigh\*

The other rank 9 light magic unicorn seemed to despair when they saw their so called comrades had fallen into the darkness.

Pena smirked.

Not all magic beasts could be turned into his skeletons and the odds for light elemental magic beasts was actually only 10%.

But he's lucky.

The first rank 9 light magic unicorn's skeleton that he tried on succeeded on the first try. This meant that even if he had to face more rank 9 light magic unicorn, he would be able to handle them.

Light element vs light element.

"How beautiful." Pena laughed and pointed at the group of rank 9 light magic unicorn. "Kill them all!"

\*neigh\* \*neigh\*

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Long distance away.

The Green Planet's Consciousness naturally saw what Pena did to handle the rank 9 light magic unicorn and was not surprised.

Pena might not be the best person from Continent X.

Because in terms of personality, he was a big jerk that would make many people wanted to beat him up.

He also didn't care about other people and when he gained power, what he wanted was to keep the power for himself and to stride forward on his own without caring about other people in the slightest bit.

So when selecting people from Continent X, the Green Planet's Consciousness was troubled for a while.

There were other people who would have a much better temperament and personality. They would also cooperate with the officials like Leon and had a strong sense of responsibility, willing to help the continent when it needed.

But...

After some contemplation and seeing various possible future, the Green Planet's Consciousness finally settled on Pena.

He might not be the best man in the world, but Pena was the one with the highest talent aside from Riya on the entire Green Planet. Even though this talent was on a completely different field, but it was obvious that had they been given the time to grow up normally, the two of them would most likely not fall in the middle but continued to move towards the peak.

Because they have the determination and willingness to work hard in order to achieve their goals.

Even if their means might not be the cleanest nor it conform with morality.

Of course, anything could happen and the future that the Green Planet's Consciousness saw was not fixed.

But in most of them...

It could see that the highest chance was for Pena to grow extremely strong.

Just from the way Pena deal with the rank 9 light magic unicorn, it had already told the Green Planet's Consciousness how much Pena had grown.

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Most importantly...

They were embarking on a path that no one ever treaded before.

Many of their ideas were considered novel and extremely new, something that other people would not dare to try out so easily in fear that they would make a mistake that could possibly destroy them.

But the two of them dared.

And in the process, it could be said that they have created their own paths that shone brightly, far ahead from other returnees.

It's just that other returnees never realized it.

If they never opened up their own paths, the path they walked on would be the path that other people had treaded on in the past and their future achievement might not be higher than those pioneers.

So while Pena's characters have a lot of flaws, the Green Planet's Consciousness still chose him.

He destroyed many people and many magic beasts.

But the Green Planet's Consciousness ignored it.

What Pena did so far was within its calculation and based on the future it had seen... the Green Planet's Consciousness knew what Pena would do in the future.

But for now, it's better to leave Pena be.

There would not be any problem for Pena to deal with rank 9 magic beasts, especially after he obtained rank 9 skeleton.

'The mana consumption is a bit large, though. He wouldn't be able to last long if he continued this high intensity battle.'

The Green Planet's Consciousness wanted every single one of them to last as long as possible, so it helped them to grow. The magic beasts on the Green Planet was adjusted in accordance to the returnee's strength.

Those who were stronger would face stronger magic beasts.

Those who were weaker would face weaker magic beasts.

And so far, there were only a few people who stood at the extreme forefront among all other returnees.

First is Riya, second is Pena, third is Samuel, and so on.

Each of them seemed to have a completely different paths and that there were people who had walked on that path before. But the Green Planet's Consciousness knew very well that some parts of what Riya and Pena did had long surpassed many other people from Afirer Kingdom.

They were opening up their own paths forcefully.

How far they could go would depend on themselves...

And whether the magic beasts would even give them this chance to grow.

Because no magic beasts would be willing to let their prey become so strong that it was impossible for them to deal with them.

"Hah..."

The Green Planet's Consciousness sighed deeply.

Seeing that Pena was handling what was supposed to be the dark element magician's biggest weakness so easily, the Green Planet's Consciousness knew very well that Pena's growth would become even faster.

But...

'His mana is not enough to create a rank 10 magic beasts' skeleton.'

So if there was to be any rank 10 magic beast coming to Continent X right now, the Green Planet's Consciousness knew very well that Pena would lose.

So miserably in fact.

"Ugh."

Seeing that the passage was being forcefully tore apart bigger than before, the Green Planet's Consciousness sneered.

It knew very well that the 'kings' from the other side was already getting impatient.

But not yet.

The Green Planet's Consciousness couldn't possibly let these real powerhouses appeared just yet.

\*rumble\*

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Long distance away, Continent Y

Boom!

The passage shook and the three returnees who were present within a set of area immediately sensed it and quickly assumed fighting stance.

Because they could feel terrifying power leaking out.

"Damn it! Just right when you have just finished using your skill," Navi cursed when she saw the magic beast that came out of the passage.

It had a large body.

Even though it moved slowly, the suppression that it leaked out seemed to seep straight towards their heart, making it difficult for them to make a move.

Just from one look, all three of them knew that this is a proper rank 9 magic beast.

The powerful coercion sent many soldiers fainted right away along with many other magic beasts nearby.

This coercion didn't differentiate between enemies and friends.

All fell down.

"This is a tough opponent, Navi," Nalan said as he looked at the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger in front of them.

At least 10 times the size of normal tiger with blue and silver color on its fur, the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger exuded pressure that was more than enough to cause many weak people to die on the spot.

Sharp and powerful.

It seemed as if nothing couldn't be cut through by the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger in front of them.

Even though the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger hadn't attacked yet, the three returnees could feel that they were being suppressed terribly.

"We're just rank 8 and now we have to face a large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, are you thinking of sending us to our death?" Navi couldn't help but curse out loud when she saw the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger in front of them.

She knew very well that their strength was definitely far from enough to deal with this large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

But it still appeared.

So what was the purpose of whoever made them stronger and then let them be trapped within this radius?

To die with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger?

"In a grand magic beasts' tide, it wouldn't be surprising to see rank 10 or even higher magic beasts," Nalan said slowly, his expression was grave. "It seemed that our strength improvement is not fast enough."

"Are you crazy? Without at least 10 years of practice, it's impossible to advance from rank 9 to rank 10. There's no shortcut for this rank improvement because you need to have full understanding of the laws of your chosen path." Navi's face turned ugly.

Or perhaps...

From the very beginning, this was a losing battle.

A battle that they could not win.

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'No, stop. Don't think that way.'

Nalan took a deep breath as he looked at the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger. So far, while their progress couldn't be said to be fast and easy, they still managed to survive in various life and death's battle.

This happened repeatedly and Nalan didn't believe that they would definitely die.

Why raised them all so hard and full of difficulties if that thing or that person just wanted them to die?

It would be stupid.

At the very least, Nalan didn't want to die.

Dying such a pointless death was even worse and Nalan would rather fight until he could no longer stand up.

Even if it was a battle where all odds were against him... Nalan didn't want to give up.

He never learned the word 'give up' in his entire life.

And he had no plan to start learning it now.

\*roar\*

The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger roared as it came out, seemingly releasing all of the restraint that was placed on its large body. The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's single roar directly caused all the metal element in the air to respond and rushed towards other people nearby.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Countless invisible metal blades headed towards the soldiers nearby, seemingly trying to kill each and every single one of them.

"Ahhh!"

"Help me!"

Those nearest the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger died without being able to speak, but those further away were able to speak for a brief moment before they died.

Their screams could be heard loud and clear by those who were staying at the back.

"Retreat!"

The general looked at the scene in front of him and his heart felt heavy. He knew better than anyone what would await them once the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger let loose from this place.

The Green Planet might end up being destroyed.

Even though other continents might be affected, but they were located so far away from them that it would take them a long time to respond.

So even if he wanted to...

Asking for help is basically an impossible feat.

'Is this really the end?'

The general looked at the three returnees who were still standing in front of the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger. In fact, after the first roar, only the three of them could possibly stay near the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

The other had to stay far away and pray that the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger would never notice them.

As for whether they would help them...

To be honest, the general was highly doubtful.

Would these three selfish returnees be willing to help Continent Y face the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger?

Boom!

"I'm the ember of fire, emitting the fire that burn through everything that stand on my way. Everything will perish on the path of flames. Come forward and burn, destroy everything in front of me. Oh fire of destruction!"

Navi didn't hesitate for long and directly attack the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger. She has five elements and all she could think of right now was to use all of her elements to deal the greatest damage to the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

\*roar\*

Seeing that the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger remained intact, Navi sneered. "It seems that ordinary attack will not be able to harm it."

"Metal has the strongest defense and attack at normal times, but it cost the most mana to use," Soul magician Ami suddenly spoke out.

Nalan and Navi could't see Ami.

It was not impossible if they focused their mana into their eyes or for Nalan, he had to use his aura. But this would waste their mana when they still have to face the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, so neither bothered to do it.

"Do you have any plan, Ms. Ami?" Nalan asked with a sneer. He was holding a large shield in front of him as the few skills that he learned were all defensive skills.

In the face of this large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, Nalan was actually not sure that he would be able to succeed.

Because he knew very well that even his defensive capabilities had its limitation.

Even if he wanted to...

For a rank 8 guardian warrior like him to defend against the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, it would be extremely difficult.

Boom!

\*roar\*

The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger basically didn't give them any time to react and it started to attack.

Nalan could only raise his shield and then turned to look at Navi. "Deal with it quickly!"

"Alright." Navi sighed and started to chants one after another.

"I'm the ember of fire, emitting the fire that burn through everything that stand on my way. Everything will perish on the path of flames. Come forward and burn, destroy everything in front of me. Oh fire of destruction!"

"I saw the flow of water, flowing smoothly through any obstruction, following the path yet also carved its own through the flow. Come forward and smooth the edge of the enemies in front of me, oh flowing water pressure!"

"The earth is hard and sharp, piercing through my enemies. I want to..."

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Countless elemental attacks descended rapidly on the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger. Even though the chants were long, but Navi always spoke quickly, making sure that her attack came one after another towards the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

Fire burned its skin, water pushed it back, wind cut through the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's body.

And so on.

If the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger didn't have thick skin and strong defense, it would have long been cooked to death by Navi's magic attack.

Unfortunately...

\*roar!\*

The loud roar from the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger made them realize the situation was truly dire.

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"It's not effective. Can't you use stronger attack magic spell?" Nalan asked as he raised his shield to block the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's movement.

Stronger attack magic spell?

Navi pursed her lips as she looked at the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger in front of the two of them.

Ami was also nearby.

But what she could do was to stop the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's movement from time to time. And it was not very effective because the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's soul was too strong to be influenced by Ami directly.

Right now, they were unable to do anything.

"Why can't this large rank 9 metallic magic tiger target others?" Ami cursed in a low voice as she sensed the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger rushing in her direction and she swiftly moved away.

"Because the one who set it up wants us to die," Nalan said without hesitation.

There were many magic beasts coming out of the passage, but most of them had died from the moment the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger came out.

Just the sheer pressure that the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger exuded was more than enough to deal with most magic beasts.

And neither of the three cared that much.

Many people have already passed away by now.

"The range where we could stay around the passage have decreased and it might be related to the number of magic beasts we have defeated so far," Nalan said as he stepped back slightly.

The pressure from the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was really big.

Thankfully, the attack from Navi made the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger busy paying more attention to her, so the defensive shield didn't have to bear the full burden of the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's attack.

But this couldn't go on.

Nalan knew very well that if they couldn't defeat the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, what awaited them would be their death.

He didn't want that.

"Tsk." Ami frowned and felt even more displeasure.

Right now, she was using her soul power to cause trouble secretly, but the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was by no means weak.

Her means could only stop it for a period of time, only enough for Navi to use another powerful magic spell at rank 8.

The problem is...

Rank 8 alone is not enough to deal with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

Nalan knew this very clearly.

But even if he were to know about it, he could not do anything.

The decision lies in whether Navi was willing to use any forbidden technique to deal with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger in front of them.

Every use of the forbidden technique was the same as cutting off their own future. Because the price they had to pay would be either their own lifespan or their own potential that was pulled up.

It would not be easy to make sure that they could survive.

At the very least....

Nalan knew that Navi's future paths have long been riddled in holes because she kept on using those destructive magic spells.

"Ah, I can see that." Navi took a deep breath.

Recovering her mana while making use of the time when Ami dealt with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, she felt her mind was churning.

Of course, Navi knew very well that they were not the opponent of this rank 9 magic beast.

Their abilities were far from enough to deal with such a powerful magic beast.

"Navi."

"I know."

The enemies they have faced so far were all enemies that were far above their own leagues. This seemed to bring them closer and closer towards their own ends and Navi could see it very clearly.

It's frustrating.

It's also very hateful.

Being forced to their limit again and again...

"The world is round, earth supplemented with water, blooming with vitality and kept the world intact, the sun shine and burned the ground, providing the energy for the metals to change its form and return to earth," Navi chanted, her voice was light and there was a hint of urgency. But more than anything else, her eyes were flickering with ruthless glint.

\*roar!\*

Boom!

"Elemental explosion," Navi smiled.

The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was suddenly faced with the combination of a few magic elements, and its body unable to hold on.

\*roar!\*

The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger tried to fight back, trying to bring out the last fight, but it was futile.

Under the elemental explosion, a radius of more than 5 kilometers from the passage entrance turned into ruins.

\*pant\* \*pant\*

"You did great, Navi." Nalan looked at his cousin with heartache.

If it was possible, he really didn't want Navi to continue using elemental explosion. Because this was the kind of magic spells that would harm herself and harm her opponents.

"Heh." Navi smiled.

\*roar\*

"I don't want to interrupt your touching moments, but there are a few more large rank 9 metallic magic tiger coming out," Ami said.

The explosion had caused a large crack on the ground, but this was not a problem as a few more large rank 9 metallic magic tigers came out of the passage. Each and every single one of these large rank 9 metallic magic tiger roared loudly.

They seemed to be trying to destroy the Green Planet from their first appearance.

"You must be kidding." Navi coughed.

"Tsk. We have to fight. No matter what."

\*Roar!\*

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Long distance away, Continent Z

\*roar\*

Seeing the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger coming out of the passage, Riya's expression changed slightly. She had no idea that the same species had already come out on Continent Y because her attention fell on the passage behind the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

After a large number of ordinary (at least, lower than rank 8 magic beasts) coming out, Riya sensed a terrifying pressure.

\*Screech\*

A large bird, at least 20 meters long came out of the passage and Riya's face turned ashen.

"It's a rank 10 lightning magic bird."

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\*Screech\*

The loud sound penetrated straight into the heart of many people who were waiting behind the passage.

"It's lightning element," Riya muttered.

The worst possible element to be Samuel's opponent.

Because this rank 10 lightning magic bird definitely had strong lightning element's resistance, making it difficult for Samuel to use either lightning or fire to deal with it. Any attack to the rank 10 lightning magic bird would be halved.

But this also applied to the opposite.

The attack from the rank 10 lightning magic bird would not be that effective against Samuel due to his strong lightning resistance.

This is the worst opponent possible for Samuel.

Not to mention, there were still two large rank 9 metallic magic tigers coming out of the passage, roaring and seemingly trying to create a better welcome for the rank 10 lightning magic bird behind them.

"Three opponents at the same time," Riya muttered and she stood up without hesitation.

"Wait." Samuel raised his hand and stopped Riya before she could jump and fly. "I'll deal with it."

Riya frowned. "You know very well that dealing with the rank 10 lightning magic bird meant that your best element is not going to be as effective as usual."

The rank 10 lightning magic bird couldn't be defeated by lightning alone.

For Riya, who could use any kind of elements, it would not be a big problem. She could use water, ice, dark, or even light element when dealing with the rank 10 lightning magic bird. There were also countless formation that she could use to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

It was not a big problem.

But Samuel is different.

His main elements were fire and lightning.

Neither were the elements that could deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird easily. In fact, Samuel might end up having to waste more mana just to be able to defeat the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

"Trust me." Samuel smiled. "Besides, I have long want to fight a rank 10 lightning magic bird."

Riya looked at Samuel closely and Samuel still had the same confident smile on his face.

"You've changed, Sam."

In the past, Samuel would be the kind of person who tried to take the greatest benefit for himself no matter what. In this way, he could spend the least effort, yet the end result would always bring him the greatest benefit.

"Who said that I have changed." Samuel rolled his eyes. "I just know a few things about the rank 10 lightning magic bird. And I have faced one in Afirer Kingdom albeit at weaker rank. Besides, I think that you have to deal with the next one that's about to come out."

About to come out...

Riya looked at the passage behind the two large rank 9 metallic magic tigers and her expression was not very good.

She knew very well what Samuel meant.

The passage was unstable and more powerful opponents could come out of the passage at any time. She just had to focus on the passage and deal with the more powerful enemies rather than wasting her time with the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

"If another rank 10 lightning magic bird come out..."

"You will deal with it." Samuel didn't know whether there would be more rank 10 lightning magic bird coming out or not, but for the first rank 10 lightning magic bird, he wanted to deal with it.

"Got it."

"EVERYONE RETREAT!"

While Riya and Samuel were discussing about who will deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird, the general saw the appearance of these three and immediately issued the retreat order. He couldn't know the exact ranks of these magic beasts unlike the returnees, but the sheer pressure alone told him that he was not a match against either of them.

'It seems that even if we all have worked so hard, the final stage have to fall on the laps of these returnees.'

This is inevitable.

Even though they have been working so hard to deal with the magic beasts... the more powerful magic beasts just have to come out of the passage and challenged them.

"Tsk!"

"Ah, don't let those magicians make trouble."

"Yes!"

The internal problem of Continent Z hadn't been fully solved yet, especially since it involved Samuel and Riya personally. The higher ups already have headache because of this matter and they didn't need these magicians to make trouble during the crucial moments.

It would be better to let these magicians stay as far away as possible from Riya and Samuel.

\*roar!\*

The two large rank 9 metallic magic tigers didn't wait for the rank 10 lightning magic bird behind them and rushed forward.

Swish! Bang!

Peter, who saw the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger coming out, directly blocked its path and smirked. "I think that you should know that a good kitty wouldn't make trouble for no reason."

Even though Peter put on a smile on his face, his entire body was actually in pain. He could sense that the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was releasing unique pressure containing strong metal elements.

The metal elements seemed to have the power to cut through any paths forward.

This forced Peter to use his aura as his defense, but he knew that he had to deal with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger quickly.

Otherwise, what awaited them would be nothing more than their own death.

'This large rank 9 metallic magic tiger is terrifyingly powerful,' Peter thought to himself, but he never had any intention of backing down.

From the moment he decided to stand up, he knew very well that his enemies were definitely going to be even more and more powerful.

\*Roar!\*

Being blocked like this, the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was clearly unhappy and roared loudly.

"Bring it on, you big tiger! I'll teach you how to respect your father!" Peter yelled loudly and coated himself with aura as he charged towards the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Chapter 1037: Rank 10 Magic Beasts (2)

Ignoring Peter's inappropriate remarks, he was still able to stay on par with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger albeit being a rank longer.

But he could tell that his aura was deployed to the fullest.

Thankfully, the clothes Peter wore have been strengthened by Riya using various formation, giving him enough protection even if he was facing the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

Unfortunately, the Green Planet couldn't mass produce these things.

The materials alone were difficult to find and then they have to ask Riya to set up the formation, which was by no means easy.

After all, Riya also had to prepare countless life saving methods in order to deal with the magic beasts' tide.

So only a few people have such protective clothing.

But it's enough.

Because these people were all people who stood at the forefront.

Boom!

The first large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was facing Peter who clearly would not let it go while the other one wanted to rush over and started a feast of eating the humans and destroying the Green Planet.

But it only took a few steps forward before it felt the ground sunk.

"I am the devourer of the darkness. May the darkness come forth and halt the movement of my enemies, dark swamp trap!"

Followed by the ground that sunk, it faced another crisis almost immediately.

"I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

\*roar!\*

The dark element enveloped the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's body, eroding its body forcefully and tried to suck away all the element that it had. Even though it was releasing a large amount of mana to defend itself, the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger felt as if it was completely drained.

\*roar\* \*roar\*

In the midst of the darkness, only the roar of the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger could be heard.

Dina looked at the scene in front of her coldly and her hand was stretched forward as she chanted once more, "I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

Swoosh!

The dark element surged once more.

Just when the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger thought that it could escape, another layer of dark element had already enveloped it and destroyed it quickly.

"Guh..."

Dina could sense that the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's elemental magic was wrecking havoc within her magic spell.

But no matter how much the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger moved, she would not let it go.

She had to defeat it.

No matter how difficult it is...

"I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

Chanting and using up her magic once more, Dina continued to trap the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

Slowly but surely, she could sense that the dark element completely eroded and erased the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

It died.

\*pant\* \*pant\*

Thud!

Kneeling on the ground, Dina gritted her teeth.

She knew very well that as a rank 8, challenging a rank 9 magic beast was almost the same as suicide. But even if it was difficult, Dina knew that she had no other option but to stand straight and dealt with the enemy in front of her.

"But I still succeed, didn't I?" Dina smirked.

She knew that this large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was definitely not the strongest enemy that they had to face.

But this is a good first step.

If they could defeat a rank 9 magic beast, couldn't they also defeat the rank 10?

Uh...

Wait, not her, but the other.

Dina glanced to the side and saw that Samuel had already jumped up into the air using his wind element to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird. Since they would fight in the air, it seemed that there was no need for them to worry that their battle would affect those who were below them.

How kind of the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

Dina herself didn't care how many people whom this large rank 9 metallic magic tiger killed when it came out.

She killed it because it would be troublesome otherwise.

But she knew that Samuel would definitely try to protect these soldiers who were surrounding the area to ensure that they could protect their lives.

The protective circle on Continent Z was purposely made to be far away from the passage.

Because this was meant to be the stage for the returnees.

Bang!

Dina turned to the side and saw that Peter was engaged in close combat with large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

He forcefully tore apart the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's limbs, causing the tiger to roar in anger and unwillingness.

From the way it looked like, Peter didn't need her help.

But this kind of battle truly wasted most of their energy.

\*roar\*

Hearing roar from the passage, Dina raised her head sharply and looked at the passage. They couldn't really see the other end of the passage as what they could see was nothing more than chaotic energy that looked like tunnel from the passage.

It should be some kind of space and time magic that allowed a passage to be opened.

The distance would be shortened with space magic, but it was not perfectly save.

\*Screech\*

Another large rank 9 metallic magic tiger and rank 10 lightning magic bird came out of the passage.

Chapter 1038: You Have to be Kidding Me

"You have to be kidding me."

Riya saw the second rank 10 lightning magic bird that struggled to come out of the passage and her eyes narrowed dangerously.

It was one thing for another large rank 9 metallic magic tiger to come out.

But for a rank 10 lightning magic bird to come out...

Swish!

Without hesitation, Riya had already stepped forward and the Protective Rune Circle around her body spun as she stood in front of the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

\*Screech\*

Seeing a small bug appearing in front of it, the rank 10 lightning magic bird was clearly unhappy. It had finally managed to pass through this broken passage and what awaited it was actually an annoying bug?

The rank 10 lightning magic bird swung its wing, but Riya moved even faster.

Swish!

She appeared right behind the rank 10 lightning magic bird with her teleportation formation and another formation had been drawn with her other hand.

"Space Splitting Formation," Riya said in a light voice and mana surged out from her body towards the formation on her hand.

\*screech\*

The rank 10 lightning magic bird sensed danger from behind it, but before it could take any action, Riya had already finished forming the formation and the rank 10 lightning magic bird felt as if its vision was split into two.

One half on the right and the other half was on the right.

It saw another rank 10 lightning magic bird was fighting in the air and the other side was seeing that a large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was being beaten up below it.

In just a few seconds, all the rank 10 lightning magic bird could see was darkness.

\*pant\* \*pant\*

Riya's face scrunched.

Space Splitting Formation was a formation that she derived from her path and understanding of space. After all, Riya's main attack has always been teleportation formation.

Most of the time, Riya would use it to run away.

So she remembered the entire formation by heart.

From the moment she started to study the law of space, Riya knew very well that space couldn't only be used to run away but to attack.

And this kind of attack would be the most deadly.

Bang!

Peter finally punched the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger and formed a hole on its head. The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's head was a bit too hard, making it difficult for Peter to defeat it.

Thankfully, through using up his aura, he still managed to do it.

When he raised his head, what he saw was the scene of Riya splitting the rank 10 lightning magic bird in two in just one move.

Just one move.

And the rank 10 lightning magic bird's big body was split into two cleanly.

With his vision, he could see that Riya was panting slightly and she took out mana stone in order to replenish her mana quickly.

But...

"Did Riya just use one move to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird?" Peter asked with doubtful tone.

He spent a long time to deal with the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, but Riya only used one move to deal with a magic beast at a rank higher?

Peter felt that the gap between him and Riya seemed to have grown bigger and bigger.

Even if Riya was using her ultimate move in order to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird quickly, but it still didn't make sense.

How did Riya manage to get stronger so quickly?

While Peter looked like he lost his soul from doubting his life, Samuel had already seen it too.

When he asked Riya to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird, he was not joking.

He wanted to use the rank 10 lightning magic bird to train some of his fire element moves. After all, lightning element against the rank 10 lightning magic bird would not be effective.

Boom! Blaar!

Slashing in the air and fire rushed towards the rank 10 lightning magic bird quickly, but it formed a lightning net, blocking all of the attack from Samuel neatly.

\*Screech\*

From the beginning, the rank 10 lightning magic bird had sensed that Samuel would be a difficult opponent to face, so the rank 10 lightning magic bird wanted to run away as far as possible.

Unfortunately, Samuel would not give it any chance to run away.

Swish! Clang! Slash!

Moving rapidly in the air, Samuel avoided the rank 10 lightning magic bird's lightning attack and headed straight towards the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

\*Screech\*

The rank 10 lightning magic bird tried to avoid Samuel, but he was faster after using both the wind and lightning element to boost his speed and then his sword slashed through the rank 10 lightning magic bird's body.

He aimed at the rank 10 lightning magic bird's neck, making sure that it was indeed the magic beasts' weak point to ensure that the rank 10 lightning magic bird would not come back.

Because aside from him and Riya, no one else could possibly deal with this rank 10 lightning magic bird.

There were also the two large rank 9 metallic magic tiger, but he was sure that Peter or Dina could handle them.

The two of them were strong.

\*screech\*

As the rank 10 lightning magic bird was dying from Samuel's strike, he saw the second one coming and Riya dealt with it within seconds. She moved extremely fast and directly used up her entire mana.

The moment Riya formed that Space Splitting Formation, Samuel felt great danger as if he was the one who would be killed by Riya.

And the next moment, the rank 10 lightning magic bird had been split into two.

The air was also split and then teleported to the distance.

"As expected of my wife." Samuel saw this and smiled. He thought that he had finally gotten ahead after advancing to rank 9 earlier than Riya, but her moves clearly told him that Riya is still ahead.

If she wanted to, dealing with the powerful magic beasts would not be a dream.

Chapter 1039: There are More?

Boom! Thud!

The large rank 10 lightning magic bird's bodies fell to the ground.

Swish!

Samuel used his element and appeared not far from Riya. Seeing the Protective Rune Circle around Riya's body, he didn't dare to come any closer. After all, Samuel didn't know whether Riya would still allow him to enter her Protective Rune Circle or not.

They were about to face the greatest and most perilous battle on the Green Planet, so it would be better to be cautious.

Many magic beasts have strange abilities.

"Are you alright, Riya?" Samuel asked, his voice tinged with concern.

Riya blinked her eyes and raised her head.

Seeing Samuel hovering in the air not far from her along with the burnt rank 10 lightning magic bird that had its neck severed, she could guess that he had also finished his battle not long ago.

"I'm fine, but the passage is far from stable." Riya looked at the passage.

The large rank 9 metallic magic tiger was still facing Dina, who had already casted her usual magic spell.

"I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

And then Peter would block it whenever Dina had to rest in order to replenish her mana before using the magic spell again.

After all, the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger couldn't be dealt with only with just one magic spell.

It needed more.

"The passage?" Samuel followed Riya's line of sight and frowned.

"Um."

It might be because Riya was following the law of space, but she could sense the strong space magic fluctuation from the passage.

Even though the passage itself was not that stable, it was still a passage that connected two completely different world and sent countless powerful magic beasts to the Green Planet.

And the magic beasts will never stop until the Green Planet is destroyed.

Riya knew more things because she had met with the Green Planet's Consciousness, but it was not like the Green Planet's Consciousness would tell Riya everything.

The plan that the Green Planet's Consciousness had or what kind of magic beasts will appear from the other side on the Green Planet...

These things were not something that the Green Planet's Consciousness would tell them.

Riya knew it very well.

It was precisely because she knew that she felt uneasy.

She had the feeling that the Green Planet's Consciousness would never make it easy for them.

After all...

They have been thrown in a live and death battle several times in the past and Riya had experienced it first hand how it felt to be thrown on the edge of life and death countless times.

To be honest, Riya didn't really want to repeat it ever again.

But she also knew that it would be utterly impossible.

The Green Planet's Consciousness should have a grand plan for it to select 12 people to Afirer Kingdom.

"Are you thinking that more rank 10 lightning magic bird will come out?" Samuel asked.

"Uh huh."

Riya had already put the rank 10 lightning magic bird that she defeated into her world and ordered the 'dolls' there to start working to cook the rank 10 lightning magic bird's meat at the fastest speed possible.

Even though she's technically a magician and this method wouldn't help her much, but it's better than nothing.

Through speeding up the time in her world, Riya quickly took out a bunch of roasted meat and handed it to Samuel.

"Eat it."

"Hmm?" Samuel saw the cooked meat and knew that it was definitely the rank 10 lightning magic bird that Riya had just defeated not long ago. But how did she cook it when she's staying here and talking with him?

Samuel looked at Riya, but seeing that she was focused on eating at the fastest speed possible while still hovering on the sky to look at the passage, Samuel chose not to ask the other party.

Each and every single one of them have secrets that they would not want others to find out.

Samuel is also the same.

So Riya having a secret shouldn't be that surprising.

In any case, Samuel started to eat the magic beasts' meat at the fastest speed possible. Even though meditating would also work, but sensing the mana that the rank 10 lightning magic bird's meat had... Samuel sighed.

"Defeating higher ranked magic beasts is indeed the best way to advance quickly," Samuel muttered.

Riya silently looked at Samuel. "You sound like you're expecting for more rank 10 lightning magic bird to come out."

"Haha... not really." Samuel shook his head helplessly.

If there were more rank 10 lightning magic bird, they would have to use up their mana once more. And Samuel could see that Riya couldn't use that formation all the time.

Boom!

Below them, Peter and Dina finally cooperated to deal with the third large rank 9 metallic magic tiger.

The soldiers who had reached rank 7 directly helped to transport the large rank 9 metallic magic tiger's corpses to the rear while leaving the frontline to these returnees. If the opponents were like that rank 10 lightning magic bird not long ago, these soldiers wouldn't be able to help much.

It would be better for them to stay as far away to ensure that they would not hold these people back.

\*roar!\*

Hearing the familiar roar, Peter and Dina's body stiffened.

The former was busy eating the magic beasts' meat that he had kept in his space storage scroll while Dina was drinking the processed magic beasts blood essence that she had prepared for this battle.

They wanted to recover quickly.

But now hearing the familiar sound, they all silently looked at the passage.

As they have expected, two more large rank 9 metallic magic tigers came out of the passage followed by the rank 10 lightning magic bird behind them.

Chapter 1040: Again?

Boom!

Seeing the rank 10 lightning magic bird that came out, Riya directly made a move.

She had already used up her mana not long ago to deal with one rank 10 lightning magic bird, but when another one appeared, Riya knew very well that she had to deal with it quickly.

Her mana had almost recovered.

Besides...

'A proper rune master had to learn how to use the mana in the air and not just the mana within one's body.'

Thanks to the Green Planet's Consciousness, the current Green Planet already had higher mana concentration. Even though the price they had to pay was enormous, the current Green Planet was more than enough to be used as the main battlefield to deal with these magic beasts from the other side.

And when Riya saw the rank 10 lightning magic bird that came out of the passage, she knew very well that there might be other rank 10 magic beasts coming out of the passage without them knowing.

If she truly wanted to deal with them all, Riya knew that she had to surpass her limit.

The limit of a rank 9 that she could clearly feel.

As for advancing to rank 10...

Riya knew very well that it was absolutely impossible and when facing against the rank 10 lightning magic bird, she had to use her ultimate move in advance because if she was too late, what awaited would be nothing more than a grand destruction.

"Sam, let the soldiers retreat even further away," Riya said as she focused her attention on the rank 10 lightning magic bird that came out of the passage.

The mana in the air was extremely clear.

And she had to make a good use of them to combine with her own mana and created the second Space Splitting Formation to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

'Ah...'

It's really challenge one's limit.

Swish!

With a teleportation formation plate, Riya directly arrived in front of the rank 10 lightning magic bird.

\*Screech\*

The rank 10 lightning magic bird directly launched sonic attack and Riya blocked all kind of sounds using her Protective Rune Circle. When she designed this Protective Rune Circle, she made sure that it could also block some unconventional kinds of attack like the sonic attack and the likes.

Because Riya wouldn't know what kind of magic beasts that she would face in the future.

This rank 10 lightning magic bird alone was something that Riya had never expected before.

\*Screech\*

Lightning element surged as the rank 10 lightning magic bird tried to attack Riya.

Swish!

Teleporting straight behind the rank 10 lightning magic bird, Riya could sense the mana in the air surging and even the mana from the passage behind her was pulled along. The corner of her lips curled up slightly as she spat out, "Space Splitting Formation."

Swoosh!

The space was cut into two as the mana was compressed to the extreme.

The rank 10 lightning magic bird was not given any chance to respond before its body was split into two once again.

Riya knew that she couldn't let the rank 10 lightning magic bird continued to attack.

Her Protective Rune Circle has been running at rapid speed in order to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird's attack not long ago.

If it continued, Riya knew very well that what awaited her would be nothing more than her defeat.

Just one move.

She had to deal with the rank 10 lightning magic bird in one move.

No mistake is allowed.

\*pant\* \*pant\*

Riya glanced at the passage and gritted her teeth.

She knew that this would not be the last rank 10 lightning magic bird coming out of the passage this time.

'Just what is it that you want, Green Planet's Consciousness?'

Riya knew very well that the Green Planet's Consciousness should have been controlling the passage to a certain degree. Or at the very least, it would suppress the passage to prevent it from allowing the most powerful magic beast to cross into the Green Planet and possibly destroy the entire planet in advance.

By letting the weaker ones come over but not the strongest one, the Green Planet's Consciousness was giving them a chance to resist.

For how long?

Riya didn't know.

She had no idea how much power the Green Planet's Consciousness had either.

The Green Planet is basically the Green Planet's Consciousness's territory, so it would be easy for it to plant that World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation. That was how the Green Planet could be transformed.

But even after the transform... it was not enough.

"I hope that you're not actually hoping for all of us to fail, Green Planet's Consciousness," Riya muttered in a low voice.

She was the only one who knew the existence of the Green Planet's Consciousness and she could tell that the Green Planet's Consciousness was giving her a special treatment.

But why?

Riya had no idea right now.

She took a deep breath and took the rank 10 lightning magic bird's corpses into her world and used the meat as her food while the rest of the body was to be formed into mana stones. These would help her to recover her mana as fast as possible.

'I can already use the mana in the air to a certain degree, but it's not enough.'

Bang!

Dina and Peter were busy while Samuel went to the back with his element. He nodded at Arnold and Ruben who were waiting for his instruction.

To be honest, there were people with higher ranks compared to these two, but they were the two people whom Samuel trusted the most, which is why they were allowed to be the commander here.

Besides, the higher ups could see that they were all responsible people who would not mess around, so they could trust them.

"Sam, what is it?" Arnold quickly asked.

"Push the defense perimeter back. There might be more rank 10 magic beast and their range of attack is greater."