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### Chapter 106 Pillars

As Riya walked in, she saw the place looked like a naturally made cave except for the dense runes on the ground and the pillar standing tall in the middle.

"This is... Runes Pillar?"

Riya's expression turned grave when she saw this thing.

Because she knew very well that rune pillars couldn't be made by nature. It's manmade, which meant that someone had come here in the past and set up all of these.

Was the destruction caused by those magic beasts actually caused by humans?

Someone who experienced the same thing as her?

Riya's eyes narrowed dangerously. She had learned those runes painstakingly and knew very well that it was very difficult to do. Who in their right mind would make these runes pillars and placed it here for these magic beasts to grow?

Suppressing her rage, Riya slowly took steps forward and looked at the dense runes around the pillars before her eyes locked onto the core in the middle.

She recognized it.

It was a rank 5 special magic core.

Some people called it magic cores but this special magic cores were different from the magic cores that was produced by the dead magic beasts. The special magic cores could only be formed naturally in extreme environment and then the elements were fused together until it solicited and continued until it reached a certain rank.

The ranking of these cores were based on the amount of mana inside, which was comparable to a rank 5 magic beasts or even a rank 5 mages.

Another difference between magic core and special magic core was that the special magic core can be absorbed directly. The magic cores from the magic beasts couldn't be absorbed because the mana was too violent for humans.

On the other hand, the special magic cores' mana was very gentle.

It was just that absorbing a special magic core will leave traces on them, a mark of nature.

But compare to having a mark, being able to absorb a special magic core would increase their mana at a much faster rate.

"What a waste," Riya murmured and runes formed on her hand, slowly taking out the special magic cores from the pillar.

She knew very well that this special magic core was of higher rank in the past but because most of the energy had been used, it was only a rank 5 by now.

Tep.

The special magic cores fell on Riya's hand and she looked at the dense runes on the pillars, studying it for a moment.

'Energy accumulation, branches, hmm....' Riya looked at the combination of the runes before understanding what the use of this pillar was. It was used to stimulate the entire planet through the special formation, allowing mana to be released into the surface.

The mana first accumulated within this area, expanding through extremely long tunnels under the surface and when it reached a certain standard, the planet couldn't withstand it anymore and thus the earthquake happened all over the world.

And these magic beasts that fed on the mana in this area were naturally also released together.

Why?

Riya didn't know.

She looked at this formation and knew that there had to be 12 pillars in total. The location of the pillars would concentrate in four locations, each having 3 pillars. And the closest pillar to this one was in the next city.

'I'll take these cores.'

Riya took a deep breath and then sat down beside the pillar. She looked at the special magic cores in front of her and then placed it right in front of her heart.

Swish!

The mana inside the special magic core seemed as if it had heard a calling as it boiled and then rushed into Riya at rapid speed. The gentle nature of the mana slowly blend with Riya's own mana, making her mana increased at rapid speed.

Riya originally would take at least a few months even with the help of her formation to reach rank 4.

But this special magic core helped her to reach rank 4 almost immediately.

"Mmph..."

There was sharp pain in her heart and Riya knew that the sudden advancement after her mana reached the limit caught her unprepared. She could only use formation and infused it into her heart, carving her own mana heart.

For rune masters, their advancements had to be accompanied with carving runes into their own mana heart when they reached rank 4. This practice had made many people unwilling to follow this path.

Because if they were not careful enough, they might even destroy their own mana heart.

But Riya was calm.

She had done this before.

What she did was simply to replicate and made even better runes compared to how she used to do.

Swish!

The mana swirled in the air and rushed towards Riya at rapid speed. The mana heart that had reached rank 4 was slowly strengthened until the foundation was stable and then the rest was dispersed by Riya all over her body towards her other organs, bones, and flesh.

The rampaging mana, no matter how gentle it was, would still cause Riya pain.

But she endured it all.

Time passed slowly.

\*crack\*

Riya opened her eyes and looked at the special magic core in her hand that had turned into ordinary stone and cracked appeared along the surface. The previous brilliance had long disappeared and only a dusty stone was left.

"Rank 4." Riya smiled and then shook her head bitterly.

A rank 5 special magic core should have been able to increase ordinary mage from rank 3 to at least late rank 4. But for Riya, she was only in the beginning of the rank 4 as most of the energy was used through the formation to strengthen her body.

Riya knew herself well.

Her physical talent was really weak and if she used ordinary practice... it was unknown which year of the monkey would it be possible for her to reach rank 1 and that was without her practicing mana.