

Last Days 1101

Chapter 1101: Peter (3)

When Peter saw the destruction that came on the Green Planet, he realized that the world is changing.

And it's heading in the direction he least wanted to see.

The people around him were all members of the Martial Arts Association.

Some of them were retired soldiers and some others also have strong sense of justice and responsibility.

When they saw this happen, they tried their best to use their power to help other people as much as possible.

Peter also joined in.

Because he didn't want to see the Green Planet to experience the same devastation as he had seen before.

Afirer Kingdom has been destroyed.

Does he had to see the Green Planet also get destroyed?

Do not!

Peter didn't want to.

So he fought with his all.

Whenever there were new threats, Peter would be at the frontline, fighting with all of his strength to make sure that they all could survive.

He has always been at the forefront.

Because Peter believed that his ability would be best used to fight these magic beasts on the frontline.

This is also the best use of his ability.

Through using the magic beasts' meat that are edible, Peter also enhanced his strength and he forged bonds with the other people who also fought on the frontline with him. They might not be as strong as him, but they were supporting and helping him.

The team were arranged by Governor Zachary.

Well...

Peter was not sure that Governor Zachary was still holding the position of governor, but he had long gotten used to call the other party in this way.

And the two of them got along well.

He was happy to have Governor Zachary on his back, always helping him and making sure that he could fight to the fullest without the need to worry about anyone behind him.

The magic beasts were strong.

But Peter believed that he could become stronger.

Until...

That message arrived.

When he finally reached rank 7, Peter realized that he had no time to relax because there would be stronger and more terrifying magic beasts' tide coming to the Green Planet.

This nearly made his tense nerves break apart.

For more than a year, Peter has been fighting on the frontline and helped Country Z to fight against the magic beasts. He was very familiar with many of these magic beasts because he had fought against them in Afirer Kingdom.

As long as he gave enough information to the soldiers, many of them could also deal with them.

Even if more magic beasts came out from the cracks, Peter could see that they could still handle it.

Everything seemed to be going in a good direction.

And that message just shattered everything.

Good direction...

Hah.

With so many magic beasts on their way to the Green Planet, how could it be said that they were on a good condition?

But even if his emotion was in turmoil, Peter simply vented it all on the magic beasts.

So Governor Zachary and the others watched as Peter killed countless magic beasts not long after he advanced to rank 7. The situation at that time also required him to fight on the frontline.

So Peter didn't care too much.

Aside from being angry, Peter also wanted to fight because the reason why he forcefully advanced to rank 7 at that time was because he had to fight those magic beasts that were already rank 7 while he was only at rank 6.

He could remember the situation at that time very clearly.

'But why should I be afraid?'

As a warrior, he should step forward indomitably and face the challenges head on. Unless it was something that he couldn't deal with himself, which meant that he had to escape, he could face other challenge in upright manner.

No matter what, Peter didn't want to give up so easily.

This is his path as a warrior.

"If I'm destined to die, then I hope to die fighting instead of acting like a coward!"

And he succeeded.

Peter remembered the corpses of various magic beasts in front of him that he managed to kill after he advanced to rank 7.

He didn't remember the aftermath, though.

Because he fainted after he had finished venting.

Venting both his emotions and also his strong desire to protect the people on the Green Planet.

When Peter woke up after that battle, he was silently reviewing the situation at that time and only felt that he was incredibly reckless.

But...

Peter knew that if he had to repeat the situation, he would make the same decision.

No matter what, he will move forward and do whatever he could to protect the people behind him.

The problem is, Peter knew that he's not strong enough.

"Rank 7 is simply not enough to deal with the grand magic beasts' tide." This was something Peter knew very well and thus, he was thinking of figuring out a way to get stronger.

Not long afterwards, he learned about the other world.

Peter didn't have much knowledge about the other world like Murin who has some prior knowledge or the others from Continent Y. He only knew that there would only be one chance for them to enter that world and possibly stay there for a long period of time.

He had gotten used to the life of only needing to fight the magic beasts and Peter didn't really want to change it.

But he knew that this might be his only chance.

He felt a bit unwilling to leave the Green Planet again, but if it meant that he could get more strength, then Peter thought that he could do it.

He will grow stronger and stronger to the point that no one could compare to him in the entire world!

Well...

The dream is big but the reality was harsh enough.

At the very least, among the returnees, there were at least two people who could beat him up without him being able to fight back.

Chapter 1102: Peter (4)

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It was indeed quite embarrassing.

Peter himself didn't know what he should feel about that.

In any case, Peter went to that world along with 6 other people. Aside from Murin who left immediately after arrival and abandoned them, the others were cooperating together to deal with the powerful magic beast.

He had to admit that coming to this world meant facing a much more dangerous world.

But Peter thought that he was already prepared.

At least...

He thought that he was prepared.

When he found out that this world is Afirer Kingdom, Peter felt as if something was shattering once more in his heart.

He could never forget his experience in Afirer Kingdom.

Even though none of them actually ever talked about Afirer Kingdom, Peter knew that none of them could ever forget the time they spent in the Afirer Kingdom and the people whom they have met in this world.

It was....

Painful.

And Peter knew very well that the people whom he used to know would not exist anymore.

Because none of them were powerhouses.

They were all ordinary people, people who fought on the frontline because they had a reason to and people who choose to sacrifice their lives for various reasons...

Some of them do it because they wanted to protect their homeland, some others just wanted to protect their families, and the rest have some people they truly wanted to protect, or even if it was just to fulfill their mission.

They all stood on the frontline.

On that Grand Magic Beasts' Tide, Peter was among the first few who died on the frontline alongside his comrades.

He had long known that none of them could possibly survive.

But when he heard that, Peter couldn't help but walk towards the familiar place once again and saw what remained after that grand battle.

It was painful.

And the more powerful they were in their paths, the harder it would be for them to let go of their obsession.

Perhaps this was the main reason why they were given much more time to spend on Afirer Kingdom.

Because if they were to have bonds they had to let go...

They also needed a long time to do it.

Many of them were simply incapable to do it immediately and Peter was among them.

He spend the first few weeks or perhaps months just wandering around and honing his basics once again.

On one side, he wanted to fight recklessly like he used to be.

On another side, Peter knew very well that he had to treasure his life because no one would be protect him.

He couldn't fight so recklessly.

There were people waiting for him to return.

The people from the Martial Arts Association might not be related to him by blood, but they were his comrades in arms whom he could trust with his entire heart and mind. He could trust his life with them.

They have always supported him no matter what decision Peter made.

Granted...

Many of his decision was made on a whim as Peter was not the type of person to think too much of the consequences or other things like that.

But even if these people were to know that, they were still willing to support him.

He also heard about their families, their jokes, and so on when they gathered together for a feast after a large battle was done.

It was fun.

And right now...

Peter just felt lonely.

Staying in Afirer Kingdom only granted him access to fight stronger magic beasts and also some valuable resources. But it was not like they couldn't get these if they were to enter the crack.

His intuition told him that it was not completely impossible.

The main difference is the time difference between the two worlds.

He was able to think more and also thought about his future paths during the long break of his time.

And since they have to face more powerful magic beasts, the time spent for hiding and resting was actually also much longer.

This was one of the reasons why the difference between them and those who stayed on the Green Planet was not that big.

But...

What could not be replaced was the experience they had honed with countless battles. In terms of battle efficiency, those who had headed over to Afirer Kingdom were far better.

They also basically solved most of the problem that had troubled them.

Because all of their deaths were sudden.

Who could possibly get used to death?

No one.

Even if this death was their own.

So after he had finished his training and couldn't bear it anymore, Peter chose to return to the Green Planet.

He saw his former comrades and were happy in his heart.

At this moment, he realized that even if he used to think that his dream was to reach the peak like others... what he wanted more was actually a family.

A warm family that he could trust with his back and also a family where he truly belonged to.

It was something that he could only get when he was staying with the Martial Arts Association.

There was no romantic feelings.

Only the trust between comrades.

But it's enough.

Peter would not say that he had never felt moved towards a woman before. Well, he still does to Dina and this was undeniable.

But...

The two of them were not suitable.

Even though they had tried it out, they have huge difference in how they view their lives, dream, and future.

They couldn't really get along and clashed quite a lot.

At that time, neither truly understood.

But after experiencing so much, Peter knew that what he wanted was very different from Dina.

So after he heard Riya telling them about the Green Planet's Consciousness and the truth of the world...

Peter was actually thinking about what he wanted to do.

And he had his own answer.

That is to stay on the Green Planet.

Chapter 1103: The People Left Behind

Perhaps some people would think that Peter was stupid.

The Green Planet's Consciousness had already made so much arrangement and he made the decision that might cut off his future paths.

But Peter knew that what he wanted couldn't be found in another world.

He had already lost so many people from his youth to the time when he was in Afirer Kingdom and now he was back.

Rather than fighting on the frontline like usual... Peter chose to stay on the back.

But it didn't mean that he was backing down.

He just walked a different path.

A path that let him stay true to his heart and also fulfill his wishes.

Even though this also meant that he might not be able to meet with these people anymore in his entire life...

But it's good.

The last image he could think of was the image of Dina smiling and leaving.

He didn't know what to feel but he knew that he didn't regret it.

She should also feel the same way.

Just as Peter was thinking, a soldier rush over.

"There's a situation! The cracks are also closing down one after another, leaving only one crack on each continent!"

Peter turned his head.

The soldiers were cheering.

After the passage is closed, they received good news one after another, which meant that the Green Planet will soon thrive.

He saw the joy and relief in the soldiers' eyes.

They should have realized that with the returnees' disappearance, the passage was closed and these people should be treated as 'heroes' who protected the Green Planet until the very end.

The remaining returnees will definitely fight to ensure that they received the praise they deserved.

But...

"If this kind status had to be traded with lives, how sad is it?" Peter murmured in a low voice and turned around.

There were not many people paying attention to him.

It was the perfect example of treating well when needed and then discarded after he no longer had any uses.

Thankfully, Peter is not injured.

At most, he's a bit tired.

'The Green Planet's mana is returning to how it used to be, the cracks are closing, so does it mean that there wouldn't be any danger in the future?'

Peter couldn't help but think in this direction.

But if that was the case, why would the Green Planet's Consciousness allow him to stay behind on the Green Planet?

It would have been more cost effective for him to leave the Green Planet.

And...

Peter might not be a magician, but he could still sense that some other returnees were actually still on the Green Planet.

They didn't leave.

And this might have been the Green Planet's Consciousness's plan.

But whatever the Green Planet's Consciousness was planning, Peter had no idea what it could be.

He's not a smart person and even if he were to explain the matter of the Green Planet's Consciousness to the other returnees who were still on the Green Planet, they might not be able to understand.

Besides...

Does their mana signature disappearing meant that they definitely left through the passage?

Peter had the feeling that some of them were actually dead.

Thinking about this, Peter couldn't help but feeling a bit more sad.

Because if what Riya said was true, then it meant that the Green Planet's Consciousness was actually pushing them all forward and made them a 'hero' in a sense for the Green Planet.

This kind of glory stained with blood...

Many children do dream of becoming a hero because they think that it was really cool and awesome.

Even Peter was not an exception.

When he saw the movie of superheroes saving the world, he would definitely cheer and scream loudly.

'It's cool!'

'I want to be like that when I grow up!'

'Me too!'

Children laughter and naive dreams flashed in Peter's eyes as he rubbed the center of his forehead.

Yes...

It was glorious on the surface.

But who knows how much pain and suffering they had to endure in order to get that glory and become the powerful 'hero' in front of others?

And how many of them...

Never actually wanted to become one but had to be pushed forward.

When he was still fighting alongside Dina, Peter had already heard about the situation on Continent Y.

Those people basically couldn't leave.

Something was blocking their way and even if they wanted to, they couldn't go anywhere.

They had to stay and fight.

Compared to himself who were willingly fight on the frontline, Peter had to say that his own situation was much better than these people.

At least, he truly wanted to protect the people around him.

At least, he was never coerced and willing to do everything with his own free will.

At least, he could still work together with the comrades who were good to him too.

How about those returnees who were basically coerced to fight against the magic beasts by the Green Planet's Consciousness's arrangement?

Peter felt his blood turned cold for a moment.

But in the end, he could only sigh.

'I'm still too weak.'

Peter could tell that getting stronger on the Green Planet would be even more difficult compared to going with the others.

But he wanted to fight alongside with his comrades.

Since the Green Planet's Consciousness was willing to let him stay here, then it meant Peter has his own use on the Green Planet.

There might be other schemes or plan that the Green Planet's Consciousness had in store for him.

But so what?

Peter's eyes were burning with fighting spirits.

He's a warrior.

A warrior will never be afraid of challenges or whatever was thrown in front of them.

Even if it's difficult, even if it meant that every steps he took would be riddled with thorns, he will overcome it.

That damn Green Planet's Consciousness better wait for him to go and find it to settle the score!

Chapter 1104: The People Left Behind (2)

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After thinking hard in his mind, Peter felt his brain was overloaded for a while and he frowned.

Even though he was basically cooperating together with Dina, it was not exaggeration to say that he still overloaded his muscles and all.

Peter knew very well that it would definitely take some time for him to fully recover.

But it didn't matter.

He believed that the Green Planet's Consciousness would give them enough time to rest and recover. As for what would follow after they were given this time, Peter had no idea and just had to take one step at a time.

No matter what was thrown to him, he would face it bravely.

"Peter."

"Governor Zachary?"

"Get some rest. You have worked hard... on behalf of Continent Z, thank you very much," governor Zachary said solemnly.

Looking at this middle aged man who used to come to him just to curry favor but had grown close enough, Peter gave a faint smile.

"I'm not the only one who had to be thanked."

"Don't worry, their family members will receive the appropriate treatment. We'll ensure this," Governor Zachary said solemnly.

"Then it's good."

Peter lowered his eyes.

When he could finally see them again...

He just wanted to tell them that they had done enough.

The Green Planet is saved thanks to them...

So please rest, alright?

And enjoy the glory that they truly deserved.

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Continent W

Jonas Nolan naturally heard the cheering of the soldiers and then received news about the closing of the passage and the cracks. But as a magician, he was extremely sensitive to the changes in the mana concentration and understood very well that from now on, Green Planet's improvement had to be taken one step at a time.

Perhaps...

Even to create another rank 7, they would have to wait for at least a few decades before another one could appear.

But it didn't matter.

Without the threat of the magic beasts, the people might end up fighting against each other for various reasons.

Jonas Nolan was experienced enough to know these things.

Because it was what had happened back in Afirer Kingdom.

And he was too weak to do anything to help.

Even now....

Jonas Nolan knew very well that his value lies in his alchemy and there might be people who wanted to control him more than anything else.

So with the mana returning to normal, it also meant that there would be less people who could reach high rank.

These returnees all have greater advantage in this matter.

Though, many returnees would never be here again in their entire life.

Sensing those mana signatures disappearing one by one, Jonas Nolan would be lying if he didn't feel a sense of urgency and some panics.

But at the end of the day... he's just one person.

A pampered young master of the Nolan Family who could only stay behind and make more potions.

The soldiers were happy and reported to him about the development outside.

But at this moment, Jonas Nolan was a bit distracted and couldn't really focus.

"I understand."

Jonas Nolan nodded at them and then looked at Ruth who was resting on the hospital bed in front of him.

He was taking a break and was now watching over Ruth in front of him.

The soldier beamed and then left while laughing happily.

"Sister Ruth, did you hear that... the war is over, but every continent loses a lot of returnees. When you recover, you should live for yourself and stop trying so hard for other people." Jonas Nolan closed his eyes and tears dripped down from his eyes.

He didn't want to lose the people around him who had protected and treated him well.

But now that the war is over...

He hoped that they could live a normal and free life without being constrained once more.

Jonas Nolan didn't know whether Ruth could hear him or not, but at this moment, he only felt sad.

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Continent X

Leon had already finished the batch of weapons and was resting when he heard the soldiers' cheering.

Upon hearing what they said, he was at loss.

And sensing the mana concentration in the air, Leon lowered his head slightly and simply asked for a leave.

Since he had contributed a lot, the higher ups granted his leave almost immediately.

He went to find Claire and found her staring at her phone in a daze.

Leon guessed that she should have found out what happened to her friend by now.

"Claire, I..."

"Don't say anything... I know." Claire raised her head and showed an ugly smile. She wanted to cry, yet she was straining her expression to try smiling, but it was really difficult.

She's not that close to Riya but they were still good friends in the university.

When she found out about these returnees, she had some feeling that something like this might happen.

But when it came true, she felt that she still couldn't accept it.

"I won't leave." Leon pulled Claire close and hugged her tightly. "And she might still be alive somewhere..."

Claire didn't say anything and only cried.

Leon pursed his lips and thought about Pena who also left as he sighed in his heart.

For some reasons, he could no longer hate this selfish man.

Even if there might be other reasons why he chose to enter the passage at that time, since he chose to do so, then Leon could only try not to hate him that much.

How could they possibly know that if these people didn't make this decision, what awaited would be their death?

In Continent Y, they were all constrained around the passage to prevent them from leaving.

Pena's island and everything he worked hard had disappeared and he had nothing left, so he chose to go.

Riya and the others chose to leave because they knew that this is the only way they could save those dear for them.

Chapter 1105: The Green Planet's Consciousness

Everything that happened were calculated carefully by the Green Planet's Consciousness.

But even if these returnees knew that they were being plotted by someone or something, none of them said anything and followed the arrangement until the very end.

Their indignation, anger, frustration, or even sadness didn't matter that much.

The Green Planet's Consciousness watched everything indifferently from its position and used the energy it had left to close down the passage connected to the Green Planet, thus isolating the Green Planet from the outside world.

With the remaining energy that the Green Planet's Consciousness had, this close down state would only last for 100 years at most.

The Green Planet's Consciousness had already wasted so much energy to make the plans and causing the changes on the Green Planet in preparation for this grand scheme because of the rules and limitation that was imposed on it.

Now that it's done...

The Green Planet's Consciousness suddenly felt tired.

The Green Planet's destruction was something that the Green Planet's Consciousness had noticed a few years in advance.

The vision that the Green Planet's Consciousness could see was limited.

And it was thanks to these vision that the Green Planet's Consciousness decided to contact other planets for the cooperation.

They were all planets that would be destroyed by the grand magic beasts' tide.

Afirer Kingdom's planet was one of them and it was also the one who had suffered from the grand magic beasts' tide for a long time.

Even though it wanted to save itself...

It couldn't.

Because of the repeated grand magic beast tide, Afirer Kingdom's planet was specifically targeted and all the powerful magic beasts were aiming to destroy it. Even if they had also taken revenge and retaliated to destroy many of the powerful magic beasts, the remaining were more than enough to destroy Afirer Kingdom's planet.

So it could only seek outside help.

The Green Planet was one of them that came to approach it because of the prophetic ability that the Green Planet's Consciousness had.

It saw its demise and the Green Planet's Consciousness had other plans.

No planet consciousness would be willing to help without obtaining anything, so the Green Planet's Consciousness made concession.

It would select a few people who would fight the magic beasts until the very end.

But it was impossible for the Green Planet's Consciousness to select just anyone. It had to select people who were powerful enough.

Through various visions to the future, the Green Planet's Consciousness had seen countless possibilities.

And it selected those that will succeed no matter what kind of possibility was put on them. Unless they were specifically killed by the Green Planet's Consciousness with a lot of effort, these people were able to grow up.

But it was impossible for Green Planet's Consciousness to select people with good personality.

People who were too kind and too righteous might end up making wedding dresses for others.

So it selected those with enough flaws.

Yet they would remain powerful enough.

Some of them could still be categorized within good people category, but they were not some fools who would be easily fooled.

"I'll leave the future to you," the Green Planet's Consciousness whispered.

The figure of the Green Planet's Consciousness was slowly diminishing. It knew very well that all of the returnees who knew about its existence was already gearing up to hit him, including Riya and Samuel.

But it was impossible for the Green Planet's Consciousness to wait for their return.

The Green Planet's Consciousness only cared for the Green Planet.

Now that the Green Planet's safety had been guaranteed, the Green Planet's Consciousness would fall into a deep slumber, unknown when it would wake up again. Perhaps it would never wake up again in its entire life.

But the Green Planet's Consciousness had no regrets.

It had done everything it could.

Even if what the Green Planet's Consciousness did was something that might cause it to be condemned by many people on the Green Planet, the Green Planet's Consciousness didn't care.

When those returnees returned... if they could ever return, they would never be able to find the Green Planet's Consciousness again.

Because when the Green Planet's Consciousness could possibly wake up again, the world would have changed greatly.

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Continent Z

Amelia was crying with her two friends.

They naturally heard the cheers of the people outside, but they couldn't really bring themselves to cheer along with them.

They won.

Yes, they won and withstood the grand magic beasts' tide.

But at what cost?

So many people died all over the world and some people had to sacrifice themselves to achieve this result.

Ruby and Ruben were staying behind, watching the video looping on the screen.

It was showing the scene when Riya and Samuel talked with each other after they came back from seeing Amelia and the others, came down to talk with Dina and Peter for some reason, and then the three of them left from the passage.

Only Peter stayed on the Green Planet.

Arnold was sighing and didn't dare to step forward because Sophia and Amelia were now hugging each other.

They all couldn't understand what Riya and the others were doing.

But they knew that the passage's destruction should be inseparable from what they did after they entered the passage.

"Is such a victory... really a victory?" Ruby whispered in a low voice.

They also received information from Arnold that the passage in other continents have also been closed.

And the price was similar.

Pena and Nalan both disappeared along with the passage because of some reasons.

Among them all, only Ruth, who was the first to close down the passage to survive.

Perhaps this would make many people wonder if Ruth was actually the strongest one because she managed to survive.

But the others were basically missing rather than confirmed dead.

Mr. Jones was staying in the room beside theirs, watching the video and his hand held his phone.

Inside was the last message Samuel sent before he disappeared.

[Father, I'm not a filial son. I'm sorry and thank you for everything all these years. Unfortunately, I might not be able to stay and accompany you - Samuel]

Chapter 1106: The Passage

The passage was such a strange thing.

There were laws and mana fluctuating on the side, yet it didn't seem to affect the passage's balance the slightest bit. Even though the mana seemed to be clashing against each other, it was able to maintain a delicate balance in the end.

At the very least, for those who had entered the passage, they would think that it was very stable and easy to walk on.

"It's amazing..." Riya muttered to herself not long after walking into the passage.

While her mind was still lamenting the fact that the Green Planet's Consciousness had played a huge drama for them, Riya's attention was soon attracted on the passage itself.

"Do you understand?" Samuel could sense that there seemed to be some mysteries surrounding the passage they walked through, but he couldn't truly pinpoint what it was exactly.

Despite having reached rank 9, Samuel's understanding of formation and so on was still extremely lacking.

Right now, he couldn't even understand what these passages entailed.

Not that he usually cared for these things, though.

"Not exactly." Riya shook her head. She could sense that the mysteries deep in the passage channel was related to time and space, the laws that she was trying to understand in her own path.

But if Riya had to explain them to Samuel...

She couldn't.

Because she herself hadn't fully understood these mysteries.

"You can take your time." Samuel was not in a hurry and continued to walk forward in a leisure manner.

In fact, from the moment they left the Green Planet, they could sense that the prying eyes that were watching them were gone. It was obvious that the Green Planet's Consciousness could no longer control their lives from now on.

As for how much the Green Planet's Consciousness truly controlled their lives before...

Well, it shouldn't be so detailed.

Because Samuel couldn't think that the Green Planet's Consciousness would spare so much time in order to monitor and arrange their lives. But many big movements should have been prearranged by the Green Planet's Consciousness in advance.

The magic beasts' tide.

The earthquake.

And so on.

These things were most likely arranged by the Green Planet's Consciousness in order to make them work hard and train hard.

Otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to withstand the grand magic beasts tide for such a prolonged period of time.

Hmm...

Just thinking about it still made them somewhat annoyed.

Because the Green Planet's Consciousness truly didn't care about humans who lived on it.

But in reverse, Samuel couldn't really say how many bad things that humans had done to the Green Planet.

It was still kind enough for the Green Planet's Consciousness to work hard for the sake of its survival.

"Um." Riya nodded with a smile and she stretched her hand to grab Samuel's hand before she turned to look at the side.

Dina has been silent ever since she entered the passage.

Even though only a short period of time has passed ever since they came into the passage, it felt as if a long time has passed.

This might be the influence of the time and space laws around the passage.

They could clearly calculate the time that had passed mentally, but something was affecting them, making them feel it was either longer or shorter than it actually was.

For someone like them who have reached rank 9 to feel as if they had lost the sense of time...

It was truly rare.

At the very least, Riya knew very well that for someone of their calibre, only much stronger force and laws could force them to fail to notice the abnormality.

"Are you alright?" Riya asked.

"Huh?" Dina raised her head when she heard Riya's question and her bewildered expression was visible to their vision.

To be honest, there were not many people whom Dina were willing to pay attention to. Because of her background, there were too many people who tried to curry favor to her family, making Dina rather disgusted with them.

So when she was thinking on her own, it was rare to have someone interrupt her.

They would rather stay as far away as possible or try their best not to talk with loud voice in case they disturbed her.

So Dina was truly bewildered for a moment before she remembered that their statuses were more or less equal.

They were just magicians.

They were also returnees who came back from Afirer Kingdom after experienced so much.

No one knew what the other returnees have experienced and no one dared to ask. Because they would definitely end up opening the wounds in the other party's heart if they dared to.

Each and every single one of them knew very well that their experience when they were in Afirer Kingdom would be both good and bad. But for four years in Afirer Kingdom, it would be impossible for them not to make any friends.

For some, they might have treated that world as their own new world, thus truly living to the fullest and made sure that they blend into the world.

So after losing everything, what would one feel?

There was truly no need to ask.

They didn't want to remember and naturally would not remind others about this matter either.

Collecting her mind not to wander so much, Dina quickly replied, "I'm fine."

She's truly fine.

"What awaited us later would be a long and possibly endless battle," Riya reminded kindly. The Green Planet's Consciousness basically 'sold' them all out in order to save itself and the entire planet.

Because Riya and Samuel knew that the Green Planet's Consciousness's action would also save their loved ones, the two of them choose to cooperate with the Green Planet's Consciousness's plan.

But whether they could go back again or not...

Neither of them know.

The world they were about to go will be a true mystery and they would have to face danger on their own.

Chapter 1107: Dina

"I know." Dina nodded after hearing Riya's words.

She naturally know what they would face.

From the moment she made her decision, Dina was already prepared to fight for a long and intense battle ahead.

But this is also her goal.

She didn't want to stay silent at one place and just accept fate as how it is.

Dina couldn't do that.

What she wanted has always been far ahead.

"Okay." Riya saw Dina's expression and knew that she should be prepared for what they were about to face, so she didn't say anything more.

In any case, it was obvious that words would be useless at this point of time.

They have already entered the passage and once they reached the other end of the passage, they would directly face the battle.

For the three of them who had been fighting continuously for a long time, this is a rare short time where they could truly relax.

As for what would happen later....

Let them worry about it later too.

'I'm just thinking about the past,' Dina thought to herself when she saw Riya had stopped paying so much attention to her. She secretly breathed a sigh of relief because she didn't want to tell other people about this matter.

Looking at the chaotic markings on the passage walls, Dina's thoughts drifted unconsciously.

She was born in a rich and noble family.

But if Dina had to say, that rich family was anything but noble.

She had watched various deceptions and tricks that these people used just in order to make sure that they could win and obtain a lot of profits into their pocket.

It was disgusting.

Even as a young child, Dina knew very well that what she faced was nothing more than an extremely disgusting sight.

But, she had to learn.

Because if she couldn't adapt and learn like them, then it would be impossible for her to survive. What she truly wanted had to be hidden under a mask and what she wanted to do couldn't be conveyed directly.

It was suffocating.

Dina couldn't tell how much she just wanted to go to her parents and play with them. Because they would directly put on a stern face and stopped all of Dina's attempt to get close to them with their words and actions.

The young Dina learned to adapt and grow up like them.

And for someone whose three views and worldview hadn't been shaped, it was directly twisted into something that was hard to see.

So much that Dina always thought that a family like hers was actually a normal family.

It was only after she learned that other people's families were different that she realized that perhaps her family was not so normal.

But...

So what?

She was born and raised in such a family, so Dina had long accepted that she was part of this family and would always be like them.

In this way, Dina remained calm and composed.

From childhood to adulthood, Dina had long gotten used to this kind of suffocating life and thought that things would never change.

Until that inexplicable transmigration.

Just like other people who transmigrated, Dina was thinking that she shouldn't have been here and did she do something special before her so called 'death?'

She was doubtful.

But her doubts didn't last long because Dina had to get acquainted with her new family. She faced a relatively different family compared to the one that she used to know.

There were indeed calculation and conspiracy. After all, a demonic magicians were people who basically increased their strength through absorbing the mana of other creatures, including other humans.

If they wanted to, they could even use their own family member's mana.

But surprisingly... the demonic magicians will not do that and instead try to nurture the younger generations very well.

At least, this was the feeling that Dina experienced when she was in this world.

She saw their dedication to let the younger generation surpassed them... because they could no longer see the way forward.

Perhaps, death was no longer so terrifying for them after such a long period of time.

They had long accepted their own death and felt that it was actually good enough.

Dina had to admit that she was uncomfortable at first when she found out about this because of the difference in the two world's worldview. And it was unable to adapt to the world where only the strong survive and the weak dies so easily after living in a peaceful world.

The calculation that Dina learned were implemented in a different way in this world.

But soon, Dina adapted.

She also learned many other things and also slowly but surely accepted her family after a period of time.

Dina was also thankful that her own status when she was on the Green Planet was high enough. Otherwise, her etiquette and so on would not be on par with the requirement in this world.

Yes, there were also etiquette and manners.

To be honest, Dina couldn't understand why magicians also needed it, but perhaps it was important for socializing and other customs. She never dug too deeply because Dina didn't think it was important.

And when she got to know her new family members.... Dina found out that her status was high and this meant everyone had to respect her.

Her own father was also the one who passed the family's secret practice to her, allowing her to become stronger.

Even though she later learned about the demonic magician's special status...

It would be a lie to say that she accepted it all from the beginning, but with time, Dina felt that everything was good.

In fact...

Her family members in this world was much better than her family members on the Green Planet.

Those people on the Green Planet only cared about her use to the family and never cared about her feeling and well being.

No matter what she thought, if it couldn't benefit the family, those people would never allow her to do it.

It was suffocating.

Chapter 1108: Dina (2)

Experiencing the so called freedom on the Afirer Kingdom, Dina really didn't want to go back.

She just wanted to stay here for a long period of time and possibly for the rest of her life.

And well...

Technically, she truly did.

Because she died alongside with other people whom she had gradually accepted in Afirer Kingdom.

There were many things that had happened on Afirer Kingdom, but when death truly approach, Dina remembered that she didn't really feel much regret or other similar emotions.

Instead, she felt relief.

At least this time she would be able to see her own death instead of dying in such an inexplicable way like before.

She was ready to die.

...But she didn't die.

Dina found herself back on the Green Planet, losing everything that she used to have when she was in Afirer kingdom.

With her temper, it was a miracle that she managed to calm down so quickly.

But Dina was no longer so young and time had tempered her personality even further, allowing her to stay calm even when she thought that she wanted to destroy everything that existed in front of her.

She didn't want to go back.

Who wanted to go back to the Green Planet?

Dina hated it.

Later on, Dina realized that the knowledge that she had from Afirer Kingdom were also useful on the Green Planet.

She's a demonic magician.

And a demonic magician's path have never been righteous.

Instead, it has always been riddled in evils methods and possibly various methods that could allow her to grow stronger quickly.

So Dina thought of various methods to get stronger.

One of them was to refine the blood of various animals. The Green Planet has mana concentration, even if it was not very high, but it was still there.

But first....

She needed to control her family.

So Dina simply suppressed her family members with an iron fist, preventing them from thinking about toppling over her and took advantage of her. She made sure that she controlled the family and then started to pursue strength wholeheartedly.

With her strength and ability, she naturally become the strongest in her family and it was through this method that she managed to become the leader of City J Base.

Everything was filled with calculation and others.

For Dina, those things had long been engraved deep into her bones and even if she wanted to, she could never remove it.

Her family members were the one who had taught her.

She just used it against them.

Before the world truly changed, Dina only used it for the sake of convenience so that she could gather more animals and refine their blood.

It took time.

Because the mana concentration on the Green Planet was so pitifully low.

Even though Dina was somewhat impatient, she knew that she would have to be patient in this matter.

But time waits for no one.

The sudden earthquake and the appearance of the magic beasts told Dina that this world was no longer the same world that it used to be.

There would be more and more magic beasts appearing.

Dina saw them all.

In fact, she saw the cruelty up close because a crack appeared not far from where she was staying in the beginning. She lived in City J and has been staying here for a long time, patiently controlling her family members to make sure that they would help her.

And when the crack appeared, Dina watched those magic beasts came out.

They looked around and then pounced on any living creature they could find.

Human, animals, or even plants...

None were spared by these magic beasts.

Dina was somewhat dumbfounded when she saw them, but it didn't mean that her reaction was slow. When the magic beasts approached her, Dina directly killed it and blood splattered.

Since it has been a while since she fought and her own strength had decreased, the attack was somewhat rusty.

At least, Dina would definitely criticize herself if she saw it.

But back then, Dina had no time to care about her weak strength or humiliating moves in the slightest bit.

She was looking at the blood on her hand.

After killing so many animals on the Green Planet, Dina naturally knew how much mana concentration that most animals would have. She was so familiar with it that even without probing directly, Dina knew that these magic beasts' mana concentration was definitely much higher than what she had before.

So what appeared on her face was a bright smile.

A bright and possibly creepy smile.

Dina was not sure what kind of smile it was but she remembered that her so called family members become even more terrified after they saw her. Since then, none of them were willing to go against her and no matter what she ordered them, they would fulfill it to their best.

It was honestly somewhat odd and unsettling.

But seeing that they were genuinely afraid of her, Dina chose not to care and not dwell on this matter too deeply.

After all, it didn't matter what actually made them fear her as long as they could remain in this state for a long time.

People who were afraid of her were easier to control.

Splash!

Blood has become her favorite item and Dina would process the blood into essence that suited her the best.

This would allow her to become stronger faster.

But it's not enough.

Far from enough.

Dina thought to herself and finally spread out the demonic magician's path and met with other returnees.

Through them, she finally realized that the world was indeed changing.

But this is a much better world in Dina's opinion.

It was still filled with dirty calculation and many other annoying things, but isn't it better to lay them all on the table rather than seeing them smile but was actually cursing them in their heart?

At least, in Dina's opinion, this is a much better world than the world she used to know.

Chapter 1109: Dina (3)

Time had long proved her thoughts and there was no meaning in dwelling on this matter anymore.

But she couldn't help it.

When she was thinking alone, Dina would remember the difference between the two worlds and keenly realized that it was this comparison that often made things unbearable. Not having something and having something but losing it gave her a completely different feeling.

A demonic magician often had to mess around with their own emotions in order to advance.

This was one of the few easiest methods for them to advance.

Because their talent was not very good and they had to find some tricks so that they could get stronger.

What tricks?

There were various.

But many of them were harmful to them.

It was just that for the demonic magicians, these methods were nothing and as long as they could get stronger, they would be willing to pay the high price to use these methods and possibly grow even stronger.

Dina herself was the same.

If it meant getting more power, then she would be willing to pay any price to get it.

Because she knew very well how humiliating it was to be at the weak position and had to look up at others all the time.

She didn't want it.

Rather than staying at the bottom and only able to look up at others, she wished to take the matter into her own hands and possibly carve her own future. Even if it meant that she had to step on many people's bottom line and toyed with them.

Being ruthless to oneself ten times more than they do to others.

The path of a demonic magician has always been filled with pain because what they wanted to achieve was something that couldn't be achieved in normal times.

But so what?

For these ordinary people who have nothing and knew that their own talents restricts their own paths, they would rather take on other methods so that they could overcome this physical challenge.

So Dina set off and become the feared demonic magician on the Green Planet.

She saw other returnees and they also noticed her, but none of them truly tried to stop her. Even if Ruth came to her under the order of the higher ups of Continent Z, it was obvious for Dina that she has never thought about stopping her.

"Our paths are not against each other and I have no enmity against you... so why should I listen to them and truly fight with you?" Ruth said calmly after their show battle in front of the higher ups.

The two of them barely knew each other.

But they knew that they used to be famous when they were in Afire Kingdom with each of their own strength.

Is demonic magician's path really that detestable?

Dina didn't think that way after she had walked on this path for a period of time.

She knew very well that many people who walked on this path came here because they thought that they could do anything they wanted as long as they had power. Many of them committed crimes and eventually be chased by the law enforcers.

Well...

Dina had watched so many of the demonic magicians using their own tricks to conveniently trick other people and commit crimes.

But she honestly didn't think much about them.

Because it was also true that demonic magicians were using their own negative emotions to drive up their own strength.

And...

It was also the best method for revenge.

Because for some people who were oppressed by others in their entire life and having no talent, the demonic magicians' path could be said to be their way out.

Their only method to enact revenge on their own.

As for the price they had to pay?

It was a small matter for many of them.

Perhaps some people would like to scold them for not cherishing their lives, but for some people already on the dead end, this is the only way.

Dina herself was clearly not at the end of the rope.

She knew that very well.

But she also knew that her only options would be to live in mediocrity for the rest of her life or to fight hard and bet with everything.

Dina didn't want to live in mediocre manner.

Perhaps some people would think that she was foolish and that her actions would only lead to her downfall.

But Dina herself didn't care that much.

Because she knew very well that she has a dream that she wished to fulfill.

A dream and goal that she would not hesitate to pursue with all of her strength and life even if it meant that her life would never be smooth sailing.

That's why she kept on working hard.

Dina was not like Peter who cared about the people behind him and the situation on the Green Planet as a whole.

Her heart was not big enough to contain so many people's emotion and state.

What she wanted to pursue from the beginning until the very end was to step forward and live an exciting life.

Even if she had to die for it, then she would be willing to do so.

This is why when she found out that Peter was also on the Green Planet and that the two of them were actually transmigrators to Afirer Kingdom, she didn't take the initiative to step forward and come closer to him anymore.

Because Dina didn't think that it was necessary.

They have lived a completely different life and even if their lives did intersect at some points, it was no longer possible.

Was there any regret?

Dina didn't know.

But there were so many failed romance stories in the world. Just adding another one of hers would not make any difference.

She knew that some people knew about their affairs but never asked it.

Because this is their private matters.

And from now on, their paths would never intersect anymore.

Chapter 1110: Dina (4)

Dina looked at the two people in front of her.

Samuel and Riya were holding hands together, harmonious and seemed to be supporting each other well.

It would be a lie if she said that there was no envy when she saw how good their relationship is.

But even if she envied them a bit, she would not do anything.

Almost everyone knew about the relationship between Samuel and Riya because these two people didn't bother to hide it.

There was no reason to hide it either.

It was just that...

Riya's identity as a returnee was actually not that well known.

She didn't like to stand on the limelight and even in their previous life, no one knew Riya's identity and life.

Then again, Afirer Kingdom was so vast.

It would be rather strange if they knew each other so well.

Lowering her eyes slightly, Dina recalled the time when they returned to Afirer Kingdom. To be honest, she never expected that the passage to the other world at that time would bring them all back to Afirer Kingdom.

She just wanted to go and see a completely new world and possibly train herself.

Because she found out that even if she tried to cultivate more people into the path of a demonic magician, the effect has always been minimal.

They were not strong enough.

The leeks that Dina planted were not ripe enough and she might need to use other methods to get stronger quickly. That's when she received the message about the passage to the other world and wanted to try it out.

Anyway, it wouldn't get worse than the Green Planet, right?

She believed in her strength but still made sufficient preparation before going.

It was just...

Who would have thought that a powerful magic beast would directly block the gate when they arrive?

All of them almost received their bento lunch in an instant.

Through cooperation, they managed to get away from the magic beast and then rested for a while.

That's when Dina fully understood the power of the other returnees.

Their battles together when fighting against the magic beasts could not fully showcase their full power. This was something that Dina knew very well because she herself had no time to watch over them.

She just knew that they were powerful.

And when she found out that it was Afirer Kingdom.

Haha...

Dina didn't want to recall those days.

She had to rebuild her own paths just to make sure that she would not lose everything that she had rebuild ever since her return to the Green Planet. While it was by no means easy, but Dina believed that she could do it.

When she had everything in this world, Dina never actually cared too much about it. Because as the princess of the Demonic Magician's clan, she had everything and she could do anything she wanted to.

Only when she returned and had to face those scheming relatives again did Dina realize how much she actually missed this world and everything that she could obtain through her identity.

When she had everything, she didn't think too much of it.

But when she lost it, she missed it.

That's what caused her emotional state to be in turmoil and nearly abolished her own magic. After all, her magic base was different from other magicians because she had to support it with her own path alongside her emotions.

She could not let external factors affected her too much.

Three years passed by quickly.

During that period of time, Dina couldn't say that she fully focused on training, but she had faced more magic beasts than what she had faced over the four years in the past when she was still in Afirer Kingdom.

Her fighting skills improved by leaps and bounds.

But it was obvious that her own strength's improvement was limited.

"Magicians couldn't improve so quickly after they have reached rank 7... What they needed more is their own understanding and accumulation," Dina whispered to herself.

No matter what paths they took, the road after achieving rank 7 would be even harder to tread on.

Well...

Samuel and Riya might be the exception.

Seeing these two people managed to reach rank 9 in such a short period of time still made some people somewhat astounded.

Three years might be an advantage to a certain extent.

But that was only if they truly focused their attention to training and improving their mana and so on.

Every profession required different requirement for their advancement.

Magicians were usually slower in terms of mana accumulation while warriors were slower in terms of exercise.

Neither could be rushed.

What they needed the most is time.

Everyone had to go on their own pace and it was unknown how long it would take for them to truly take the step for the next stage.

For Dina, the three years did allow her to have more mana accumulation and also helped her to solidify her foundation.

She had become stronger, more than before.

But it's not enough.

Others who were at the same starting points as herself was already at a rank higher than her and Dina couldn't possibly overlook it.

Their talents are different?

Their paths are different?

But aren't their goal the same?

Dina would not allow these excuses to stop her from moving forward.

She wanted to get stronger and stronger, possibly surpass everyone in the entire world.

When Dina heard about the Green Planet's Consciousness's arrangement for their lives, Dina actually didn't feel much.

Yes, she hated it.

Who would like to have their entire life arranged by others?

Knowing that their future paths have been prepared by someone else even before they tread on it would feel like an insult to them.

At least, that was what Dina felt.

She felt that the Green Planet's Consciousness never respected them and didn't care about their own wishes.

As long as they were useful enough, the Green Planet's Consciousness would not hesitate to use them.