

Last Days 1121

Chapter 1121: Ruben

BANG!

Ruben looked at the locked door in front of him and felt that Riya definitely set him up.

But thinking about what he had just seen....

Well, it didn't seem to be that bad.

Ruby would definitely feel a bit embarrassed at this time, so Ruben didn't dare to linger around here and he sighed.

'She must have known about my thoughts.' Ruben walked out of the research institute after greeting Professor Brown about his departure. He didn't think that it would be possible for him to really hide his thoughts from Riya.

After all, she was indeed pretty sharp.

"And you must have put it inside purposely in order to make sure that we won't be too sad." Ruben sighed.

No matter what, life must go on.

Riya and Samuel should have known for a long time that if they were to face something dangerous and couldn't return, they had to make sure the others could live well even without them.

It's just...

He wouldn't be able to help but miss his friends who were far away from time to time.

"Sam, you have to survive and go back," Ruben muttered under his breath as he walked alongside the road. He didn't want to go back and dealt with the magicians from the Magic Association again.

After Amelia's burst of anger, Ruben believed that these magicians from the Magic Association would not dare to make any trouble in City A Base.

So he could do other things now.

As Ruben walked, he soon found Stephen, who was buying some things on the street.

"...You're buying groceries?" Ruben blurted out, clearly surprised.

Stephen: "..."

He looked at Ruben speechlessly and rolled his eyes. "Do you think that I'm still the young master of the Carson Family?"

It has been a long time since Stephen and Sophia were kicked out of the Carson Family and then started their journey to wander around the world. The two of them didn't want to stay in City A Base and it was also because of this that they chose to leave.

As for the Carson Family?

It was long gone.

"Sorry, I'm just not used to it." Ruben couldn't help but laugh.

It couldn't be helped.

Ever since he was young, he had gotten used to see Stephen as the elite young master of the Carson Family who would wear suits all day long. The only time when he wore different clothes would be when he was wearing uniforms.

After the world changed, Stephen didn't really wear suits.

But he still wore t-shirts and comfortable pants that actually didn't look much different from his usual outfits.

Besides, Stephen finally took on the road of a magician because his talent as a warrior was not that high. So even if he were to dress a bit fancily, no one would say anything and could accept it easily.

Stephen rolled his eyes in annoyance.

"My sister is busy, so I have to replace her job," Stephen replied.

"Why don't you put it in the space storage scrolls?"

"My sister took all the space storage scrolls."

Ruben was silent.

He looked at Stephen, who was still proud and remembered belatedly that this guy is a proper siscon. Whoever wanted to marry Sophia in the future would have to face an extremely tough challenge from Stephen.

That is if they ever want to get married.

After all, many people didn't really want to start a relationship in this chaotic world after seeing the lowest of the low.

Many people even dared to sell their own close relatives for a bite of food.

The situation in City A Base was still relatively better.

But for other city bases.... The situation was so bad that it would not be an exaggeration to say that many people were suffering every single day.

"Also, why are you not working, Ruben?" Stephen finally remembered something and asked.

"Amelia is angry and beat up a few magicians from the Magic Association, so I'm not going back yet," Ruben replied simply.

But Stephen understood.

Amelia rarely truly got angry because she didn't dare to lose her temper in front of her eldest brother. Who made Samuel so terrifying that Amelia would be punished if she dared to act unruly?

Only Samuel could control Amelia so much.

So knowing that Amelia made trouble and beat up some magicians from the Magic Association, Ruben chose to stay away temporarily.

Once things calmed down, he would go back.

But for now...

Let him relax a bit.

Anyway, those magicians from the Magic Association would not die since Amelia has no hobby of killing people.

"It seems that she has recovered quickly." Stephen nodded after hearing that Amelia was still in the mood to beat up some magicians from the Magic Association.

The blows from yesterday's news was by no means small.

To be honest, if it was not because Stephen had to take care of Sophia's feeling, he himself would not want to be here.

He could remember that feeling.

The feeling of being at loss, not knowing what to do, or... knowing that his friend was now gone, Stephen didn't know what to feel.

Anger? Sadness? Regret?

While it was true that Stephen wanted to punch those two people for sacrificing their lives like this, he also knew that he had no such qualification.

Because they could only survive thanks to their decision.

So Stephen could only accept it.

Even if his heart was bleeding, but his rational side was telling him that this was the best result that they could have.

"Arnold should have helped her to recover," Ruben said as he looked at the distance.

To be honest, Ruben really wanted to be like Amelia and freely express his feeling such as beating up those magicians from the Magic Association on his own.

But he couldn't.

His position and his identity restrained him and he couldn't do anything arbitrarily or there would be many troublesome matters that he had to do later on.

Chapter 1122: Ruben (2)

"...Being an official is tough, Ruben," Stephen said when he saw Ruben's expression.

They didn't need to speak so clearly, but he clearly understood what Ruben was thinking right now.

Because aside from being friends, they were also childhood friends.

They have known each other for a long time.

"Hmm?" Ruben arched his eyebrows. "I like this job and even though I'm constrained, I can still accept it."

He knew very well that from the moment he chose to become Mr. Jones' assistant, there would be many things that he couldn't do. This was something that Ruben has been prepared himself to face.

But when there were things that he really wanted to do but unable to...

Ruben couldn't help but feel that it was quite tiring.

So watching Amelia beating up those magicians from the Magic Association felt refreshing and then Ruben chose to slip away. This way, he didn't have to clean up the mess temporarily.

"You've always been like that." Stephen chuckled and then patted Ruben's shoulder with his free hand. "Then I can be reassured to leave the base's runes and formation development in your hand, future most powerful rune master."

Future most powerful rune master?

Ruben was stunned and shook his head helplessly. He knew very well that with Riya in front of him, it would be absolutely impossible for Ruben to become the best rune master in the world.

But while Riya was gone...

'There will be many people who would want to take this position.'

While working as Mr. Jones's assistant to manage City A Base, Ruben had to work hard and learn the ropes as rune masters. Because he couldn't possibly let other people become the most powerful rune master when he's the one who's Riya's student.

How humiliating would that be if someone surpassed him when he already had such a great advantage?

Ruben shook his head and then turned around.

He will wander around for a while more before going back and then helped Amelia to clean up the mess of her beating up those magicians from the Magic Association.

As for the medical fees....

Let those magicians from the Magic Association pay for it themselves.

He didn't want to pay for them.

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Stephen shook his head wryly.

To be honest, he was also at loss when he heard Samuel and Riya left the Green Planet through the passage.

The disappearance of these returnees were told to him one by one.

Well, it was thanks to the few connections that he had made over the time he wandered around.

Stephen even felt that if he were to start his career as a businessman again, he would definitely succeed. Because the connection that was necessary for businessman were complete in his hand.

But Stephen didn't have any plan to start a business for the time being.

The main reason was because he was worried that the Carson Family would come and trouble him.

He wanted to protect his sister above his own dream.

No matter what, his sister's life is much more important than his own dream.

As for the future?

He could work as anyone and it was not that important for him to become a businessman. Even becoming a small peddler would be more than enough as long as he could still live well with his sister.

"Sam, you're really..."

Making decision on his own and just leave when he wanted to... very selfish and annoying.

If Samuel were to stand in front of Stephen right now, he had no doubts that he would definitely punch the other party.

Because Stephen could tell that Samuel definitely acted on impulse.

He left through that passage to a completely different world and might not return again in his entire life.

Before leaving, he did leave some space storage scrolls for them, the content was just some message and also some books that detailed the future ranks for their practice.

Uh... wrong.

The future practice was only for Arnold.

Because Stephen and Ruben were magicians instead of magic warriors.

And Riya herself didn't have the practice methods for normal magicians in complete list, so she could only hand over the meditation methods. For the magic spells, they could only turn to the magicians from the Magic Association.

But when Stephen thought about the magic spells from the magicians from the Magic Association...

He really didn't want to learn even a single one of them.

Only some of them were somewhat bearable to learn and the others would make Stephen want to dig a hole and hide there for the rest of his life.

It's too embarrassing!

sigh

Stephen rubbed his hand as he headed over to the house that he temporarily rented for him and his sister.

The main reason why he needed to rent a house was because of Sophia's magic beasts. She had too many of them and without a proper house, she wouldn't be able to take out any of them.

Considering Sophia might need the company of her magic beasts...

Stephen chose to rent a house directly.

It was a bit expensive, but it was nothing for Stephen since he could ask for some discount from Ruben and the others.

He will make up the number with other things later.

"Hmm... brother?" Sophia was inside, hugging Melly tightly and looked somewhat at loss. Her previously bright eyes were red and dim.

Even after a day had passed, Sophia still couldn't stop crying.

"Sophia..." Stephen looked at his sister like this and felt distressed. He sighed and sat down beside Sophia after putting the groceries away. "They will be fine in a completely different world."

Sophia pursed her lips.

How could they be fine?

Even though it was obvious that they walked into the passage... but many people were saying that they should have destroyed the passage from the inside and died in the process.

The evidence is that they didn't come out afterwards.

But some people said that they should go to the other world.

Chapter 1123: Stephen and Sophia

Sophia didn't know which one she should trust.

Emotionally, she naturally wanted to believe that they were fine right now and that they were still fighting against those magic beasts somewhere far away.

But rationally...

She felt that the chance was slim.

"I really don't want them to die," Sophia murmured as she rubbed Melly's large body tightly.

whimper

Melly could naturally sense Sophia's sadness and the dog raised her head, nudging Sophia tenderly, trying to make her feel better.

Sophia pursed her lips and buried her head inside Melly's fur, trying to seek comfort from her best furry friend.

"I don't believe that they have died either," Stephen said unhurriedly. "That stubborn guy will definitely not die so easily."

Stubborn guy Samuel: "..."

If Samuel were to know what Stephen said about him, he would have long rolled his eyes and even landed a punch on Stephen's face.

Unfortunately, he was not here.

"Stubborn guy." Sophia pursed her lips and rubbed Melly's fur once again, sighing deeply. She really didn't think that it would be possible for Riya to die so easily either, but she couldn't help but think in that direction.

Because Riya seemed to know what would happen and made a lot of arrangement for them before she left.

It was as if she knew that she wouldn't be able to come back.

How could Sophia accept it so easily?

She cried.

Because Sophia really didn't know what else she could do aside from crying.

Right now, Sophia felt that she was really weak and even after venturing outside for a long time, Sophia couldn't change this weakness in the slightest bit.

As the young miss of the Carson Family, Sophia could be said to be living a privileged life for almost her entire life. Even though her own status was not exactly high, but every member of the Carson Family would not have any problem with their basic necessities and many other things.

Besides, if they wanted something, their parents would try their best to give it to them as much as possible.

Sophia and Stephen's parents were not an exception.

They would try their best to fulfill their children's wishes and let them have a carefree childhood as much as possible.

Because they knew very well that acting spoiled is a privilege that only pampered children could have. And when they passed by their golden age, it would not be so easy for them to act so spoiled like this anymore.

Their parents hoped that they could have a carefree life.

But they also knew that it was an impossible dream.

Being born and raised in the Carson Family meant that sooner or later, they would have to be involved with the Carson Family's schemes and all.

Sophia was luckier.

But Stephen, with his talent, was eventually noticed and nurtured carefully. Even though he tried his best to hide his care for his sister, the keen Old Master Carson still noticed it and used Sophia to make sure Stephen would do his best for the family.

As much as Stephen would like to stay far away from the Carson Family, he knew very well that it would be impossible.

So he simply worked harder and made sure that he could protect his sister.

Sophia herself was living a protected and pampered life under her father and brother's protection.

This lasted for a long time.

And when the conflict between Stephen and his grandfather finally erupted, he chose to take a step back and left City A Base.

The reason?

Because Stephen wanted to see a wider world with his sister instead of staying confined in City A Base.

"City A Base is indeed the best city base in Continent Z, but I want to see the world with my own eyes and not rely on my friends too much," Stephen said this to Sophia back then and Sophia agreed.

Because Sophia herself could sense that she was relying too much on Riya and Amelia, making her almost completely dependent on these two people.

Even though there didn't seem to be anything wrong...

But Sophia hoped that she could stand on her own and also got stronger instead of being protected all the time.

Well, her own talent was not that good.

And it was also true that Sophia disliked fighting.

So her goal was to raise a lot of powerful magic beasts so that they could protect her and fight for her.

Of course, Sophia would make sure to protect them well as much as possible. Because she loved her pets so much and didn't really want to see them got hurt.

The year when Sophia and Stephen were outside, they had also grown much stronger.

While Stephen still didn't let Sophia got in touch with some things that were too dirty in his eyes, Sophia still learned many things about the outside world. This made her understand that she was really lucky to have a higher starting points.

Be it her background family or when the world had just started to change and she has close relationship with Riya and Amelia.

Because it was these two people who basically let her life become much more comfortable.

Otherwise, Sophia couldn't really imagine how it would be.

Perhaps... she would stay confined in the Carson Family and unable to extricate herself until the very end.

It would be too miserable in Sophia's opinion.

So she was grateful for these two people.

And she once vowed that she would become a powerful beast master and eventually repay Riya for her kindness that she had shown to her. The path of a beast master was not very popular because it consumed a lot of resources, but some people who have no talents still chose to try it.

For those who were rich, it was nothing.

For those who were poorer... they were basically tightening their belts.

But...

How should she repay her kindness when Riya left on her own without giving her the chance?

Chapter 1124: Stephen and Sophia (2)

Sophia pursed her lips.

"Brother, am I growing up too slowly?"

She had to admit that she didn't focus her entire life to train and practice all the time. Because Sophia knew very well that it would be absolutely impossible for her to do so.

Besides...

It would be too tiring.

For Sophia who has been living a pampered life for her entire life, she was really not used to work hard so much.

It was probably similar to Amelia.

And she knew her position very well and understood what she had to do in order to grow stronger.

Instead of focusing her attention on the paths that she couldn't possibly take in her entire life, it's better for her to focus on raising her pets and used the contract to make them and herself stronger.

It succeeded.

But this path also took a long time and by the time the grand magic beasts' tide happened, Sophia was still at rank 6.

Right now...

She just felt at loss.

"No, you've done your best, Sophia and life is about balance." Stephen rubbed his sister's head tenderly and then said, "If you focus on training all the time, you will eventually break because your string is too tight."

And he couldn't possibly let that happen.

He loves his sister very much and she's also the only family member he has left. Even though he technically still has a father, Stephen didn't want to see the other party anymore after that conversation in the Carson Family Residence.

Because Stephen knew that between the Carson Family and their small family... their father chose the Carson Family.

He's someone who cared too much for the Carson Family as a whole.

So Stephen could no longer treat him as a father.

And he brought Sophia out with him so that she would not have to meet with their father and possibly be influenced by his words.

Because Stephen knew that Sophia is much more soft hearted compared to him.

And if she were to be swayed by their father... he might not be able to extricate himself from the Carson Family.

It wouldn't be good for Stephen.

"I..." Sophia opened her mouth and pursed her lips.

whimper

Melly sensed Sophia's sadness and stood up before she started to lick Sophia's face, trying to wipe out Sophia's tears that have no chance to fall down.

"Melly, stop it! It tickles!"

But Melly didn't want to stop.

It took Sophia some time to calm Melly down and she really wanted to send Melly away to the beast space, but she refused. She simply circled her large body around Sophia, protecting her and turning into her cushion.

Sensing the care from Melly, Sophia felt both touched and distressed.

She rubbed the large dog's head and then looked at her brother. "Brother, I..."

"I won't stop you from feeling sad, but you can't wallow in sadness forever." Stephen also rubbed Melly's head as he added, "Even Melly knows that and she didn't want you to be so sad all the time."

Sophia pursed her lips.

"Also, I bought these for you."

Stephen took out his phone and sent a file to his sister.

Sophia took out her phone and checked the file. When he saw the content was about the training follow up for beast masters along with some magic spells that was useful for them, she was stunned and raised her head abruptly.

"Where did these come from?"

There was only one beast master returnee in the entire Green Planet, which is Murin.

But even a fool knew that Murin would never take out all the skills he had learned in Afirer Kingdom to Continent Z, especially when he himself had the plan to go on their opposite side after some time.

That's why for many beast masters, their knowledge were limited up to rank 4.

The knowledge above that rank was practically hidden by the magicians from the Magic Association.

Or it was more like....

Many people didn't even know whether the magicians from the Magic Association even have the necessary information from Murin. After all, no one knew the details of his full cooperation with them back then.

So when the magicians from the Magic Association only released the methods up to rank 4, some people did clamor for a while. But the number of beast masters on the entire Green Planet was not much.

They couldn't make much waves.

Sophia also saw it and felt that it was a bit of a pity, but she couldn't possibly change her path so easily.

After all, she didn't have much talent as a magician nor magic warriors.

And aside from these two paths, Sophia had no idea about other possible paths that she could possibly tread on.

At the very least, if it was these two parts, Sophia knew very well that Riya and Samuel would be able to help. In their small group, there were more people with these two professions.

Unfortunately...

Sophia knew that she has poor talent.

And after walking the path of a beast master where she could take care of the pets she loved while also getting stronger, it was really difficult for Sophia to accept that she had to walk on a different path.

So after contemplation, Sophia chose to stick to this path.

She might not be able to get so strong like the others, but this is also the path that she genuinely enjoyed from the bottom of her heart.

Sophia never thought that it would be possible for her to fight on the frontline.

Her ability was not enough.

But when she heard that Riya and Samuel disappeared after the intense battle, Sophia truly felt at loss.

She felt as if she hadn't done enough.

That they were basically putting all the greatest pressure on these returnees who should have been ordinary people like them.

If they hadn't had the miraculous experience, they wouldn't have to be the one standing at the forefront like this.

Unfortunately....

There was no 'if.'

Chapter 1125: Stephen and Sophia (3)

Sophia was feeling at loss.

She also felt conflicted.

Because she knew herself very well and understood that if she forced herself to walk on a path that she disliked, her own progress would be extremely slow.

There was a huge difference between doing something one liked and doing something one disliked.

Just like when doing homework.

For the subject that a student liked, he could easily finish it within an hour time and then happily play around.

But for the subject that the student disliked, he ended up failing to get the question correctly and might end up wasting an entire day grumbling to finish the work. Some of them even just did shoddy work in order to get it done quickly.

As for the score later...

Well, that was another question altogether.

Of course, if the student disliked all subjects, it might be a bit difficult to imagine this scenario.

Because no matter which one it is, the student wouldn't be willing to do it but had to force himself to complete it. Whether it was done or well or not would be another problem.

When he was done with his homework, he would run to do what he liked to do such as playing and so on.

Sophia was in similar dilemma.

She knew very well that she was not exactly someone who could do things well if she were to do things that she disliked.

In fact, Sophia had the feeling that she might not be able to do a good job if she were to study something that she disliked. It had happened a lot in school since her own subjects were really partial.

For things that she didn't like...

It was really hard for Sophia to do a good job.

And in the matter of getting stronger in a world that was changing, Sophia could only think of following the path that she likes and also suited her the most. And the profession of a beast master was definitely the best option for her.

The problem is...

It was not easy for her to find the continuation path for improvement.

The meditation could use some magician's meditation. It didn't have to be the one published by the magicians from the Magic Association because there were also other magician's meditation that the official government had released.

Sophia had checked them and simply picked one that suited her the best.

In this way, she could also get stronger on her own while getting the feedback from her magic beasts that were getting stronger and stronger. A stronger mental strength would also allow her to better control her magic beasts.

But because Sophia's own talent was not very strong, her training so far was not the best and the progress was slow.

Sophia thought that it was normal.

She didn't say much about it and accepted it well.

But now that she saw her progress was simply too slow to be able to help Riya and Samuel, Sophia fell into doubts.

Did she really have done enough?

Could she do something more in the past?

Sophia felt that her progress was simply not enough and she should have done something more to improve faster.

And now, her brother was basically sending her the practice methods for beasts masters up to rank 7. There were also many useful magic spells in the document that she had never heard before.

But they were definitely aimed for beast masters.

"Samuel sent this to me," Stephen replied helplessly. "He said that there are actually a lot of books about beast masters that he brought, but it would take a long time to sort it all out. Not long before the grand magic beasts tide, the sorting was finished and he sent the documents to me. But it might still be revised in the future."

This could be said to be the first compiled version that Samuel and the higher ups made for the beast masters.

The source was the books of beast masters that Samuel managed to find when he was in Afirer Kingdom. He himself was not a beast master, but he knew that the Green Planet might need it.

So he brought it back.

Ruth, Riya, Peter, and even Dina also brought out a lot of useful books that they found in Afirer Kingdom.

The records were no longer complete, but this would be more than enough to increase the overall strength of various profession on the Green Planet.

At least, this was what the five of them were planning in the beginning.

And it seemed to be quite successful.

"He's very thoughtful..." Sophia looked at loss.

While she had known Samuel ever since she was young because of her brother's relationship with Samuel, she was not close to him. Who made Samuel was very terrifying and strict ever since he was young?

She and Amelia were simply pampered young misses who were also troublemakers.

The two of them would definitely tremble whenever Samuel came over with a stern face after they did some pranks.

Afterwards, the two girls would be punished.

Just remembering those days made Sophia want to cry.

She swore that she was only dragged by Amelia and it was not her own initiative!

Amelia is the true troublemaker!

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Anyway, that was Sophia's greatest impression of Samuel.

"No matter what, he still has to take care of City A Base... and perhaps he also see through the big picture." Stephen thought about Samuel and sighed once more.

Who would have thought that this shameless businessman would be able to willingly sacrifice for the sake of the entire world?

While the boys did have the lofty dream of saving the world when they were young...

They all knew that it was nothing more than nonsense.

What people saw was just the glory that was shown at the front. But who knows how many people were crying with blood and tears behind the back because of this?

Those who truly wanted to become heroes need to have the determination and sacrifice to achieve it.

Chapter 1126: Stephen and Sophia (4)

Because it was impossible to get it easily.

And what they had done might not be something that many other people could possibly replicate in the entire world.

Stephen thought about Samuel and rubbed his forehead.

Really.

That annoying arrogant young man becoming a respected hero?

Stephen felt that it was really difficult for him to truly imagine the scene because he had known Samuel for such a long time and naturally knew that man's true nature.

Idolizing him would be absolutely impossible.

"Yeah..." Sophia muttered under her breath.

Seeing through more?

Is that what Riya also come to when she finally decided to leave the Green Planet and leave everything behind?

Sophia didn't know what Riya was thinking.

But she knew that to be able to make that decision shouldn't have been easy.

"The good thing is that if they didn't die and still fighting out there, they wouldn't be alone but they still have each other," Stephen said seriously.

After seeing Samuel following Riya to various cracks... Stephen even wondered whether his old friend's brain was damaged.

Because while it would also help Samuel's practice, but Samuel used to be someone who liked to negotiate business and so on. Stephen had seen Samuel maneuvering easily in the high society back then and then secured a lot of business.

Earning money could be said to be one of Samuel's hobby.

Could four years change Samuel so much that his only hobby was to fight and fight again?

Stephen was doubtful.

And after he knew that Samuel was basically following Riya...

It could be said that Stephen felt rather speechless and didn't want to speak.

He felt that his usually rational friend was actually a love brain and thus decided to follow Riya in her practice.

"You're right." Sophia thought about Samuel and Riya being together and then shook her head. "I really can't imagine why they're attracted to each other."

It was truly a mystery that Sophia couldn't comprehend.

One was a businessman who had been making waves in the business world and probably also has a lot of haters while the other one was a student who hadn't even had the chance to graduate.

Oh wait.

They also have the identity of returnees.

Who knew what they were actually doing in the other world before they came back.

"Have you felt better?" Stephen asked when he saw Sophia finally smiling.

"Um." Sophia nodded and then rubbed Melly's head. The dog rubbed her head on Sophia's hand tenderly.

"Then I'll cook..."

"Brother, is it possible for me to meet with Father?" Sophia asked and carefully looked at Stephen's expression. When she saw his stiff look, she seemed to be able to guess something and shook her head slightly. "Forget it. I want to eat noodles."

Stephen looked at his sister helplessly.

While Sophia would not involve herself in the business world nor fight head on with the other members of the Carson Family, it didn't mean that Sophia was stupid.

On the other hand, she was smart and perceptive enough.

It was just that she didn't have the talent to work in the business world like him and her ability was lacking.

So Sophia didn't try to help Stephen in this area.

But she still tried her best to learn how to protect herself to the fullest and this naturally also included reading other people's expressions and infer their thoughts from it. While Sophia wouldn't claim that she's the best, but what she had learned over the years were more than enough for her to survive in the high society's world.

It was also thanks to this ability that her brother could let her be and didn't worry about her all the time.

Now, Sophia was using this to read her brother's expression.

She knew the answer from his expression.

"I'm sorry, Sophia."

"You don't have to apologize." Sophia shook her head and then said, "No matter what your decision is, I'll support you."

Because you're my brother and my only family member.

She has other friends but she only has one real family member, so if this was what her brother wanted to do, then Sophia will never stop him and will instead support him.

Stephen looked at Sophia's expressions and saw that she was really trusting him.

He sighed and then nodded. "I'll prepare the noodles."

With that, Stephen walked out with the grocery that he bought not long ago.

Sophia silently caressed Melly's fur and she knew that none of them were truly righteous people.

So seeing Samuel and Riya's decision...

It was impossible for them not to be surprised.

"I hope you're still alive somewhere," Sophia muttered and then added, "When you come back, I'll make sure that I'm the best beast master on the entire Green Planet."

This will be her next goal and dream.

She looked at the information in her phone that her brother had given and there was a faint smile on the corner of her lips.

Sophia believed that with the information given to her, she will have the chance to truly become the most powerful beast master in the future.

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Continent W

The disappearing passage and cracks were a good thing.

But the fact that many returnees disappeared was not a good thing for them because many people felt that they hadn't harvested enough information from these people.

Yes, for many people, these returnees were nothing more than a tool.

What they needed from these returnees were nothing more than the information in their heads.

The number of people who genuinely cared for these returnees were very limited.

On Continent W, there were only two returnees from the very beginning, which is Jonas Nolan and Ruth Karan Naira.

Ever since the grand magic beasts' tide was officially over yesterday, Jonas Nolan had stopped making potion and kept his own portion in his space storage scroll. He was sitting not far from Ruth's bed, looking at the doctor's evaluation on the paper.

Chapter 1127: Ruth

The doctor was not optimistic about Ruth.

The main reason was because Ruth basically used up her entire mana and energy. Not to mention, what she used was a forbidden magic.

"Forbidden magic: Wind of life, arrow of destruction."

This was the magic that Ruth used, but no one knew for sure what kind of effect this magic actually has. Because Ruth didn't actually tell everyone all the magic that she had learned when she was in Afirer Kingdom.

It was normal.

And with Ruth's strength at that time, it was obvious that no one would dare to coerce Ruth to tell them the truth.

Who would dare?

They would end up being bombarded by Ruth's arrows to the point that there wouldn't be nothing left on their body.

Unless they wanted to provoke Ruth, no one sane would do something like this.

Though...

At the end, Ruth herself was the one who made the decision to fight and trade her own life to close the passage.

Her action was worthy of respect and many people in Continent W were filled with praise for Ruth's action and her dedication.

How much that dedication was for these people and how much it was just for her own desire and thoughts, no one knew.

And no one cared.

Because the end result is that Ruth saved everyone.

Jonas Nolan was sitting beside Ruth's hospital bed and no one dared to disturb him. First was the influence of the Nolan Family behind him and secondly was because Jonas Nolan himself is a powerful alchemist.

No one knew what kind of tricks Jonas Nolan kept under his sleeve.

Because he had already given a lot of healing medicine and alchemy for others, it could be said that Jonas Nolan also played a big role to help Continent W as a whole.

Now that Jonas Nolan wanted to be a bit selfish... no one would dare to say anything.

They understood that he was unwilling to accept this kind of ending.

Because Ruth and Jonas Nolan were not that close but they still could communicate with each other well. When Jonas Nolan was collecting the herbs for a period of time, it was Ruth who came to accompany and helped him.

Coupled with the fact that the two of them were returnees...

No one knew if there was something else.

So no one dared to disturb them.

If Jonas Nolan were to know what they were thinking, he would say that they were thinking too much. He had never known Ruth when they were in Afirer Kingdom because of their difference in status.

Ruth was a wandering magic warrior whose roots came from the grassroots.

While Jonas Nolan was a pampered young master in a big city who has been living in a privileged environment ever since he was young.

The two of them should not have any interaction with each other.

And in fact, it was true.

Ruth never came to the city where Jonas Nolan was located while Jonas Nolan never wandered far away from the city where he was.

In this way, neither Jonas Nolan nor Ruth ever met each other.

Their first meeting happened on the Green Planet, but it was obvious that even if they told other people about this, no one would believe them.

Because they had already seen how these two people interacted.

How could it be possible that they had just met on the Green Planet and already become so close?

Impossible!

Jonas Nolan and Ruth were too lazy to explain and leave the matter be. Now that misunderstanding came in handy and Jonas Nolan was not going to explain the matter again.

"Mhm...."

On the bed, Ruth slowly opened her eyes and she could feel the inherent weakness from her body. Ever since she become a magic warrior, she hadn't felt so weak like this and Ruth felt unaccustomed for a moment.

She even thought that she would never wake up again after using that forbidden magic.

Because Ruth knew very well that it was the kind of forbidden magic that overdraw one's life in order to exchange for a momentary power.

Besides...

Ruth was not only using the forbidden magic at that time.

By overdosing the recovery potions, she would be able to garner much more than what she could use usually.

Her body was not tempered enough to withstand such power, but Ruth had no regrets for her decision.

So Ruth knew very well that she was basically abolishing her own strength by doing that.

She looked down and raised her hand.

Traces of repairs were faintly visible and as a magic warrior, Ruth has great control over her own strength. Even though she was currently in the weak state, she could sense that her body has been repaired.

Normal repair?

Impossible.

Ruth knew very well that her own body's natural repair has been damaged beyond repair when she used that forbidden magic. It could only be that someone else was using alchemy to stimulate her healing ability and some other herbs that were used in conjunction to increase her healing ability.

There was only one person who could possibly helped her to recover.

Jonas Nolan.

"You're awake." The male voice told Ruth that the person who spoke had to be Jonas Nolan.

The young man was sitting beside the hospital bed while looking in her direction with a complicated expression. He looked like he wanted to say something yet at the same time, he didn't really want to.

Because Jonas Nolan had seen Ruth's condition.

And the doctor was right.

"Why?" In the end, Jonas Nolan only asked this one question.

Ruth's eyes flickered.

She knew what Jonas Nolan wanted to ask the most and since she could stay here safely, it meant that her method was successful.

As for why....

"I'm tired, Jonas Nolan."

Yes, She's just tired.

Having to fight continuously after being thrown into Afirer Kingdom. And watching how Afirer Kingdom ended up when she came back to that world, Ruth really didn't want for the same thing to happen on the Green Planet.

So she made this decision.

Chapter 1128: Ruth (2)

Jonas Nolan's eyes trembled. "But you don't have to be the one to do it, do you? We can figure out something..."

"Jonas Nolan, don't be so naive." Ruth raised her head and looked at Jonas Nolan in front of her calmly.

Now that things had come to this, Ruth knew that there was no point in dwelling on the past anymore. She knew very well why she made that decision in the first place.

The problem is...

She's too weak.

Ruth knew this very well and her current ability was far from enough to deal with the grand magic beasts' tide.

She had to use the forbidden magic in order to deal with the magic beasts' tide.

That's why she used it.

Even if it meant that she had to trade her own life for it...

For some reasons, Ruth was willing to do it.

"You want to say that other people are not as strong as the returnees?" Jonas Nolan asked back, his gaze was stubborn.

Ruth pursed her lips.

She knew that she's not alone.

There were also other returnees in other continents who were fighting hard and were dealing with powerful magic beasts one after another. They were still fighting on the frontline and doing whatever they could in order to stop the magic beasts from entering the Green Planet.

No one wanted to give up.

They all knew that their actions might not be enough to stop the magic beasts, but for various reasons, they want to stand at the forefront and fight together.

Jonas Nolan was also among them.

And it was precisely because Ruth knew that there was still Jonas Nolan on the back that she could focus her entire attention on fighting and made the decision to use her own life to end the battle.

"Yes."

"But they can still fight and then..."

"How did other returnees close the passage on their side?" Ruth interrupted Jonas Nolan before he could finish his words.

Jonas Nolan's word stuck in his throat.

He looked at Ruth in disbelief as if wanting to ask how she knew that when she was still lying on the bed like this. But when the words reached his lips, Jonas Nolan suddenly felt that he really couldn't say anything and only stare at Ruth quietly.

Ruth saw Jonas Nolan's expression and the corner of her lips curled up slightly. "I'm a wind element magic warrior, Jonas Nolan."

Her main and sole focus is the wind element.

At the last moment, she had truly become the embodiment of wind and this was something that Ruth could clearly sense very clearly.

It was something that Ruth had longed in her entire life.

Yet, she only achieved it when she was about to end.

Through that operation, Ruth came to understand more of the wind element and even though her current body was less than 10% of her real strength and there was also the weakness buff all over...

Ruth knew that there was something different with her current mental strength. It was through this difference that Ruth was able to sense what was happening in other places even though her own strength shouldn't have been able to support it.

Through this senses, Ruth noticed that there were many familiar mana signature disappearing.

It could be said that almost all returnees knew each other's mana signature.

Even if the Green Planet itself was quite big, but they could still sense each other's presence and whereabouts. Or at least, they knew more or less the location but not too specific.

Because unless they paid special attention to someone, it was absolutely impossible for them to find the other party.

Their mana signature was very obvious.

Ruth naturally recognized other returnees' mana signature and would not be able to make a mistake in this matter.

But...

Many of them had disappeared.

Did they die?

"Some returnees entered the passage and then disappeared," Jonas Nolan finally said, knowing that he couldn't hide the truth for long from Ruth.

Besides, he himself also knew that it was because these returnees were more powerful than others that they were able to sense each other's whereabouts.

Why should he hide this matter either?

Jonas Nolan felt that it would be useless.

"I see." Ruth was not surprised.

She could sense that from the 12 returnees in the beginning, there were only four left.

Her, Jonas Nolan, Peter, and Leon.

The others have all disappeared.

There were also other rank 7 magician or magic warriors from other continents and even Continent W itself whose mana signature disappeared.

Ruth guessed that they might have been killed during the grand magic beasts' tide.

'What a pity...'

A pity that they would not have the chance to see the Green Planet's return to glory.

But perhaps for many of them, it was enough to know that their effort would not be wasted by the future generation.

Ruth's eyes trembled slightly and then she rubbed her forehead.

"Don't move around too much. Even though the potion could help you to recover, but it still has to depend on your own body..." Jonas Nolan looked at Ruth with a complicated look. "In fact, I thought that you will never wake up."

Because Ruth's condition was not optimistic.

Ruth looked at Jonas Nolan in front of her and she could see the faint fear and uneasiness within Jonas Nolan's eyes.

Because there were only three returnees left.

And those who were left behind were the people who were not good at fighting and instead good at other things.

Jonas Nolan knew very well that without enough herbs, he was nothing.

Because his fighting skills couldn't defeat those powerful magic warriors.

Ruth retracted her gaze and looked at her hand, "I really should have never woken up."

Because Ruth knew very well that she was ready to sacrifice everything at that moment.

Her weapon, her strength, her life...

Everything that she could give, she poured it all into that one attack that shattered the passage.

Chapter 1129: Ruth (3)

"But you're still alive, right?" Jonas Nolan looked at Ruth with hopeful look.

Since Ruth had woken up, doesn't it mean that she would get better and better? Even if the current Ruth is still weak, but she could easily get stronger again.

"I'm alive for now," Ruth replied slowly.

She could sense that her current condition was actually extremely bad. To be honest, Ruth didn't know what kind of medicine that Jonas Nolan used in order to prolong her life because Ruth had no knowledge in this area.

Even if she was living in the village for a long time, her knowledge of herbs were only limited to those that were useful for first aid.

Others?

Her brain was not good enough to remember it all.

"What do you mean for now?" Jonas Nolan had a bad feeling when he heard Ruth's words as if something bad was looming over them.

But he had checked Ruth's condition and didn't seem to see anything wrong with the other party aside from the weakness and backlash from the forbidden magic....

Wait, forbidden magic.

There were many types of forbidden magic in Afirer Kingdom.

While Jonas Nolan himself would not practice those forbidden magics because they were harmful, he still knew some of them more or less. After all, his own parents told him that he had to be prepared to face any opponent.

Who knows whether there would be desperate people among his opponents?

So Jonas Nolan learned many things about the forbidden magic.

This also allowed him to know that there were a few types of forbidden magic. One that was traded with lifespan, blood or other resources, and their own life.

The power that they could gain was also different.

In the case of forbidden magic that traded a certain amount of resources, the power would be smaller than others. At most, it could only double their strength and after that, they had to recuperate for a certain period of time.

If it was the lifespan, the power would be greater but could not exceed their own body limitation. How much the body limitation is, it would depend on the person themselves and Jonas Nolan himself was not sure about it.

As for the last one...

It was basically reaching the power far above their own strength, but the cost was that they will absolutely die after using it.

Either dying directly or they would have to wait for some time before meeting their end.

But they could not change this ending.

"I'm sorry," Ruth whispered in a low voice.

She could see her own soul and there she found her shattered weapons.

That attack she used at the last moment had long far surpassed her own body's limit, pushing her to reach the realm that she should not be able to achieve in her entire life.

The end result was that she was severely overloaded.

Her weapon had accompanied her for a long time, even when she was still weak and needed a lot of help from other people.

But this time, because of her decision, this weapon might finally met its end.

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And Ruth could sense that her soul was dissipating, slowly but surely.

This is the cost of that forbidden magic.

"What are you talking about?" Jonas Nolan's voice trembled when he heard Ruth's apology. "I'll find other potion and then..."

"Forbidden magic: Wind of life, arrow of destruction." Ruth glanced at Jonas Nolan. "It's useless. There's no potion that could reverse one's life after using the forbidden magic below rank 10."

Unless Jonas Nolan could reach rank 10 and found the materials, then it would be impossible for Jonas Nolan to save Ruth.

Not that Ruth herself had any expectation for this.

Because from the moment she chose to use that forbidden magic, Ruth had long known that she wouldn't be able to survive.

So she remained calm and composed.

"How could you be so calm?" Jonas Nolan looked at Ruth's nonchalant look and raised his voice. "You did everything for them but in the end, you can't even enjoy what you brought to them just because...."

He couldn't continue.

Jonas Nolan's voice cracked and hoarse.

At this moment, he didn't look like the dependable returnee who once commanded the people from the back.

But he looked more like a teenager who had lost his treasure and were confused.

"I didn't do it for them," Ruth said calmly.

She's not a genuine soldier and Ruth had never thought of herself as someone who was so noble and great.

What she decided when she used the forbidden magic was nothing more than the fact that she could finally rest.

It's tiring.

Fighting all day long.

Training all day long.

Killing all day long.

Even the battle hardened people would feel suffocated and tired if they had to face these three things all the time for such a long time.

To be honest, Ruth knew very well that she really needed to relax one way or another.

Because she was basically forcing herself to train, fighting, and killing for three full years before she came back to the Green Planet.

But...

Just looking around her where everyone had their family members or someone whom they cared for while she has no one, Ruth felt inexplicably lonely.

She never felt it so deeply before.

Because she still has friends whom she could talk with from time to time.

But later on...

She's completely alone.

There were indeed other returnees such as Jonas Nolan whom she could talk with, but it was absolutely impossible for Ruth to trust them from the bottom of her heart.

They have their own reservation.

And it was a normal thing.

Time passed quietly and Ruth slowly lost her original goal.

When she first returned to the Green Planet, she only thought that it was a good thing for her to be given the chance to continue living here.

And with the change of the world, Ruth naturally also wanted to get stronger again.

But after seeing Afirer Kingdom, some thoughts gradually began to change in her mind.

Chapter 1130: Ruth (4)

The world was vast.

But Ruth couldn't really find many reasons for her to go on.

Sometimes, even the childish reason could keep people going on and at this moment, Ruth had already lost her goals and felt at loss.

She didn't know what to do.

All she could think of was to prevent the Green Planet from suffering from the same fate as Afirer Kingdom. Even though Ruth didn't know whether her meager strength would be needed, she was still willing to work hard and try her best to make sure that she could do something.

Just because she's one of the returnees.

To be honest, Ruth had never thought of herself as someone important before.

This was not self depreciation because Ruth's life before she was selected to become one of the returnees was truly ordinary. So ordinary that Ruth couldn't imagine herself becoming someone so important that her every action could decide the lives of countless people.

So Ruth was at loss in the beginning.

Because she didn't know what she should do.

The realization that her position was so important made Ruth confused because she was clearly never expected that her life trajectory would change so much in such a short period of time.

When the people from Continent Z came to look for her with the attitude of negotiation, Ruth almost couldn't comprehend any of their words.

Logically speaking, she could understand what they were saying.

There was no language barrier.

But putting those words together... Ruth felt that such a thing shouldn't have happened to her in the first place.

"I really don't know whether my skills can help, but I'll try," Ruth said after finally digesting the realization that being a returnee was actually something very important. Not just important, the skills as an archer main profession magic warrior was actually one of the kind.

Because no other returnee chose the same profession as her.

Even if there were other magic warriors, they didn't choose bow and arrow as their main weapon, making Ruth unique.

...In a way, all of them were actually unique.

Ruth was truly troubled in the beginning.

The main reason why she chose this profession in the beginning was because she was influenced by the people she met after she came to Afirer Kingdom. Living in the forest and was also fascinated by the hunters, she asked them to teach her.

The villagers were also kind enough to let Ruth learn and also taught some fundamental skills for her to become a magic warrior.

When her skills reached a certain point, they helped her to get out and explore the wide world.

That's how Ruth gained more experience and also become more famous.

She enjoyed that freedom.

But once a year, she would go back to the village and share her adventure with the villagers there. It was an ordinary and simple life, but it was something that Ruth cherished very much.

Because for her, those villagers had already become part of her family members.

Dying during the grand magic beasts tide when she was in Afirer Kingdom was actually nothing much.

Ruth had accepted her death.

But she didn't die.

She came back to the Green Planet, her home planet and should have been the place that she cherished the most. But as her status rise and she was allowed to see more of the higher ups' situation that she never knew before...

Ruth felt great resistance from deep within herself that she never realized before.

It was as if working hard for the sake of the people on the Green Planet had become a burden on Ruth's shoulder.

Their expectation, their wishes, and their demands...

All become shackles and pressure that made it difficult for Ruth to take another step forward and move on.

She's always alone.

For years after coming back to the Green Planet, experiencing the Afirer Kingdom for three years, and coming back, Ruth has always been alone.

She had no one to confide on and no one to fully trust.

And after such a long period of time, what Ruth felt was nothing more than exhaustion.

At the end, it all came to one question.

Why her?

She was just an ordinary person before the world changed and in order to survive, Ruth had to take on the past profession. When there were people who came to her to ask for help, she still helped them just because she could.

She wanted to help.

And Ruth herself didn't know why, but she liked doing it.

But when she was given the pressure and the expectation become greater and greater, her spirits finally couldn't take it.

She used to be an ordinary person who lived just for herself.

Now, she had to care for so many people...

Ruth couldn't take it.

"I did it for myself, Jonas Nolan," Ruth said calmly as she turned her head to look at the young man in front of her.

If he was not wrong, Jonas Nolan should be the youngest among the 12 returnees.

He's also one of the few who came from rich and influential family, living a pampered and privileged life.

To be honest, he should have a good life if he hadn't been chosen to be one of the returnees.

But Ruth only thought that way for a moment before putting all of those thoughts away.

"That..." Jonas Nolan looked at Ruth and felt somewhat at loss.

He didn't want her to die.

But when he looked at Ruth's expression, Jonas Nolan found it impossible for him to speak.

"Don't be so sad." Ruth gave a reassuring smile. "I made the decision myself and no one pressured me... It's just, I..." I don't really have the interest to see the future world either.

The Green Planet didn't have that much meaning for Ruth.

It might sound cold blooded, but that was what Ruth thought from deep within her heart.

Just when she was about to speak, Ruth felt her words were stuck in her throat.