

Last Days 1131

Chapter 1131: Ruth (5)

Jonas Nolan was staring in her direction.

His gaze looked like he was about to cry and Ruth really didn't have the heart to continue speaking.

Is she soft hearted?

Ruth didn't know.

But she knew very well that Jonas Nolan is a good boy who has been doing very well in the past few years.

Even compared to many other returnees, it seemed that Jonas Nolan's performance was very good. He might not be able to help the Green Planet to fight at the forefront, but Jonas Nolan's support was definitely top notch.

The only pity was the fact that it would be difficult for Jonas Nolan to teach other people the skills that he had learned before.

Because being an alchemist required both talent and hard work.

Jonas Nolan didn't speak either.

He was looking at Ruth and wanted to do something, but Jonas Nolan knew very well that Ruth was speaking the truth.

Her life forces were disappearing at rapid speed.

At this speed, Jonas Nolan knew that Ruth wouldn't even be able to last for a week and even if she looked normal and healthy on the surface, she wouldn't be able to survive.

What to do?

The materials that Jonas Nolan could find on the Green Planet was only low level materials that couldn't help him in the slightest bit. Even if Jonas Nolan wanted to, he knew very well that the materials' limitation was one thing that he couldn't change.

Not to mention...

Jonas Nolan had never made any potion above rank 7.

The highest level potion that Jonas Nolan ever made was only rank 7 and this was done after a careful consideration and hard work.

Otherwise, it would have been impossible for Jonas Nolan to make it in the first place.

Now that he found out that if he wanted to save Ruth, he needed a rank 10 potion... where is he going to find it?

Jonas Nolan heard Ruth speak and he looked at her earnestly, hoping that she could stop speaking about these things...

He didn't want to hear it.

Not in the slightest bit.

Jonas Nolan saw Ruth slowly stopping, but he knew that it was not because he managed to change her thoughts.

She wouldn't change her mind so easily.

"Is there really nothing that I can do to help?" Jonas Nolan asked carefully, looking at Ruth's expression earnestly.

He really hoped that there was something that he could do.

Something that could break through this problem and let her survive.

Ruth looked at Jonas Nolan calmly and replied, "No and I don't need you to do anything for me, Jonas Nolan."

The two of them might get along quite well, but they were only friends at best and Ruth had no intention of going any further.

She knew her personality was dull and her straightforward temperament made it difficult for others to like her. Besides, Ruth was used to stay alone and there were not many people who could truly befriend her.

Those people in Afirer Kingdom were among the few people who genuinely treated her well.

Ah...

Just thinking about them made Ruth missed those people once again.

Ruth slowly shook her head and looked outside. "If you want to help, just make sure that those annoying people didn't disturb me."

With her current strength, Ruth knew very well that she would not be able to escape from them. Her time was limited and Ruth didn't really want to spend her last few days arguing with some annoying people.

Isn't it better for her to spend it with more meaningful things?

At the very least, this was what Ruth hoped from the bottom of her heart.

The only person she could ask for help right now is Jonas Nolan, so even if she knew that her decision was not something he agreed on...

Jonas Nolan pursed his lips and looked at Ruth.

He didn't know where this attachment came from.

Is it because there were not many returnees left on the Green Planet or it was because this was Ruth herself.

But seeing her gaze, Jonas Nolan knew very well that she had made her decision and nothing he said could possibly change it.

"I know," Jonas Nolan said slowly. "I'll make sure no one disturb you."

Jonas Nolan slowly stood up and looked at Ruth on the bed. Her face was pale and looked far weaker than how she used to be.

From now, the spirited and energetic Ruth would not exist anymore.

Does she regret it?

Perhaps not.

From the peaceful look on Ruth's face, Jonas Nolan knew that this was the ending that Ruth envisioned for herself and possibly also what she had decided from the very beginning until the end.

It's just...

Jonas Nolan pursed his lips and said, "Take care, Ruth."

Hearing Jonas Nolan's voice, Ruth turned her head and her beautiful eyes blinked slowly. She smiled in response. "Thank you."

After that, Jonas Nolan turn around and left through the door.

He didn't tell anyone that Ruth had woken up and instead locked the door from outside.

"Young master, this..."

"Let her rest and don't let anyone disturb her," Jonas Nolan said calmly. He knew that with Ruth's current physical strength, she wouldn't be able to deal with the people from Continent W.

They were all people who got stronger because of their contribution.

But now, they were also people whom Ruth wouldn't want to meet.

He wanted to respect her wishes...

It's just, Jonas Nolan looked at the distance and felt that the future would be much more lonelier.

Without anyone else who were returnees, Jonas Nolan didn't know whom he could confide in.

He still has his family members.

But after knowing that he's a returnee, their attitudes towards him turned into that of extreme respect and they didn't dare to do anything that he didn't like.

It's boring.

But it could be said that this was indeed how most people would react when they met with someone of high stature.

Chapter 1132: Jonas Nolan

Jonas Nolan was born and raised in a rich and privileged family on Continent W.

Unlike Samuel or Dina who were thrust into the business world after they were an adult or embroiled in various schemes, Jonas Nolan didn't experience any of these.

He was truly living a carefree life.

A life where he could do whatever he wanted without anyone who would try to stop him nor advising him otherwise.

No one dared to.

Jonas Nolan walked back to his own residence, the mansion of the Nolan Family that he hadn't visited in a long time. Seeing his parents were playing in the living room, he only greeted them and then left again.

There was no way Jonas Nolan would want to be a third wheel.

The Nolan Family is a big family on Continent W and there were many capable people here. The people were also harmonious and with his older brother in front of him, there was no need for Jonas Nolan to take over the business.

Besides...

Jonas Nolan was not really suitable to become a businessman.

When Jonas Nolan was young, he had a weak body and the Nolan Family seek countless people to ask for help. They hoped that the weak young master could recover and become healthy.

Unfortunately, the problem was innate.

Jonas Nolan had long gotten used to the smell of medicine almost every single day and even wondered whether he could live for long. But seeing his grandfather, parents, siblings, uncles, aunts, and even cousins were working hard to care for him, Jonas Nolan was touched.

He vowed that he would live well.

And his dream when he was young was to become a great doctor who could heal himself.

For that, Jonas Nolan studied hard and he was still studying in the medical university when he inexplicably died and arrived in Afirer Kingdom.

Other returnees would think that their deaths were bizarre and strange.

But for Jonas Nolan....

This was just something that would happen sooner or later and it seemed that his time had already arrived.

But arriving in a new world, it would be a lie to say that Jonas Nolan was calm.

He has been living a protected life.

As the young master of the Nolan Family, he had everything and no one would allow him to work hard on his own. Even though they would not let him become an ignorant child, many things were still done for Jonas Nolan without him having to lift his finger.

So Jonas Nolan was uneasy.

Would he survive in this new world?

Jonas Nolan was doubtful.

At that time, he almost didn't dare to come out of his room and explored the new world in fear that he would be killed instantly if they found out about him. But even if he was nervous and couldn't control his emotion, it seemed as if they couldn't sense it in the slightest bit.

They treated him as the young master of the family respectfully and kindly.

Their treatment made Jonas Nolan somewhat dazzled and even wondered if he was seeing things wrong.

Because they were too kind to him and made Jonas Nolan wonder whether he was dreaming.

But no.

No one seemed to be able to sense the difference between the current him and the previous Jonas, their young master.

So after a few days of living in that world, Jonas Nolan was soon attracted by the various medicine that they made. Due to his weak body and also his own study when he was on the Green Planet, Jonas Nolan was very sensitive to the herbs' smell and so on.

And the family he was living in was also a medical family.

This prompted Jonas Nolan to start learning what they were doing.

It was called alchemy.

And during the process, Jonas Nolan learned that his current body has been conditioned with alchemy too because his talent was a bit low and it was only thanks to conditioning himself that he could start practicing.

Jonas Nolan had no doubts about these things.

After all, he didn't really come back to Afirer Kingdom like other returnees and explored the ruined world.

But perhaps he also didn't want to come back.

It would be better to keep the memory of what had happened back then in the best state. That way, he didn't have to remember the people he cared for in this miserable condition and only when they were still in their best and most perfect state.

This was what Jonas Nolan thought to himself.

However, he never truly said it to anyone because he didn't really have anyone to share it either.

The years he spent in Afirer Kingdom could be said to be ordinary and rather dull.

While other returnees were making their names and exploring the vast world, Jonas Nolan was engrossed in learning medicine and alchemy all day long.

It was to the point that he completely forgot about the outside world.

But it was not without any merit.

Because for Jonas Nolan, the learning period was the best time he ever spend in Afirer Kingdom. At that time, he learned many things about alchemy and managed to become rank 7 alchemist in just four years.

Unfortunately, rank 7 was simply far from enough to deal with the magic beasts.

Jonas Nolan could only watch helplessly as everything was destroyed by the magic beasts and he couldn't even fight back.

It was too powerful.

In fact, Jonas Nolan himself didn't really remember how he died under the barrage of magic from those magic beasts.

Above rank 7, these magic beasts would start using various powerful magic spells and magic attack. So many magicians, magic warriors, and so on would deal with these magic beasts at the fastest speed possible without giving them any chance to fight.

Otherwise, what awaited them would be nothing more than a long battle of attrition and a large scale destruction.

They just couldn't take care so much when it was the grand magic beasts' tide.

Chapter 1133: Jonas Nolan (2)

When Jonas Nolan came to, he was already back on the Green Planet.

He was confused.

He was at loss.

He was unwilling.

Dying so suddenly without knowing what happened and then thrust into another world for the second time, Jonas Nolan was already very calm by not panicking the moment he arrived.

When he saw the familiar furniture and familiar people coming, Jonas Nolan quickly realized that he was back on the Green Planet.

He missed his family members.

So he didn't hesitate and spend the entire day staying with them and tried his best not to show any abnormality.

But as the pampered young master of the Nolan Family, how could it be possible for his family members not to notice?

Jonas Nolan finally had to explain his extraordinary experience.

And what his family members cared for was whether he got hurt or was wronged when he was in another world.

Of course, Jonas Nolan was not wronged.

Except for his own death at the end that was inevitable due to the grand magic beasts' tide, Jonas Nolan was basically living a good and enviable life. The kind of life that many people would not be able to experience in their entire life.

He was also able to learn many things smoothly, not having to worry that he couldn't find any materials to start studying.

His family there would provide it for him.

Coming back to the Green Planet, Jonas Nolan was originally planning on living a low profile life while trying to substitute many plants that didn't exist on the Green Planet with the local herbs.

His family were also very supportive.

But the sudden earthquake and the appearance of the magic beasts told Jonas Nolan that it was absolutely impossible.

He had to stand up and fight.

Even if he didn't really want to, he still chose to work hard and did it.

Because in his entire life, he has always been protected by others and this time, Jonas Nolan hoped that he could also do something to protect these people.

He couldn't fight.

His fighting skills are absurdly low and his own control of his body was not very good, so Jonas Nolan never thought about helping in this regards.

Moreover, Jonas Nolan himself didn't like fighting.

So he didn't think that he would be able to achieve much should he try to become a fighter or anything like that.

It's better to follow the path of an alchemist that he does like.

With the family's support, even if the world looked like a living hell outside, Jonas Nolan was actually still living well in his mansion and living place. These magic beasts couldn't get close to him in the slightest bit.

And Jonas Nolan didn't need to do anything.

His family put his own safety to the highest limit and they would not allow anything bad to happen to him.

In this way, Jonas Nolan could focus on doing what he liked.

There were also people who went out to gather resources from time to time. Since Jonas Nolan required a lot of herbs, he also had a special garden in the Nolan Family that was tended carefully by the servants and members of the Nolan Family.

They would try their best to make sure that Jonas Nolan's wishes could be fulfilled to the greatest degree.

The strangeness of the Nolan Family couldn't be hidden.

In the midst of chaos where everyone was busy fighting just for a bite to eat, the Nolan Family was able to thrive and do well.

None of them showed worry that the world was ending or anything like that.

The great contrast naturally attracted many people's attention and they came to the Nolan Family.

Small families or rivals were easy to deal with.

Jonas Nolan didn't have to help and his family had already dealt with them cleanly without leaving any trace whatsoever.

Perhaps if he wanted to help, they would allow him to stay on the sidelines to cheer.

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That's just how big the Nolan Family's advantage was on Continent W.

With Jonas Nolan behind them, no one dared to offend the Nolan Family in the slightest bit and their own survival could be guaranteed to the greatest degree.

But the government was hard to deal with.

After all, Jonas Nolan himself had no intention of going against an entire nation.

It's stupid.

While the continent might not have people as powerful as Jonas Nolan, they represented the attitude of many people.

Since Jonas Nolan is still living on Continent W, he chose to compromise.

Anyway, he knew that they would not put his life in danger since Jonas Nolan was not good at fighting and would rather stay behind.

His greatest value for them was his skills in alchemy.

Various potions that Jonas Nolan made had been distributed widely, ensuring that everyone who needed it could get it.

And cooperation with the government would also ensure that the Nolan Family behind him would not be harmed. They could also expand freely as they have the greatest backing possible.

Jonas Nolan was relieved.

His family were also relieved.

In this way, the situation for Jonas Nolan was improving and he never really stood in front of those magic beasts directly.

He knew very well that if those magic beasts ever reached him, it meant that the Green Planet was doomed. Or at the very least, Continent W would be doomed.

Because with such a strong protection and security around Jonas Nolan, it would be a miracle if anyone could harm him.

Jonas Nolan himself was not someone who would dare to provoke other people for no reasons.

So everything was peaceful for a period of time.

But while the government were happy to have Jonas Nolan on their side, they felt that it was far from enough.

The reason?

They knew that Ruth Karan Naira was actually from Continent W, but she was trapped in Continent Z.

...To be honest, if Ruth ever want to return, Jonas Nolan highly doubted that anyone on Continent W could stop her.

Chapter 1134: Jonas Nolan (3)

The skills of the returnees were nothing to say.

And if they were really determined to do something, hard persuasion would basically be impossible.

Plus, the higher ups have long realized the specialness of these returnees.

They just stayed silent about this matter and didn't tell anyone about it.

Because the higher ups were secretly competing against each other.

Jonas Nolan originally didn't know and didn't really pay attention to this matter. But who made his own family members were gossipy?

They would share their findings to him from time to time when they paid a visit.

After cooperating with the government, Jonas Nolan was given a large area for himself where he grew a lot of herbs and was also strictly managed by many soldiers and other people.

Jonas Nolan himself felt comfortable.

So he didn't care too much about it.

Besides, his family's excessive concern is a bit too much to bear at times. So Jonas Nolan agreed to stay in this place.

That's when he finally met with Ruth.

The grueling progress of the higher ups in recruiting Ruth was truly hard and Jonas Nolan even felt that they were a bit pitiful. After all, Ruth refused their solicitation and would rather remain as a free individual.

Considering Ruth's combat power...

No one dared to force her.

Even for someone like Jonas Nolan, they didn't dare to take the hard force route because they were afraid of turning him against them. After all, Jonas Nolan's alchemy skills also meant that he was fully capable of making poison.

The question is just whether he wanted to or not.

After Riya spread out the space storage scrolls, Jonas Nolan naturally also bought a lot of them to store his potion and materials.

It was much more comfortable like this.

Jonas Nolan felt rather satisfied.

He didn't know how other people did, but in his case, he was using the available resources to the limit.

As for what kind of potion he had made...

Ssh, that's a secret.

Jonas Nolan would not tell other people what kind of potion that he had made aside from those that he made for the government. Anyway, he was allowed to keep a portion for himself.

He also noticed that the government secretly sent people to study the recipe.

And there were also many researchers around him, trying to get him reveal the recipe to make these potions.

Jonas Nolan didn't care too much.

The recipe was given, but whether they could make it or not was another question.

Because another most important matter for alchemist would be their control of fire and timing.

Without enough concentration, even the slightest bit of mistake could turn the previously good medicine into deadly poison.

Jonas Nolan had experienced too much in his experiment when he was still in Afirer Kingdom.

He didn't replicate those experiments here.

But he still tried to mix and match some herbs in order to create some new potions.

After all, this is his main interest.

So seeing someone cold like Ruth made him look at her a few more times curiously. He knew that the government only got Ruth's agreement to help them to a certain degree and then she would be paid some remuneration.

But for many things, Ruth would do things on her own.

So facing such a cold yet interesting person, Jonas Nolan didn't hesitate and tried to befriend the other party. There was no problem chatting about various topics, especially those related to magician and magic warriors.

Speaking of their paths, Jonas Nolan was following the path of magicians while Ruth was following the path of magic warriors.

It was naturally different.

But there were also some similarities, which allowed the two people to communicate about their daily practice and also the boring meditation. Jonas Nolan himself didn't really like meditating.

He preferred staying in the laboratory to test more combination.

But well....

One time, there was a fire because of a mistake he made and he was kicked out of his own laboratory.

"Pfft."

Jonas Nolan looked at Ruth speechlessly and said, "Don't laugh at me! I just made a small mistake and next time, I'll get it right."

Ruth looked at him kindly and said that she believed it.

The expression was gentle and calm but there was also trace of indifference that Jonas Nolan couldn't quite understand.

Perhaps, it was the difference in experience?

After all, Ruth came from an ordinary family and had already lost all of her family members before she transmigrated. While Jonas Nolan had a complete family and everyone were still alive and well.

He didn't understand.

And he had the feeling that he shouldn't ask either.

So he never did.

The two of them maintained a relatively polite friendship on the surface. After all, Jonas Nolan and Ruth didn't know each other before and since they were both returnees from Continent W, it was good for them to get along.

It was just that....

Friendship between returnees really shouldn't be affected by borders and the likes.

But that was just what Jonas Nolan was thinking.

That's why when Riya and Samuel came to visit, Jonas Nolan was happy to see them and willing to chat with them.

The problem is that most returnees didn't seem to like talking.

Or it was simply because they were not close?

Jonas Nolan didn't know.

Just when he was thinking about this matter, the news about the passage's arrival spread out and Ruth made her decision to leave almost immediately.

The higher ups were naturally unwilling.

But from the very beginning, their relationship with Ruth was more or less just an employment.

It was quite similar to how Continent Z treated their own returnees.

The higher ups were secretly cursing Continent Z because they felt that Ruth was being influenced by them.

And while Ruth was eager to leave...

Jonas Nolan didn't want to.

He knew very well that if he tried to go to another world on his own, the greatest possibility was for him to die there.

Chapter 1135: Jonas Nolan (4)

Jonas Nolan knew himself well.

His ability to survive in Afirer Kingdom before was all thanks to the family members who cared and take care of him well.

He was used to live a pampered life.

Perhaps it was not impossible for him to struggle hard to live if he was forced to.

But why?

Why should he lived that way?

His birth had already given him a much higher starting point than others.

Why should he compare with those who had much lower starting points than him and tried to lower his own standard?

Jonas Nolan didn't want to.

The other world sound like a brand new world and also a brand new chance for the returnees to get stronger quickly. With the threat of the grand magic beasts' tide looming over their heads, all of them wanted to get stronger with their own way.

Jonas Nolan was not an exception.

He also wished to get stronger as fast as possible.

Even if he couldn't really fight as a magician on the field, Jonas Nolan hoped that he could also helped to protect others.

In this way, he would not always be protected by other people.

Unfortunately...

This chance was just not for him.

Jonas Nolan knew very well that with his limited ability, going there would be nothing more than seeking death. He had no ability to protect himself well without the protection of others and no other returnees would be willing to sacrifice their practice to help him.

After all, each and every single one of them had their own goal and aspiration.

If Jonas Nolan had to say, he actually admired the other returnees greatly because he could tell that they were people with great determination.

What prompted people to be successful were not only their talent, ability, and resources, but also their own will and perseverance.

Because the road of success will be fraught with failure.

If one couldn't accept and learn from their failures, then they would never be able to move forward.

Jonas Nolan had been taught these from youth.

Unfortunately, he was definitely not the best in terms of implementing these advices that were given to him.

So seeing Ruth was already determined to go....

He chose not to say anything.

At the same time, Jonas Nolan was thinking about his own path and what he planned to do in the one year's time before the grand magic beasts' tide.

The answer?

It was nothing more than practice and practice.

Jonas Nolan created a few more useful herbs and also meditated longer than usual. Even though he hated meditating, he knew that if he wanted to make more potions, he needed to reach higher ranks.

So he could only repeat the boring life of training, making alchemy, meditating, and so on.

The four continents were also very quiet during this period of time, which made Jonas Nolan somewhat amazed.

"In the face of global threats, they simply put down their differences and cooperate together," his brother said to Jonas Nolan when he mentioned this strange phenomenon that he noticed.

"Is it really possible?" Jonas Nolan felt that it was odd to see these continents that were usually cursing each other online to get along.

It looked like a miracle from Heaven.

His brother laughed.

"For the sake of the entire Green Planet, why can't they cooperate together?" Jonas Nolan's brother said with a smile. "Of course, there might be some small conflicts that are not made public to maintain their people's harmonious attitude."

After all, those politicians were basically actors one after another.

What they wanted to show to the world might not be necessarily the real states at times.

Who knows what kind of trick was hidden within?

Jonas Nolan was not interested to figure out what the higher ups were thinking either. He was too busy with his own things to care about these things.

But knowing that there would not be any other infighting, it sounded good.

Of course, he was just thinking about it positively.

When Ruth came back as the first returnee who returned, it was obvious that Continent W started to make small moves again.

Jonas Nolan found out through his brother who came to gossip with him.

Jonas Nolan: "..."

Do I look like someone who like gossip?

Even though Jonas Nolan was complaining inside his mind, he still listened carefully to what his brother said.

It was through his brother that Jonas Nolan found out more about other things.

Oh well, Jonas Nolan simply treated it as the leisure time outside of his laboratory's matter and it was not that bad.

At the very least, Jonas Nolan thought that knowing these things would allow him to follow the world's development outside.

And Ruth's return didn't change many things too much.

But Jonas Nolan noticed that Ruth was much colder after her return from the other world. She was often alone and seemed to be unapproachable.

He tried to talk a few times, but Ruth always avoided his questions.

It was obvious that she didn't want to talk about these things and Jonas Nolan didn't think it would be a good idea for him to force her either.

In this way, their relationship became more delicate.

What followed afterwards was the deployment for the grand magic beasts' tide.

As more and more returnees were coming back, they also realized that it was time for the grand magic beasts' tide.

None of them knew when exactly it would appear and where the magic beasts would come.

So they had to be prepared to be attacked from any location.

It was terrifying.

There were a lot of arrangements to be made and Jonas Nolan didn't understand any of them. After all, he was not exactly someone who learned these things.

What he cared for was about his own arrangement.

But it was obvious that he was put on the backside and his task was simply to replenish the recovery potions as much as possible.

Chapter 1136: Jonas Nolan (5)

The materials would be delivered and Jonas Nolan just had to focus on making potion.

He didn't have to fight, but he was also fighting in a sense.

It was just that his battle was different from other people who used guns, swords, or other kinds of weapons.

His battle was to stay in the laboratory and create potions after potions.

To be honest, the higher ups were thinking about turning the potion making to use various machinery or even robots. After all, the technology advancement before the earthquake happened was not that bad.

But it was quite difficult for Jonas Nolan to arrange it.

While he knew the details for every potion making, he didn't exactly calculate the time to the exact seconds.

Sometimes, it was more based on his feelings and also the movement of the potion before adding the new herbs or adjusting the heat.

Robots and machinery couldn't fully replace him yet.

The higher ups were still working on it and Jonas Nolan heard that they were considering cooperating with Continent Y for this. After all, Continent Y was the one feeling the most desperate after their returnees turned out to be such selfish people.

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To be honest, Jonas Nolan was not surprised when he saw the behavior of those returnees from Continent Y.

He was more surprised that there were other returnees who were willing to work together with the government more than seeing them.

Because Jonas Nolan knew that most people who could embarked on this path were all selfish people.

It was not like other people didn't have their selfishness.

But the selfishness of these people were more prominent and they would do their best to increase their strength and fight for the resources.

Jonas Nolan simply had the privilege from the beginning.

That way, he didn't have to fight hard.

But other people who didn't have the same condition would have to work hard in order to get the qualification and so on.

Anyway, they have their own research.

Jonas Nolan didn't have to do anything and he had donated the easy and lower ranked potion recipe to them.

Many other recipes were kept in his hand.

After all, Jonas Nolan himself didn't really want to do charity and handed over everything he had to the continent.

These were for his family members.

They needed it more than others.

The two months or so during the grand magic beasts' tide, Jonas Nolan was staying in the laboratory and only busy with making potion. He still paid attention to the situation outside, but the report each day sounded the same.

Only Jonas Nolan knew that their consumption was simply too large.

They wouldn't last long.

Even with the large amount of portion that Jonas Nolan and other alchemist trained by Continent W in the past year, they were already struggling after two months and many people were already thinking about using the nuclear weapon.

Jonas Nolan's brother came when they were discussing about it.

Because Continent Y had already started using the nuclear weapon to deal with the magic beasts.

The environmental's problem was cast aside.

It's more important for them to think about how to deal with these magic beasts at the fastest speed possible.

Jonas Nolan couldn't really help.

He himself was already very tired from making potion after potion in order to meet up with the huge demands. If it was not because his brother was worried for his health and dragged him out to rest for a while, Jonas Nolan would still be in the laboratory.

It was also at that time Jonas Nolan heard about Ruth's action.

She used a forbidden technique.

The magic was spectacular and the wind element gathered in Ruth's hand as if they were part of her limbs.

And under Ruth's order, the wind element rushed towards the passage, destroying it.

It was wonderful.

But after that beautiful picture, what followed was the scene of Ruth fainting and falling to the ground.

They brought her to the hospital.

Ruth was still alive.

But the doctor was not optimistic because no matter where they looked at, the current situation was that Ruth was already at the end of her life.

Jonas Nolan was stunned.

He was confused.

Looking at the fainted Ruth, Jonas Nolan never thought that Ruth would make such a huge sacrifice.

And what Ruth did at that time should be a bet.

Because as a magician himself, Jonas Nolan had already seen more powerful magicians in the past. His family members in Afirer Kingdoms were not only powerful alchemist but also powerful magicians.

When he acted coquettish, they would be willing to show him how strong they were.

And Ruth's move had long broken the limit of what rank 9 magician could possibly make. It was so powerful that it seemed as if all the wind element within 50 km radius were all rushing towards Ruth.

Jonas Nolan had seen Ruth drink those potions.

Those recovery potions allowed Ruth to wield a much greater power than what her body actually allowed her to.

Not to mention...

Magic warriors usually had smaller mana capacity compared to magicians.

Even if Ruth's path as a magic warrior allowed her to have a somewhat large amount of mana, there was a limit to that mana.

She overdid it.

And not just by a little bit.

Jonas Nolan realized it very well, but he couldn't understand.

Ruth has never been a person who cared for other people that much and she always seemed to be very cold. Even if she was willing to fight for Continent W, is there any need for her to work so hard like that?

Jonas Nolan was at loss.

And watching Ruth's expressions, he couldn't say anything but sigh deeply.

Because he had the feeling that Ruth might not make this decision entirely because of Continent W.

After Ruth woke up and Jonas Nolan talked with her...

He realized that his guess was right.

But he couldn't fully understand Ruth's reason.

All he could do was to respect her decision.

Because no matter what, it was thanks to Ruth that everyone could live.

Chapter 1137: Jonas Nolan (6)

Jonas Nolan stood beside the window, looking at the scenery outside the hospital.

There were still many people being moved and there were also moving scenes outside the hospital where those who had recovered were going back home.

He understood very well that there were many people who paid huge price for this.

Is it worth it?

Jonas Nolan himself didn't know.

But he knew very well that he could never make the same decision as Ruth and sacrificed everything.

Even though Ruth's moves finally succeeded, but she traded her own future, her own life, for the sake of others.

The price was very clear.

And Ruth also knew that no one on the Green Planet could possibly save her.

Jonas Nolan pursed his lips and then left.

That night, Jonas Nolan's brother came to find him and told him that the higher ups wanted to ask about the whereabouts of Ruth's body.

But Jonas Nolan didn't want to answer.

Seeing these people who had greed in their eyes, Jonas Nolan's eyes were cold.

"I don't know. When I left, Ruth is still alive."

That was all Jonas Nolan said before he turned around and left the hall. This time, he was back in Nolan Family's mansion and didn't want to stay in the research institute for the time being.

Because Jonas Nolan knew that the matter of Ruth will definitely attract a lot of people's attention.

Don't think he didn't know that these people were sending people to check the whereabouts of other returnees' corpses after the passage disappeared. His brother reported everything that happened to him truthfully.

It was also thanks to the higher ups convenience that the Nolan Family managed to grow up so much and Jonas Nolan was thankful to them.

Otherwise, it wouldn't be easy for him to check even if he wanted to because he didn't have any connection.

"Did you not keep Ruth's body for your own, Jonas Nolan? No one else see her and you're the last person who's staying in her hospital room." These people were still unwilling to give up.

Every returnees were very valuable.

Both live or dead.

Jonas Nolan turned to look at these people and sneered coldly. "The equipment on her room should be able to prove that she was still in the room after I leave. I don't know exactly when she disappeared, so you shouldn't ask me."

To be honest, with Ruth's body condition, Jonas Nolan didn't really think it would be possible for her to leave so quickly without any trace whatsoever.

But the truth is...

She did disappear.

And this alone made Jonas Nolan felt rather amazed and understood that Ruth should have leave some tricks.

For people who used to roam the world, these little tricks should be nothing.

Because Ruth is someone who wanted to freely roam the world without restriction. This meaning has been conveyed by the strong wind element that she used at the very last moment.

So while Jonas Nolan didn't really want to see her leaving, he still choose to respect her decision in the end.

Let the wind bring Ruth to the place she wanted to the most.

Instead of having to face the farce of the higher ups and various follow ups matter, she would feel better if she could roam freely in the world without the need to worry about these things.

"You..."

"Sir, our Young Master is tired. Please leave." The people in the Nolan Family could see that Jonas Nolan was too lazy to deal with them, so they stood up.

These people were unwilling, but they also knew that it was impossible for them to go against Jonas Nolan openly.

So in the end, they could only walk away from the Nolan Family.

"Thank you, Brother," Jonas Nolan said with relief.

After knowing what these people were planning to do with the body of the returnee, Jonas Nolan was really angry.

He understood that they thought that these returnees were extremely important and had enough research value. But it didn't mean that he agree with their approach of using their bodies without consent.

None of them signed any agreement whatsoever.

And they were all strong people who had their own pride.

To be treated like this after their death....

Jonas Nolan was really angry.

"You're our little brother, so of course we'll protect you." Jonas Nolan's brother waved his hand and then sighed. "But they might not be willing to give you too much convenience anymore in your work."

"If they didn't want to, then it's up to them." Jonas Nolan was indifferent to those treatment.

It was not like his treatment in the Nolan Family was bad.

He didn't necessary needed the higher ups to give him the preferential treatment because he could get it himself.

"Will you be fine?" Jonas Nolan's brother looked at Jonas Nolan worriedly.

When Jonas Nolan came back this time, he looked a bit different. Appearance wise, he looked the same as usual and nothing could be seen.

But those who had known Jonas Nolan for a long time could sense that he was no longer as calm as he used to be.

It seemed that there were a lot of things in Jonas Nolan's mind.

Under such condition, Jonas Nolan's brother still decided to tell his younger brother the truth about what those people were planning to do.

In every continents, it seemed that there were people who thought this way.

After all, it was unlikely for them to be willing to pass the chance of researching how different the body of a high ranked magician or magic warriors were.

It was really....

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Jonas Nolan looked at his worried older brother and gave a reassuring smile. "Don't worry, I'm really fine. Even though I can't really say that I like it, but I know very well that this kind of thing is inevitable. I just hope that if something happen to me, my family will not let such a thing happen."

Chapter 1138: You Have Our Words

Because Jonas Nolan didn't want it.

"Don't worry, you have our words." Jonas Nolan's brother's expression was serious.

Dare to touch their beloved younger brother?

Heh.

Let's see how he clean them up first.

Jonas Nolan smiled.

He knew that he was very lucky to be born in the Nolan Family with so many people caring for him. If he had been born in a completely different family, then it would be a completely different matter.

But since he had a family that loved and cared for him very much, then Jonas Nolan didn't have to worry about this matter.

Besides...

Jonas Nolan was planning on putting some restriction in his own body.

'At times like this, I'll feel a bit jealous of Riya.'

Jonas Nolan knew very well that with Riya's runes, she could easily made arrangement for her body to be destroyed upon her death or something. In this way, no one would be able to take advantage of her.

She might even make some offensive magic runes carved on her body if she really wanted to.

At that time, it was obvious that no one would be able to do anything to Riya.

But the thought only crossed Jonas Nolan's mind for a moment before he tossed it as far away as possible.

Because Jonas Nolan knew very well that his talent in runes was extremely low.

Not mentioning that he also had no interest in runes and would prefer to learn medicine... learning runes would take decades before he could have any result and Jonas Nolan was definitely not that patient.

Even if many magicians were taught to be patient and Jonas Nolan himself was good at waiting, but he definitely didn't have the patient if he had to wait for so many years.

Because he also needed result.

As soon as possible.

Otherwise, Jonas Nolan would definitely start questioning whether the path he took was right or something like that.

"Then it's good." Jonas Nolan smiled.

As for Ruth's matter...

It should come to close soon and Jonas Nolan didn't plan to look for Ruth.

He had no idea where she went nor where she goes.

Perhaps she had left just like the wind?

'The wind...'

Jonas Nolan looked outside the window once more.

His strongest element was fire and wood element, which was the most suitable element for any alchemist. The fire was used to control the heat when making any potion while the wood element was used to identify the herbs.

In this way, the combination of the two elements were often called as the golden combination for alchemist.

Jonas Nolan was very lucky to have these two elements the most in his body.

With great interest in medicine, suitable talent, and best environment, he managed to grow up and become a capable alchemist in a short four years' time.

After that, Jonas Nolan simply followed his previous interest.

Now that he and the higher ups were having a conflict, it was estimated that they wouldn't be willing to use him temporarily.

Jonas Nolan himself didn't care.

He had already sensed that the mana concentration in the air had decreased and Jonas Nolan could guess that the mana the herbs could absorb would also decrease. This will inevitably affect the potion making in the future.

He had already made a lot of potions and pocketed them.

After all, when he heard that the war was over, Jonas Nolan directly took the last batch of potion and didn't plan to submit them.

There were also a lot of materials inside his space storage scrolls.

The rest of the herbs were still growing and would take a long time to be able to be used. With the change in environment, Jonas Nolan knew very well that their effectiveness will definitely decrease.

Unless one used the special formation to increase the mana concentration.

But aside from Continent Z who could use it at will, how could other continents dare to use them recklessly?

They might have bought some, but it was used for the most precious herbs and other plants. Jonas Nolan had already seen them and knew that Continent Z themselves had no plan to sell these things to other continents widely.

After all...

Jonas Nolan knew that only Riya could possibly make a lot at once.

The others might need more time or perhaps even only a select few could make the core part of the formation.

So Jonas Nolan was calm.

No matter what would happen in the future, he would be ready to face it.

Anyway, he's not really alone.

Even if his family members were not that strong, but they were willing to side with him no matter what happened. So Jonas Nolan chose to stay with his family members as much as possible.

For the next few years... he might not have the chance to leave.

After all, Jonas Nolan didn't really want to help them anymore. Without the threat of the grand magic beasts' tide and all, Jonas Nolan didn't believe that these people wouldn't start thinking wildly again.

It's better for him to live with his family members.

Not only was it safer, but it was also peaceful.

It would be a boring and dull yet fulfilling days.

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Continent X

Unlike Jonas Nolan who had already made arrangement, Leon was stunned when he heard that the passage disappeared and the war had ended.

Later on, he didn't have time to think too much because his girlfriend is crying.

As a qualified boyfriend, Leon chose to stay with his girlfriend and coaxed her, trying to make her stop crying as much as possible.

In a way, Leon was actually quite similar to Jonas Nolan.

The two of them were not exactly frontline fighters and were not suitable to fight with the magic beasts directly.

Jonas Nolan used potion to deal with them.

Leon used his weapons and armed many other people who were willing to stand against the magic beasts.

But he didn't fight on his own.

Chapter 1139: Leon

Leon's family was definitely not as rich as Jonas Nolan's family.

But it was still more than enough to support him who wanted to become a blacksmith and he had been living here ever since he was young.

He was an ordinary person.

Before the sudden transmigration, Leon had never even left the island where he lived. It was a small community but everyone was warm and helpful to each other, which was very comforting for Leon.

He liked living here and never thought about moving.

So the sudden transmigration made him confused.

But he still wanted to live.

Leon was a bit different from other returnees who were going to Afirer Kingdom because he stayed rather low key and probably more similar to Riya. The two of them were quietly training in their own way and only joined the association to get more resources.

Once they could get more resources easily through the association, the two of them become even more lazy to get out.

In this way, no one knew Leon.

It was also because of this that Leon managed to stay hidden after his return to the Green Planet and no one knew about him in the slightest bit.

He was not famous.

Leon also didn't meet with other returnees when he was in Afirer Kingdom, so there was no chance for them recognizing each other after coming back to the Green Planet.

To be honest, it was not impossible for Leon to stay hidden for his entire life.

But...

It seemed that something or someone wanted him to appear.

To be honest, Jonas Nolan was not that comfortable. But he couldn't exactly stand by and watch everyone around him die when he clearly could do something. So he still choose to come up and took out the weapons.

Unlike Jonas Nolan who really couldn't fight, Leon still has more training to fight against the magic beasts.

In this way, the people in the island managed to survive long enough until the military came over and helped them. Of course, Leon's position also changed because they put more importance on him after finding out about his ability and the fact that he's also a returnee.

Leon sighed when he thought about those days.

Looking at Claire who had already finished crying, he felt rather distressed, but he couldn't help much.

Every returnees have their own goal and aspiration.

For Leon, he just wanted to live an ordinary life and providing some weapons for the higher ups was something that he was willing to do in order to protect everyone.

As for what other returnees would do...

Leon couldn't control it.

He didn't even know what those people were thinking or what they wanted to do until the very end.

When he came to, he realized that many people had left.

The mana fluctuation from outside told him that there were only three returnees left.

Ruth...

Even though they said that she was still alive, Leon could tell that her mana signature almost disappeared and it never got better. With time, the mana would dissipate into nothingness.

So that leave only three of them.

After helping Claire to make arrangement to visit Continent Z to see her friends, Leon came out and met with the other higher ups. To be exact, he met with the commander who was in charge of this location and paid a visit.

"Speak frankly." Leon nodded at the commander in front of him calmly.

He knew very well that with the grand magic beasts' tide over and most of the returnees leaving the Green Planet, his status and their treatment would become different.

Perhaps he would be able to live a more peaceful life had he refrained from appearing.

But Leon didn't want that.

He still wanted to appear upright and live the life he truly wanted.

Besides...

Even if Leon is definitely not as strong as the other returnees, he was still much stronger than many other people on the Green Planet.

"Mr. Leon, it's like this... we would like you to continue helping us to make the weapons...." They gave out a lot of favorable condition for Leon.

Such as allowing him to operate the business and so on.

But in the end, Leon knew that they wanted him to continue producing valuable and strong weapons.

Because in the war against the magic beasts, most of the weapons were scrapped due to resisting the magic beasts' attack.

They were also not strong enough to repair it.

Even though Leon did share some blacksmithing tips...

It was one thing to make ordinary weapon and another matter altogether to make a magic weapon.

"Sorry, but I refuse." Leon shook his head after hearing their terms.

"But, Mr. Leon..."

"First of all, the materials to make the magic weapons are not that easy to find. Most of the materials have been exhausted for the sake of the grand magic beasts' tide before." Leon was calm and composed as he faced these people.

He knew that many people coveted his skills...

But he didn't want to give it out to them.

"And even with the materials, making durable and strong weapons are not that easy. Even before, my speed has never been that fast," Leon added.

He did make some weapons and shared it with the soldiers so that they could defend against the magic beasts.

But the number was limited.

First was the materials' shortage.

The metals and various other things from the Green Planet were simply far from comparable to the things that Leon used when he was still in Afirer Kingdom. While it was not impossible to use it, the end result was definitely a much weaker weapon.

And those greedy people would definitely not feel satisfied in the slightest bit.

Leon didn't want to be forced to sign some kind of contract and work hard with these people were pulling the string behind the back.

It's better to refuse upfront from the very beginning.

Chapter 1140: Leon (2)

"We can gather the materials and then..."

"I have already shared my skills and wouldn't it be enough for the talented people all over the world to work hard and become a capable blacksmith on their own?" Leon shook his head.

Perhaps, he did have the dream of becoming the protagonist or a hero when he was a child. But after he grew up, he realized that it was going to be extremely difficult.

Not to mention, Leon knew very well that his own skills couldn't be considered high in Afirer Kingdom.

At most, he would be average.

Now that the grand magic beasts' tide was over and the mana concentration had already decreased to the normal level of the Green Planet before the earthquake happened, Leon didn't want to stay and get involved with these matters anymore.

"It's different with you..."

"I'm not interested. I'll just run my small store on my own." Leon stood up and turned around.

He knew very well that he wouldn't be able to fully stand on his own in Continent X.

After all, he was different from Pena.

Pena was able to offend everyone and was still doing fine mostly because no one dared to come closer to him. The skeleton army in his hand was too terrifying and with Pena being in the center of the island and busy with himself, the others chose not to bother with him.

Anyway, they could see that Pena didn't seem to be that interested in various little antics and so on.

"Mr. Leon!"

And Leon shut the door tiredly.

He looked up and saw that Claire had woken up. Seeing her, he frowned and then said, "You can go back and rest...."

"Let's go back to stay with my family, Leon," Claire said slowly.

After the village where Leon was raised were destroyed by the magic beasts, Leon did stay with Claire's family for a period of time. After all, he didn't really want to stay separated from his wife and his own living space was restricted.

But since he was a returnee, the higher ups also prepared enough residence for Leon and the two of them moved to one of them later on.

During the grand magic beasts' tide, Claire was staying here to accompany Leon.

Her child was with her parents.

Because neither of the two were in the mood to take care of the children temporarily. Rather than making a mistake, it's better to put him with Claire's parents for a while and then took him back after a few days.

"That..." Leon frowned.

He didn't really want to stay with Claire's parents because it would seem like he was intruding their family.

Claire has a lot of family members and they were all staying close to each other.

But thinking that most of the properties in his hand were given to him by the higher ups after they knew that he's a returnee, Leon finally nodded.

It seemed that there was no better option.

Besides, Leon really didn't want to stay here and face these people's solicitation again and again.

Claire smiled brightly.

When they came back to Continent Z, Claire was thinking that she could persuade Leon to stay a while longer.

She really wanted to see Amelia and the others.

It has been a long time.

While chatting online was also fun and all, but it could never beat the feeling of meeting with each other directly.

Thinking about it, Claire quickly went to pack up.

First of all, they had to go back and see their children.

Leon looked at this scene and thought to himself that now that he's a man with a family, he really needed to start planning more for the future.

'With the mana concentration decreasing... will things return to normal?'

To be honest, Leon highly doubting it.

Because even if the mana had decreased, what they had made before would not just disappear.

There were also the cracks that they could explore and aside from Riya and Samuel who had gone in deep into the other world to explore it, the others basically didn't have much time to explore it.

Uh...

It was more like, most returnees didn't have the time.

Leon still went in from time to time and created some weapons and other trinkets that he gave to his wife and for himself. Those were useful to protect himself and also to make sure that they would be able to survive in the long run.

Now that there was only one crack in each continent....

Leon was not sure that he would have the chance to enter again.

But even if he couldn't, it didn't matter too much.

Leon looked at his small family and smiled softly. It's good enough to have a peaceful life like this.

He didn't really wish for much.

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Continent Z, Mr. Jones' office

After Amelia had finished venting her anger on those magicians from the Magic Association, Mr. Jones also let Amelia come back.

There was no need for her to participate in this matter too much.

"How are those magicians from the Magic Association?" Mr. Jones glanced at his secretary who came back from outside.

Ruben was still nowhere to be found and Mr. Jones guessed that he had something he wanted to do temporarily. Since that was the case, he didn't bother trying to find the other party.

"They're fine. Miss Amelia didn't beat up those magicians from the Magic Association too badly." The secretary sighed.

If it was not because of Mr. Jones' order, how could they all stayed silent when Amelia started beating up those magicians from the Magic Association?

Even if they were weaker than Amelia, persuading her would still be possible.

But no.

None of them stepped forward.

They just watched as Amelia beat up those magicians from the Magic Association until they cried.

To be honest, they all felt strangely satisfied since these magicians from the Magic Association were indeed extremely arrogant and annoying not long ago.