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Chapter 231 Requests

"Another promise?" Riya looked at Samuel blankly and then shrugged. "It's fine. To be honest, I would rather ask for some weapon blueprint from the nation if they're willing to give it."

"Weapon blueprint?" Samuel was stunned when he heard that. He knew very well that despite some people owning hot weapons, their number was limited in their nation. After all, the higher ups didn't want to cause so much chaos.

The only thing they could do was to limit it.

And the blueprint for ordinary weapons might not be that hard to find because some designs were outdated. But for the newest weapon and so on, Samuel was sure that they would not be willing to hand it over.

"Yes." Riya nodded and looked at Samuel with a faint smile. "It's not going to be easy, isn't it?"

Samuel shook his head with a sigh. "Depends on what weapons you want. If it's the outdated weapons such as handgun, rifles or assault rifles should be possible too. But if you're asking for bombs and so on, it's unlikely they'll give it."

"Handguns, several types if possible since I'm not very familiar with it," Riya said after some contemplation. "Rifles... well, the lighter types if they exist."

"I know some." Samuel nodded.

"As from the Martial Arts Association..." Riya pursed her lips and then said, "Just tell them to collect some medicinal materials and books about it. I want to see how mana affect these medicines."

And if possible, replicate those medicines that she was familiar with in that world.

Otherwise...

Riya really felt that that she had to study biology from the very beginning again, which was very painful.

"Ok." Samuel nodded.

Seeing him agreeing so quickly, Riya arched her eyebrows. "You're surprisingly easy to talk to."

"Do you want me to disagree? Your request is just a small request compared to the effect of the formation and runes that you will give to them," Samuel replied with a shrug. "I'll prepare the well first, is there any specification of the size, height and so on?"

"No. You don't even have to build it too high and you can also make channel from the top so that when the water overflow from the water source, it could directly enter your water storage," Riya replied. "It's nothing more than a temporary holding place in the shape of a well. Of course, try to make it as similar to a real well as possible."

"Alright." Samuel nodded and then walked out. It seemed that he had to call his old friend to help him with this matter because he was not very familiar with architecture. "I'll call you later when it's done."

"Ok. I'll prepare the drawing first."

With that agreement, Riya walked back to her room and sat down on her bed. She sighed heavily.

'Is this the right choice?'

To be honest, Riya herself didn't know whether her decision was the right one or not. But Riya also knew very well that she didn't want to see everyone die just because of such a trivial matter.

Life is already very difficult...

There was no need to add more difficulties.

'Besides, living by herself is not fun.'

Riya smiled faintly and looked at the ceiling.

Even if many people might be able to integrate the mana through this method, it was also a very violent method and they would damage their bodies to a certain degree. This method should not be used unless they were desperate.

'Time to draw.'

Heading to her table, Riya took out a paper and started drawing on it.

The first one was the drawing of the runes on the magic core. The water runes were very simple, only consisting of three strokes and looked like a word. Well, it was indeed a word, in the runes language.

Riya looked at it for a moment and smiled as she drew a circle and then pointed at it, noting how to draw it and the importance of mana control. The size of the runes were also recorded by Riya because for many beginner rune master... they couldn't control the size well.

To be honest, the size of the runes itself were not very important.

The most important one was their proportion in regards to their shapes. After all, runes were not formed of one straight lines. They were formed through several strokes and each of these strokes had to be of certain proportion.

Otherwise...

Well, the meaning will be different.

Like this water runes, if the last stroke was too big, it would turn into storm and there was no need for her to say about what would happen. Rather than water, what came out would be storm from that water runes.

Riya shivered when she imagined it and silently wrote the precaution and importance of the proportion.

Unless they wanted to die, they should not try other combinations.

Riya looked at the drawing and after she was satisfied, she took another paper and started drawing the purification formation.

This one...

Was a bit more complicated but simple at the same time.

There were two methods for the simple purification formation.

The first method was for them to draw the entire runes, carving them on the wall of the well from inside to outside. This method was also the best, ensuring that the entire structure would be heavily protected by the formation. At the same time, this method was also the most difficult because even the slightest mistake of the runes would cause the entire formation to collapse.

Riya drew the entire formation on several paper before it was done and then she noted their placement after numbering the paper.

There were also some precaution that Riya wrote to make sure those rookies would not accidentally cause explosion...

Some formation was indeed that dangerous and those who were not careful enough might die.

The second method was easier because they only needed to draw five smaller formation, which only consist of three runes each and put them in star position on the well, fixed these stones on the well and then pour mana whenever they wanted to get water.

Chapter 232 Preparation

The second method was easier to make but at the same time, it was very tiring because they have to pour mana every single time they wanted to activate it.

Of course, there was an easier method.

It was to put non elemental magic core on top of the five stones drawn with formation that has been fixed on the well. The formation would use the mana contained within the non elemental magic core and allowed the water that passed by the formation to be purified.

Based on what she knew, rank 1 non elemental magic core should last 1 month if they didn't overuse it.

Overusing it meant that they activated the formation 24 hours every single day.

Because if they did that, they would use up the mana within the non elemental magic core within half a month.

This number was only estimation and the application would still depend on the quality of the formation itself.

After writing the precaution, Riya stapled the first method and then stapled the second method. In this way, there were two bundles of paper. The last one was the water runes for rank 1 water magic core, which only required one A4 paper.

There was no need for Riya to secure it with staple.

Riya finished everything and then drew some runes, meditated, checked her farm, and then went out for lunch.

The chef had already prepared the food and during this period of time, Amelia and Sean didn't come back during dinner. Their work place deployed the cool talisman, allowing them to feel cool even without coming back.

In that way, they really didn't have to come back.

So Riya has been eating by herself.

'Should I tell the chef that I don't really need to eat anymore...?'

Riya felt troubled when she thought about this. After reaching rank 4, her needs for food has been greatly reduced. Even if Riya didn't eat for a long period of time, there was no need for her to worry because she has mana to replace it.

But in the end, Riya didn't do it.

She didn't really want to lose her habit of eating just yet.

Even if she could truly stay alive without eating but right now, she still wanted to live like a normal person.

Perhaps in the future, she would live a life of not eating.

But not now.

"Riya?" Samuel came back with a man around his age following him from behind. "Have you prepared the drawings?"

"Yes?" Riya raised her head and looked at Samuel in confusion. "I have already prepared everything. Wait, you don't want to say that you have built the well, did you?"

"I have built it."

Riya: "..."

In just 4 hours?

Riya felt that she underestimated people's construction speed. There was no doubt that making a well shouldn't be that easy.

Seeing Riya's doubt, Samuel quickly explained, "I can use earth magic to quickly make a hole on the ground and the rest is just to place the prepared materials and dry them quickly before pushing the water to bypass it."

"Ok." Riya could only accept it. It was indeed possible to do it so quickly in that world with magic but she subconsciously forgot about it since there were not many magicians in this world. She completely forgot that Samuel also has earth element.

One of the basic use of magic was to control the element itself, so Riya should have known that Samuel could do this.

She looked at the man behind Samuel doubtfully.

"This is Ruben, my friend and also assistant," Samuel replied. "He has been working for the base for a long time, so I haven't introduced him yet."

"Hello," the man, Ruben, smiled and greeted Riya politely. He had slender built and wore glasses, looking like a serious and studious person. But when he spoke out, his voice was somewhat higher, which caused quite a mismatch.

Riya nodded and smiled back. "Hello."

"And Ruben, this is Riya, my sister's friend and also a magician," Samuel replied. He paused for a moment before adding, "not from the Magic Association."

"Free magician?" Ruben's eyes lit up when he heard that and he looked kinder when he looked at Riya.

Seeing this scene, Riya was absolutely sure that the people from the Magic Association must have offended Ruben before. But thinking about how arrogant those people from the Magic Association were, Riya was not surprised.

It would be more surprising if they didn't offend other people.

"Let's go," Samuel said.

The earlier they could finish this matter, the better it would be. After all, their supplies of water was not that much.

Riya nodded and then followed behind these two people as they walked to the mountain area behind the inner area. This was a special area, far away from the outer area and no one was allowed to go inside.

After all, the base controlled the supplies from the mountain and didn't want other people to take it.

It was not easy for them to protect this place so much like this.

Unfortunately, it was impossible for them to avoid the effect from the mana increase unless they put the entire land within a greenhouse.

At that time, it might be possible for them to avoid the mana.

But food grown in that situation... it was estimated that it would not contain mana at all, which was not conducive for the magicians and magic warrior's growth.

"Does the water contamination also caused by the air?" Ruben asked along the way when they talked about this problem.

"Yes." Samuel nodded. "The mana in the air is actually mixed and the meditation allowed us to absorb the suitable mana for our body. But plants and magic beasts didn't have such troubles and absorbed everything, which is why they will mutate to a certain degree. The water that exposed to the air will also slowly be contaminated."

Right now, only the water in the area where there were many magic beasts died were heavily affected.

City A Base was still not affected yet.

But Samuel didn't know how long it would last.

So it would be better for them to prepare this earlier.

Chapter 233 Thank You, but I Don't Feel Comforted at All

Riya also nodded when she heard Samuel's explanation. It seemed that this man was not completely clueless about this, which was a good thing.

Then again, his education should also be higher than her in that world.

Thinking about this, Riya sighed deeply.

If it was possible, Riya really wanted to have such a background so that she would be able to explore more precious runes and formation.

"I see." Ruben nodded after hearing the explanation.

"Oh right, these are the runes." Riya took the three bundles of paper that she had prepared before and handed it to Samuel. "You can read while we head there."

"Let me also see it."

In this way, Samuel and Ruben looked at the formation that Riya drawn and the first thing that crossed their minds were, 'So complicated.'

The second thing, 'So these are runes?'

Then, they started to read the first page and after a few seconds, Samuel lowered the paper in his hand. "Do you think it's possible for other to replicate it?"

He had seen the simple purification formation that Riya drawn.

And the word simple... was truly not worth it.

How could those densely packed runes be called simple?

If Riya were to know what Samuel was thinking, she would show him the advance formation and let him see how much more complicated those runes were. There were even some overlap in many areas in advance formation, which if they were to draw the sequence wrongly, the formation would not be able to run.

Those were indeed the simple formation.

"Yes," Riya replied. "I learned to draw that formation within a week's time."

Riya didn't remember the exact time, but it should be within a week after she was introduced to runes and formation. Because she could only learn for a limited amount of time, Riya had to squeeze her time as much as possible and try to memorize everything quickly.

In that way, she managed to draw the formation within a week's time.

Samuel: "..."

Ruben: "..."

The easy going tone that Riya used made many people felt that they have lived a worthless life.

Riya glanced at them. "The first stage is actually to memorize the more than 10,000 runes but if I were to give it to you... I don't think that anyone will be able to finish memorizing those within a year's time."

10,000 runes?

Ruben wanted to kneel at this time.

"Damn! How did you memorize them all?" Ruben wanted to cry when he heard that.

"...Just memorize it," Riya replied and rolled her eyes. She only memorized half of them first when she started drawing talisman and formation. After all, she has to hurry or she would waste her money in that world.

But she has powerful memorization ability for some reasons and these runes looked very easy to remember.

In the end, Riya managed to finish all the lesson in time and become a powerful rune master in a short period of time.

Otherwise, four years would truly not be enough to allow her to contend with the top powerhouses for the world treasure.

The rest of the 5000 runes were memorized within the next month as she learned more runes in depth. Her study was rushing and once all the basic theoretical knowledge was instilled into her mind, what left was practice.

Practice, selling the talisman, buying more materials, made more talisman, and so on.

The cycle repeated for a long period of time and the rank of the talisman increased with time until she reached that stage.

"Is it possible?" Ruben looked at Riya with deep suspicion. He often heard that he was called genius and smart person when he was young. But now... he felt that he was nothing more than a scumbag if he compared himself with Riya.

Riya glanced at Ruben and nodded. There was a living example right in front of him, so of course it was possible.

Ruben: "..."

"You're a monster," Ruben murmured under his breath, feeling that he had wasted his entire life for a moment.

Riya looked at Ruben with amusement and said, "People who have talent to be rune master will feel familiarity from the very moment they see the runes. Even if they can't understand it right away, memorizing it will feel easy."

Ruben: "... " Thank you, but I don't feel comforted at all.

Samuel heard Riya's words and nodded imperceptibly. This was something that his elders also told him in that world.

That if he had some talents in runes, he would feel that memorizing them are easy. But despite his high talent in various other areas, he always felt headache when he saw those swirling runes.

It was as if the runes were not letting him understand them.

Because of this, the elders knew that he had no talent in runes and didn't force him to study them.

"Alright, just study this one." Riya pointed to the paper that she had handed over to Samuel. "It should be enough for most rank 1 magicians to learn and if they have talent to become rune master, they should be able to learn it within a week's time."

A week's time?

The two of them looked at each other as if wondering whether Riya's words were correct or not.

Samuel knew that it was true but there were not many magicians in the first place. And without mana, it was hard for them to practice this in the first place.

"Can magic warrior also learn it?"

"As long as their mana is sufficient, there shouldn't be any problem." Riya thought for a moment and then said, "Making one small stone formation only require around a fifth of a rank 1 magician's mana, so they should be able to learn it but their mana might be stretched thin."

Ruben: "... wait, the mana of magician was that much?"

He looked at Riya up and down, wondering whether she truly has that much mana.

Bang!

"Stop looking like that."

Chapter 234 Purification Formation

Ruben rubbed the back of his head and looked at Samuel resentfully. "Stop hitting me on the head. What if I become stupid, Sam? You know that I rely on my head to live!"

"With how stupid you have always been, do you think one hit will change anything?" Samuel retorted and rolled his eyes. He looked at the formation in his hand and shook his head. Even if he were to read this several times, he was sure that he wouldn't be able to draw it.

"Can I try to make it?" Ruben was annoyed and then looked at the paper once more.

"You can try, yes." Riya nodded. "First, memorize the runes drawn there and then try to replicate them on paper first. Once your drawing is right, you can try to use mana to draw it on the surface of a bigger rocks. Only when your mana control is good can you try to draw it on the smaller rock."

"...Smaller rock?" Ruben paused when he heard Riya's words. He thought that the formation was big.

Riya nodded and then looked around the road. They were on the mountain paths, so there were many rocks scattered around. She bent down and picked one, around the size of her palm. It was not that small, but it was not that big either.

"Many formation had to be written within a small space and for this formation, the best rock should be around this size," Riya replied. "Of course, I don't mean you can't use bigger rocks, but the effect will be reduced due to the mana circulation extend to wider area."

Ruben: "... I'm sorry, but I'm stupid and didn't understand.

Riya looked at Ruben and looked at Samuel suspiciously. Was his friend really this stupid?

Samuel's lips twitched and he quickly explained. "Runes' size can depends on what you want to use them for, but there's no way you would want to use too many resources for the same effect you can achieve with much fewer resources, right?"

"Yes!" Ruben nodded.

He understood it if Samuel said it this way.

Riya: "... " it was not completely accurate but whatever.

She looked at the stone in her hand and then took out her jade pen. "To draw runes, you can actually use your finger directly but for many beginner, they will need tools to assist them. For example, brush, pen, and so on. Of course, these tools had to be modified to be able to transport mana. Of course, using tools are also quite convenient if the tools are good."

Ruben looked at the pure jade pen in Riya's hand and his lips twitched. He was not that stupid and knew that the jade in her hand was one of the best jade in the world. It was clear that this Riya was not as poor as one thought.

"If you really want to learn, watch me."

With that, the two people turned to look at Riya.

The small formation on the rocks were actually quite simple and it didn't require many strokes. In order to accommodate these two people, Riya slowed down her speed when she draw on the stone as they continued to walk.

It seemed that she didn't mind that their environment was like this.

Swish! Swish!

Even when Riya slowed down the process, it was still completed under 30 seconds.

The two people looked at the stone that now has the formation blankly, feeling somewhat at loss.

That's it?

Riya handed over the stone to Samuel kindly. "Try to infuse your mana inside and you will feel some air circulation. It'll purify the air around you but it's not very powerful, which is why of them are necessary."

"Oh."

Samuel nodded and followed Riya's words. Like she said, he really did feel some air circulation on his hand.

It feels cool.

"Let me try?" Ruben looked at the stone eagerly.

Samuel handed over the stone to Ruben and then looked at Riya. "Can you draw formation everywhere?"

He could see how relaxed she is when she was drawing, which made him a bit confused. There were also rune masters and formation master in his family in that world but they would always kick others out when they wanted to make formation.

In their words: they needed complete tranquility.

Riya looked at Samuel and tilted her head. "Oh, don't try to replicate me to make formation while we walk before you become proficient in it. Most formation and talisman masters needed to stay in a closed room and not disturbed because making runes required their full concentration."

"You...." Ruben was stunned and wanted to say that she was doing well but Riya interrupted him.

"I'm different. I'm a powerful rune master," Riya said with smile.

To be exact, she was a pure rune master instead of a magician. Many other rune masters still used ordinary magic spells when they were fighting because runes were only an auxiliary methods for them. Who would want to draw those complicated runes when they were fighting with others?

It was too cumbersome.

But Riya's talent in ordinary magic was really bad. Her talent in physical art was also very bad, which left Riya very little choice.

She didn't want to give up so easily.

So when she found out that she was suitable to become rune master, she basically poured her entire life to study runes and formation. In this way, Riya was able to use runes when she was fighting and even if she was in all kinds of environment, it would never stop her from making runes.

This was her specialty.

"Is that so?" Ruben was confused and then looked at the stone in his hand. As he infused his mana, he could feel cool wind, which was really cool.

Riya sensed Ruben's mana and blinked her eyes. "You have more mana than the two siblings."

"Ah? How do you know?" Ruben was stunned.

"The mana airflow that overflowed when you pour mana is obvious," Riya replied. There were also some magic spells that would allow them to see through their enemies but Riya couldn't do those magic.

Chapter 235 Purification Formation (2)

Moreover, many magic have a lot of restriction, so Riya didn't study everything in depth.

Ruben nodded. "Sam had told me that I'm more suitable to become magician but he didn't know any methods to become pure magician."

Riya nodded in understanding.

Any mana meditation technique was controlled strictly by the family it belonged to. Samuel's family in that world was a powerful magic warrior family, so their training methods were directed towards this path. Even if there were others such as the pure magic and pure physical path, it was incomplete.

There was no way Samuel would be willing to give these to Ruben and possibly cut off his path.

"So what did you practice?"

"Basic Meditation Technique," Ruben replied. "It's for magic warrior but it's milder and can be converted into other practice in the future."

Riya nodded in understanding.

She knew that methods and it was indeed the milder one among the many technique about magic warrior.

"The Magic Association has some magic meditation technique that's more suitable for him, but they will not allow anything above rank 1 spread out," Samuel said slowly. "The few magic technique I have only reach rank 3, which is far from enough."

Samuel knew very well that while rank 3 looked very powerful, it would be very weak in the later stage. He didn't want his friend to stop in this path but there were not many people who knew meditation technique for magician.

Murin?

That man didn't practice any meditation technique.

Many beast masters didn't learn meditation technique aside from the Basic Magic Meditation Technique, which was basically only up to rank 3. After that, their progress will be extremely slow if they didn't have the subsequent practice.

But beast masters didn't care.

Their strength relied on their beasts rather than themselves.

Besides, many of them had poor talent in the first place and practice was only to maintain their condition.

Peter?

That man followed the path of pure warrior. It would be better to ask him how to train better rather than asking him for meditation technique.

Samuel was sure that Peter didn't know.

Even the magic spells that he told were the children version...

It was really painful when he thought about it.

The only person who might know any magic meditation technique was Riya in front of him. But thinking that Samuel had made Riya angry...

He didn't really dare to step forward and ask her.

"I see." Riya nodded.

She had attended the academy for a while back then, so she knew some magic meditation technique that could last until rank 7. It was not that high, but it was still much higher than what they have.

It was just...

Why should she hand it over?

She herself was only at rank 4.

Would she cultivate others to reach rank 7 faster than her?

She couldn't do that.

"By the way, can I record your hand drawing the runes? Just your hands and no other thing will be shown," Samuel changed the conversation.

"..."

Riya looked at Samuel speechlessly and guessed that he wanted to use this as teaching materials. After all, looking at the video would be much easier than just looking at the paper to follow her drawing.

After thinking for a moment, Riya nodded. "Only the five stone formation, though."

The other runes were harder to make and it would be impossible to only record her hand. Many technology hadn't been repaired after earthquake and Riya didn't want to risk herself being found out.

"It's good enough." Samuel smiled.

Those who could draw the complete formation were people who were talented in runes and formation. At that time, they might do trials and error by themselves and if they did succeed, they should attract other people's attention.

At that time, Samuel might be able to come to Riya and ask for her help in exchange for some resources from them.

It would be a good situation.

But that was for later.

There were not many people who would be able to learn various formations like Riya so quickly.

"We're here."

Riya looked at the well in front of her with some surprise. The well construction was indeed quite similar to an ordinary well but there was a hole at the side and water overflowed towards the large pipe arranged there. It was directed toward a small pool not far away from them.

The pool should have been dug a long time ago and the overflowed water is heading there.

"This looks like a small dam and river," Riya commented.

"Yes, I come up with this design after you said that you don't really need it to be a complete well." Ruben raised his head to the sky proudly.

Riya chuckled and nodded. "You did well. Do you prepare a cover for the well?"

"Yes." Ruben nodded and trotted to pick the circular board that he had prepared. It was cut of the well's size, ready to be used when it was necessary.

"Good." Riya nodded. "After I'm done, I'll trouble you to cover the well and if possible, put a large rock on top of it to cover it."

"Ah, why?"

"So that natural disaster will not disrupt the formation."

Ruben: "... " natural disaster?"

Riya ignored Ruben's confusion and walked to the well. She waved her hand and the water was directly directed to the small channel beside the well and the excess water was drained out from the pipe.

After that, Riya used her jade pen and started drawing while sitting on the edge of the well and moved slowly from one side to the other.

Various runes and drawing appeared in the inner side of the well.

After roughly 10 minutes, Riya finished the inner area and started drawing on the edge of the well and then on the surface of the outer side of the pipe. Once she was done, Riya nodded in satisfaction. "It's done. You can close it first before the water channel is directed back."

"... It's done?"

Chapter 236 Purification Formation (3)

Ruben looked dumbfounded at the ordinary well that seemed to be painted with strange painting by Riya in front of him in confusion. If he had to say, he really didn't understand what Riya was doing.

It didn't seem to look any different.

Only Samuel was looking at the well in front of him thoughtfully and then asked, "Do you need any magic cores?"

The five stones formation required five non elemental magic core to be placed above the stone. And that formation could only last for half a month at most, which was quite taxing to make.

"Yes, one non elemental magic core," Riya replied and tapped the top of the pipe that was close to the well. "Just place it here and remember to replace it every half a month since I estimated that you will use it continuously for 24 hours a day."

"Ok." Samuel took out one non elemental magic core while Ruben moved the board to the top of the well.

Riya tapped the board and then started to draw on top of the board for a while before she put away her jade stone. On the other hand, Samuel ordered Ruben to direct the water again.

After the water come out again, they seemed to see some differences.

Normally, the water that came out would still be mixed with some dirt and they would need to distill and boil it for consumption.

But the water that came out from the pipe was very clear.

"Wow, so it does work?" Ruben asked, his eyes were shining.

Riya rolled her eyes. "Do you doubt me?"

"No, no, no." Ruben had the feeling that if he dared to say 'yes,' someone's fist will be thrown to his face and his handsome face might not be able to be saved.

Riya snorted and then pointed to the top of the well. "Take a large rock... the heaviest you can carry and then put it here."

"Huh?" Ruben was stunned. "But that's just an ordinary board. Even though it's specifically processed to make it stronger, it can't handle a lot of weight."

"Just do it."

"That..." Ruben turned to look at Samuel and seeing his friend nodded, he could only come to the mountain and try to find some rocks. There should be some big rocks in the other side but it was quite far.

He sighed that being Samuel's assistant was really not easy.

Riya shook her head and then glanced at Samuel. "Do you want to try the water?"

"No, I can bring it for testing later but it should work because I can sense the pure mana that's not violent," Samuel replied calmly. He would order people to clean up the prepared pool and then bring the water inside. The speed of the water flow was not that fast, but it was enough for them to get quite a lot of water every day. At the very least, the number of people in City A Base was not that many and this amount of water would be enough.

It was quite good.

"Ok." Riya nodded when she heard Samuel's words. This meant that he felt that the result should be good. Comprehensive test had to be done later but for the time being, it was enough.

"Do you think I can draw the runes?" Samuel suddenly asked.

Riya was stunned and looked at Samuel faintly.

From what she knew, the famous Samuel from that world didn't have any talent in other auxiliary branches of magic such as alchemist, rune master, or even magic tools. He was pure swords magic warrior through and thorough.

Considering his family background, he should have tested his talent in the other areas before and the result should be quite bad. Otherwise, his family would have long cultivated him as much as possible.

After all, having a descendants who were good at other things were also the lifelong dream of his family.

But Riya chose not to say this.

She should not have known about it.

"You can try. I don't know your talent," Riya replied calmly.

Samuel looked at Riya's expression that looked natural and nodded thoughtfully. It seemed that Riya should not know about his talent before.

Though, he still felt suspicious.

Because the design of the wells cover reminded him of the well in that world.

It was very similar.

So similar as if Riya had already seen those wells before.

"The rock is here." Ruben came back carrying a rock that was almost bigger than him. He was hugging it with difficulties and stopped not far from the well, putting the large rock down. "Is this enough?"

This was one of the biggest rocks he could find and he could carry back.

"It's enough. Just put it on the well please."

"Let me do it." Samuel stepped forward and lightly lifted the stone and then placed it on top of the well.

"Wait... wouldn't it...break?" Ruben stared blankly at the intact board on top of the well with wide eyes.

"I have strengthened the board with runes and it has become so strong that you won't be able to break it at normal times unless you use huge strength," Riya explained and then moved towards the rock. The jade pen in her hand started to move and carved a few more runes on top of the rock before she nodded and then glanced at the other two. "It's done. No one will be able to destroy the formation unless they're rank 4 magic warrior now."

Rank 4 magic warrior...

Hearing that rank, Ruben looked at Samuel thoughtfully.

If he was not wrong, Samuel said that he was already at rank 4, right?

He himself was not clear about the difference between rank and it was just something that Samuel mentioned to them in the past.

"That's good enough." Samuel nodded when he heard Riya's words. In the current time, rank 4 was indeed quite high.

It would take some time for others to reach rank 4.

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Of course, this was excluding the few people who experienced the same thing as them and might have advanced faster.

If they wanted to make trouble, then Samuel would have to work hard to stop them. It would be harder for them to protect this well at that time.

Rank 4 was barely passable.

Riya could see the thoughtful look on Samuel's expression and knew that soon, rank 4 would not be enough. Riya also knew that rank 4 was still relatively low rank and if one wanted to be save, they needed to reach rank 7.

The problem is...

In the current Green Planet's condition, how could one reach rank 7 so quickly?

Riya had already used those special magic core to increase her mana rapidly and then consolidated her foundation. She had used three special magic core but she was still at the peak of rank 4.

It would still take her some time to reach rank 5.

And she couldn't be impatient.

Because for many magic warriors, warriors, and even magicians, the gap between each rank was really big. If they were too impatience, they might not be able to advance in their entire life and no one wanted this to happen to them.

So what they could do was to stay patient.

They would be able to advance once they have accumulated enough mana, accumulated enough strength, or so on.

Every advancement has a chance of failure so no one would attempt it lightly.

Riya also didn't want to bet on her future, so she had to be careful when she attempted her advancement in the future.

She didn't want to make a mistake and possibly cut off her future path because of her recklessness.

"Alright, I'll go the meeting first and you can go back," Samuel said as he held the stack of papers in his hand. It seemed that he better have a meeting directly with these officials and also the Martial Arts Association at the same time.

Otherwise, it would be difficult for him to make these two to understand what he wanted.

"Ok." Riya nodded and stretched her hand. She wanted to go back and resume her seclusion life.

To be honest, Riya didn't really feel as if she was facing the end of the world right now. Perhaps this was because her strength improved rapidly and these magic beasts were not her opponents.

Moreover, Riya was not lacking in resources due to her stacking many things in her world.

If she were to need something that was not provided outside, she could go to her world and take it from there.

It was that easy.

"Wait, wait, teach me more about the runes." Ruben ran after Riya.

"Yes?"

"I want to learn those words...."

"If you can make that stone formation that I showed before, I'll teach you more," Riya replied and pointed at the stone that Samuel was holding. At this stage, everyone was trying their best to become stronger.

She had no time to teach Ruben.

"Alright." Ruben sighed and then rushed at Samuel. "Sam, let me borrow the stone...."

"No, I have to use it for the meeting."

"What? Then after the meeting...."

"It might be sent to the higher ups...."

"Ah, that can't be!"

Riya was amused when she saw Samuel answering Ruben's questions seriously while he continued to pester him. It seemed that in their relationship, Ruben was really the funny one.

After looking in their direction for a while, Riya turned around and left.

It was time to go back.

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After Samuel made Ruben arrange the meeting, the man didn't want to leave and stayed to help Samuel record the meeting. Seeing his friend's stubborn action, Samuel just let him be.

Anyway, Ruben did help him a lot.

The construction of City A Base was based on the design drawings that he made. So he has been busy running around to see various buildings to make sure the construction workers were all doing well.

Otherwise, this base would not have been able to stand.

"The connection has been made," Mr. Jones said as he checked the screen. His eyes landed on the screen behind him. Not long ago, they scanned the paper that Riya gave to Samuel and this would be the main content of the meeting today.

"Yes." Samuel nodded. "Mr. A should be happy when we present him with this batch of information."

"Remember her request," Mr. Jones reminded.

"...I won't forget." Samuel rolled his eyes.

To be honest, Riya's request was not much. From the officials, she wanted to request for some basic weapon's blueprint and from Martial Arts Association, she just wanted some plants books and some medicinal materials samples.

These things were nothing much.

But Samuel still have to fight for City A Base.

There were many bases in their nation and Mr. A was the representative from the officials who connected City A to City E with the higher ups. He had certain power and even after the earthquake, he still maintained some control over a certain degree of power in this world.

Of course, direct control was impossible.

The long distance coupled with the magic beasts on the way made it harder to maintain communication.

Thankfully, the capital city was located in the middle of the nation, so some cities that were not that far away from the Capital City could still receive some help. City A Base was one of them.

As for cities that were further away...

There were some military at the border who will help them in dealing with the magic beasts. But for materials, they would have to work by themselves.

Ding!

The moment the notification rang out, Samuel narrowed his eyes and nodded at his father who also sat down.

The screen changed and it was now the meeting room between several people.

Mr. A represented the officials from the Capital City who will relay the needs of City A Base.

His assistant, Mr. B and Mr. C were also present because Samuel said that he requested high level meeting.

After that, there were three people from Martial Arts Association, Governor Zachary who was part of both the officials and the association along with a warrior named Yelan who was more of an observer and Peter who was also one of the small leaders there.

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"Mr. Jones, Mr. Samuel," Mr. A, an aged man on the screen who represent the officials started and said, "I hope what you want to tell is important."

"There are other cities who are also under our jurisdiction. I hope you don't waste our time with nonsense," Mr. B added with tone of annoyance.

Both Mr. B and Mr. C were younger than Mr. A. Their authority was also lower but they were more aggressive during meeting to ensure that the nation's interest would not be harmed.

After all, the main reason for them to build these official bases was to ensure there were as many people who survived as possible.

The nation's name was Continent Z because the entire land was under one rule and the size was more suitable to be called as a continent. And over the years, Continent Z has many governor ruling over in various cities one of them was Governor Zachary who was assigned in City A.

Now that Zachary had become part of Martial Arts Association, his status has become somewhat higher.

"You don't have to worry, I'm here to discuss about the methods to solve the water problem." Samuel narrowed his eyes. "But this solution would require your cooperation."

Solution to the water problem?

Their eyes narrowed.

Not long ago, Peter had already said that the purification magic spell should work and the magic spell that Samuel handed over worked better than his magic spell. It would be better to use that magic spell rather than other magic spell.

The officials felt that it was good enough.

The problem was that there were not enough magicians and magic warriors in all bases. So they were having headache about how to do this and made sure that these people could have enough water.

"How to solve it?" Mr. A asked, his tone authoritative. From the way he looked at Samuel, it was clear that he expected Samuel to make it clear.

"There's a special method that I found out," Samuel started unhurriedly. "This method required magicians but you have to make a small device, if that could be said as a device."

"Device?"

"Yes."

With that, Samuel presented the drawing that he had copied inside along with the photos of the situation of the well on that mountain not far from them. The difference in the water from the first photo to the second photo was extremely clear.

As for the runes drawing process, Samuel took photos without Riya inside.

In this way, even if they knew that someone could draw it, they would not know who it is. He had no plan to let them know about Riya's existence so early.

It would be better for Riya not to be introduced to them.

If they wanted to contact Riya, they would have to go through him.

Thinking about this, Samuel smiled faintly. He felt that this was basically the best arrangement for them.

"These are runes," Peter murmured when he saw the sketch that Samuel showed. He still knew about these things because of his experience in that world. Even if he was incapable of writing one, he could recognize the runes when he saw them.

Seeing these runes, Peter knew better than anyone that it couldn't be Samuel who drew it.

Because Samuel is not a rune master.

If he was a rune master, many people would have long known about it in that world.

'Is there anyone else from that world around him?'

Peter looked at Samuel with some inquiry, but he also knew that even if there was one, it was unlikely for Samuel to introduce that person to them. Because they all understood the value of someone who came back from that world better than anyone.

The adaptability, the knowledge, the abilities...

Each of their strength could easily make others jealous of them and wanted to put them down. And in this current time, they could definitely dominate an area if they wanted to with their abilities.

"How accurate is this project and how difficult is it?" Mr. A could see that it was very good but he wanted to know more about how difficult it would be.

There were not many magicians under them and most of them were from the Magic Association. But Mr. A didn't really want to hand over this drawing to those people who might misuse it.

It would be better to cultivate their own people.

But this needed them to learn how to make it first.

Considering that there were many people who needed water, Mr. A felt that it would be better to hand it over to someone who might learn it faster. In this way, they would be able to provide greater benefit to the people.

Though, it was indeed painful.

"For this one, it might be a bit difficult." Samuel pointed to the complicated formation that Riya made. Even if Riya said that it was a simple formation... he still felt that the word complicated describe it better than simple.

"But this one is still possible to be made by rank 1 magic warrior. What they need is precise control of their mana and imbued the drawing into the stone. Of course, if they can't use their mana directly, they can use the magic beast's blood to replace it. What they need will be a type of pen that use the magic beast's blood as the carrier and imbued with their own mana," Samuel said slowly.

Riya could use her mana directly, but she did say that many formations could use the magic beasts' blood for carrier. It would be much easier for them if they were to use the magic beasts blood too because it could transmit mana.

With that, their requirement for mana control could be slightly lower.

As for why Riya didn't use the magic beast' blood...

Samuel felt that Riya thought it was unnecessary. Her mana alone had carved mark on the surface of the rock, creating the formation lines.

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"Rank 1 magic warrior can learn?" Mr. A's eyes lit up when he heard Samuel's words.

If rank 1 magic warrior can learn how to make it, then it would be easier for them. Due to Peter joining the Martial Arts Association, there were people who learned martial arts and meditation before the earthquake happened.

And most of these people were both from the officials and also from Martial Arts Association.

"Yes." Samuel nodded.

"That's great." Mr. A looked at the pages and then frowned when he saw the series of intricate runes. Well, he had to admit that drawing those runes wouldn't be as easy as it seemed.

It seemed that they had to do some tests to find the few talented magic warriors.

Otherwise, they would not be able to do anything.

"Excuse me, does the one who made this formation can attend the meeting?" Peter suddenly asked.

Hearing this question, everyone turned their heads to look at Peter. Though, since they were basically looking at the screen, they just turned their heads slightly to look at Peter's screen.

"What are you talking about? Isn't he the one who draw it?" Mr. B looked at Peter as if he was looking at stupid person.

Peter ignored Mr. B and looked straight at Samuel. "From what I know, it's not possible for you to be the one to draw the runes and formation, Mr. Samuel. Can you kindly let us know whether we can meet him or her?"

Samuel narrowed his eyes as he looked at Peter.

He knew very well that some people like Peter who came from that world would have more information about himself compared to others. However, he never expected that Peter would say this matter so bluntly in front of others.

It seemed that he had underestimated Peter.

"I'm not the one who draw it but the person who did couldn't come and didn't want to come." Samuel looked at Peter straight. "That person had arranged for me to speak representing that person. I hope you don't make things difficult for me here, Mr. Peter."

Peter narrowed his eyes.

He could see from Samuel's selection of words that he purposely tried to hide the gender of this person. It was clear that Samuel was unwilling to reveal any information about this rune master.

Not even the most common gender.

Thinking about it, Peter moved his eyes to the runes on the screen and nodded. "I see."

He was just curious but had no intention to truly push Samuel back. After all, the two of them didn't have much grudge against each other and they were only somewhat competing. Because they had fought once in that world and now...

They wanted to fight again.

If not because of these magic beasts' appearance, they had already made arrangement to spar some time ago.

"Wait! How much can you trust this person whom you don't even want to reveal the name?" Mr. B raised his hand to protest. "What if the water is proven to be problematic after using..."

"If it's problematic, then the person who draw the runes are not capable enough," Samuel said slowly. "Because if they had drawn it accurately, the formation will work and you can sense faint wind around it, which is the signal that the formation had worked. Moreover, City A Base will also use the formation for our water. If there's any problem, we'll be the first one to experience it."

Though, Samuel highly doubted it.

Riya didn't have any reason to kill everyone in City A Base, not when she herself was also living here. If anything, he could see that Riya was trying to help everyone in the way she could.

"That..." Mr. B frowned.

"What kind of wind?" Mr. A was more interested in the mark that Samuel mentioned.

"I have a sample here." Samuel shown the rock that Riya had carved before. "I'll arrange for someone from the military to send it to your place, Mr. A. Based on the distance and the fact that there are some 'traffic' on the way, it should arrive within 3 days at most."

"Good." Mr. A's eyes lit up.

If this method could truly be popularized, then it would change the entire world's pattern. This was definitely a ground breaking news.

Mr. A had the feeling that after he passed this piece of news to the nation's leader, it was estimated that they would be able to get priority in many things. This is very important for them.

After all, there were so many cities in their nation.

If they wanted to be ahead of others during this world changing situation, they had to come up with something worthy of attention.

"Good."

They talked about some specific details before Mr. A agreed to Samuel's proposal to spread this matter once the stone has been sent over. However, only members of military and martial arts association could know for the time being.

Only after they have some people who could make it would they spread it to the people.

Hearing this, Samuel was noncommittal.

He knew very well that the officials wanted them and the military to be far more advanced than the people. Because if these people were allowed to be stronger than them, then it would be impossible to control them.

Though, that so called control has long been useless through history.

How many of them would think of working with the government?

Well, Peter was an exception.

Samuel and many other people in the nation would not want to work together with the government and selflessly donate everything they knew to them. They wanted to be the one to advance further and become the most powerful or whatever.

In any case, Samuel just wanted his family to live well.

As for the nation...

Does it have to be him who step forward and become the leader?

He didn't have such consciousness.

Even if others were to curse him for being selfish, Samuel would not care.

Because he knew he couldn't be so selfless.

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He could share some things to the government, things that could help humanity as a whole to a certain degree. After all, he also wanted to live longer in this world.

But he would not give everything to them.

He would keep most of them for himself.

This runes and formation were given by Riya and she was the one who wanted to hand it over to the government and the Martial Arts Association, so Samuel would follow her wishes and sent it here.

"Alright, now that this matter is settled, is there anything else, Mr. Samuel?" Mr. A was very satisfied with what Samuel gave to him.

"Yes." Samuel nodded and thought for a moment before saying, "I went to the crack some time ago and found that the crack is like a labyrinth."

The crack?

The moment these people heard Samuel's words, their attention was instantly attracted. Each and every single one of them had long known about these cracks' existences. It was just that they didn't dare to get closer and only watched over the cracks to be prepared when magic beasts came out.

And Samuel dared to enter?

"The inside is dark." Samuel was silent for a moment and then said, "You literally can't see anything if you don't have any light devices or have trained your senses. Afterwards, it look just like ordinary cave labyrinth with various tunnels interlocking each other. I'm not sure how wide it is, but I know that the crack is connected because I enter from one crack and come out from a different crack."

When these people heard this, their eyes lit up.

There were so many cracks and they were wondering whether these cracks were connected with each other or not. After all, there hasn't been anything proven by the few people who tried to do their investigation so far.

But with Samuel's answer here, they knew that the answer is yes.

These cracks were connected to each other and this meant that they could also try to make their own channel underground.

This would be a great thing.

"However, there are a lot of magic beasts down there." Samuel pursed his lips. "Most of them are only unranked magic beasts but as you go further away from the crack, you will meet more rank 1 and rank 2. And after a certain distance, you can even meet with rank 3 magic beasts."

This made these people all froze.

Rank 3?

Hehehe, they were already having difficulties when facing the unranked magic beasts in large number. What would they do when they meet with rank 3 magic beast?

They could only run away.

Mr. A looked at Samuel thoughtfully. "Do you want to create an exploration team?"

"Yes." Samuel nodded.

He had basically cleaned up the magic beasts around the area of City A Base in the past two weeks or so. This had allowed them to gain a lot of resources in terms of the magic beasts' meat.

And if they wanted more...

They should go into the crack.

Besides, Samuel also wanted to obtain higher ranked magic beast's meat for himself and his family. But it wouldn't be good for him if he were to go by himself and he was sure that there were more things for them to explore from the crack.

For example, the soil, the air, and so on.

If the researchers could come inside and do these researches, they might be able to obtain some breakthrough point.

After Samuel told his idea about the exploration team, these people also looked at each other.

It was tempting, yes.

And it has been a month since the earthquake happened. Some places were relatively stable but many places were still in big turmoil because of these magic beasts. After all, not all places have enough military, magic warrior, and so on.

"We'll send some people and researcher to City A within a week's time." Mr. A finally decided when he heard this. "In the meantime, we have to study the runes and implement it as fast as possible for the people."

"Yes." Samuel nodded.

It was not bad and he could also arrange his people to do other types of work during this period of time. Besides, he would have to arrange for the work to be done more by his father.

Mr. Jones noticed his son's look and could guess that he would be the one having more work.

He sighed in his heart, not wanting to think about it anymore. He felt that even though it was supposed to be his son who was the leader, the one who did the work was him.

'How about if I train Sean to be my successor instead?'

While his two other children didn't receive education as strict as Samuel, they still received more than enough education over the years. If Mr. Jones really wanted to, he could just arrange his two other children to succeed him instead of Samuel.

From what he had seen, Samuel might not be able to be the leader anymore like before.

Mr. Jones thought that this was a good idea.

Sean and Amelia who were busy practicing suddenly shuddered. They looked around and wondered who were looking for them. Amelia thought about her older brother and felt scared when she thought that he might arrange more training for her. Sean thought about his father and felt that he might have to work harder in case his father suddenly want him to train more.

In a way, Sean actually guessed correctly.

It was just...

He didn't think that the way his father wanted to train him was different from what he imagined in the beginning.

And when Sean knew...

He would want to cry and drag his older brother back. He has been living quite freely over the years, why did he suddenly have to suffer so much and took the work that should have been his brother's?

He's the third child and not the first child!