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Chapter 311: Survive

"Yes." Riya nodded as she started eating. After swallowing the food in her mouth, she said, "The fences are not for sale."

Samuel arched his eyebrows. "Reason?"

"It's an attacking and defending formation," Riya replied. "These two types of formation has always been the most expensive and troublesome."

Food has never been a problem in that world.

Instead, it was the problem of these magic beasts went rampant that made many people's lives difficult. So attacking and defending has always been the most important thing for many magicians, magic warriors, and warriors there.

They would have various methods to grow stronger.

What is it for?

It was naturally to protect themselves.

Any means that could protect themselves and killed their enemies had always been much more difficult to obtain compared to these lifestyle magic and methods.

After all, these things were necessary for them to live.

And if they were too greedy, they would truly be alone with no one willing to help and support them.

Many people still understood that if they truly wanted to develop, the best way was for them to let these lifestyle methods spread. But for the methods that could truly protect them such as the defensive methods and the attacking methods, other people would have to pay a high price to get it.

Riya had suffered a lot to be able to become rune master.

How could she be willing to hand over these methods to others so easily?

And a formation was even more so.

These formations could protect them automatically without the need for them to do anything and the attacking formation could attack others who were deemed as their enemies within the territory.

There was no need for them to do anything much.

Even a weak person could control a low ranked defensive formation as long as he was given the control token.

So formation was one of the few methods that was used to protect ordinary people aside from the powerful ones.

When Samuel heard Riya's words, his eyes narrowed slightly. He seemed to understand what Riya wanted to say. It was precisely because of the importance of various attacking and defending methods that his family in that world could rise.

They were rich in resources and had various means when dealing with the magic beasts.

Through these methods, there were many people who gained foothold and had more influences in the world.

Samuel himself was also told to learn various matters related to it.

Because it was indeed very important.

"I thought that you would say the most important thing is to survive," Samuel said slowly.

"Surviving is indeed important," Riya replied. Because in the beginning, what she wanted was simply to survive. "But it's only the beginning."

Looking at Samuel in front of her, Riya put down the spoon in her hand. "Even if this world looked like it had experienced a catastrophe that could rival the end of the world, but if you truly want to survive... you have to kill these magic beasts."

Even though at the beginning, Riya had the feeling that they should go and look for resources to live, but she soon realized that it was not the only thing they have to do. Because the appearance of these magic beasts meant that the world had become even more dangerous.

What was the use of these resources when they didn't even have any strength to protect themselves?

In the end, they would be nothing more than cannon fodder.

Riya could see these clearly and Samuel should be able to see it too.

It was precisely because of this that Riya knew that while these life methods would be important at the beginning, but they were not absolutely necessary.

The cool talisman?

It could make their lives more comfortable but people who were stronger would be able to survive on their own. As long as they become magic warrior, their body's resistance towards the change of temperature would be higher.

After all, the current temperature had not reached the stage where it was completely impossible for human to survive.

The purification method?

Well, that was indeed necessary for their survival.

But even without that, people would be able to learn that as long as they infused enough of their mana into the magic beast' meat, they would be able to wash over the violent mana inside.

Afterwards, the remaining amount would not be able to harm them at all.

But this required them to become rank 1 magic warrior and not at the early rank but probably the middle rank.

And without Riya and the others who came back from that world, it was not impossible for humans to survive.

But their lives would be much more miserable.

Because many of the methods that Samuel, Riya, Peter, and probably others gave out had given out a clear conveniences for many people in the current era.

And their training methods...

Through the existence of the Magic Association, Riya could guess that there should be some inheritance in this world that allowed them to become stronger. She believed that the Martial Arts Association also has some people who had become stronger even before Peter's arrival.

Otherwise, it was impossible to establish the Martial Arts Association so quickly within half a year.

Many people wanted to cultivate and become stronger?

Bulls***.

With the guns and various technology in front of them, how many people were willing to work hard and temper their flesh and blood?

Some people still did it.

But those who tempered their bodies were mostly the soldiers and it was because they wanted to defend their continent.

And these people were ultimately different from the people in the Martial Arts Association.

So how did many people gather in the Martial Arts Association?

Even now, Riya could tell that the Martial Arts Association had influence all over Continent Z.

Otherwise, there was no way the officials would let these two association set their own rules and so on within Continent Z.

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Moreover, the two association still have a lot of power after the earthquake happened.

They should have been prepared in some ways.

Riya didn't know the details but she believed that they should have known that the world was changing very quickly, presumably after the mist suddenly appeared at that time. And it was because of this that the Martial Arts Association could still become a powerful association right now.

Back to the point...

"Because if you can't kill these magic beasts," Riya continued in a low voice, "You will always live in fear that these magic beasts will come knocking on your door and kill you. No matter how much resources you have, once the magic beasts came looking for you, it would be of no use."

Gun?

Gun could kill the unranked magic beasts and also the rank 1 magic beast.

But rank 2 and above?

While rank 2 could still be killed with great effort using a gun, but it would take a lot of time and a lot of resources. And when they reached rank 3, it would be completely impossible.

The defense of these magic beasts had grown to the level where it was hard to kill them.

Unless they were using magic or magic warrior technique or strength far exceeding these magic beasts.

Otherwise, they could only wait for their own death when they saw these magic beasts.

Samuel listened to Riya's words and nodded thoughtfully. To be honest, he himself had also thought about these things in the beginning. Moreover, the knowledge he had in his mind was mostly only offensive and defensive technique.

After all, he was a magic warrior who was raised and trained in an environment where he had to fight almost all time, day and night.

This allowed Samuel to develop many powerful techniques and able to use them effortlessly.

But in terms of life department...

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Let's just say that he never had any worry in this matter before.

If not because the earthquake happened and changed the world's pattern, Samuel doubted that he would be worried.

"You're right." Samuel chuckled. He himself would not hand over the techniques that he had received from his family so easily. These were all the accumulation of his family in that world for so many years and it was impossible for Samuel to hand them over.

Moreover, he understood the covetous nature of many people.

If it was not because of his own strength, it was estimated that there would be many people who wanted to take what belonged to him.

It was disgusting.

"I won't force you to hand it over to them." Samuel waved his hand and then said, "Besides, I believe that they already have some methods to cope up with it such as to make a closed greenhouse or to use concrete before pouring land to cultivate crops."

Technically mana existed in all places.

But the violent mana would have a hard time to be spread out in some environment.

Concrete was one of them.

So if they were to build a closed farm where concrete and then other things were used, it was not impossible to protect these farms and cultivated crops that humans needed. It was just that this method required a long time for them to make.

Riya looked at Samuel in front of her and sighed.

She had respect for people who sacrificed for the nation, but she never had the thoughts that it would be her turn. Because she knew very well that unless she was truly in that high position where all human lives were placed on her shoulder, she would never be able to do that.

Right now, the most important thing for her was to get stronger and investigate those formations in the crack.

And she needed time for that.

During this period of time, it was more likely for her to put importance to her own needs and all.

Perhaps, she was indeed kind hearted.

Riya didn't want to see the humanity got destroyed.

Besides... she never understood why some people had to be sent over to that world and experienced various things.

From the people who have appeared so far, Riya knew that all of them came from various backgrounds and followed different paths.

But no matter how it is, the end result was that they become extremely powerful.

Well... to a certain degree.

Rank 7 was not exactly that high ranked in that world, especially in some places where rank 7 was the norm.

But that was something to be concerned later.

For now, Riya didn't have time to worry about that.

"I can tell you the drawing of the other four elements formation, the earth, wood, metal, and wind. These four elements would encompass the defensive formation around the farm, which will protect it from the violent mana and even transform the mana to nourish the land," Riya said slowly. "But the fire element had to be made by me."

Because the fire element was the true offensive formation.

It would attack those that dared to attack these plants nourished by the other formation before it was time to ripe. Once it was time to ripe, the offensive formation would lose most of its power.

It would only be activated again if it was poured mana normally.

This was actually a kind of weakness.

But who in their right mind would attack the crops?

"That's great." Samuel's eyes lit up. "Is it possible to only set up four formation?"

If he was not wrong, the fire element formation fence was placed right beside the metal element formation fence. This meant that the formation itself only needed four fences.

"It's possible, but this meant that if there's any magic beasts that entered or any humans being who wanted to destroy the crops, it would not be stopped by the formation. Because the formation will only be responsible to nurture the plants," Riya replied.

"How about the connection between these formations?"

The four fences were located in different places, how to actually connect them?

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"As long as you put the magic cores inside the four formations, it would connect automatically." Riya chuckled. "Their design made sure that even if there's some distance from the other formation, it could still be connected as long as the mana can be transported between them."

And this was another weakness of this formation.

Because if the mana was cut off through one way or another, the formation would fail.

Thinking about this, Riya quickly said about it to Samuel.

Samuel nodded and then asked, "What about the price?"

This is a trade, so it was necessary to put up the price first.

Riya thought for a moment about this.

The formation required to make this formation actually encompassed several types of formation. It was another question whether they could make it or not after she passed the method over to them.

"10,000 rank 4 magic cores or a hundred times rank 3 magic cores," Riya replied.

1,000,000 rank 3 magic cores.

Samuel looked at Riya with a dumbfounded expression. For a moment, he felt that Riya could be more ruthless than him!

If he was not wrong, this formation was only rank 2 formation, right?

Riya looked at Samuel and shrugged. "There are many magic beasts coming out and I don't think this is that expensive. The officials should have some people whom they have identified to have runes talent and the runes of these formations were more complicated. After they could make it, they can sell it again."

She knew very well that this would definitely happen.

Because the complicatedness of these formations would make it impossible for many people to make it.

The purification formation might still be made by people with extremely low talent for runes after a long time.

But this formation?

Unless their talent was higher than the lowest rune master talent, they would never be able to learn it in their entire life.

Riya's talent in runes were extremely high, so she didn't really understand what was difficult. But this was what those rune masters said when they explained about the runes to her in the past.

So she also knew that for many people, these formations would be difficult to study.

"I see." Samuel understood why Riya dared to give such a sky high price. After that, he asked, "Are you not worried that they wouldn't be able to pay?"

"I allow them to pay in installment with 1% interest every year," Riya replied. "The downpayment is 10% of the entire price."

In other words, Riya wanted 1000 rank 4 magic cores or 100,000 rank 3 magic cores.

"Do you need magic cores so badly?" Samuel asked with some doubts.

Originally, Riya didn't seem to need magic cores so much.

Riya nodded sadly.

After she made that formation, the mana in her world had returned to the way it was before she took the magic beasts' corpses given by Samuel. She thoroughly understood that every single piece of teleportation formation required extremely high price to pay.

Not only that, before she could obtain rank 5 magic beasts' blood, anything lower than that would require much more.

Rank 5 formation could still be made using the rank 4 magic beasts' essence. Or she could use her own mana to make rank 5 magic formation spell.

But it would cost her a lot to purify those rank 4 magic beasts' blood into their essence.

The other way was to use mana stone.

The problem is, the amount of mana stone needed to make rank 5 formation was extremely large.

Riya felt it very clearly when she was making that teleportation formation not long ago...

She would be pushed into poverty because of her profession.

When thinking about this, Riya really wanted to cry.

Rune master is truly a money burning profession.

Riya felt it even deeply right now.

So if these officials wanted these fences, she could only give them high prices. The magic cores would contain much more mana compared to these magic beasts' corpses.

"...It seems that formation required a lot of resources." Samuel coughed when he saw Riya's appearance.

He didn't have any side professions, but he seemed to remember that his master had once told him that none of the three main side professions were professions that could be learned easily.

One of the most important things aside from talent was resources.

All three of them were money-burning professions.

The materials needed for the rune master to make powerful formations, the herbs needed to make high-ranking pills, the ores and other materials needed to make powerful magic tools.

All of them needed resources.

And it could be said that they needed an extremely large amount of resources.

Otherwise, there was no way the products made by these three profession wouldn't have been fired up to extremely high prices. After all, these people had to cover up for their losses in case they failed the first try.

Riya herself also knew that if it was not because of her high talent, she would have failed a few more times and her wallet would definitely have a hole on it.

"Unfortunately, yes." Riya shrugged. "I'll travel a bit further in the crack later and I hope..."

"I will follow you."

Riya: "... " she wanted to say that he didn't have to worry about her because she could protect herself.

Seeing Samuel's appearance, Riya said with some difficulties, "You actually didn't have to..."

"I want to."

Riya: "... "

Alright, she had nothing else to say.

"Forget it. You settle the negotiation first. I'll hand over the design drawings if they wanted to. If they want the final product, ask Ruben to make the fences and I'll draw the formation. As for the price, just ask for 100 rank 4 magic cores for one set. You know what the coverage for one set."

Samuel heard Riya's price and silently gave a thumbs up.

Riya only asked for 1% of the price.

But the problem is... how could one set be enough?

Chapter 314: 'Durability'

Afterwards, Samuel handed over the blueprint that the officials gave as the payment to Riya. He also reminded her to make a few more space storage scrolls.

Riya happily went back to her room, to be exact, her world, in order to check the blueprints and try to make it with mana. To be honest, if Riya was asked to make these things on her own, she was sure that it would be highly impossible.

Thankfully, she could simply shape it with her mana.

The quality would not be the best without it being tempered by fire and so on, but it was good enough in Riya's opinion.

As long as it could be used...

'Just to make sure, I better strengthen it with runes.'

In this way, the gun in Riya's hand was now covered in runes. It looked beautiful... but to be honest, whoever saw this gun would definitely think that it was a decoration rather than weapon.

"Let's give it a try."

There were still a few other blueprint that they gave, but Riya chose the simplest handgun. After all, making sniper rifle was a bit difficult and a person like her who didn't know how to use gun should just use the handgun rather than any other gun.

Click! Bang!

The recoil was quite strong and Riya nearly took a step back. She frowned and felt that she should add some runes to increase the gun's stability. Otherwise, a novice like her wouldn't be able to use it.

Riya looked at the target that was only 10 meters away from her. Right now, the entire target was covered in flame and there were lightning slithering around it.

"That's pretty good~."

Her aim was definitely not the best when using a gun. It was far better when she used magic, but that was mainly because she had tracking magic. As for gun, she was not very used to it.

So the type of runes that she mixed here was the elemental ones.

To be exact, the fire and lightning.

The combination of these two elements could cause explosion based on the distance of this gun.

It was not that bad.

Riya couldn't say that it was the best, though. She could tell that this gun couldn't last for a long time. When the runes run out of power, the gun itself would crumble.

If she calculated based on the loss of the runes every use, it should be around 100 times?

'This feels like weapon durability in game.'

Riya chuckled to herself and then put the gun away. She was not a magic tools master. Otherwise, the weapon wouldn't have such low 'durability.'

But this proved that her conjecture was correct.

She could use these runes on modern weapons to modify them.

However, she would need some time to find the best modification. The current one was still lacking.

"For now, let's make the space storage scrolls..."

Riya didn't know how Samuel managed to convince the officials to provide them with 100,000 tons of magic beasts' corpses. But no matter what, it would only be beneficial for Riya.

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Samuel went to Mr. Zan to tell him the result of his discussion with Riya.

The price of the fence made Mr. Zan really want to scold. When he heard what Riya asked and the fact that they could indeed make money from these fences, he could only sigh.

Mr. Zan had to discuss these things, so it would be decided after Samuel came back from the crack's exploration.

They have selected one of the cracks in City A and would depart soon enough.

As for the cool talisman, he agreed with Riya's request. It was not too much and he could prepare it tomorrow before their departure.

With that settled, Samuel went to do his work.

In the evening, several helicopter arrived and Samuel had to go to Riya to ask for the space storage scrolls. At the same time, he told her that she was allowed to take those magic beasts' corpses.

Thanks to Samuel's reminder, Riya managed to make more than enough space storage scrolls.

But...

"There are nearly 200,000 tons in total." Riya was delighted when she saw the result and collected these magic beasts' corpses into her world. Most of the magic beasts were only rank 1 and there was none at rank 3.

But it didn't matter.

Riya didn't really expect them to take out the higher ranked magic beasts' corpse.

After all, Riya knew very well that the higher ranked magic beasts' meat could still be eaten and the effect was much better than the lower ranked ones. The officials would be unwilling to take it out.

After it was all done, Riya sneaked away once more.

She wanted to make a few more mana stones before they departed~.

After that, she had to prepare some rank 3 magic beasts' blood essence. This could be used to help make some rank 4 formation, which could reduce her mana usage. After all, Riya didn't know how long she would be in the crack.

All kinds of preparation had to be prepared.

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Research Institute

"Ruby, you will be going with these three people tomorrow," one of the professors said as he introduced the three people who came with them. "The tall one is Menai and the shorter one is Pall. They're Professor Dit's assistant."

"Hello," Ruby greeted politely when she saw these two men and then bowed to Professor Dit.

"Hello." The tall man, Menai, had thick beard and looked much older than his real age. He looked at Ruby up and down before saying, "Don't hold us back in the crack."

Pall nodded at Ruby and then looked at his professor as if asking, 'is there anything else?'

Ruby looked at these two people and guessed that they should have the capital city's arrogance syndrome.

It was very normal for these researchers who came from the capital city to think that they were far better than others.

This has happened to many people in the past and Ruby could be said that she was used to it.

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The professor saw this awkward meeting and coughed. "Okay, please rest for a while. We'll go tomorrow."

"Yes!"

These two men were still respectful towards their own professor.

After the three people left, the professor looked at Ruby helplessly. "If you also want to go, you need to get along with them to a certain degree. At the very least, you need to make sure that they will not make trouble to you."

Ruby looked at the professor and shrugged. "I'll do what I can."

She truly couldn't guarantee that she would be able to get along well with these two men. Because Ruby knew very well that these assistants professor from the capital city might look down on them.

"Are there only two assistant professor?"

"No, there are a total of 8 people, but the others are under different professor and would not be assigned with us," the professor replied.

Ruby nodded thoughtfully.

There were many research topics for these professors. For example, the materials in the crack, there were even environmental experts. For Ruby and her professor, their main topic was naturally these magic beasts biology.

It could be said that their main goal was to observe these magic beasts in the crack's environment and see the differences.

But this would be the long term project.

The short term project was for them to continue identify new magic beasts and provided others with the clear methods to identify these magic beasts. The collected data would be used to make devices that could scan these magic beasts and told them about these magic beasts' strength and weakness.

With such device, they would be able to avoid being chased all around by these magic beasts without knowing how to fight them.

Of course, such project would most likely take a long time.

There were still many magic beasts that had not appeared yet and this exploration to the crack might help to uncover them.

Even...

There might be other reward.

Ruby felt excited when she thought about it and completely forgot about these people who came from the capital city.

For her, she just had to do her job well.

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The next day, Sophia and Stephen found Samuel to go to the crack. When they saw Samuel only brought one small bag, the two of them were speechless.

"Are you sure that you don't need to bring more items?" Stephen asked as he pointed at Samuel's bag. He himself carried a large back behind him, which contained a lot of supplies and weapon.

After all, no one could tell how long they would stay in that crack.

It would be better to be prepared.

Samuel looked at Stephen and silently took out the space storage scrolls and waved it in front of Stephen.

"I'm sure the Carson Family know about the space storage scrolls."

Yesterday, Samuel settled a large number of deals, obtaining a lot of space storage scrolls as the middleman.

Riya noticed that Samuel hoarded a lot of space storage scroll himself, but she said nothing. Anyway, those could be considered to be his payment in helping her to contact these people.

Without Samuel, there was no way Riya could contact them.

Anyway, making these rank 1 space storage scrolls were easy.

And it was also useful for Samuel and the others, so why not?

After obtaining more than 100 space storage scrolls as the middleman, Samuel handed over 80 of them to his father. They were to be arranged for other forces in the base and to be sold.

The other 20 were either given to his friends or used by himself.

After all, Samuel knew that he needed a lot of food. After reaching rank 5, he felt that he would be hungry all day long.

This made him miserable.

He had to hunt higher ranked magic beasts or he would not be able to eat to his fill.

So most of these space storage scrolls were for his own backup.

Some of them would be used to carry the magic beasts' corpses later. This rank 1 space storage scroll was not that big, but it could still carry some magic beasts as long as the one they selected were too big.

If it was like the big tiger behind Riya, it was clearly impossible to put them in.

"Samuel... you're really annoying." Stephen gritted his teeth.

The Carson Family naturally also bought some space storage scrolls, but it was not his turn to receive them. After all, Stephen was not the most important member of the younger generation in the Carson Family.

There were many other people who were more important...

Or more like, more talented.

His grandfather tried to be fair, but the resources in the Carson Family was not enough for all of them.

Samuel smirked and then tossed the space storage scroll in his hand to Stephen. "This is for you."

"What do you want from me?" Stephen asked straightforwardly.

"Just give some magic cores from the rank 2 or higher magic beasts that you hunt during this trip if they suit my element," Samuel replied.

"Sure."

The two of them reached a deal instantly.

The others heard about this and felt a bit strange.

"Does business deal usually done so quickly like this?" Amelia felt that her brother was acting really strange. He usually would scrutinize the contract for a long time to make sure that their family would be able to get the most benefit and to be careful of hidden loopholes.

Later on, no one dared to use these petty tricks to Samuel again.

Because many of their business fell apart after Samuel rejected them. He could notice those things easily.

"Eh, those two have already worked together for a long time." Sophia waved her hand, not interested in this. She was looking at Mo behind Riya. "Are you going to bring this fellow on our trip?"

"Yes." Riya nodded.

She purposely let Mo out so that the others knew that this white tiger is a 'tamed' beast.

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After all, if she were to take Mo out in the crack later, it might be attacked because they thought that this was a wild magic beasts.

Even though bullets could not easily harm Mo anymore, but it would be a hassle.

Moreover, Riya heard that some people were already researching weapons that could hurt these magic beasts rank 2 and even rank 3. But their progress hadn't shown any significant progress.

Without using magic cores or magic, it was unlikely for them to be able to make weapon that could fatally injure higher ranked magic beasts.

Unless they were talking about nuclear weapon.

But that weapon...

It was basically a weapon of mass destruction and even rank 3 magic beasts would die under its bombardment.

woof <I have friends now>

Melly was happy when she saw Mo behind Riya.

The two of them had competed in the test before and now, they could work together.

roar <Who's your friends?>

woof <You.>

roar <No!>

woof? <Why not? Melly is a good girl.>

roar

The two of them communicated with each other and Sophia had to stifle her laughs because she saw her dog was trying to find various reasons to make Mo acknowledge her.

It was really cute.

If only these two magic beasts were of the same species, Sophia would really like to match the two of them.

They were adorable!

Other people didn't understand what these two magic beasts were talking about, but the scene of these two shouting one after another looked quite novel. It seemed as if they were watching two animals from different species communicating with each other.

This made others wonder if the two of them even speak the same language.

"Get into the car." Arnold saw them gathered and said, "I'll drive."

"I'm staying with my brother." Sophia shrugged and then waved her hand to the others.

"What a pity." Amelia shook her head and then thought about something. "How do you fit Mo into the car later?"

"Of course Mo won't enter the car." Sean looked at his sister as if he was seeing someone incredibly stupid. With Mo's body size that was almost half of a car or perhaps already that big, there was no way Mo could enter the car.

Though, they were using the military cars, which had more spaces.

But it was still not enough.

"Mo needs exercise, so I'll let him follow us from behind," Riya replied.

"Are you not afraid that Mo will be attacked?" Amelia asked with confusion as she glared at her brother.

"Ha?"

Mo got attacked?

Riya's expression turned strange as she looked at Amelia. It was then she remembered that others could not gauge these magic beasts' strength the moment they saw them.

The reason why Riya could do it was naturally because of her long experience and also because of her own mana sensitivity.

"I mean... Mo is stronger than you, Mel," Riya said slowly.

Amelia: "..."

"Pfft!" Sean laughed out loud when he heard this. He knew that they were all confident that they could defeat most rank 1 magic beast after such a long time.

But now, Riya told them that they couldn't defeat Mo.

"If I can't defeat her, you're the same, stupid!" Amelia snapped at Sean.

Sean froze.

That's right.

He was even defeated by Amelia in their spar, so if he was the one who fought against Mo, doesn't it mean that he would also be defeated?

How could this do?!

"But, Riya, isn't Mo only a rank 1 magic beast?"

They all entered the car and sat on the back seat. Samuel and Arnold would be on the front seat while Ruben will join in after he finished his work. Because of his profession, Ruben's work in the base was more important than him follow along in their trip.

"Mo had broken through," Riya replied calmly. "He's already in the middle stage of rank 2."

Mo had broken through...

Hearing this sentence, both Amelia and Sean froze and looked at each other. The two of them were still only peak rank 1 magic warrior.

At this moment, the two of them had an inexplicable feeling that they were being overtaken by a magic beast.

And this feeling was not very good.

"Mo is really strong." Arnold listened to their conversation in surprise as he prepared to start the car.

Riya only smiled.

Samuel walked into the car and then glanced at Arnold. "Magic beasts can advance in ranks easily as long as they can get enough resources. And in this case, their resources are the other magic beasts' meat and magic cores."

In other words, Riya should have poured a lot of resources to Mo.

Thinking that Riya is a rune master and then she was also raising a magic beasts... Samuel had the feeling that Riya would be screaming that she's poor sometime soon.

Because both of these two things were something that required a large amount of resources.

Otherwise, their progress would be slow.

And if Riya was far ahead from her magic beast, it would be useless for her to keep Mo.

"Yes." Riya nodded.

Amelia recovered slightly when she thought that Mo had consumed a large amount of resources. But thinking that she herself was actually also obtaining a lot of resources because of her brother...

Well, she was too lazy.

"Brother, can I talk with Ruby?" Amelia asked.

She didn't manage to find Ruby.

"The researchers are all in the special car. They're going ahead. If you want to talk with her, you have to wait until we reach the crack," Samuel replied.

"Alright." Amelia sighed.

She wanted to chat with her friends a bit.

Unfortunately, Sophia was staying with her brother while Ruby was with the researchers.

As for Victoria?

She was not a magic warrior yet, so she couldn't join in. Besides, this operation couldn't allow people outside of the military aside from the few Samuel picked himself from coming.

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The group went out quickly.

Mo was following behind the car and his speed easily matched the car. He kept on looking in Riya's direction to make sure that he was doing what she wanted him to do.

Riya only nodded occasionally and most of the times, she ignored the white tiger.

Her consciousness was half in the space because she was checking the resources that she has inside. Most of the ordinary food such as the meat, eggs, and milk from the early days will be useless soon.

At least, it would be useless for her.

Because these barely contain mana and even in the outside world, it would not worth that much.

Perhaps, she should go to other base and try to trade it?

After all, the crack was basically connected to the cracks in other cities. As long as she could travel far enough, she would be able to reach other bases.

As for why not in City A Base...

Riya felt that City A Base was already very abundant in resources. With Samuel here, the food would only become better and better. Moreover, the food that Samuel had would usually contain more mana.

These magic beasts' meat after purification, especially high ranked ones, contained much more mana.

It would be beneficial for human's body.

But these few things in her space...

They could only be said to be things that didn't contain any mana. It was only after these animals lived in her place for a while that their produce started to contain mana, but it was still very weak.

So Riya wanted to toss out the things that didn't contain mana first.

These might not worth much for her, but it would be useful for people in other bases who were struggling to get something to eat.

Rather than wasting them, selling them at low price in City B Base should be good, right?

'But I need to make proper planning for this...'

Riya thought in her mind along the journey to the crack.

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It didn't take long for them to reach the crack.

When Riya saw this crack, she knew that this was located near City A Base but it was far away from the other two bases in City A. It seemed that Mr. Zan wanted to make sure that they would not have much interactions with the people from the other two bases.

After all, those people might come and disturb them if they were too close.

I would be better to stay further away.

"I want to set up a small base around the crack here," Mr. Zan said and he looked at Samuel. "You will go inside and prepare the area."

Prepare the area as in cleaning up the magic beasts.

"Ok." Samuel motioned for the others to follow him and fight these magic beasts first. "I'll send someone to inform you after I'm done."

"Good."

Their group entered the crack, including Stephen and Sophia.

In total, there were seven people who came into the crack as Joan didn't come while Ruben would take some time. Otherwise, there would be 9 people instead of only 7 people.

"Watch out."

Swish! Slash!

The moment they entered the crack, a magic beast came out and Samuel swung his sword, cutting the magic beast in two instantly.

"What? So fast!" Amelia was stunned.

She thought that they would only see the magic beasts after they fully entered the crack, but his magic beasts.... Did it appear out of nowhere?

Looking at the layer in front of them, they were all somewhat fascinated.

After all, none of them aside from Samuel and Riya, had dared to go down and take a look at these crack. What if they couldn't come out again?

No one wanted to put their lives on the line needlessly.

"This is the layer that separated the crack's world and the outside world," Samuel said as he looked at the layer in front of him. "You don't have to worry and just walk inside. But at the same time, you have to be careful about magic beasts appearing when you walked in."

"Yes!"

With that, Samuel lead them to enter and they could see faint blood mark on the ground.

The cave was really strange.

There didn't seem to be any lighting source, but they could still see their surroundings relatively clearly. This was as if the entire place had invisible light sources or these walls themselves were actually light sources.

They didn't know.

And it was up to the expert to investigate this matter.

"Hmm?" Riya looked up and narrowed her eyes.

She could feel the dark element.

And there were not many magic beasts that contained dark elements.

Swish!

Rushing to the front, Riya raised her hand and a light elemental shield enveloped her before a shadow clashed with it.

Peng!

"Shadow creature." Samuel saw it and frowned.

Shadow creature were magic beasts who mastered the power of darkness. They could blend into the shadow and used the dark element. Their movements were leaning towards assassins, but there were also those who were leaning more towards mages. As for the warrior type... they were usually very weak.

And the main reason why they were called as shadow legion was because these shadow creatures were usually controlled by a lich.

"What shadow creature?" The others were confused.

Samuel didn't reply and dashed forward, his sword struck to the magic beast right when it was about to blend into the darkness once more.

Slash!

Rank 3 dark element magic beasts was weak in front of Samuel and Riya.

"They cooperated well." Amelia's eyes lit up.

She didn't expect to be able to see such a good cooperation between Riya and her older brother.

But the others didn't pay attention to that.

"What's shadow creature?" Arnold asked.

"It's not shadow creature," Riya said almost at the same time as Arnold spoke out.

Samuel was looking at the dark element magic beast and saw that it had died and didn't resurrect. He nodded.

Riya is right.

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"Shadow creature... you can say that they're the magic beasts that mastered the power of darkness. They have special names because there are people whom you can call as lich who could control these shadow creatures to form shadow legion," Samuel explained in simple terms.

The methods to control these magic beasts were different from the flute of beasts.

Because they were controlled through their element...

It was terrifying.

To be honest, Samuel didn't like fighting with lich because they have a never ending soldiers under them. As long as the lich himself or herself didn't run out of mana, he or she could summon the soldiers again and again.

As for the lich themselves...

They usually have some defensive measure but most of these lich were quite weak personally. Only after they reached certain rank would it be possible for them to become powerful.

"Lich?" Arnold frowned.

He felt that there might be troublesome people in the future.

"Don't think too much." Samuel shook his head. "Only people who have dark element is suitable to become lich."

"...Ruben has dark element."

Everyone turned to look at Sean who pointed it out.

"It's good that you remember, but do you know how to become a lich in the first place?" Samuel asked calmly.

Sean shook his head.

Most of their techniques and knowledge came from their brother. Without their brother sharing these things to them, it was estimated that they would still be lagging far behind the others.

"Do you know, Brother?"

"Me? I'm a magic warrior, not a magician and definitely not a lich." Samuel face palmed at his younger brother's question. "Don't ask me whether I know how to become alchemist, rune master, magic weapon master, pure warrior, or lich, or many other special professions."

Because his answer would always be that he didn't know.

The others: "..."

Riya also nodded at Samuel's words.

She herself only knew the path to become rune master. Since rune master was actually a side profession, if one were to say what her main profession is, it would be most suitable to say magician.

But considering how magicians in the Green Planets were thanks to those magicians from the Magic Association...

Riya didn't want to be called magician.

She will just claim that she's a rune master.

That's enough.

"Alright, let's clean up these magic beasts first." Samuel waved his hand and said, "Divide into two groups. Sean, Stephen and Sophia will go with me while Arnold, Amelia, and Riya will go the other way."

"Huh? Are you sure about this?" Stephen saw their configuration and felt that their side had overwhelming advantage.

"Yes." Samuel nodded and looked at Riya. "What do you think?"

"It's fine," Riya replied.

She could protect Arnold and Amelia in an emergency if it was needed. Moreover, neither of these two people were weak. Arnold was already at rank 2 while Amelia only needed a bit push to reach rank 2.

Speaking of the push...

Riya looked at Amelia thoughtfully and felt that she could encourage Amelia to step forward and fight more magic beasts. She seemed to have some talent that allowed her to grow stronger in a battle.

As long as she continued to let Amelia fought opponents within her limit, she should be able to reach rank 2 quickly.

"Let's go." Samuel nodded and walked away.

Stephen looked at Samuel in confusion and trotted behind the other party. "Hey, you haven't answered my question..."

Behind them, Sean and Sophia were following. While Sean didn't think it was strange, Sophia was actually also a bit surprised.

To be honest, both Sophia and Ruby had the faint feeling that Riya is extremely strong. So strong that she seemed to be so far away from them.

But they would not talk about it directly.

It would be very uncomfortable.

Riya looked at Arnold and Amelia, who nodded and walked to the other direction of the crack. Even though Riya had been here before, she didn't memorize all of the routes so clearly.

'It seems that I have to make a map in the future.'

But making a map is not exactly her expertise.

"Rank 1 and rank 2 magic beasts, as long as they're under 3 beasts, you will be the one to fight them," Riya set up their rules. "Otherwise, I'll be the one to make a move."

"Got it." Arnold nodded.

With Riya's strength, it was indeed more cost effective for them to arrange like this. In this way, the two of them could train while also fulfilling the duties they have to do.

"Ok~!" Amelia also nodded cheerfully and then said, "If I know the crack is not hot at all, I would have long wanted to come here~."

The other two: "..."

Riya didn't pay too much attention to the temperature but after Amelia mentioned it, she realized that these tunnels were actually quite cool compared to outside. It should be around 25 degree Celsius, which was relatively normal in tropical area.

For them, this degree of temperature was nothing.

Especially after they have been tortured by the harsh temperature outside for a long period of time.

"You're only paying attention to that?" Riya asked speechlessly.

"Because too hot is uncomfortable," Amelia answered simply with a grin on her face. "Don't you think so?"

Too cold is also uncomfortable...

Riya shrugged and then looked at the front. "Two rank 1 magic beasts."

The moment Riya said this, the grin on Amelia's face and the helpless smile on Arnold's face was gone. The two of them took out their swords and then looked forward. Two magic beasts came around 20 to 30 meters away from them.

"Attack!"

Swish! Slash!

The two of them selected their respective opponent.

Arnold attacked violently, using his strong power to knock the magic beasts away while Amelia used her flexibility to kill the magic beast through aiming towards the weak points.

As for how she knew...

It was because this magic beast was included in the list they have to memorize.

Chapter 319: No, Brother, You Don't Have to be So 'Considerate'

Slash!

The two magic beasts were easily killed by Arnold and Amelia.

"They're weak," Amelia muttered.

She didn't feel any difference between the magic beasts outside and the magic beasts in this crack.

Or...

There were supposed to be no differences.

After all, the magic beasts on the Green Planet did come out from this crack.

"Not bad." Riya nodded when she saw them. If she was asked to guide them, Riya had to say that she couldn't do it, though.

Aside from seeing that their movements were not bad because they killed these magic beasts effectively through their own methods, Riya could not guide them in anything else.

If there was any new magic beast, she could try to introduce it to them.

'But there are more and more rank 3 magic beasts coming out recently... perhaps these powerful magic beasts would start to come out in the future.'

At that time, there was no doubt that there would be a major and perhaps tragic battle outside.

Without sufficient strength, they wouldn't be able to stop these magic beasts.

"Let's continue."

"Yes!"

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Samuel's side

"Sam, you still haven't answered my question." Stephen continued to pester Samuel as they walked along the tunnel.

Samuel sighed in his heart.

The two of them have known each other ever since they were young, which made them barely had any restraint when talking with each other. Even after the world changed, Stephen remained the same.

On one side, Samuel was glad.

But on another side... he's too noisy!

"Riya is very strong, so you don't have to worry about them," Sean couldn't help it and interjected from the back.

He felt that Stephen will never stop speaking otherwise.

"Really?" Stephen looked skeptical but he accepted Samuel's explanation.

Anyway, his friend didn't usually cheat him.

Unless they were playing around...

That would be another case altogether.

On the other hand, Sophia's eyes flashed with understanding. She knew very well that Riya had some secrets. It seemed that she was really strong.

Even though Sophia was a bit curious, but she would not ask Riya about it.

She would just wait until Riya was willing to share about it.

Swish!

"There are a few magic beasts in front of us," Samuel suddenly said.

"Yes!"

The other three prepared themselves. If these magic beasts were not very strong, then Samuel would not take action in the slightest bit.

It would be enough for them to be the one to do it.

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Ruby was waiting outside patiently, looking at the few roaming magic beasts that was killed by the soldiers guarding them. These researchers were considered as important asset of the continent, so the soldiers would try their best to protect them.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The sound of gunshots could be heard.

Normally, more magic beasts would appear because they were attracted by the gunshots sound.

But there were only a few magic beasts around them.

"City A didn't have many magic beasts?" Ruby muttered under her breath. Was it because there were indeed fewer magic beasts here or...

There were people who cleaned it up first?

Ruby's eyes flickered.

Swish!

Sean walked out of the crack and waved to the others. "My brother said that you can start entering the crack. The magic beasts in the area has been cleaned up and they piled up the corpses for you to study near the entrance."

"Yes!"

The researchers were delighted when they heard this and quickly rushed forward with some impatience.

This was especially true for the professor who taught Ruby and also Professor Dit with his two assistants.

The moment they entered the crack, they quickly studied the magic beasts' corpses there.

"Ohh, a new species!"

"Quick, I want to study this one!"

Professor Black and Professor Dit quickly got the dark element magic beast and instructed the others to take it.

Many of these magic beasts had already been given names but most of them were from Peter who identify them. However, Peter could not remember all of the details and characteristic, so these researchers still have to dissect the body and study more.

As for the magic core?

It would be handed over to other professors either to be given back to the base or for them to research.

After all, some of them were necessary for the bases and not all of them could be handed over to the researchers.

"Finally can enter." Peter stretched his hand happily.

He had to follow Mr. Zan and this made Peter despaired. He also wanted to enter the crack and fought these magic beasts!

"Don't go too far." Mr. Zan looked at Peter and knew that if he didn't give any order, Peter would definitely run forward and busy killing magic beasts without hesitation. "Your task is to protect these researchers."

"Tsk." Peter clicked his tongue.

He wanted to fight!

And fight more!

Because only through fighting would he be able to feel a sense of improvement.

If he was only a guard who took action passively when being attacked, how could he improve his strength?

That b*stard Samuel had already reached rank 5 and Peter didn't want to lag behind.

"I'll lead a few magic beasts for you to deal with." Samuel saw Peter like this and shook his head. "But you better do a good job in protecting the researchers."

"Of course!" Peter was excited when he heard what Samuel said.

"How many magic beasts do you plan to lure over?"

"Oh, that..."

Samuel turned to look at Riya, wondering how many magic beasts would be appropriate without causing too much damage.

Riya only glanced at Samuel and then turned around.

No matter how many magic beasts coming here, she could deal with them all.

Well...

Unless it was a never ending beast tide.

Then that was another question altogether.

"Well, I'll just see how many I can bring after letting my siblings and friends practice," Samuel said.

Sean and Amelia who had come back: "..."

No, brother, you don't have to be so 'considerate' to us.

The two of them would be fine without fighting these magic beasts.

Unfortunately, Samuel would not listen to them.

Chapter 320: Training and Battling

Bang! Bang! Bang!

For the entire day, the sound of fighting had almost never ceased.

Aside from the few magic beasts that Riya killed disappeared into her world after she had dealt with them, the rest were taken by Samuel and the soldiers for processing. Part of them were handed over to the research group and the other party was handed over to the kitchen.

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After all, they also needed to eat.

"It's almost night time." Samuel looked at the few magic beasts left that was being pummeled by Peter. He could see that after being bathed by these magic beasts' blood, Peter's aura had grown stronger again.

It seemed that he managed to make his breakthrough to rank 5.

For warriors their breakthrough meant stronger body, greater attack and an even tougher defense. Now, most magic beasts couldn't even scratch Peter's body.

At most, they could only scratch his clothes...

For this reason, Peter had become half naked. If it was not because he was wearing special pants that was reinforced with magic given by the Martial Arts Association, it was estimated that he would be fully naked.

At that time, the sight would be too eye provoking.

Samuel didn't pay much attention to Peter after handing over a dozen of magic beasts and letting him fought them.

On the other hand, he looked at his two siblings who was being forced to sit down and meditate.

"You should recover your mana quickly. There'll be another training session before sleeping tonight," Samuel said lightly.

Amelia's face distorted and she yelled, "I hate you brother!"

They have been running around the tunnel for a long time ever since they came here and almost had no time to rest.

Samuel would only give them half an hour of rest every few hours to recover their mana. So they have to focus their attention completely on meditating so that they could recover as much mana as possible.

For Amelia, whose attention was easily distracted, it was a disaster.

Because she couldn't focus and kept on getting distracted.

In the end, she barely recovered her mana and had to use her physical strength more to deal with these magic beasts.

By now, Amelia was thoroughly exhausted.

"If you want to be stronger, meditate well." Samuel rolled his eyes at Amelia's words. He was already used to Amelia's willful attitude. Moreover, she would only speak it and still obediently meditate.

After all, Amelia herself also understood that if she wanted to become stronger, she had to practice.

But her brother's practice was nothing short of the phrase 'devil training.'

Right now, all of them felt that they wanted to go back and didn't practice here. Following Samuel was the same as inviting their own suffering.

Well, not all of them.

Arnold was fine.

Stephen was fine too.

But the others were exhausted.

Sophia looked at Melly, who was whimpering beside her and she had to pat the other party's head. Her lips twitched when she thought about how Samuel's order made Melly had to run around aa lot and eventually become tired.

Even as a magic beast, Melly felt that Samuel is the devil!

"The practice is going well." Riya smiled when she saw the others were resting. "Don't push them too hard. There are more rank 3 magic beasts here."

Even if Riya and Samuel were strong, but provoking too many rank 3 magic beasts would still make it difficult for them to protect the others behind them.

Hearing Riya's words, everyone had a trace of expectation.

Would Samuel listen to Riya's words and let them rest a bit?

"I know." Samuel nodded. "But they still have another training session tonight."

Everyone wanted to collapse when they heard Samuel's words.

Alright, there was no hope.

Once Samuel decided to train them, then what awaited them would be nothing more than training until they wanted to vomit blood.

Bang!

Peter had finished dealing with the magic beasts and turned to look at the others. "Tsk, Sam, can't you sell me a space storage scroll? I have to store more clothes next time."

Samuel glanced at Peter whose clothes were in tatters and the bloodstains all over his body. If one didn't know better, they would think that Peter is a beggar who had been beaten all over.

He looked miserable.

"You should take a bath." Samuel shook his head and then added, "As for clothes, you should ask the Martial Arts Association."

Peter rolled his eyes.

The people from the Martial Arts Association were not people who would carry his clothes with them. He had to pack it up by himself.

"It would have been better if I can have special clothes made by those magic tools maker." Peter sighed deeply.

Some magic tools maker could not only make small magic tools but also weapons, armor, and even clothing. It could be said that they have various skills and could create many things with some abilities imbued within.

Even though the effect was limited by the material's strength, but it was definitely far better than ordinary items.

Unfortunately, there were no magic tools maker here.

Samuel rolled his eyes and said, "You should just try to find them by yourself. Everyone, let's go and eat."

He suspected that Peter said this because he suspected that someone in Samuel's team was the rune master. This possibility does exist because not all rune masters were people who didn't know how to fight.

Some of them were very fierce!

But most of their battle style could easily make others want to vomit blood.

Who didn't know that a rune master would always play some tricks to win the battle. Either there would be continuous teleportation, large number of magic scrolls, or even traps set in advance.

Either one of those would be more than enough to cause trouble for their opponent. If they were too weak, it was not impossible to die directly under their hands.

So Peter tried this.