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Chapter 321: Conflict

Samuel could guess it.

After all, they were all living in that world for a few years and had experienced many things. Even though they didn't manage to stay there too long because a catastrophe came to each of them, but they have long learned many things that was useful for their lives.

One of them was naturally this inquiry methods.

They could deduce other people's thoughts and used subtle methods to find out the truth without offending the other party.

As a businessman and also someone in high position in that world, Samuel was also aware of this method.

Moreover, he did it quite a lot himself.

So he would not give Peter any chance.

Don't look at this man kept on provoking others to fight. For him to survive for a few years before he was killed had already shown that he was not that stupid. Peter is naturally very smart, but he would not show it and instead acted dumb in front of others.

"Yes, let's eat," Stephen followed and then said, "Can we eat the rank 3 magic beast's meat?"

"Can."

"Great! Hahaha!"

Seeing Stephen laughing, Samuel shook his head and ignored the other party. He simply took out some magic beasts' meat that he had separated and put into his space storage scroll.

"Why are you so happy? Don't you usually eat rank 3 magic beasts' meat?" Amelia asked in confusion.

"No, we don't usually eat it." Sophia shook her head. "The Carson Family is not very rich and Grandfather had to take care of such a large family. Even after exchanging resources before, we can't really buy magic beasts' meat unless we hunt by ourselves."

The price of these magic beasts' meat was very expensive.

Even if they wanted to, they couldn't get it so easily.

As for hunting on their own....

What a joke.

It was impossible.

"Is it that expensive?" Amelia was stunned and then looked at her brother. With her brother basically sponsoring them, she really couldn't feel any difficulties about this matter.

After all, her brother covered everything.

She only needed to sit at home and enjoyed her life.

It was really comfortable.

"Yes." Sophia nodded helplessly.

Riya listened to their conversation and felt a bit strange. If she wanted to, she was sure that many people would come to her and exchange a lot of magic beasts' meat for the things in her hand.

But once they mastered her methods, she was sure that she would be forgotten once more.

Well, forget about it.

She had no interest to do so.

"Then eat more this time." Amelia clapped her hand. "I'm sure that my brother will allow it!"

"You sure are confident about it."

"Hehehe!"

They were all having fun eating and drinking like normal. Aside from the fact that they were now staying in the tunnel, it could be said that their situation didn't really change.

They could still do their activities normally.

It was just that they have to beat up a large number of magic beasts.

After all, these magic beasts kept on making trouble here and there.

And after dinner, Samuel dragged them all to practice until 10 O'clock before he released them and let them rest. Tomorrow, they would patrol the area and train on their own.

He could not always protect them.

Anyway, most of the magic beasts around the area has been cleared up by Samuel.

There wouldn't be much danger for them.

The night passed by quietly.

Riya didn't go out today.

She wanted to clean up the nearby magic beasts' first and then made a few more formation plate in her world. Only with enough protection would she dare to go deep into the crack.

As for the City B's visit...

She would do it tomorrow.

The next day, everyone started their own activities and without Samuel leading the others to practice, there were almost no magic beasts around their small camp.

Peter was about to be bored to death.

"Can't Samuel take pity on me and switch our job?" Peter complained.

He wanted to be the one to explore while Samuel stayed here.

Mr. Zan looked at Peter blankly. "With your personality, you might end up seeking death if you dare to explore the crack."

"I'm not that bad, right?" Peter asked doubtfully.

But Mr. Zan was too lazy to answer.

With how he had seen Peter act over the past few months, how could he not know that this man loved fighting so much. There were even times when he fought until several bones were broken and he still wanted to continue.

To be honest, Mr. Zan didn't understand how the Martial Arts Association managed to control Peter.

Then again, the Martial Arts Association was able to rise because of Peter. So it was quite normal for them to indulge and protect this man to a certain degree.

"I want to go out!"

"These are not enough? Why can't you give us more?"

The researchers are making noises and Mr. Zan looked into the group. They had started to excavate the stones to make suitable building for them to stay. After all, the tents could barely give them enough protection.

Only real building would be able to protect them better.

But building houses and so on needed time, so Mr. Zan has been working with the others for this.

It has only been a day, so it was far from done.

And these researchers were already nagging about their equipment yesterday.

Now they wanted to go out?

"What happened here?" Mr. Zan came and saw Professor Black and Professor Dit were debating with each other.

"Mr. Zan, we have three people here, so can't you give us more of this magic beast? This is a rank 3 magic beast and the element is special. But dividing it into two like this is not fair!" Professor Dit said it first, wanting to appear to Mr. Zan who came.

Menai, Professor Dit's assistant, also nodded in agreement.

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"Yes, they only have two people. Can't they give us more so that we can give better result?"

"You only said this because you are reckless and used up the sample so quickly." Ruby shook her head in disagreement.

Samuel took part of the magic beasts' meat before because it was dark element and he wanted to give it to Ruben later. The rest were divided equally between these two professors.

And it hasn't even been a day yet and they already have conflicts?

Riya, who came after hearing the noises, frowned when she heard this. She looked at the dark element magic beasts' bones that had been separated and her expression turned strange.

When she first explored deeper into the crack, she had already killed several shadow magic beasts or shadow creature.

It was rare to see them in the entrance area.

But Riya guessed that with most of these magic beasts pouring onto the Green Planet, the magic beasts that usually stayed deep within the crack would slowly come out one after another to make trouble.

These shadow creatures were only one of them.

"What are you talking about? We're not making any mistake!" Pall refuted immediately. "It's just that there's not enough samples for us to..."

"It's not enough because you don't know how to use it properly."

"You! You're just a small assistant! What right do you have...?"

"Enough!" Mr. Zan felt that these researchers whom he brought out from the Capital City only knew how to make trouble.

Even though some professors were decent and their assistants were good, but some of them were really annoying. They felt that they were better than others simply because they came from Continent Z's Capital City.

Because of that, the researchers from other cities have to serve them well.

But how could these people be willing to listen to their willfulness?

It was impossible!

"How did you divide it before?" Mr. Zan asked as he looked at the two professors. Their assistants could quarrel with each other, isn't it because there was an agreement from their mentor?

Otherwise, they would not make trouble here.

"We divide it each part equally," Professor Black replied and looked at Professor Dit. "The research is for the nation, so there's no need to fight for it. If you do need for more resources, do remember to put the notes in the program and I'll give your part to you."

Professor Dit snorted. "Don't you know that we can't use the internet at all in this crack? If we want to send message, we have to go outside for a while."

Professor Black turned to look at Mr. Zan as if saying that if they didn't follow the proper procedure, he will not move.

No matter what, the resources allocation has been agreed before they came here because they had anticipated that they would not be able to connect the internet. So they came with the method that the researchers from City A Base and the researchers from Continent Z's Capital City could each get half.

In this way, it would be quite fair.

Besides, they would only send one professor from each field. The difference lies in the number of assistant they brought.

"Alright, you accompany them to go out." Mr. Zan looked at the soldier on the side and gave order casually.

"Yes!"

Professor Dit looked at Professor Black while the other party was calm.

He snorted and then they walked to the entrance of the crack to make the agreement about this resource.

"Professor...." Ruby called out to her professor but he waved his hand and motioned for her not to follow.

She sighed and walked to the side, not wanting to see the two gloating assistant of Professor Dit.

"Ruby."

"Oh, Riya, you're here." Ruby saw Riya and showed a smile on her face. "Aren't you with the others?"

"They're training today," Riya replied.

Samuel's plan was for them to have harsh training one day, meditating one day, and then another harsh training. Because the meditation result after harsh training was usually better. Coupled with the fact that the mana concentration in this place was higher, it also allowed them to yield more result in their practice.

While this kind of practice was quite good, but Riya couldn't do the same.

Because it was impossible for her to put her own life on the line in battle. If she has no confidence to win in a battle, she would run away.

That was how she managed to survive for a long time.

"I see." Ruby nodded, not too surprised.

"Is it dispute about resources?" Riya asked.

"Yes. You don't have to worry so much. Researchers always paid attention to result and most of the time, result came from the Capital City, so they usually can get priority in obtaining more resources," Ruby replied.

Even though she said that, Ruby still felt a bit unwilling when she thought that she had to hand over more of these samples to these people. After all, she had many ideas that she wanted to try.

Riya nodded and sighed.

No matter where they were, people with higher power, position, or so on, would always have preferential treatment.

Not that she could care so much.

"Ruby, have you practiced?"

"Practiced?" Ruby repeated and then nodded. "Well, I do some meditation, but I only have a little bit of mana since I don't train my body that much."

She was busy in the laboratories most of the time. Even if she did find the strength increase fascinating, she was more interested in the research and so on. Because of that, Ruby barely practice.

She couldn't even be categorized as rank 1 magic warrior because her mana was so little.

Riya looked at Ruby and sensed the weak mana from the other party.

Well...

'It should be enough.'

Riya handed over a space storage scroll to Ruby. "This is for you. You can use the content as you wish and be careful not to show this in front of others."

Chapter 323: Ruby: Thank You

"Huh?"

Ruby looked at the small scroll that Riya handed over to her in confusion.

When Riya made these space storage scrolls, she was also using the A5 paper, so when she roll them, it was still quite small.

"Inject mana to use it."

Ruby arched her eyebrows and then did as she was told. When she sensed the magic beast inside, her eyes widened.

She could tell that this was the same species as the one they were researching right now.

But... how?

It was a rank 3 magic beast.

Did Riya kill this magic beast?

At this moment, Ruby felt that Riya is really strong...

"Thank you," Ruby whispered and then tucked the paper scroll away. The two of them were a bit away from the others and Mr. Zan was already giving instruction to other soldiers and researchers so that they would not repeat this dispute.

If they wanted to rearrange their agreement and needed to go out for a while, they should tell him.

In this way, no one paid attention to the two of them.

"It's nothing." Riya smiled faintly.

A rank 3 magic beast's corpse wasn't that valuable for Riya.

She has a lot of them in her world.

Moreover, what Riya needed the most was their blood and the magic core. Some species could have their bones or skin taken for other things, but most of these magic beasts' other parts couldn't really be used for anything else.

It was also because of this that Riya didn't care too much even if she handed Ruby one of them.

Besides, she was curious what kind of research that Ruby was doing.

If it could benefit others, it would be good.

"Remember to share if you find something interesting and not bound by confidentiality contact," Riya said with a grin.

Ruby nodded with a bright smile. "Don't worry, I'll make sure to give lecture to you."

"No, not lecture!"

Thinking about the time when Ruby shared the news about what happened in her laboratories along with the concept behind it... Riya felt painful in her heart. Because she knew very well that she understood less than 30% of it.

But Ruby kept on going on and on....

All of them already felt like waving the white flag.

Ruby laughed when she saw Riya's appearance and then started to think about what experiment should she do next.

Seeing that Ruby was immersed in her own world again, Riya shook her head and silently slipped away. She hoped that Ruby would only share the summary because if it was a complete lecture, she didn't want to listen!

She went to her own room and waited until it was dinner time before slipping out.

Samuel was busy talking with Mr. Zan, so no one paid attention to Riya.

"How's the adaptation to the environment here?" Samuel asked to Mr. Zan after dinner time. It was impossible for these researchers to stay near this crack and would slowly explore deeper.

But for the time being, they had to set up some kind of place to guard this place.

Reason?

Just so that if something unexpected happened, there would be some methods to slow down these magic beasts.

"Their adaption is very good." Mr. Zan nodded in satisfaction and said, "I have to say that the mana concentration in this crack is much better than the surface and the people here have adapted well."

Most of the researcher were ordinary people.

They might have some chance to train and become magician or magic warrior. But most of them were already past the prime age for practicing and would rather do their research. Only some of their assistant was practicing to a certain degree.

They could protect themselves, but it was unknown how useful it would be.

After all, they had never truly fought against magic beasts and they had to be protected because of their position.

"It's good." Samuel nodded.

He didn't know whether the atmosphere in the crack would have adverse effect on human's body, especially those who didn't become magic warriors or those other profession. But it seemed that he was thinking too much.

Ordinary people could still live in the environment where the mana increased.

As for the so called adaptation...

It didn't seem to be necessary.

"Have they found anything interesting?"

"Aside from the conflict about the special shadow creature that's rank 3, the other are studying the minerals. They said that there are some other particles found on the rocks but the amount is too little to figure out what they're specifically. They only managed to find some characteristic," Mr. Zan replied.

Particles on the rock?

Samuel looked at the rock around him and then fell into silence.

He couldn't see any difference from other rocks, but he also knew that there were indeed some particles mixed in.

Because these rocks seemed to emit dim light yet not at the same time.

It was a strange and yet intriguing phenomenon.

"Forget it, I don't understand that much."

"Haha." Mr. Zan laughed and then waved his hand. "I have to go back and made arrangement for tomorrow."

"Yes."

Samuel walked towards their tents and swept around the area once. But then he paused and looked at Riya's tent.

Even though Riya's presence was usually quite faint, Samuel knew that she was there so he would not disturb her.

But this time...

He didn't seem to see anyone.

'Did she roam around the crack once again?'

Thinking about what Riya had done before, Samuel felt that it was possible. After all, Riya's strength could guarantee she could protect herself even if she were to explore the crack.

But...

'Didn't I tell her that I want to follow?'

Black lines formed on Samuel's forehead.

He sighed deeply and then quickly rushed in one direction.

Samuel had no idea where Riya is, but he could try to search for her... there might be some traces that she left along the way.

Chapter 324: Going Alone

Swish! Slash!

Several magic beasts were killed.

Riya looked at these magic beasts and shook her head. They were only rank 2 and it was too weak in her opinion.

And she was heading in the direction of City B based on her memory.

As for the matter of making a map...

That might have to wait until later.

"The magic beasts that roamed around the cracks have become much stronger in such a short period of time." Riya tossed these magic beasts' corpses into her world.

She felt that she had improved very quickly.

But these magic beasts told her very clearly that she was not fast enough. If there were more and more higher ranked magic beasts coming out on the surface of the Green Planet, they might not be prepared to face them.

After all, some talented people had only reached rank 2.

Was there anyone who had reached rank 3 aside from these people who returned from that world?

Riya didn't know.

Oh, she didn't calculate those magicians from the Magic Association. Not because they were not powerful but simply because she didn't want to remember any of them.

As for Martial Arts Association, they might have some powerful people.

But neither of these two association sent the powerful people to City A Base.

It seemed that they were already comfortable with Samuel in power. And with Peter swaggering in, there would be no magic beasts that could defeat the two of them.

Swish! Slash!

The formation was triggered and Riya simply tossed the magic beast's corpse into her world.

In order not to waste her mana on her journey, Riya used the formation plate that she had made before.

roar <Master, there's a fluctuation energy on the front>

Mo naturally acted as Riya's mount again. He didn't have much chance to perform when Riya was around and when they fought before, the few rank 2 magic beasts could still be dealt with by Arnold.

This made Mo's training a bit slower.

Thankfully, Samuel then focused on training them so he attracted a large number of magic beasts, which made Mo really happy.

Now, he had returned to his old profession.

To become Riya's mount.

"Hmm?" Riya arched her eyebrows. "Over there?"

She didn't know what Mo was saying, but he was looking in one direction, so there might be something that attracted him there.

"Go there."

Roar! <Yes, Master!>

Mo dashed over while Riya was sensing the mana fluctuation. After they got closer, Riya also noticed that it was the faint fluctuation from the formation.

But...

Why did this formation have such violent mana fluctuation?

Step.

Mo suddenly stopped.

Riya looked at the front and saw a damaged special magic core on the ground and her lips twitched.

"So someone had found this place in the past and triggered a riot...."

She sighed deeply and jumped down from Mo. Looking at the special magic core that has its size broken down, she could guess that a magic beast should have entered this place by mistake... or on purpose and took it. But after taking it, they didn't manage to digest completely before being sucked into the hall and activated the killing formation.

The result?

Naturally, all of them died.

The special magic core was left behind at the entrance of this hall because it has already used the blood of these magic beasts to make a new one.

As for this one...

"You can eat it, Mo," Riya said.

This special magic core is also very attractive to magic beasts because it could help them to increase their strength. And this magic core has been eaten by a magic beasts before, so traces of violent mana remained.

If humans wanted to use it, they would have to purify it first.

And the first rank purification spell that she taught them would not be enough unless they were willing to cast it thousands of times....

She herself was too lazy to use it.

The mana within this special magic core was only comparable to rank 4 now.

It would be better for Mo to eat it.

roar! <Thank you, Master!>

Mo was excited and quickly swallowed the special magic core. He didn't have to specifically refine the special magic core because it would be refined naturally inside his body.

What he had to do was to wait.

Wait and he could definitely become stronger again.

"Wait here and when I come out, you have to be prepared to run as fast as possible.... The direction is where we came from before."

Riya remembered that they passed by a crack not far from here. It was in the direction where they came from and if they could get out of this crack, it would be for the best.

She didn't want to face the attack of thousands of magic beasts.

roar! <Yes, Master!>

Riya walked inside and looked at the entire room that had been dyed red and frowned. The special magic core has been taken twice before, was there any other mark here?

With that in thought, Riya slowly circled around the pillar and studied the runes there.

After a while, she managed to find the number in the rune's language, hidden within countless other runes.

It recorded how many times the special magic core has been taken.

"Twice..."

Can she take it again or would it be impossible for her to run away?

The red room made Riya feel a bit uneasy, so she choose to study all the formation first. If she found any anomaly, she would not take this special magic core. But if she didn't find anything remarkable, then she would take it.

After all, this special magic core is at the middle of rank 5, which would be able to help her stabilize her rank.

She doubted that it could help her advance.

But this was already good enough.

As for the risk...

If she wanted to become stronger faster, there would always be risk she had to take. Risk and chance coexist, the question is just simply whether she is willing to take this chance or not.

Chapter 325: Being Chased

It took Riya more than an hour to finish studying this time.

Most of them were exactly the same as what she had remembered.

As for the few others, she tried to combine these formations to understand their function better and noticed the limit.

The limit that this formation set.

"...Is it really rare for magic beasts to come here and take the special magic core or is it because these formations had only been formed some time before the earthquake happened?" Riya murmured in a low voice to herself.

Because she knew that these magic beasts should have been attracted by these special magic cores.

Why would they leave these special magic cores be?

Unless there was another reason why they couldn't take it before.

Something...

But Riya didn't know what it is.

'Is it a barrier or something like that?'

The problem is, if there was truly a barrier, there should be some mechanism left. If it was made with runes, she might be able to figure it out.

But if it was made with magic tools...

Ehem.

Some magic tools didn't use runes and if the mana was already exhausted, there was no way Riya could detect it from among the ruins.

She chose not to think too much.

Instead, she studied the numbering mechanism and after some time, she found the trigger.

It was number 3.

Because for these formations to be activated directly, the runes number three and above would be able to connect to a different formation, which would prompt the killing formation to be activated directly.

But from number 2 to number 3, it would not change directly after the special magic core was taken away.

Riya smiled faintly.

"So it's three times."

Once the special magic core has been taken three times by others, this place would be nothing more than a trap to kill those who dare to enter and take it.

With that in mind, Riya stood up and swiftly took the special magic core before running out.

Even though the formation would not be activated instantly, it would still be faster than when the counter was 0.

She had to run.

"Mo! Now!"

Roar! <Yes!>

Riya jumped on Mo's back as he galloped across the tunnels. It took a few minutes before Riya could feel the ground rumbling and she shivered for a moment. Turning her head to look at the dense magic beasts that came out and some of them suddenly got pulled to the back, Riya swallowed her saliva.

It seemed that she had to make sure Mo is strong enough next time.

Swish!

Riya tossed a plate out to block these magic beasts from chasing after her and to block the pulling mechanisms from the formation.

Thankfully, the pulling power didn't seem to be that strong.

But...

roar <Master, I can't move forward easily anymore.>

Mo was trembling because he could feel that he was about to be pulled to the back. His legs felt heavy and he was struggling to go forward.

"Go inside."

Riya saw Mo trembling and knew that Mo's rank was too low to fight back against the mechanism. She simply put Mo into her space and then started to run.

At this moment, Riya was glad that her physical strength had increased to be comparable to rank 2 magic warrior.

Otherwise, she might not be able to run in this tunnel in the slightest bit.

Riya also activated some defensive formation plate that she had prepared before, which would make her body lighter.

Still...

rumbling

The earthquake got bigger and Riya kept on running as fast as possible. There was still some distance from the crack entrance that was closest to this place.

Bang!

roar!

Seeing several magic beasts coming down from the other direction, Riya was stunned and she quickly raised another formation plate.

Swish! Bang! Bang!

The moment these magic beasts hit her, they would be bounced off by equivalent force and then Riya bypassed them easily. If it was any other time, she would take her time to kill them.

But this was too close!

The suction power was getting stronger and stronger.

These fallen magic beasts were also being pulled back.

Drap! Drap! Drap!

Swish! Bang!

Seeing a group of shadow creature coming out, Riya's lips twitched.

Did she accidentally come into the lair of these shadow creature? And looking at these shadow creature, they were all rank 3.

Oh, one of them was already rank 4.

Swish! Swish!

These shadow creatures didn't hesitate when they saw Riya and quickly rushed forward to attack her.

Riya clicked her tongue and raised the defensive formation plate.

"Haste."

"Arrow tracking formation magic."

Several arrows were formed and headed towards these magic creatures. The rank 3 shadow creature couldn't fight back because the formation magic spell's strength was equivalent to rank 3. But the rank 4 shadow creature avoided the magic perfectly.

Riya looked at the rank 4 shadow creature and her eyes narrowed slightly.

roar!

Swish! Swish!

The remaining shadow creature rushed to entangle her, blocking her view from the rank 4 shadow creature. Seeing that they started to use their dark element, Riya guessed that they wanted to run away after knowing that they couldn't beat her.

But how could she let them off easily.

Her finger moved and more formation runes formed in front of her while the defensive formation plate was still working.

"Spears tracking formation magic."

Swish!

The magic power was several times the previous ones and several rank 3 shadow creatures died instantly.

The magic rushed towards the rank 4 shadow magic creature.

screech!

Bang!

As the rank 4 shadow creatures died, it screech loudly with the dark element imbued.

"Damn it. It's a bat like shadow creature."

Riya quickly tossed these magic beast's corpses into her world where time was frozen and then ran quickly.

But in just a few seconds, countless more bat like shadow creature rushed towards her.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

They clashed into her defensive shield as Riya continued to run, trying her best not to entangle with them.

"Lightning Storm Strike!"

Boom!

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Lightning spread out, killing countless these bat like shadow creature as fast as possible. But the number of these bat like shadow creature were in thousands.

Only a few dozens had been killed.

There were still many more left.

"Senior Samuel!" Riya was stunned when she saw Samuel coming. "Why are you here?"

"I should be asking this question to you." Samuel looked at the dense bat like shadow creature in front of him and had the feeling that Riya was provoking a nest of bat like shadow creature.

Moreover, these bat like shadow creature were really bats in terms that they lived in damp and dark place.

In this dark tunnel, it was simply the perfect environment for these bat like shadow creature.

And the number of bat like shadow creature could easily reach thousands as long as they have enough food to live.

"I don't have time to explain. We have to go," Riya said quickly.

Swish!

Before Riya could say anything more, these bat like shadow creature had already started attacking once more. Whenever there was a chance, they would definitely step forward to attack.

Unfortunately, Riya's defensive formation basically protected her from all direction. This made the attack of these bat like shadow creature completely useless. They would only make the energy run out faster but Riya still has more mana stones in her world.

She just had to replace it.

"Ok." Samuel glanced at these bat like shadow creature and shook his head.

If they were outside, he would be willing to fight these bat like shadow creature. While these bat like shadow creature were a bit hard to deal with, they were actually easy to kill.

All they have to do was to bring these bat like shadow creature into the sunlight.

Most of these bat like shadow creature couldn't live under the sun.

It was such a big weakness.

Because of this, these bat like shadow creature were usually not seen as a threat.

"Fire."

Samuel simply lit up fire in front of him and saw that these bat like shadow creature were no longer that aggressive. At the very least, they were avoiding the fire on his hand.

Just as Samuel wanted to deal with these bat like shadow creature, the ground trembled once more.

Samuel's face changed.

"What is it?"

"The formation is activated," Riya replied with a gritted teeth. "We have to go or we won't be able to go."

With that, Riya casted another haste formation magic spell to herself and then she started to run.

It was just that her speed was so slow and these bat like shadow creature could easily catch up with her.

The formation magic spell didn't work that well.

After all, it worked as amplification with her own strength as the base. As Riya had only reached rank 2 in physical strength and couldn't even control her strength well... the improvement was not much.

Samuel who saw this: "..."

"Come up, I'll carry you. It's too slow."

Riya: "..."

She couldn't refute and jumped on Samuel's back while these bat like shadow creature were chasing.

Drap! Drap! Drap!

In an instant, Samuel ran very quickly, far faster than these bat like shadow creature. As a rank 5 magic warrior, Samuel's physical strength had reached the level that many people could not match.

Even car would not be faster than him.

Riya didn't know how fast this is, but she had the feeling that this was even faster than those high speed train. After all, even with her physical improvement in her previous life, she had never reached rank 5 in physical strength.

She was too weak...

"Turn this direction," Riya quickly gave order.

Bang! Bang!

Riya turned her head to the back and saw these bat like shadow creature were suddenly screeching as they were being pulled to the back. From this alone, Riya could guess that the coverage distance from that formation had increased rapidly.

From only a few kilometers to hundreds or even thousands...

She didn't know how far.

But she could feel that these bat like shadow creature were struggling.

These bat like shadow creature were already rank 3, but they were no match to the pulling from the formation behind them.

It seemed that there would be another massive bloodbath soon.

Bang!

Some of the rank 4 bat like shadow creature chased after them. Their flying speed was still faster than Samuel's running speed.

"Can you deal with them?" Samuel asked as he continued to run. He could already see the crack in the distance and planned to go there as soon as possible.

"Leave it to me." Riya looked at these rank 4 bat like shadow creature and quickly casted the magic formation.

"Spears tracking formation magic."

Bang! Bang! Bang!

These bat like shadow creature were killed instantly and their corpses were thrown into the space by Riya. Since they were put in the location where time was frozen, they would die even if they were not dead yet before.

Because living beings couldn't live there.

Boom!

Samuel reached the crack and jumped out without hesitation.

Tep.

The moment they went out of the crack, the suction from the formation no longer came towards them.

But they have no time to relax.

Because they could sense that there were more rank 3 magic beasts around them.

These magic beasts should have run out of the crack after they sensed the terrifying suction force from the formation inside.

"Ah..."

Riya looked at these magic beasts.

At this moment, she suddenly understood why the magic beasts in City A area had become more powerful.

The pot is on her head...

Who made her took the special magic core before and caused the death of countless magic beasts down there?

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"Let's deal with them first." Samuel had some questions to ask Riya, but at this moment, it was more important for them to deal with these magic beasts first.

Riya nodded and jumped off Samuel's back. She didn't want to hold him back.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Chapter 327: Ancient Runes

Rank 3 magic beasts' corpses littered the entire area.

The combined forces of both Samuel and Riya was far from what these rank 3 magic beasts could possibly match.

They have to bring those of higher rank.

However, Riya still felt her mana emptied.

She was busy running away and then used several rank 4 formation magic to deal with these rank 4 magic beasts. Now, she had to clean up these rank 3 magic beasts, which made most of her mana exhausted.

'It's really risky...'

But it's worth it.

Riya thought about the special magic core that she had put in her world and smiled faintly. This could help her to consolidate her rank quickly.

But thinking about the one near the crack where they came from before... Riya felt that she should make formation to block these magic beasts to prevent them from coming towards the base.

Otherwise, it would be troublesome if they had to be chased out of the crack like this.

"It's done." Samuel looked at the pile of magic beasts' corpses and took those that he killed himself. The rest were killed by Riya, so she could claim them.

"Yes, it's done."

Riya didn't notice any other magic beasts nearby, so they should have cleaned up the magic beasts in this area. But she didn't know whether they could clean up those magic beasts from other areas.

"So, can you tell me why you are being chased by magic beasts every time you're in the crack?" Samuel asked and looked at Riya helplessly.

The last time they traveled in the crack together, they were also being chased by these magic beasts. And at that time, the two of them were only rank 4 magic warriors, so when they faced a lot of rank 3 magic beasts, they were somewhat exhausted.

Now that they were rank 5... but the magic beasts that chased after them was no longer rank 3 but rank 4 magic beasts.

The improvement of these magic beasts were really fast.

At the very least, it seemed to be on par with their own improvement.

Which seemed to be incredulous because these people who returned from that world were basically re-cultivating. They didn't have much bottleneck when they advanced because they have reached that rank before.

Their bodies might be different, but they knew very well what they would face when they wanted to reach the next rank.

So they were calm.

Most of the time, what they needed was simply the resources needed to make their breakthrough.

"I took a special magic core," Riya replied as she looked at Samuel. "From the formation."

Samuel's lips twitched.

After that, he was stunned and he looked at Riya with frown. "You mean, someone put the special magic core in the formation down there?"

"Yes and no," Riya replied.

"What do you mean?"

"Because the formations are strange," Riya replied.

When she looked at those formations, it looked both ancient and new at the same time. More importantly, the attraction of these special magic cores were very obvious, so how could they remained the same if the formation had been operating for a long time.

Unless these special cores were protected before.

But why would they do that?

"What do you mean by strange?"

"There are some runes that are not usually used but used in this formation, as if the person who draw it doesn't know that there's the simplification version," Riya replied with a shrug. "Those ancient types of runes should have disappeared in time and not many people want to use it because it's too complicated."

And the simplified version also allowed the mana to be transported more easily. This will allow the formation to be stronger.

Even if the degree was not much, but every improvement is a good thing.

After all, they could only improve bit by bit to achieve the best result.

"Ancient runes?" Samuel was stunned when he heard Riya said that. He thought for a moment and then asked, "How many ancient runes are there?"

"Uh... a few hundred thousands?" Riya replied and then blinked her eyes. "I did learn both types but I usually used the simplified version for magic spells and used the ancient for formation plate because it's stabler."

The ancient runes were more convenient when carving a formation and making talisman. Because the mana flow easily and it was really stable.

But the simplified version would make the mana flow faster and in some case, there were parts where the connection was not stable enough.

This was something that Riya noticed.

She asked her teacher in that world about this but the other party told her that most people would not care about it. And the simplified version was made in order to pass down the runes.

Because not every era had someone who could memorize all of these runes.

At that time, Riya chose to memorize both of them because she felt that it was very easy to memorize. Since it might be useful, she might as well memorize all of them at the same time.

Samuel: "..."

For some reasons, he now felt glad that he had no talent to become rune master.

Otherwise, he would be haunted by who knows how many runes in his dream when he thought about this matter.

Pushing the thoughts to the back, Samuel sighed and looked at the crack. "Do you want to go back now?"

"Now? Are you not afraid that these magic beasts will come out and hunt you again?" Riya asked with her lips twitched.

She would not enter yet.

At the very least, she would not go back until the riots stopped and these magic beasts no longer came out to run away from the formation. Otherwise, what awaited them would be nothing more than battle and more battles.

She was not Peter who would like such tough battle.

"In that case, let's wait for a while and find something else to do."

Chapter 328: "..."

Find something else to do?

Riya thought for a moment and then asked, "Do you know the direction to City B Base?"

"City B Base?" Samuel repeated and then turned to look at the street sign. Upon seeing that they were already in City B right now, he had just realized that they must have walked so far away.

However...

"I know the direction, but this is night time and they will not open the gate at this hour," Samuel replied.

City A Base had strict regulation. One of them was to close the gate after certain hour at night. This was because they had to make sure that the base would be fine if there were magic beasts suddenly attacking at night.

For safety reason, no one dared to open the gate at night.

Even the people who lived in the base was encouraged to stay at home when it was night time and not allowed to come out.

Anyway, there was no nightlife in City A Base.

Many kinds of entertainment places hadn't been built yet.

"I'll wait then," Riya replied and then took out some magic beasts blood and started to draw runes around the crack. This was a killing formation so that those magic beasts that tried to come out during this time would be killed.

To be honest, the battle between humans and these magic beasts were simply a never ending battle.

Because they wanted a place to live.

Samuel watched as Riya set up a formation quietly. He silently meditated to recover his mana.

Once Riya was done, she took Mo out again and then ordered him to go in the direction where City B Base is.

"Wait, are you planning to let me run there?" Samuel asked with his lips twitched. While his physical strength was indeed strong, it was not very comfortable to run in the middle of the night like this.

Looking at his watch, he could see that this was 2 AM in the morning.

It was really cold.

"You can find other transportation if you want to," Riya replied and blinked her eyes. "You're too heavy and Mo can't carry you."

Samuel: "... " Do you think I weighed 1 ton?

He looked at Riya speechlessly and shook his head. Even though his weight would increase slightly due to the accumulated energy as a magic warrior, but it would not exceed normal people's standard.

At most, the BMI calculation had to be adjusted slightly.

"Fine, I'll run. It's just a few kilometers." Samuel sighed in the end and then his eyes landed on Mo. His eyes narrowed. "How did Mo managed to reach late rank 2 in such a short period of time?"

"I give him the special magic core," Riya replied calmly.

The broken special magic core was still a special magic core anyway.

Samuel: "... " so prodigal?

From what he knew, a special magic core is a very important resources for magicians. While magic warrior could also use them, but it was not a necessity. Because if they were to take it, the amount of mana in their body would be too much and it might make it harder to control.

After all, the higher the rank of the special magic core, the more mana they would receive suddenly.

For magic warrior who was used to be lacking in mana....

It was a strange situation.

Of course, some magic warrior would still take it. Because this meant that they would be able to use various magic spell to add them in battle and didn't have to be so strict with themselves.

"What's the rank?"

"Rank 5 special magic core."

Samuel took a deep breath and suddenly felt pain in his heart. He felt that if he were to have these special magic core, he would hand it over to his friends so that they could reach rank 4 quickly.

After all, the large amount of mana from these special magic core would allow them to advance so quickly.

But after thinking about it for a moment, Samuel tossed the thoughts away.

That special magic core belonged to Riya.

So whatever she did with it, it was her right.

He had no right to interfere.

But it would not erase the fact that he did feel some pain when he thought about how valuable it would be for other humans.

Riya saw Samuel like this and was amused.

To be honest, she did feel the pain when she decided to hand over the special magic core to Mo. Because the special magic core was something that humans could absorb directly.

It seemed to be a waste to give it to Mo.

But that special magic core has been taken by other magic beasts before and the mana was stained.

Even if Riya were to use it, she would have to purify it for a long time.

For Riya, it would be too time consuming.

Rather than doing that, she better handed it over to Mo so that this white tiger could grow stronger faster.

"So Mo should be able to reach rank 3 soon," Samuel calculated according to the energy contained within the special magic core.

"Yes." Riya nodded. "If he's lucky, he can reach early rank 4, but if he's not lucky, peak rank 3 is already good enough."

The difference between rank 3 and rank 4 was really big.

So it would be hard to directly leap to rank 4 from rank 2 even with the help of a rank 5 special magic core. Well, half rank 5 since some part of the energy within that special magic core was lost before.

"I see." Samuel nodded.

"Let's go now."

Drap! Drap! Drap!

Mo started to gallop towards City B Base with Riya riding on top of him.

Samuel saw this and shook his head. He could only exert his strength and rushed forward to follow along.

The two of them didn't really communicated on the way as they were busy recovering their mana. The battle before had basically exhausted their mana.

Chapter 329: Demonic Magician's History

City B Base was different from City A Base.

At the very least, the size alone was very different.

If City A Base kept on expanding and seemed to increase in size every day, City B Base's size was only around the size of two stadiums... this was mostly because their inner area is indeed the stadium and then there was another wall erected around it.

This could be said to be putting a good use of the stadium.

As for how the construction inside was, they didn't know.

Riya and Samuel both stopped some distance away from City B Base and selected a relatively intact building to stay for the night. There were still a few more hours before morning and for these two people who had reached rank 5, they just needed to meditate and recover their mana.

As for sleeping?

They didn't really need it.

At this point, meditating can completely replace sleeping. And the effect from meditating was actually better than sleeping because it could make them feel much better after they woke up in the morning.

Riya didn't meditate all the time because her consciousness entered her world.

Since Samuel is nearby, she could not blatantly enter her world.

"These rank 4 magic beasts came at the right time."

Riya smiled happily when she saw the few corpses of rank 4 magic beasts. She has been thinking about finding some rank 4 magic beasts and then they came knocking on her door.

She would naturally not be polite.

But still, if there were more higher ranked magic beasts, it was estimated that humans would not be able to survive for a long time.

Because the strength was not proportional.

Riya shook her head and stopped thinking about it. The few things that she sell to the officials also needed time to be fully implemented. During this period of time, it would be better for her to focus on other things.

For example...

Refining the blood essence of these magic beasts.

To be honest, the practice of using blood essence came from these demonic magicians. Riya had looked at the forum and saw some things posted from the Alden Family, promoting their family's method.

Dina Alden herself rarely appeared in the videos but whenever she did, it would be earth shattering news.

It could be said that City J was able to sustain itself, Dina Alden played a big role in it.

The demonic magicians could be said to be a special profession in that world.

Because this consisted of magicians who originally had low talent but wanted to defy fate and reached the peak. For magicians with low talent, they have been told from the very beginning that they would never go far in this path.

But how could people be willing to accept it?

No matter how low the talent is, as long as they still have some talent, they would definitely try their best to grasp it.

Unfortunately, the shackle of talent made it difficult for those without talent to go further down this road.

And some magicians were unwilling.

So they created a path... a bloody path where they seized other people's blood essence in order to strengthen themselves. It was said that magician's talent could be raised in this way and through the blood essence of other magician, they could steal their lifelong cultivation.

This magician started slowly but surely.

Killing the other magicians around him and slowly rise up and expanded his target to others.

Riya didn't know the details for sure because this magician was born in the ancient time. He or she had extremely low talent but didn't want to give up. But facing the situation where many other magicians were rising quickly while he or she could only be lagging behind...

Extreme unwillingness was born in his or her heart.

And what followed was the birth of this method.

It could be said that this person should be very smart because based on the record, his act of killing other magicians were not found until it was too late.

He had reached extremely high rank and carved a bloody path for himself.

And this path was named as Demonic magician.

The main reason why it was special was because the magic they use was a bit different from normal magicians. While they could use some low ranked magic that normal magicians could use, but they could not use the higher ranked magic after rank 4.

Because the mana is not enough.

Yes, demonic magicians have fewer mana.

Instead, they replaced it with what they called as 'blood energy.'

It was the energy that they gained from absorbing the blood essence of countless other magicians.

Once this path was formed and spread...

It caused a bloody storm.

The act of killing people became the norm and chaos descended all over the world. For the sake of getting stronger, it has become normal for them to kill their friends and comrades.

For a hundred years, chaos descended everywhere.

Until many people came to oppose this method and created series of methods that could prevent these demonic magicians.

Every path has their own ways.

Riya didn't know exactly about other profession, but the rune master who had reached rank 4... would never be able to have their blood essence taken. Because the runes they carved when they advanced to rank 4 would prevent it.

If their blood essence was about to be taken out, the heart would be destroyed and the opponent would also be cursed by countless formations.

The backlash was so strong that the demonic magicians avoided rune masters after only 10 years since the announcement.

Because they knew that attacking rune master and trying to take their blood essence was the same as seeking death. Who knows what kind of formation that these rune master would set up in their heart that would trigger upon their death...

Just thinking about it made many people's scalp numb.

Riya herself had some restriction in her heart, but she would never tell these things to anyone.

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Because these could be considered her final trump card.

Once it was used, it meant that she will die.

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Back to the topic.

The Demonic magician was established and it could not be eradicated. After all, the number of people with low magic talent was much higher compared to those with high magic talent.

And these people who didn't want to stop at low rank could only turn their head towards the Demonic magician's path.

Or they have to become magic warrior.

But the second one could only happen if they have higher talent to become one or it would have been useless.

Riya herself knew that when she found out that her magic element percentage was equal, she was also shaken. Because she knew very well that it would block her future path greatly as it was impossible for her to improve all elements at the same time.

Resources would not be enough.

And she was nothing more than an ordinary person.

There were also many others who took the test at the same time as her in that world decided to become demonic magician.

Because they knew very well that if they couldn't become a magician, becoming a Demonic magician was also another path that they could take. But this was a bloody and dangerous path.

The various measures against the demonic magician was made by people from various other professions.

There were even some magic tools to protect one's heart and would destroy it when someone tried to take their blood essence.

In this way... the demonic magician's path became extremely difficult.

After all, no one would be willing to become nourishment of other people's magic. They also wanted to become powerful.

The end result is very simple.

These demonic magicians would target each other.

They have to be careful in case their comrade would stab them on the back. Because no one knew when their 'good brother' would suddenly turn their face because they wanted their blood essence.

It could be said that the demonic magician truly walked a bloody path.

Thankfully, their ancestor, the magician who started this path for the first time, created technique to refine the blood essence from animals. This would allow these demonic magicians to grow stronger through hunting magic beasts instead of going after other magicians.

This way, these demonic magicians were split into two.

One of them would only hunt other magicians while the other one would hunt magic beasts to take their blood essence.

To be honest, taking other magician's blood essence sounded better. Because they didn't need a long time to refine as the magic beasts' blood essence was not exactly suitable for them to absorb directly and had to be purified first. This definitely takes much longer.

However, many people still picked the magic beasts' path.

The main reason was because the founder of this path eventually died because of mental illness.

Riya didn't know the specific details because it was covered up in that world. What she knew was that taking blood essence from other magicians were not that easy. There would still be remnants of thoughts from these magicians when they were alive that was absorbed into his body.

Through years of accumulation, it made the demonic magician unable to think clearly.

In the end, he became a fool and unable to escape from his inner world.

It was terrifying.

In history alone, Riya had heard that many demonic magician eventually never woke up again after falling asleep. Because their mind was trapped by the cage they made by themselves unconsciously.

That was more or less the history of these demonic magicians.

And the method to refine the blood essence from animal was basically a public information that everyone knew. This was another method for these demonic magicians to recruit people to join their path...

As for who spread this news...

It was naturally those demonic magician who wanted to take other magician's blood essence.

Riya had learned this method.

But she never absorbed the blood essence of these animals. Instead, she was using these blood essence to make formation. Because the mana contained within the blood essence of these magic beasts could be used to make formation at the rank higher than these magic beasts' blood itself.

For the poor Riya... this was a very good thing.

She could hunt some lower ranked magic beasts and then refine the blood essence to make higher ranked formation.

Otherwise, it would be difficult for her when she had just reached rank 7 to hunt other rank 7 magic beasts.

Those magic beasts were much more powerful and smarter at that rank.

And Riya's strength mostly came from these formations...

So she could only refine the rank 6 magic beasts' blood essence to make a few rank 7 formation plate and then killed countless rank 7 magic beasts to get their blood and so on.

It was very tiring.

Yet at the same time, it was also fulfilling.

Riya smiled when she thought about those days and then focused her attention to refine the blood essence from these rank 4 magic beasts.

Thankfully, the refining process didn't take a long time.

Just one hour.

Riya refined all the blood and only obtained one bottle of blood essence from these rank 4 magic beasts.

Yes, it was not much.

But this would be enough to make 3 rank 5 formation as long as she used it sparingly.

Riya sighed as she rubbed the bottle in her mind.

Rune master's path is really a path of a miser...

She had to figure out a way to earn more money later.

After all, she had used up a few rank 4 formation plate in order to protect herself not long ago.

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A rune master needed a lot of accumulation.

Otherwise, they would just be a weak magician.

And all of these required a lot of resources... resources that Riya had to fight by herself because there were not many people who could obtain it.