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Chapter 331: Deal

'Should I figure out a way to increase human's overall strength?'

Riya felt that if she wanted to be able to get more beneficial resources from the officials and the others, then they have to reach higher rank first.

Otherwise, she could only trade for some magic beasts' corpses and some magic cores.

While these were quite useful so far, but Riya also knew that the value of the lower ranked magic beasts' corpse and the lower ranked magic cores would become lower and lower in her eyes.

In other words, she wouldn't have much use of them anymore.

With her making better formation and so on, was there any need for her to use these things anymore?

It seemed to be useless.

Aside from making some things from lower ranked materials to sell or to give it to her friends, there was no other use for Riya.

But after thinking for a while, Riya chose to forget about it.

The situation in City A and City B should be abnormal simply because of her intervention when she took these special magic core. In a way, she did need to help them a bit.

It seemed that she would take her time to clean up these magic beasts in the crack from time to time around this area.

Naturally, after the formation stopped.

After thinking about this, Riya opened her eyes and saw Samuel was already done and walking around the area. Through her perception, she couldn't sense any magic beasts around them.

"It's quiet," Riya said.

"There are also military in City B Base," Samuel replied. "They participated in the magic beasts' corpse trade some time ago and I think you should have seen their situation."

Riya nodded.

There were a lot of magic beasts' corpses sent from City B Base, much more than other cities. Even though Riya had already come here in the past, the magic beast who took the special magic core should have accidentally triggered the formation.

This caused many magic beasts to be pulled forward.

And this might attract those higher ranked magic beasts that lived deeper in the crack.

"They have more magic beasts' corpses and their ranks are also higher." Riya thought about it and asked, "Do you think that there will be more higher ranked magic warrior in City B Base?"

With better resources, people would be able to advance faster.

Anyway, the training method was also available and could be assessed at any time.

"I doubt it." Samuel looked at the base in front of him. "They might have received help from others and have to divide the resources."

Rank 2 magic beasts couldn't be killed so easily.

Riya nodded when she heard that. "You're right. Let's go inside."

After that, Riya waved her hand and a big bag appeared behind her. This made her look like ordinary person who was roaming around and planned to take refuge.

But if one were to pay close attention, they would think that Riya's appearance was a bit strange. She was a bit too clean for a refugee. After all, Riya had no plan to make herself look dirty just to pretend.

It was unnecessary.

"Mo, go back."

roar!

With Mo being sent back, Samuel looked at Riya's appearance and understood why she did this. He thought for a moment and also took out a bag from his space storage scroll, a military bag.

"You bought supplies too?" Riya asked in surprise.

"I carried several space storage scrolls with me," Samuel replied and then added, "If you have a rank 2 space storage scroll, I would like to trade with you."

Rank 2 space storage scroll?

Riya thought about the paper project that she was doing in her space... it was not done yet and aside from the paper, she could only use jade and those bones.

After thinking for a moment, Riya took out a relatively thin bone around the size of a palm and then handed it over to Samuel.

"This is a rank 2 space storage scroll, the appearance might not be what you think, but I don't have any other materials," Riya said as she handed it over to him. "In exchange, help me to make weapon parts."

After trying to make it herself, the result was not very good. This made Riya realized that her abilities were limited.

But when she saw those blueprints, she knew that they were made of several parts and as long as she knew how to assemble it, she could still make the gun. Of course, before she assembled it, she would have to add some runes.

Samuel arched his eyebrows and he smiled brightly. "How many do you want?"

"1000 sets for this handgun," Riya replied as she pointed to the space storage scroll and showed the one she wanted to make. "It should be enough to replace it?"

1000 sets...

Samuel looked at the gun that Riya wanted to make and knew that it was just a normal handgun, which was not that hard to make. The factory has been rebuilt by his father but it would still take some time to be able to produce the complete set of a weapon's part.

However, there should be still some time.

"It'll take a month or maybe a bit more to make that much, can I reduce it to 500 sets for every rank 2 space storage scroll?" Samuel asked. "As you know, the materials are not that easy to find in the current situation."

"...You can use those metal element magic warrior to create metal with their mana." Riya rolled her eyes, but she still thought about it and said, "700 for this one. If I want to make a sniper rifle, then it's 400 sets for every rank 2 space storage scrolls."

Samuel smiled brightly and said, "Deal."

For him, it was not that hard to make these. But it would definitely take time to collect all the necessary resources they needed because of the earthquake. Thankfully there were also metal element magic warrior who could make metal.

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But the metal's concentration these people made usually needed to be tempered first.

After all, the structure was sometimes a bit...

Samuel sighed when he thought about it.

The two of them stopped talking about this after reaching a deal and the one rank 2 space storage scroll was taken by Samuel as an advance payment. Anyway, Riya didn't really need that much of these weapon's sets and the first batch was most likely to be scrapped by her experiments.

The waste materials could be handed over to Samuel for reprocessing later.

Hmm, this seemed to be a good idea.

Riya finished the thoughts in her mind and sighed deeply. She had the feeling that she had somehow become supplier to a businessman one way or another.

Not that it was bad, though.

The two of them stood in front of City B Base and lined up.

There were also some other people who had arrived and started lining up. Aside from that, there were also many people who camped outside City B Base.

To be honest, the situation where people camped outside the base was common.

There were also some people like this outside City A Base back then.

But they quickly escaped during the time when the magic beast' tide happened and hid in various places. After all, to enter the base, they have to register themselves and so on. When the magic beasts rushed in, there were still some people lining up and they were temporarily put inside.

Afterwards, they would be registered one by one.

City A Base's outer area could accommodate enough people.

But there were still some people who could only stay in tents because the lack of accommodation houses.

City B Base was different.

Their base was smaller and it seemed that they didn't have enough manpower and materials to build better wall to protect the people inside. Looking at the current situation of these people, Riya had the feeling that they were all unable to support so many people.

These people needed food to eat, place to stay, and many others.

It would not be easy to let so many people live so comfortably in City B Base. Moreover, the safety of these people when they were staying in City B Base was also a part for consideration.

There was no way they would let these people inside if they couldn't even protect them.

It would be a waste of time.

"So many refugee," Riya commented.

Last night, she didn't pay much attention. But right now, she could see that City B Base should not be in a good situation. There were more people than what she thought and none of them were living well.

"This is a normal situation," Samuel said quietly. He could also tell that the current situation in City B Base was not very good. "Because there are not many powerful people and not enough resources, they could only help limited number of people."

To be honest, if it was not because of him and his father, it was estimated that City A Base would not be any better.

Because he understood very well that the amount of resources were very limited.

Without enough resources who would dare to let so many refugee come in?

He dared to do it because he's strong and there was more than enough resources in City A Base. Coupled with the land reclamation that he did, it was estimated that there would be more food produced in a few months' time.

With Riya's formation, the food could also be produced faster and it contained mana that was good for their body.

At that time, the food that came from before the earthquake happened would be worthless.

But it was only for him.

Because in many area, the food was still very valuable with many people aiming for it.

"That should be their way of replenishing their supplies for the time being." Riya pointed to the front.

She could see that these people handed some supplies to the guards who were guarding the base if they wanted to enter. This should be the methods to make sure that the base could still support these people.

But at the same time, this would limit the number of people who entered the base.

Of course, the base would also collect food by themselves. After all, there was military who worked for them and would help to collect enough resources.

"Yes." Samuel nodded and then smiled faintly. "Why? Do you think that it's not fair for them to do this?"

"No." Riya shook her head. "They needed to survive and the base is also a kind of protection against these magic beasts. Without these bases, there's no way that many of them could survive when these magic beasts arrived."

This was something that Riya knew very well.

With the increase of strength of these magic beasts, it would be harder and harder to kill these magic beasts.

Unless they have some strength themselves, they would have to rely on the bases to protect them. And this was what most ordinary people have to do.

Only a small number of people dared to live by themselves because they have the ability to do so.

"City A Base should also collect supplies but because we have enough, we changed the method early on," Samuel said slowly. "They can enter the base and stay for free after registering and verification. But afterwards, they would have to work if they wanted anything."

It could be said that City A Base was already very kind.

They would not give everything for free.

For those who dared to make trouble in City A Base, they would have long been kicked out of the base.

The people and the soldiers in City A Base was strong enough to do this.

It was also because of this that City A Base seemed to be no different from how cities before earthquake operated.

But this was nothing more than illusion.

Illusion brought by strength.

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Without some requirement, there would be no way for City A Base to do this.

And City B Base in front of them was already the best example.

Riya could tell very clearly that City B Base's leaders should want a peaceful place where the citizen lived in orderly manner.

But how could it be possible?

When there's no law to restrain them, all these people could think was how to survive. So what they needed was enough strength to protect themselves and also to maintain the order in the base.

In this way, the requirement to prepare supplies before entering the base was born.

Because in this way, it would prevent the base from overcrowding and it would also prevent these people from coming in to make trouble.

Because when they wanted to enter, they have to pay supplies.

These supplies would never be returned.

If they made trouble but didn't manage to grab supplies, doesn't it mean that their previous supplies were gone?

In the current era, every piece of supply was very important and no one would be willing to squander it. Besides, how many people could be faster than the speed of bullet?

These soldiers would not hesitate to shoot them if they made trouble.

At this moment, those who dared to make trouble and attack the soldiers would have to be prepared to be suppressed heavily by the soldiers because they would not let any troublemaker off easily.

"Every base has its own way to deal with the situation. At the very least, they're doing the same thing in the essence," Riya said quietly.

Doing the same thing in the essence?

Samuel's lips curled up slightly and he nodded. "Indeed, that's true."

Looking at the people who stay honestly outside with their shabby tents, Riya sighed deeply. Even when she saw the destroyed city in City A and some random roaming people, she never thought too much.

But at this moment...

Riya felt deeply that this was truly the end of the world, a brand new time had arrived and people were forced to adapt to this time. If they couldn't adapt in time, what awaited them would be nothing more than death.

It was that simple.

But it was also because of this that Riya felt somewhat sad.

'Why did they have to come?'

Without these magic beasts coming out to the surface of the Green Planet, then they would not have to face such a thing at all. She could still live a comfortable life as the ordinary person and used magic secretly to make her life better.

There was no worry for food and drink.

She would train quietly.

But now, she had to fight against these magic beasts and to grow stronger, she took some risks on her own.

Riya took a deep breath.

It was indeed sad to see these things.

But this was now their reality, their world, and there was nothing that she could do to help everyone.

Can the supplies in her hand feed millions or billions of people who were still alive in the entire Green Planet?

No, it can't.

Forget about transportation to such a large distance, she could not even help in the areas outside City A so easily.

Unless she wanted to wander around.

But Riya didn't want to.

She feel some sympathy and sadness for these people, but she could not sacrifice her own pursuit to help them. If they were in front of her eyes, she might be able to do some things to help them... but if they were too far away, then there would be nothing that she could do.

Samuel stood beside Riya, waiting patiently for the line to move.

They were not that far from the front and it should only take a few minutes.

And during this time, he could sense the faint mana fluctuation from Riya beside him. For someone at Riya's rank, it was rare for her to let her mana fluctuate without hiding it.

But he could guess that it should be related to emotions.

Because another method for their mana to fluctuate without using magic spell was when their emotion was agitated.

He looked around.

There were many people who were living with difficulties around. They were struggling to even get a sip of water and now lie on the ground, waiting for their death. Some of them dragged their tired body to go out and collect some supplies in the ruins.

Everyone was doing their best to survive through their own way.

But it was indeed very hard.

"Do you want to help?" Samuel asked in a low voice.

Riya raised her head and looked at Samuel. Seeing his calm gaze, she knew that he was not perturbed in the slightest bit.

She knew that it was useless to care so much about everyone around her.

But it was inevitable that she felt a bit bad when she looked at them.

Because they truly looked miserable.

"No." Riya shook her head.

She couldn't help all of them.

Even if she gave them some food to let them survive for the day, how about tomorrow and the next day?

Can she provide them with food every single day?

It's impossible.

And after she gave them food, would they be able to consume these supplies on their own?

There would be many other people coveting their resources.

Because even if these resources were nothing in Riya's eyes, they were very precious for these people.

She might have kindness in her heart, but she would not do unnecessary things needlessly. Especially not in the current situation.

"Next."

The sound of the guard woke Riya up from her thoughts and she looked at the man. "How much resources?"

"Temporary card can let you stay for five days cost 2 kg of grains and permanent card needs 10 kg of grains for two people," the guard replied without hesitation.

5 kg of grains?

Riya blinked her eyes and felt that it was not that much.

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Then again, Riya has so much resources in her space.

But for a family, they would usually only keep a few kilograms of rice in their home. After all, one person would not eat 1 kg of rice every day unless he's a big man who ate a lot. So this amount was actually still quite affordable for them.

As long as they still have enough resources, they could go into the base.

But Riya also knew that the earthquake should have destroyed some places and also consumed the resources that some people had in their hands.

Even if they wanted to take out the resources to live in the base, they couldn't do it.

It has only been two months or so since the earthquake first happened but many people were already on the verge of death...

It was really miserable.

"Ok."

Riya took out two bags of rice from her bag and said, "Temporary pass for two people."

The main reason for getting the temporary pass was because it didn't really need to register their name. It was just that their temporary pass had the date written about how long it could be used.

If they wanted to go in after coming out, they had to show their temporary pass.

But if they were to get the permanent pass, they would have to register their name and bound an account to themselves.

For Riya and Samuel, it was unnecessary.

This was very different from City A Base that basically wouldn't let unknown people entering. City B Base was freer but it would cost them quite a lot of resources.

After all, if people were to hear the price of these two passes, they would want to trade for the permanent one without hesitation.

The temporary pass was really a scam.

But for a visitor like Samuel and Riya, the temporary pass would be better.

"Yes."

After getting the two cards, Riya handed one of them to Samuel.

Seeing Riya's operation, Samuel arched his eyebrows and then asked, "Want me to eat soft rice?"

"Considering that you have been using my ability for your work, it's not an exaggeration to say that you have done it for a while, isn't it?" Riya teased back.

Samuel nearly choked when he heard Riya's words.

Because it was true.

In the past few days, he kept on coming to Riya to ask for help about some matters related to the base. After all, even Samuel had to admit that these rune masters' methods were simply the best to deal with the problem in front of them.

Him?

He only know how to fight.

So Samuel could only look at Riya helplessly while she waved her hand in good mood as she walked around.

It was rare to be able to see such helpless expression on Samuel's face.

"Do you even bring rice or perhaps flour?"

"No."

Samuel looked at his space and had to shake his head. Even though he did prepare some food for himself in his space, most of them were the cooked rice and then the rest were the dishes and even dried meat.

After all, time would stop in this space storage scroll and there would not be any problem to put any kind of supplies inside.

It would not turn bad.

Why should he brought raw rice when he wanted to go to the frontline?

He was not trying to move his place but to fight!

Who had time to cook?

Anyway, Samuel's cooking skill was not very good and he didn't really expect himself to be able to cook anything well.

"It's nothing much to pay for 1 kg of rice," Riya replied.

She has too much of this in her space anyway.

Samuel could only nod helplessly.

Afterwards, Riya looked around and looked at the few buildings that was built crookedly in confusion. Would anyone dare to live in these buildings.

"I think that they need better designer..." Even Samuel was stunned when he saw the crooked building that was about to fall in front of him. He couldn't think why the base would build such a poor building here.

The two of them saw a group of people walking out of the building, clearly not affected by the situation of the poor building.

The others also didn't pass a glance to the building.

Clearly, it was a common occurrence.

While Riya was confused, she continued walking and then... she wanted to go back directly.

Because all the buildings in City B Base was crooked!

If it was not tilted to the right, it would be tilted to the back. There was even one that had lost its roof and they could still see people who were crowded sleeping there without being afraid of falling down.

It was outrageous.

"This..." Samuel looked at this scene and was speechless.

At this moment, he suddenly wanted to use his real identity to go and check the military. This place looked like it was in great state of disrepair.

This is the base?

It would not be an exaggeration to call it a ruin.

At this moment, both of them felt that it might be better for these people to stay outside rather than staying here.

They continued to walk until they reached the entrance of the stadium... I mean, the entrance to the inner side of the base. There were several guards guarding there and looking at their appearance, Riya turned to look at Samuel.

"Since when did the Martial Arts Association has such a good relationship with the Magic Association?"

Yes, the dress of these guards came from the military, which was normal, and then there were also people from the other two association.

Samuel was stunned too.

"I guess... they have better relationship in other bases?" Samuel said with a frown.

In City A Base, it was impossible for the people from the Martial Arts Association to cooperate together with the Magic Association. He himself would not let those people from the Magic Association enter the base if it was not for the beast tide not long ago.

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Afterwards, seeing that these magicians from the Magic Association worked very well to repel the magic beasts, Samuel chose to ignore their presence.

His father was the one responsible to communicate with them.

As for what deal his father came to them, Samuel didn't know.

And he himself didn't care that much.

As much as he wanted to deal with Murin, Samuel could also see that these magicians from the Magic Association were still quite powerful to a certain degree. At the very least, the few at the top has some ability.

As for those at the bottom...

Well, the scene of them using magic was still haunting in many people's memory.

Even though so, Samuel didn't want to have much conflict with these people from the magic association for the time being. They have done well during the magic beasts' tide some time ago.

Aside from the fact that these magicians from the Magic Association basically hurt their friends 800 and hurt their enemies 1000 from their methods, there were nothing wrong.

But Samuel was not willing to cooperate in mission together with these magicians from the Magic Association.

At most, allow them to go to City A Base occasionally.

"They have some strength to deal with the magic beasts and for most people, they should be useful," Riya said as she looked at these magicians from the Magic Association who were standing as guards.

As for the reason why she knew they were magicians from the Magic Association, it has something to do with their attire.

No one else would wear such exaggerated robe in such a hot day.

Many people would rather wear a big hat and wear as little as possible so that they would not be scorched to death.

And these magicians from the Magic Association were all wearing robe.

Well, thankfully it was not so exaggerated.

Otherwise, Riya felt that they would hurt people's eyes more than hurting their enemies in that way.

"Maybe."

Samuel walked to the front, intending to talk with these guards. He wanted to know the situation in the inner area.

However, before he could go there, another person had already walked and was stopped by these guards. The people from the two associations seemed to work as the guards here too.

"Stop!"

"Can't I enter the stadium?" The man asked in confusion.

Everyone who entered City B Base could naturally see the big stadium behind them. The inside has been modified to be able to accommodate a lot of people, but there was still a limit to how many people could enter at the same time.

"This is the inner area. Only people who have permanent resident and have made a lot of contribution to the base could enter," the guard said sternly.

"How much?"

"It's..."

The guard raised his hand, which showed five and the man's eyes widened.

"500 contribution points?"

"No, it's 5000."

"You're ripping off people #\$\$%^&*(!"

Hearing the shouts and so on, Riya shook her head. The so called contribution point was something that was commonly used in these bases. In order to keep the economy operating, they needed to secure some kind of currency that could be used in their city.

As for using it nationwide...

That would have to wait until the situations stabilize.

Right now, it would be better for these bases to have localized power and controlled the people around the base.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to make the base.

Things might change in the future, though.

"It seems we can't enter without paying enough," Samuel said as he looked at Riya beside him as if asking, 'Do you want to enter the inner area?'

Riya looked at Samuel for a moment and then shook her head. "It doesn't matter and it's not that important. It's impossible for an important place to be entered at will. But the management in City B Base is actually quite lax."

Because in City A Base, people could not enter the inner area without being screened first. Having enough contribution points alone was simply not enough and Samuel didn't want to risk the lives of the people who lives in the inner area, which was the villa areas.

They have already expanded twice and even the first outer area around the inner area had started to be reorganized.

But City B Base directly let people enter after paying enough contribution points.

This...

Riya could only think that this base was severely lacking in money.

They kept on asking for resources left and right.

"Let's walk around and see if there's any trade area," Riya suggested. One of the reasons why she came here was to dump those excess resources that she has. But she would not be giving them for free.

The trade area should be a good place.

"Black market?" Samuel said and then continued to walk.

The size of City B Base was not that big. It wouldn't take long for them to completely circle over the entire area. And if there was any trade place or anything like that, it should be placed in outer area.

Sure enough, they found a big open area where people were basically selling items along the street.

These people were putting the items they wanted to sell close to them.

Seeing their appearance like this, Riya looked at the guards who was standing at the side leisurely and her eyes narrowed.

The atmosphere is wrong.

This trade area...

"This is unprotected trade area," Samuel said in a low voice when he noticed how these people put the things they wanted to sell. Even though most of them were trashes in his eyes, but it could be useful for some other people.

Riya nodded.

She could see that.

It seemed that City B Base didn't care too much about the refugee and only cared about the supplies they could get.

If these people wanted to get some supplies, they had to work hard by themselves.

sigh

It was really not easy.

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After sighing, Riya started to look around.

She saw that these people were really putting anything they thought valuable. From broken furniture to stones, they were all there.

As for the valuable items, there were also some jewelries and so on.

But Riya was not interested in gold.

She couldn't use them for anything. And aside from looking beautiful, they were practically a bit useless in this era.

Unless she was some electrical engineer who could make the chip because there were some parts that used gold... but those things usually required precise machine to make and not exactly handmade.

Tossing the thoughts away, Riya continued her stroll.

There were many items there and then her eyes landed on a few jade that some people try to sell.

"How much is it for the jade?" Riya asked.

She still has some jade in her world, but it would not do her any harm to get a few more.

The man raised his head when he heard Riya's question and quickly said, "This, give me a bag of rice?"

A bag of rice?

Riya was stunned when she heard this request and could clearly feel how worthless these things have become. For most people here, what they needed the most was to survive.

Only after their lives were better would it be possible for them to think about getting stronger and everything.

Riya sighed and nodded.

"I'll give you one bag for every jade you have."

The man beamed when he heard that and quickly collected the jades in front of him. There were five in total and Riya took out five kilograms of rice from her bag. Anyway, one bag is one kilogram for her.

When the man saw the large number of rice, he bowed, took it and then ran away after grabbing the rest of his things.

Seeing this, Riya looked at the side and saw that some people were looking in their direction too. It seemed that they have been targeted by these people.

"I think they're interested in my bag." Riya looked at the bag behind her and shook her head.

There was actually nothing much in her bag since she only took it out as a cover. Otherwise, she couldn't explain how she managed to get so much food out.

"Indeed." Samuel looked at these guards with cold look. "The security system in City B Base is still very lacking."

More than lacking, there was basically non-existent.

If it was not a battle against those magic beasts outside, it was estimated that these guards would never make a move to help them in the slightest bit.

Riya pursed her lips and stopped caring about it.

There was truly no need for her to care so much.

She couldn't really do anything here.

City B Base needed a complete management and it was these people who lived here who had to take care of it. Otherwise, it would be impossible for City B Base to last for long.

There were too many magic beasts outside and the people were not united.

How could they expect themselves able to handle this matter well?

Riya shook her head.

The two of them continued walking and Riya stopped in another stall to buy the jade there. These jades were really good and in normal times, it couldn't be bought without spending millions of Green Coins.

But now, these things were only worth a few bags of rice.

Sometimes, it felt a bit sad how things changed so quickly and how the world turned like this.

Riya took the jade and continued her walk.

"How many jade do you need?" Samuel asked. If he was not wrong, he had already traded quite a lot of jade to Riya in the past as part of their trade agreement.

"As many as possible," Riya replied calmly. "I need these jades to make formation plate since there are not many good materials to make one. Aside from these, some magic beasts' bones can be used but it's not very convenient."

She had to process these magic beasts' bones for a long time before she could use them.

And these magic beasts' bones were not as good at conducting mana as many other materials. If it was not because of the lack of materials, Riya would never set her eyes on their bones.

Too time consuming!

Now that there was a chance for her to get some jade for her formation plate, Riya would rather choose this one. Anyway, there were some jade in her space too and as long as she process them, these would be good materials to make formation plate.

"I see." Samuel nodded.

He didn't understand much about how to make formation plate or so on. But he knew that Riya needed these jade.

'Should I trade some with the officials too?'

Samuel felt that he could make some trade with the officials and then handed it over to Riya. After all, the number of jade in his place has decreased after he came to an agreement with Riya to trade the jade with those talisman.

But after a moment, Samuel knew that it would be impossible for him to take advantage of them.

Because Peter should also know the importance of these jades for rune master.

It seemed that he had to put this plan on hold and see the attitude of these officials about it. Probing a bit should be fine~.

Afterwards, Riya came to another stall that sold jade.

But before she could make a quotation like before, someone yelled from behind, "You're not allowed to trade here without paying tax!"

Turning her head, Riya saw a young man followed by several bodyguards behind him. From his appearance and the guards around him, it was clear that he should have status in this base.

Presumably, his parents had high position here.

Riya narrowed her eyes.

These kinds of people were the most annoying.

Moreover, the world had already turned like this with scarce resources and some people were still wasting their time playing truant?

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Riya truly couldn't understand what was in the mind of these people.

The world had already changed and they were still thinking about using their 'power' to make trouble from time to time.

The man who was guarding the stall looked pale. "Young Master Josh, I have already paid the guards to trade here."

"Not you, but the buyer." The man raised his chin and looked at Riya and Samuel in front of him. The guards reported to him that there were two people who seemed to have carried a lot of food into the city.

If he didn't hurry, these two people might trade the entire food with these people and at that time, he would not be able to take advantage at all.

"Buying food has to pay the guards too?" Riya asked with her eyebrows arched. While she did hear that people have to pay taxes for what they bought, but the price of the things they bought was usually has included the taxes. There was no need for them to pay taxes separately anymore.

Samuel looked at the Young Master Josh in front of him and his mind turned around. It seemed that this Young Master Josh should be the descendants of a leader in City B and he specialized in taking advantage of the situation.

"Yes." Young Master Josh nodded. "You have to pay some price to the guards aside from the payment you give to the seller."

Riya looked at Young Master Josh calmly and asked, "How much?"

"50%."

50%?

Not only Riya and Samuel who were surprised, the seller was also anxious when he heard this. Because he had been selling these things for a long time and no one came to him to trade.

He wanted food but these people didn't dare to come to him for it.

Even if he didn't ask for a high price, but it was still too much for most of the people who were suffering from lack of food and so on.

"Young Master Josh, isn't it too much?" The man asked with desperation. This was the first customer who dared to stop in front of his stalls. And from the way it looked like, Riya and Samuel has stopped in several stalls that sold jade before.

As long as his jades were good enough in the eyes of Riya and Samuel, he could get some food.

For him, these two people were basically the hope for him to eat full meal after a long time.

"I'm the one who arranged for the rules here." Young Master Josh raised his chin and sneered. "Do you think that you can trade if you don't follow the rules I set?"

Riya looked at Young Master Josh and the few guards beside him calmly. If they set the taxes normally like 5 to 10 percents, Riya was still more willing to listen to them. After all, it seemed like a normal quotation for taxes even before the world changed.

She didn't have any interest to have conflict with anyone wherever she went.

But 50%...

Does he think she's stupid?

During the time when food are scarce and Riya was basically trading for things that looked useless for most people but useful for herself, the quotation she gave out has always been quite high. After all, Riya knew that these things were very valuable and the food in her world was not that useful for her.

But it didn't mean that Riya was willing to be taken advantaged of by others.

"What if I don't want to follow the rules?"

"Then you can try." Young Master Josh sneered and took out his gun, flashing it as if he was showing off.

Continent Z did restrict the ownership and usage of guns before for safety reason but many people could still obtain it through one way or another. But even I they have guns before, no one dared to flash it openly and blatantly or they would be invited to have a tea in the police station.

But now that the order has turned lax for various reasons... these people had become more and more arrogant.

Riya shook her head and then looked at the seller. "How much do you want for these jades?"

"This..." The seller looked at Young Master Josh from the corner of his eyes and felt a bit hesitant. He didn't know whether he should answer or not.

"Just ignore him," Samuel added.

Even though these bullets were a bit troublesome, but they were nothing much in front of him and Riya. The two of them were rank 4 magic warriors and bullets couldn't harm them anymore.

At most, it would feel a bit itchy.

Their body's defense was more than enough to ignore the bullets' firepower.

The seller saw these two people's calm expression and gritted his teeth. He answered, "One bag of rice or the equivalent. I just want something to eat."

Riya nodded, not surprised by the seller's request.

There were not many jade that she could use from this stall, so Riya quickly selected a few good jade that she would be able to use.

"Don't think that I'm joking around here!" Young Master Josh was angry when he saw their actions. He felt that this group of people were looking down on him so much.

Samuel frowned and asked, "Do you want to deal with him or should I do it?"

"Well, I can deal with him easily," Riya replied as she picked five jades from the stalls. The rest were not good enough and Riya was not exactly here to do charity. Besides, giving too much to one person at one time might not be a good thing.

"This shall be all. I'll give you five bags for rice, is it ok?" Riya asked.

"Yes!" The seller was very happy when he heard Riya's offer. For him, five bags of rice meant that he would be able to eat well for several days.

Chapter 338: Troublemaker (2)

This was already a very good thing for him.

"You..." Young Master Josh was angry and raised the gun in his hand.

When the other sellers saw this, they were nervous and ready to duck below the table or whatever things that could block the bullet in front of them. This has happened a few times and they knew Young Master Josh's temper very well.

Those who didn't listen to him would be dealt right away and they could not hope for the guards to come and help them.

No one would help them get away from Young Master Josh.

"Don't let me repeat myself! You have to give it to me!" Young Master Josh's eyes were red when he saw Riya took out five bags of rice from her bag.

Each bag of rice only contain one kilogram of rice, but it was already quite a lot for the people in the current time.

Because one bag of rice meant that they could eat for the entire day.

Or if they didn't eat much, it could even last for two or three days.

Young Master Josh wanted the rice because he knew very well that if Riya were to give five bags to the seller, then she would have to give him two and a half bag of rice. Being able to get so much food without the need to do anything, isn't it simply the best?

"Here you go."

Riya still ignored Young Master Josh and put the five bags before taking the five jades. She motioned for the seller to go right away.

There were definitely going to be people who wanted to take these five bags of rice from him.

The seller was also quick witted and after getting the five bags of rice, he packed the rest of his belongs and bolted out at the fastest speed possible. Running to the alleys, the seller quickly shook off the few people who were going after his bags of rice.

"Now, hand over two, no three bags of rice for me!" Young Master Josh ordered while waving his gun up and down.

Samuel looked at Young Master Josh's performance and felt like watching a clown. He could see that Young Master Josh didn't even know how to use gun properly because that gun almost fell over from his hand.

If anything, he felt that Young Master Josh was only posturing.

Riya could also see that Young Master Josh didn't seem to be able to hold his gun well and turned around, ignoring him once more. She felt that it would be useless to talk with Young Master Josh.

"You... b*stard!"

Bang!

The gun was shot, but the bullet didn't hit the target.

It stopped midair when it was close to Riya and Samuel as if there was an invisible wall stopping the bullet.

The few people around looked at this scene and their eyes widened in disbelief.

"Magic... it's magic..." someone who had seen those magicians from the Magic Association using their magic before nearly shouted out loud.

The performance of Riya and Samuel clearly told them that these two people were not ordinary people.

Then again, what kind of ordinary people dared to walk around arrogantly?

Young Master Josh's face turned pale when he saw the bullets were stopped midair. He naturally knew about the magic spells from those magicians from the Magic Association and also the magic warriors from the Martial Arts Association.

"You... are you a magician?" Young Master Josh asked in trembling tone, nearly biting his own tongue.

Riya looked at Young Master Josh's performance and felt that he was really bad. "No, I'm not a mage."

She will never admit that she's a mage. Knowing how those magicians from the Magic Association chant their magic spells... Riya will never say that she's a mage.

Ever!

Samuel passed a look at Riya and didn't expose the other party. He knew very well that rune master is a branch from mages, but considering how the magician's images has been in this world because of magicians from the Magic Association's action, he could understand why Riya refused to admit that she's a mage.

Even Samuel didn't want to say that he knew those magicians from the Magic Association.

"You're lying!" Young Master Josh shouted in anger.

Lies?

"Anyway, stop waving that useless toy. It wouldn't be good if you harm others," Riya said calmly.

The bullets would not harm her in the slightest bit, but it couldn't be said the same for other people around them. Riya had no plans of involving these innocent people in her dispute with this annoying man.

Young Master Josh shook his head. "NO! No matter whether you're magic warrior or magicians like those magicians from the Magic Association, you have to follow the rules in City B!"

"Rules in City B?" Riya looked at Young Master Josh and sneered. "Try it, then."

Try it?

Young Master Josh was at loss by Riya's words and stood there stupidly. The few people who followed Young Master Josh wanted to face palm when they saw Young Master Josh's appearance.

It was clear that Riya and Samuel were not people whom Young Master Josh could afford to provoke.

But this man didn't seem to realize it and still stood there stupidly.

Riya and Samuel were not patient enough to wait until Young Master Josh answered. They continued walking and Riya looked at the other stalls around, trying to find jade as fast as possible.

"No... where did they go?" Young Master Josh came to his senses and saw that both Riya and Samuel were no longer within his field of vision.

"Young Master, they have left." The few people who followed Young Master Josh looked at their young master and complained in their hearts. These two people had left a long time ago when you was still standing stupidly.

"What?" Young Master Josh frowned and then turned around. "I want to report to my father! Since they're in City B, they have to follow the rules!"

Chapter 339: Arrogant and Proud

Riya and Samuel found another stalls and Riya quickly paid for the few jades that she found there.

"Young Master Josh will not give up so easily," Samuel reminded when he saw Riya was still in the mood to shop around.

Riya passed a glance at Samuel and replied, "I know."

From the moment she decided to ignore Young Master Josh and continued on her way, Riya knew that Young Master Josh would not give up so easily. But she was too lazy to pay attention to Young Master Josh.

"Do you want to talk with the officials here?" Samuel felt that it would be nothing for him to have some talk with them.

At most, he would inform his father that he made some troubles in City B and the other party will help him to clean up a bit.

If Mr. Jones were to know what his son was thinking, he would definitely come forward and chased after Samuel with a sandal. This brat only knew how to make trouble after dumping the management and administration matters to him.

Unfortunately, he didn't know.

Because when he knew about the troubles that Samuel caused, it would be too late to beat up Samuel.

"No." Riya put away the jades and continued to walk. "They'll not come so quickly and do you think that the officials will be willing to fight against the magic warriors for the sake of Young Master Josh?"

Samuel chuckled. "So you do realize that they're most likely not willing to make trouble."

"Yes." Riya looked into the distance and said, "People like Young Master Josh only knows how to use his position and the power behind him to make trouble. But when facing a hard opponent, he will not be able to do anything and the power behind him would not be willing to provoke a powerful opponent for him."

At this moment, Riya seemed that she was looking to the front yet not at the same time. It was as if she was in a trance and seeing something that was so far away.

Samuel heard Riya's words and arched his eyebrows.

"You sound as if you have met with people like this often."

Often?

Riya blinked her eyes and chuckled.

She did see a few annoying young masters in that world after she became rune master. After all, her customers were both the ordinary people and also the young masters who came from various families.

When she was walking around, she often encountered the scene of these young masters making trouble.

But she was nothing more than a bystander.

Because her identity as a rune master made most of these young masters unwilling to provoke her. They knew very well that if they were to accidentally provoke the rune master association behind these rune masters, they would be beaten up by their family members instead.

"A young master can be arrogant and be proud because of his position and background. But he couldn't overstep the lines because once he did, the power behind him would not be able to protect him."

Riya continued walking and added calmly. "So it's important for these young masters and young misses to know that they're not the most powerful people in the world. Their arrogance and proudness has a limit. Some of them didn't know this, which made them very annoying and troublesome to deal with. But some others are instead cute because they look like a big child who had never grown up."

A big child who has never grown up...

For some reasons, Samuel had the feeling that Riya was referring to his sister when she mentioned this phrase.

After all, that description was very suitable for Amelia.

"I see."

"As a young master yourself, don't you also have time when you're arrogant and proud because of your background?" Riya asked back.

Samuel rubbed his nose and replied, "Of course I'm arrogant and proud when I was a child. I'm the successor of the Jones Corporation and there are going to be a lot of people under my command when I grow up."

After this, Samuel paused for a moment. "But being a young master doesn't mean that I can play around all the time. As the successor, I have to train hard day and night so that I can bear the responsibility that will be placed onto my shoulder."

It was his sister and younger brother who were given more freedom.

When these two people were playing around in the garden and made trouble in the compound, he was still in the study room to study the materials that his father handed over to him.

So even if Samuel is proud, he also understood that he had his own responsibility to fulfill.

It was his obligation as the successor of the Jones Family.

Well... at least, that was how it is in the past.

Considering that he needed to focus his time on practicing and restoring his previous strength, Samuel had the feeling that his younger brother would have to take over his position.

Amelia was impossible.

That girl only knew how to play around. And her aspiration was simply too far away from this kind of position and responsibility.

"I see." Riya nodded when she listened to Samuel's words.

She never had any parents who cared for her education and would take care of her. Because those two people were too busy with their own affairs. They both didn't want her and their families refused to take care of her.

Shaking her head, Riya didn't think about it anymore.

Her eyes moved across the stalls once again before she locked onto a pile of rocks in the distance.

"Senior Samuel, are those....?" Riya pointed in one direction.

Samuel looked at the direction Riya pointed at and his eyes turned sharper instantly. He also recognized these ores and knew very well how valuable they were.

"It should be the mana metal ore," Samuel said with certainty.

Riya's eyes lit up when she heard this.

Chapter 340: Mana Metal Ore

Mana metal ore were the terms for special ores in that world that could transmit mana. These types of metal was really valuable because it was not that easy to find metals that could transmit mana. Once found, they would be grabbed by big families or other power such as the association.

The mana metal ore had to be smelted and then mixed with some other metals to be forged into weapons, tools, and many other things.

It was commonly used in that world.

But the final product would have been mixed with other metals and the higher the concentration of the mana metal ore, the more valuable it is. Unfortunately, it was not that easy to make things with high concentration of mana metal ore.

Without enough skills, the final product would not be strong enough to fulfill their intended purpose.

But that was fine.

There were many researchers sent from Continent Z's Capital City in the crack right now. Even if they didn't know the most suitable proportion to make the usable metal, they could research it.

As long as there were enough ores, they would be able to make use of it.

"Let's go there."

Samuel was already impatient when he saw the stack of mana metal ores presented on the table. There were many people around who basically passed by the stalls, not realizing that they have missed on some treasures.

Then again, if they were unable to process the mana metal ores, it was indeed useless.

The two of them came to the stall and the young man who was taking care of the stalls immediately sat up straight. The market street was not that big and many people were basically showing off their goods on the street while sitting on the ground.

City B Base didn't care that much about their well being.

What they cared the most was the resources that they could obtain if they were to take these people in. It was also because of this reason that there were many people who were barely living here.

If they wanted to get more food for their survival, they have to work harder.

But for some of them who couldn't find any work or too late to find work in the morning, they would come here to sell things. Even though the hot weather made many of them unwilling to go out of their residence, but they had to work if they wanted to eat.

So they could only try their luck.

Riya and Samuel's movement when they were buying things were not really small.

So people who were selling jade and other valuable things were eager to move. But at the same time, they were also worried that these two people would dislike it if theirs were not good enough.

After all, they had seen that these two didn't buy everything.

They could only wait patiently.

This young man was the same. Moreover, he didn't have any confidence because the things he put to sale were not exactly jade but some ore that he found in the cracks...

"How much do you want for these?" Riya asked straightforwardly when she looked at these ores.

These were indeed mana metal ores.

But from what Riya knew, it was impossible for Green Planet to produce mana metal ore. The main reason was naturally because mana metal ore could only be found in places with rich mana concentration.

"Food," the young man replied instinctively. He froze for a moment and then asked, "Does a bag of rice would suffice?"

"Well..." Riya looked and saw that there was a stack of mana metal ores in front of them. "If you tell me where you get these, I'll give you this."

Riya took out a space storage scroll and put it in front of the young man. She didn't know what rank this young man is, but she could sense faint mana fluctuation from him. He should be a magic warrior or a magician depending on the meditation type he learned.

"What is this?" The young man asked.

"Send your mana inside."

Send mana into paper?

While the young man was confused, he still did as he was told.

Samuel who was also looking at these mana ores didn't make a move. He knew very well if he were to compete for resources with Riya, he would definitely lose. Because the number of magic storage scrolls in his hand was limited and he didn't bring so much food when he go out.

Who would put countless rice bags in these small space storage scrolls when they were about to go out?

He definitely didn't do that.

So he chose to wait for Riya to finish her negotiation.

Anyway, if it was in the past, even one ton of food could never compare with these mana metal ore.

"This..." the young man saw a space of 1 meter x 1 meter filled with big rice bags and he swallowed instinctively.

It was really hard for them to find food these days and the young man could barely eat one time each day. He was really hungry but he didn't have enough resources to eat, so he could only bear with it.

Now that there was a large amount of food in front of him, how could he not feel greedy.

But realizing that he was still in front of his customers, the young man forcefully hold himself back.

He looked at Samuel and Riya.

"I can tell you."

The food inside this space storage scrolls were more than enough for him to eat for weeks.

"I'll give you more if you can lead us there," Riya added. "That will be the downpayment for these ores."

She didn't say the name of the mana metal ore because it would be difficult to explain how she knew the name.

"Deal." The young man didn't have much ores either way.

Riya was satisfied and put these ores into her bag and then transferred to her world. She beckoned for the young man to start going.