

## **Last Days 351**

Chapter 351: Reason?

"...I think you better not say that in front of others." Riya thought about the situation in City B Base and then at their own City A Base. Even though the people in City A Base would still be given chances to live well as long as they worked hard, there was a limit to that.

So hearing that someone treated their dogs so well...

It would be hard for Amelia not to be beaten up.

Amelia nodded hurriedly. "I know. I will only say this in front of you and my family members. I don't want to be beaten up by others yet."

"...Yet?"

"Eh, I speak wrongly!"

The two girls were joking around but the situation on the other side was not very good. Samuel was also looking at these researchers with headache.

Because he knew that these researchers did have reasons.

The problem is...

It's too dangerous.

"The researchers are too weak and if you want to, we can collect samples for you to bring back," the leader said slowly.

"No. What I need to see is the change in the environment and whether the air and land situation will change along the way," one of the researchers who was responsible to measure the air humidity, concentration, and so on refused.

This crack could be said to be a brand new place and these researchers were all eager to be the first one to find something.

As long as they could explore more, get enough data, they might be able to create an achievement that was far from other people in the previous era. So everyone was very eager to move.

"It's not that easy..."

The researchers and the leader was arguing with each other.

It could be seen that they could not reach an agreement.

"Professor, do you also want to go deeper?" Ruby asked as she looked at her professor worriedly. They were biologist and aside from inspecting these magic beasts, they were also looking for the bacteria and so on.

Many tests could only be done in the secured lab, so they only collected samples to be brought back.

The rest were testing the magic beasts.

"There's no need to put ourselves in danger." Professor Brown shook his head. He also knew that while it's tempting to go on their own to get the samples and do research, but they only have one lives.

With his weak physique, Professor Brown really couldn't think that he would be able to survive if the magic beasts attacked. So rather than going on their own, it would be better for him to stay in the safe area and waited for the soldiers to bring the samples.

Besides, Ruby somehow managed to get more samples.

Professor Brown guessed that Ruby's friends might have helped her but he said nothing.

It was her capability to be able to do that and he would not be so shameless to take over his student's credit.

"Then..."

"But you can go."

Ruby was stunned.

Professor Brown smiled. "I think that you have good friends who can allow you to take a look at the situation upfront. If you have the chance to do on site research, why not?"

Hearing what the professor said, Ruby felt touched. There were professors who were truly kind and fully devoted themselves to research. They would not be moved by momentary benefits and knew what was important.

Moreover, they were people who were not greedy and had conscience.

When Ruby first came, she was a bit worried.

But the people in the research institute were all very good. Professor Brown is her mentor but he also allowed her to do her own research and crated her own achievement if she was given the chance.

Such a person is really kind and Ruby felt lucky to be assigned to Professor Brown.

"Thank you very much, Professor Brown." Ruby decided that if the researchers were to go deeper, she would ask Riya for help. Of course, she would ask if Riya had something she wanted in return.

After all, this kind of favor was really hard to ask if it was given for nothing.

"Do you want anything?" Ruby asked carefully.

Professor Brown let out a cheerful laugh. "Just get me a few more samples so that I can do some research too."

"Yes, Professor!"

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Riya, who had finished joking around with Amelia, looked in Ruby's direction. They were not far away from each other and Riya's senses were greatly strengthened after advancing to rank 5.

In this way, she could hear what Ruby was talking about.

She smiled faintly.

"Riya?" Amelia called out.

"You should prepare your equipment." Riya nudged Amelia's arm. "They're most likely going to agree to these researchers."

Amelia had confusion on her face.

"Are these soldiers stupid?"

"No, they're not stupid." Riya shook her head and her eyes gleamed. "This should be the instruction from above."

Above?

Amelia saw that a soldier rushed over and whispered something to the leader. The leader's expression turned blue and green before he turned to the researcher and said that they will go in an hour.

"...How did you know?"

"I heard it," Riya replied with a helpless look.

To be honest, she did feel that this ability was troublesome. But at the same time, Riya also knew that it was important to have higher awareness. Otherwise, one would not know when they were suddenly in danger because their awareness was low.

That would be trouble.

\*sigh\*

"I can understand if we go deeper to fight against these magic beasts, but why do we have to bring these researches?" Amelia muttered under her breath but her movements were not slow as she rushed back to get her equipment.

Riya shook her head and looked at these researchers.

She could guess that there were researchers with backing in Continent Z's Capital City. These people wanted these researchers to investigate deeper too in order to have more result.

Reason?

Riya looked at Samuel and Peter, who were being briefed by the leader.

## Chapter 352: Energy Guns

It should be because there were Samuel and Peter in this crack at this time.

It was not easy for the higher ups to give order to these people who returned from that world. After all, finding these people in the first place would be difficult. If they were like her and didn't showcase their ability, it was basically impossible for others to find them.

Unless they made a blunder.

Thinking about her own blunder, Riya blushed slightly.

Well, it was a bit embarrassing when she thought back about it.

Riya shook her head and felt that if Samuel and Peter were to make a move, they would definitely demand compensation or negotiate with the higher ups. Because even if they were stronger, they have no obligation to help everyone.

She walked to Ruby and planned to talk with the other party.

After all, Riya knew that Ruby wanted to tag along.

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On the other side, Samuel and Peter had a dark face.

"I don't want to do this either, but the higher ups requested for us to go deeper to investigate the crack," the leader said helplessly. As a soldier, he was taught to obey order and the leader felt really unwilling this time.

Because he knew how dangerous these magic beasts were.

If they were powerful enough to deal with these magic beasts on their own, then the leader would be more at ease. But most of them were only rank 1 magic warrior and their main weapon was still their gun.

It was fine to deal with rank 1 or lower magic beasts.

But rank 2 magic beasts were a bit hard because they had to specifically target the weakness.

Rank 3?

Guns were not effective.

"I'm not a soldier and I have no obligation to listen to your order," Samuel said calmly. "I agree to help the researcher to enter and will protect them only around the entrance of the crack. If you want to go deeper, you can go on your own. Mind you, there might be rank 3 or even higher magic beasts down there."

He himself hadn't explored the crack all the way down because it was really dangerous. Even though he had finally reached rank 5, but it was still far away from the final rank and Samuel knew very well that the improvement in the future would be even more difficult.

Because he had no means to upgrade fast like he did in his previous life.

Moreover, the amount of resources one needed to reach rank 7 was very massive. The leap from rank 6 to rank 7 was so big that many people might have to work for decades just to have enough resources.

In that world, he was lucky because he was from a prominent family.

All he needed to do was to contribute to the family for a year or so before he could get the necessary resources.

Otherwise, Samuel would never have the experience what it feel to reach rank 7.

The power of rank 7 magicians, magic warriors, and even warriors were extremely high and had defied many laws. It was precisely because of this that the resources they needed were also so much.

If it was based on their ordinary improvement, it was estimated that they would not be able to reach rank 7 even after decades with their own talent.

"I'm from the Martial Arts Association and your leader can't order me either." Peter shook his head in refusal. "I'm always on the frontline as the tank, do you think it's easy for me?"

For a warrior like him, unknown exploration was the same as betting their life and death.

Because Peter knew very well that he will always be the first line of defense when dealing with these magic beasts. If they bypassed him, there would be many people whose lives are in danger.

"I..." The leader opened his mouth and then sighed again. "Shall we come out and talk with them directly?"

He might have high position in the military, but this worth nothing in front of these two people.

"Yes." Samuel's eyes were gloomy.

He wanted to know what those b\*stards planned to say to him.

They came out of the crack and then looked at the equipment settings. There were already some temporary facilities set up around the crack so that they could communicate with the people in Continent Z's Capital City.

Zzt!

Mr. A's face came out and he also looked ugly. "Mr. Samuel, my apologies, but the Prime Minister of Food wants you to explore the crack deeper... in exchange, we'll get you the latest weapon developed by the researchers."

"Ordinary guns are useless for me," Samuel said lightly.

"It's energy gun... a new type of gun that used fusion of energy. At the same time, I'll give you the energy block that you can use to charge it," Mr. A said slowly. "This weapon's existence should be a secret."

Energy gun...

Samuel's eyes condensed.

Continent Z's technology was actually lagging behind Continent Y and the two continents have been competing secretly. But Continent Y's law of weapon was laxer than Continent Z, so some people could already use this special gun.

Otherwise, they could only use the relatively 'ordinary' gun.

But in Continent Z, these guns were only circulated within the special armies and would not flow into the masses.

As for the other two continents... well, let's not talk about them.

Their technology was even more backward and there was nothing to say.

The earthquake did destroy many facilities, including the factories that produced various weapons. But at the same time, the appearance of mana meant that many people were already trying to figure out how to use it for weapons.

Of course, their main concern was food and drinks.

But after that matter has been solved, the government started to pay attention to the weapons.

The best prototype that they could have was the energy guns.

Chapter 353: Energy Guns (2)

Samuel knew about this gun.

It could be said that if he could modify the energy gun to contain mana instead of the energy from the energy block, it would be very powerful. But Riya was still in the process of experimenting and adding runes were different from designing weapon that specially use mana.

Besides, mana could not be compressed...

Wrong.

There were also mana stone.

Samuel looked thoughtful.

"Are you going to give the blueprints too?" Samuel asked.

"No, the government can't afford giving this out." Mr. A shook his head. "This was bought for a large amount of Green Coins in the past and giving you the ready made weapon plus the ammunition is already the limit."

Samuel nodded, not surprised.

It was also because of him knowing that the top level guns were all state secrets that he only asked the simplest version of guns that were not too outdated for Riya not long ago.

"Can these guns deal with these magic beasts?"

"Rank 2 magic beasts are not a problem but it can't really deal with rank 3 magic beasts," Mr. A replied honestly.

Samuel's eyes narrowed. "It seems that rank 3 magic beasts have appeared?"

If that was the case, the strength improvement of these magic beasts were simply too fast. Even though he and the others have around half a year of head start compared to these magic beasts (referring to the time between his return from that world and the earthquake), the gap would be closed down soon.

Mr. A hesitated for a moment and looked at the other soldiers around.

The leader understood and waved his hand, signaling for others to leave. The information about to be said here couldn't be spread out to them just yet.

After it was cleared, Mr. A continued, "Rank 3 magic beasts appeared in City J and a team of our special soldiers tried to deal with it, but in the end, we have to rely on Dina to deal with it."

Dina... Dina Alden.

Samuel knew that Dina was also someone who came back from that world and her special methods might be spurned on.

But in the current situation, everyone needed all kind of forces to deal with the magic beasts. The government also couldn't really afford to deal with Dina and the few people behind her.

Before the earthquake happened, Dina had already enhanced her strength to the level where it would be hard for others to deal with her.

Unless the government could make weapons that managed to deal with these magic beasts, then they were very vulnerable in front of these 'returnees.'

Moreover, no one knew the real number of people who experienced going to that world.

"Does Dina has reach rank 4?" Samuel asked.

"We don't know."

These people never wanted to show their real strength in front of them and the information that they could obtain was very limited.

The only thing that the government knew was that there were so many returnees from Continent Z, which was both good and bad thing. The good thing was that they had more confidence to deal with these magic beasts but the bad thing was that they were not entirely sure about these people's goals and stance.

So far, Peter was the most reassuring.

Samuel is hard to deal with because he's a true businessman through and thorough.

The government had headache to deal with him.

Dina Alden was also a troublesome woman who cared more about her family and only cooperated with the government so that she could have some time to advance.

Murin's information from the other returnees made them wary but the Magic Association said that they will watch over him, so they could only trust them.

There was also another person whom they have recently found and she was a taciturn person. The problem was that with their power, the government had no way to force them to cooperate with them.

They could only use both the soft and hard method to let these people work for them.

"I want 5 guns," Samuel said.

Mr. A was stunned. "Impossible! 5 guns are too much."

But this sentence from Samuel meant that Samuel agreed to help them, which was very good in Mr. A's opinion.

However, the request was a bit...

"We can only give you 2 guns."

"4 guns."

"3 guns."

"3 guns and information about other returnees," Samuel said and then looked at Mr. A on the screen. "I'm sure that you have more than enough information about other returnees. I believe they should have started to show their specialness one way or another."

Mr. A sighed.

"There's another woman, her name is Ruth and her relatives are in City K, so she came here. Under the persuasion of the government, she's willing to work with us to help in City K and City J area," Mr. A replied.

Ruth?

Samuel quickly filtered this name through many geniuses who appeared in that world. He honestly didn't know Riya and never met her, which made him guess that she was also very low key in that world.

As for this Ruth...

"Ruth Karan Naira?" Samuel asked.

Mr. A's eyes widened slightly but he tried his best to control his expression. These magic warrior's senses were enhanced too much that it was hard to hide anything from them.

But it was too late.

Samuel has seen it.

"I see, the genius archer," Samuel said and nodded thoughtfully.

He should have guessed that everyone who came were all people with different profession.

None of them overlapped with each other.

He's a magic warrior, Peter is a pure warrior, Dina is a demonic magician, Riya is a rune master, Murin is a beast master, and now Ruth is an archer.

Archer was generally fall into the warrior or magic warrior types.

But Ruth was special.

Because rather than strengthening her body, she strengthened her skills.

So much that she could easily kill people with her eyes closed.

Chapter 354: Ruth, the Archer

She's pretty famous.

Samuel had heard about her name in the past because there were not many people who developed a path to the extreme...

Wait, all of them seemed to have chosen one special path to the extreme.

Forget it.

It was not the time to think about this.

"Huh? Ruth is also from this world?" Peter sounded surprised and then laughed. "Hey, I want to challenge her again. Those multiple arrows are really hard to deal with."

The others looked at Peter speechlessly.

They had the feeling that Peter just simply wanted to challenge everyone whom he thought strong.

"Anyone else?" Samuel asked as he looked at Mr. A in front of him.

Mr. A shook his head. "No one else in Continent Z's area."

"Ruth is not from Continent Z, is she?"

"No, technically, she's Continent W's citizen who took a vacation here to pay a visit to her relative. But due to the special situation of the world, she works for us," Mr. A said and didn't explain more.

Samuel was not interested in how they made Ruth listen to them either. After all, it had nothing to do with him.

"What about other continent? I'm sure that if there are any other people, they should have made a fuss by now."

Mr. A didn't answer.

He turned to the side and talked to someone who didn't appear in camera. Seeing that he blocked his mouth and also closed the voice, it seemed that he didn't want them to know who he is.

"Hey, you're really playing high end games," Peter complained.

Samuel rolled his eyes.

He didn't have the ability to collect information from other continents and the only one who could do that was the government. There were also a large number of military people all over the world who had been gathered by them.

It would be hard for anyone to be stronger than the government.

Well, at least to a certain degree.

In any case, Samuel wanted to know about other returnees because there was a possibility for them to have conflicts in the future. It would be better for him to have information about who they were.

If they were famous in that world, it would be even better.

Because Samuel could still remember many famous geniuses from that world.

Mr. A returned to show his face on the screen and looked at Samuel. "Alright. There's not enough information from all continents, but we did find someone whom we suspect to be a returnee from Continent W. I hope that you will not spread this information out."

"Don't worry, I have no intention to spread the information. I need it just to learn more about the enemy," Samuel replied.

Mr. A nodded and then said, "In Continent W, there's a base who collected a lot of herbs and mixed them together. According the information we obtained, he managed to kill most of the magic beasts through using these common herbs. There were even some mixture to make them stay away."

An alchemist?

When Samuel heard this, his expression turned solemn.

Anyone who studied the 'auxiliary' profession to the extreme could be said to be extremely powerful and hard to deal with.

This was because he had seen Riya's strength.

She was basically changing their previous spell system into runes system, which enhanced her spell casting. While higher ranked magic warriors and magicians could do instant magic spells, but it would still take some time. And not all magic spells could be casted instantly.

On the other hand, the magic spells that Riya used were all very fast. It depends on her drawing speed and based on what Samuel had seen...

He didn't think there would be any problem for Riya to draw dozens of runes within a second.

In that situation, her combat power is simply too powerful.

So Samuel could not think about how powerful the people who specialized in alchemy or weapons. There was even possibility for them to make alchemy in battle or even making weapon while fighting...

It was really terrifying to imagine.

Naturally, these things would require special skills but for these returnees who have a few years of practice, they were already very proficient.

All they needed to do was to regain their strength and then advanced further so that the effect of their skills could hit larger area.

"Name?" Samuel asked.

Mr. A pursed his lips. "This should be enough for both of you to help the researchers to explore, right?"

"I'll protect them within my limit but if they do anything stupid such as seeking their own death, I won't be responsible for their lives," Samuel replied.

Just thinking about these people who clamored to enter deeper into the crack, Samuel already felt annoyed. He didn't want to protect all of these people if they suddenly ran out and made trouble.

"I understand." Mr. A turned to look at Peter.

"Well, I can but you need to give me more share of rank 3 magic beasts' meat," Peter said, "Plus rank 4 if there's some... and oh, can I ask whether you have entered the crack in Dina's place?"

"We did arrange for people to enter there with Dina's help, but the large number of magic beasts had just come out and Dina is in a closed door practice," Mr. A replied.

Magicians needed more meditation than magic warriors. Even though Dina is a demonic magician who used the power of blood, but she also used the mana, which meant that she had to meditate.

Coupled with the fact that her own magic talent was actually low, Dina had to meditate for a much longer time in order to achieve better result.

This was one of the reasons why she became demonic magician in the end.

"Ok." Peter nodded in agreement.

Mr. A sighed when he thought that they have to share more magic beasts' meat to Peter. This man was simply a rice bucket who ate a lot of magic beasts' meat.

Chapter 355: The Other Returnee

They were already full after eating the magic beasts' meat due to the large amount of mana, but Peter could swallow it all.

Thinking about this made Mr. A felt headache.

Thankfully, Peter is part of the Martial Arts Association, so they were the one who had to worry about not preparing enough food for Peter.

He turned to look at Samuel and said, "His name is Jonas, but we didn't know his full name. Continent W had blocked information there."

Continent W should have realized Jonas' specialness. Due to the earthquake and the lack of personnel, the best they could do was to completely block all the information from their side.

In this way, no one would be able to investigate him.

The few people who were ordered to investigate Jonas from Continent Z were working hard, but the result was not very ideal. They still didn't manage to find out much about him.

"Jonas.... Jonas Nolan," Samuel said slowly.

Mr. A's expressions turned straighter.

Samuel looked at Mr. A and smiled faintly. "Thank you for your information."

He didn't know whether it was the same person or not but if this person is really Jonas Nolan, then it would make sense. Because Samuel knew that this b\*stard was truly a genius alchemist in that world.

Coming from the rich family, he learned medicine ever since he was young and mixed counties types of medicine. It was to the point that he could not go out without a cauldron on his back.

Later on, Jonas learned how to do alchemy with his own magic directly on his hand. Aside from some special medicine that required the cauldron due to the high level, low ranked medicines could be made directly as long as the materials were enough.

This made many of Jonas' opponent to surrender quickly.

Because that b\*stard would definitely mix poison before their battle, making them unable to fight.

Some poison are even deadly.

How could they fight like this?

Thus, Jonas Nolan became extremely famous in that world.

Everyone said that among the younger generation, the most vicious genius is definitely Jonas Nolan.

But they had to admit his ability.

As an alchemist, Jonas was definitely the best and the only one of his kind. Because many other people would not be so fixated on alchemy but also developed other magic spells and so on.

Only Jonas was different.

His life only consist of alchemy.

Samuel had met with the other party in the past and nearly got himself killed in the battle against Jonas because the latter used poison in the battle. If not because of his strong resilience and pure mana, he would have died in Jonas' hand.

Thankfully, it was a spar and not a life and death battle, so Jonas gave him the antidote after the battle was over.

It was just...

Samuel really didn't want to fight with the other party anymore.

The poisons were really hard to deal with!

"...No way, that Jonas Nolan?" Peter muttered under his breath and looked like he was constipated.

Since he could only get stronger through fighting, Peter would challenge every genius he saw and met. He naturally heard about Jonas Nolan's genius fame, so he came to challenge the other party.

The result?

Thinking about him having to squat in the bathroom after the battle for the entire day... Peter felt like all of his face was lost.

Thankfully, Jonas's family was a big family in that world who would not spread other people's black history. Otherwise, his invincible name would have been gone long ago and many people might mock him because of that incident.

"It seems that you know him?" Mr. A probed.

"It might not be him, so I won't say anything." Samuel showed a kind smile. "Besides, I'm sure that Dina should know about Jonas."

Mr. A let out a dry laugh.

Even if there was a possibility that Dina and Ruth might know about him, they didn't dare to ask these two people. The first one was because of her personality that didn't seem to be trust worthy. Or it might be because of her own path. And the latter one was because she came from Continent W and Continent Z couldn't fully trust her.

After this, they talked a bit more about the arrangement.

Samuel and Peter would still listen to the leader but only to a certain degree.

They didn't want to be ordered to kill the magic beasts should it be lower than rank 3.

For this matter, Mr. A had to agree.

After all, these soldiers also had to get used to fighting these magic beasts. They could not rely on these returnees for the rest of their lives. If they were not strong enough, what awaited them would be nothing more than annihilation.

The meeting was done and the leader excused himself.

Peter and Samuel walked towards the crack again.

"Say, do you think that all special profession will be here?" Peter suddenly asked.

Samuel stopped in his track and then looked at Peter. "What do you mean?"

"Everyone so far has different profession. If those two are really whom we thought they are, then none of us has our position overlapped. Thinking about it from this perspective, the rest of the people might be from the few other special professions there?"

"Who are you thinking about?"

"Guardian master," Peter said slowly. "There are three mainstream weapons for warrior and magic warriors, which are swords, spear, or bow. And for those who used spear, they might also carry shield, which often made them called as guardian master."

Samuel looked at Peter calmly.

Magic warriors didn't actually have that much division and he called himself swordsman just because he used sword the most. But in essence, he is still a magic warrior.

"I thought that if there's a guardian master, he'll be the best person to be a tank... at that time, I wouldn't be so lonely on the frontline..." Peter sighed.

Samuel: "..."

## Chapter 356: Coming Along

After talking so much, it turned out that he only wanted someone else to accompany him as the 'meat shield.'

Samuel shook his head.

"It doesn't matter if there are people of that profession. I'm more concerned if there are necromancer here," Samuel said calmly.

Peter froze when he heard Samuel's words.

Beasts master and necromancer were the two profession whom Peter didn't like the most. It was because they have too many 'mobs' they could use, which hinder him in the battle greatly.

For Peter, who was a pure warrior, his combat effectiveness would be reduced if he couldn't hit the opponent directly.

And these two profession just happened to summon a lot of 'additional shields' in front of them.

It was annoying.

"You don't think that there will be any necromancer, right?" Peter asked with difficulties. "If there's any necromancer, what he hopes the most is for everyone in the world to die so that he could take their skeleton and turn them into his army."

Considering that the earthquake had already killed so many people, Peter felt that this was simply paradise for a necromancer.

They needed bones, as complete as possible, for them to complete their initial summoning spell.

Only in this way would it be possible for them to summon their army.

And there were already a lot of materials presented to them after the earthquake happened. Even if these people were all ordinary people, but necromancer could let them get stronger infinitely.

Or well.... Peter didn't know the details.

He just knew that they could get stronger one way or another through the necromancer nurturing.

After all, Peter's qualification to learn magic was almost non-existent. Otherwise, he would not become a pure warrior who pursued extreme strength. With strong body, Peter believed he could break through all the way to the peak!

Samuel shrugged. "Who knows?"

He just guessed that the three 'auxiliary' profession definitely existed. But where these people were was something to be concerned about later.

Riya, a runemaster, is in Continent Z.

Jonas, an alchemist, is in Continent W.

So the weapon master might be in Continent Y or perhaps Continent X?

Either way, whoever could get him or her would definitely have their weapons modified and become much stronger.

At that time, it would be difficult for other continents to win against them.

'I should ask Riya about her weapon modification later... and I should ask my father to prepare more weapon parts just in case.'

Samuel silently left a message to his father before he entered the crack once again.

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While Samuel and Peter were negotiating, Riya headed over to Ruby and her professor.

"Riya!" Ruby was pleasantly surprised to see Riya coming over. She had just planned to look for Riya and the other party had already come to her directly.

This would make it easy for her to make her request.

"How's your progress in research?" Riya asked curiously.

She had sent over several shadow creature's corpses to Ruby. Naturally, she was curious about the result.

"I have only determined that many parts of its body are contaminated with dark element, but it's hard to break it down to specify the component. There are also some changes made in the organs..."

Riya immediately regretted asking this to Ruby.

Because it turned into a half quarter of report from Ruby, detailing almost everything she found about the magic beasts. More importantly, she also remembered the result in percentage so clearly.

This made Riya wonder whether Ruby purposely memorized it.

Or it might have been her usual practice.

Because sometimes, Riya felt that Ruby was like a walking dictionary who had a lot of information.

"Alright, alright, I think that should be enough." Professor Brown stopped his disciple from making the lecture extended to hours. He could see from Riya's expression that she didn't understand many of their terms.

After all, some parts of bones were also named by them and the names can be... hard to remember.

Not to mention, there were also muscles name and so on.

For these magic beasts, the research institute had been working together to come up with suitable name for each of their parts for their specific research. Aside from that, they also needed to name these magic beasts.

Thankfully, the name of the magic beasts could ask these returnees.

If one of them didn't know, the other would usually know.

"Okay." Ruby could only stop and then looked at Riya. "Riya, are you going to go with the others to explore deeper into the crack?"

Ruby knew very well that Riya is extremely strong. There were not many people who could possibly compare to her, so Ruby was curious whether Riya would also come along. If Riya also tagged along, then Ruby could make the request to follow.

Otherwise, it would be difficult.

"Yes, I plan to go with the others," Riya replied.

Ruby's eyes lit up. "This, can I come along with you? I'll definitely stay close to the group and not make trouble. If possible, I would like to collect some blood samples from various magic beasts, preferably those at rank 3 or above."

Even though rank 3 magic beasts have appeared, their number was very small. These researches were distressed over the fact that their research samples were very few.

Martial Arts Association has more, but most of them entered Peter's stomach.

This was part of their agreement, so they couldn't take these meat back no matter how unwilling they were.

Besides, the stronger Peter is, the better it would be for them.

No one knew how powerful the magic beasts that came out of the crack would be in the future.

"Sure." Riya nodded and then looked at Ruby thoughtfully. "Do you still have the talisman that I gave to you before?"

"Yes!" Ruby quickly took the talisman out. She knew that this is a life saving item, so she always carried it with her.

"Good, always carry it with you and it can protect you."

Chapter 357: Bickering

Ruby smiled. "Thank you."

Riya nodded and after talking a few more words to Ruby, she left.

Professor Brown was still there but he didn't interrupt Ruby and Riya's conversation in the slightest bit. He was listening on the side and Riya didn't tell him to go, which meant that she agreed with his presence.

"Teacher," Ruby called out.

"Go and prepare...Also, you have a good friend, Ruby. Treasure it." Professor Brown patted Ruby's shoulder.

Their research institute also has some cool talisman, which made their workplace cooler and more comfortable. But for some researchers, what they wanted the most was to disassemble the talisman so that they could know how it work.

When they knew that it was only drawn by mana and magic beasts' blood, they were shocked.

He and the few others immediately studied the magic beasts' blood comprehensively. To their surprise, they did find that the magic beasts' blood contained mana. It would dissipate in time, but it would take a long time. Moreover, as long as they knew how to store it properly, the mana would not dissipate.

The problem is, they didn't have any mana insulator equipment yet.

So they could only try their best to work hard and make sure that they continued to investigate.

And when Riya mentioned about the talisman...

Professor Brown realized something.

But he also knew that Samuel said that he was keeping the identity of the rune master a secret. No one was told and since Samuel is really powerful, no one dared to come to him and pester him to give them the information.

They only felt that it was a bit of a pity.

Now, Professor Brown understood.

Riya let him know.

But he would keep this secret and not let others know about it.

"Yes, Professor," Ruby said solemnly. She knew very well that it was indeed her luck to be able to meet with Riya and the others. They were all simply arranged on the same floor in their dormitory, which allowed them to get closer through various games and so on.

The world has become different, but those fun days would not be forgotten.

"Hurry, they're about to depart."

"Yes!"

Professor Brown saw Ruby ran to get her equipment and shook his head. He looked at his own tent and then walked inside. There were still many other experiments that he wanted to try....

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Riya could guess that Professor Brown would know her identity.

But she didn't mind it that much.

Now that she had reached rank 5, her life saving means had increased sharply. Even if there were powerful magic beasts... as long as it was not rank 7 or above magic beast, she was confident that she could still beat it.

So now Riya was not that concerned about her identity as the rune master revealed.

It would be known sooner or later.

And Ruby's teacher is trustworthy.

"Riyaaaa! Look at this! Sophia didn't want to share the food!" Amelia saw Riya and immediately filed a complaint.

Riya: "..."

She looked at Sophia, who was holding her hips in displeasure.

"I have told you that these are food for Melly." Sophia snorted. "Melly required a lot of food and I have to specifically select the meat of non elemental magic beasts. The amount is not much, so I can't give it to you."

For this matter, Sophia was also a bit distressed.

Because she knew very well that Melly would either have her own element in the future or remain non element. In that case, she has to watch over Melly's food carefully to make sure she didn't eat non compatible mana.

"Aside from the non elemental magic beasts' meat, I also prepare the wind element and the wind element for him. I don't know why, there are not that many magic beasts with these two elements in City A Base, so I have to specifically buy it," Sophia added.

The matter of Melly's food was indeed a big burden for her.

So Sophia would not be willing to let others eat the food that she made for Melly, even if the food was also edible for humans.

Looking at Melly on the side, Amelia felt heartbroken.

"But, but..."

"No but!"

"I can give you the meat and then you cook..."

"No, I'm not your chef!"

The two girls argued and Riya laughed lightly when she saw that. She shook her head and silently took Mo out from the space.

\*roar?\* <Are we going to fight again?>

When Mo saw Riya and the others were getting ready, his eyes lit up. He also wanted to go and chew some magic beasts. When they were fighting, Riya would allow him to eat his own trophy and for Mo, this was simply the best.

He managed to become stronger quickly.

"You'll follow me later and don't make a move unless I give you order to," Riya reminded Mo.

\*roar!\* <Yes!>

"This is Mo?" Sophia stopped bickering with Amelia when she saw Mo. As a beast master, Sophia was more sensitive to the magic beasts' rank than others. Moreover, she herself also loved animals so much. She could clearly feel that Mo is much more powerful than Melly.

"Mo has reached the peak of rank 2," Riya explained and she pointed at Melly. "Your Melly has reached the standard of rank 2 too."

"Really?" Sophia was happy and she hugged Melly happily.

\*Woof woof!\* <Master, I'm very powerful and can protect you now!>

Melly wagged her tail happily.

Riya chuckled when she saw this and crouched in front of Melly. "Can you extend your leg for me."

Melly didn't answer and looked at Sophia first. Only after seeing Sophia nodding did she raise one of her legs to Riya.

Gentle mana extended from Riya's hand into Melly.

After a moment, Riya looked at Melly with a smile. "The mana concentration is higher but it's not enough for Melly to use magic yet. If you can let Melly reach the mid of rank 2, she might be able to start using magic spells."

Chapter 358: Magic Beast Use Magic Spell?

Amelia's eyes widened in shock. "Magic beasts could also use magic spells?"

All these times, they all thought that these magic beasts only have some element mana mixed with their bodies. Some of these elemental mana showed on the surface but the magic beasts didn't usually use magic spells.

Now that Amelia heard Riya's words....

She felt that they were going to die.

"I didn't meant that magic beasts will chant like humans," Riya quickly said. For a moment, she thought about those magicians from the Magic Association and shuddered when she thought of magic beasts chanting like them.

If that really happened, then it would be terrifying.

She also didn't want the magic beasts to chant and dance in the middle of the battle like those magicians from the Magic Association.

Just imagining that...

Riya wanted to vomit.

A group of terrifying magic beasts were dancing and singing to finish their magic spells... That was more than 100 times more lethal than those magicians from the Magic Association.

"Then..."

"It's a simple application of their mana... For example, breathing fire, creating earth armor, or something like that," Riya quickly explained.

She wanted to toss that terrifying image out of her mind as soon as possible.

Never ever thought about it again!

Riya shuddered just thinking about it.

"Oh, it's like that." Amelia heaved a sigh of relief. For some reasons, this seem more normal. "I almost thought that these magic beasts will also chant and so on."

"Some magic beasts did roar when they used their magic but I don't understand their language, so I don't know what they're saying," Riya replied.

Of course, she would not imagine these magic beasts singing and dancing.

Just thinking about it felt really terrible.

She didn't want to.

"... I really hope it's not singing and dancing," Sophia said sincerely. She could understand what Sophia was saying, so if she has to hear Mo singing and dancing...

No, better not!

She didn't want to imagine it either!

"Since Mo is of wind and earth element, she might want to go in the direction of manifestation the earth magic into an armor to protect her body and the wind element to increase her speed," Riya said as she patted Melly's head. "Of course, if you want to, you can also use the wind element to attack too. There are some good moves developed for this."

"I think defense and speed is good," Sophia quickly said.

"Don't tell me, you want Melly to be able to run away quickly?" Amelia teased from the side.

Sophia coughed and spread her hands. "I'm just a weakling and Melly is here to protect me. So compared to offensive means, I hope that Melly can protect me and herself well."

Hearing this, Amelia nodded in understanding.

It was indeed understandable.

"That's a good tactic." Riya looked at Sophia with approval. With Sophia's weak body, it was indeed better for Melly to be a tank to protect her. "If you want to, you can actually try to find a second magic beasts after your own rank had increased. Don't forget to meditate. Even if you have Melly to lead you and so on, but for your own sake, you need to have more mana and increase your rank."

The qualification for beast master to contract more beasts depended on their own rank.

For example, Sophia who was not even rank 1 magic warrior back then could contract Melly because the other party signed the contract willingly.

But this still gave some burden to Sophia's mind.

If Sophia wanted to contract the second magic beast, she had to reach rank 2.

This was the minimum rank needed for her to be able to contract another magic beasts. The more powerful the magic beasts were, the stronger Sophia would be and these magic beasts would also protect her.

In a way, it could be said that she will have a lot of protectors.

But each rank could only increase the number of magic beasts under their command by one. Even some of them might not be able to increase the number of their magic beasts because the gap between them and their magic beasts were too big.

The bigger the gap between the beast masters and their magic beasts, the greater the burden in the beast master's mind was.

So in this case, even if they managed to reach higher rank, they could not contract another magic beasts.

There were also some exception.

For example, that Murin...

Riya didn't know what was so special about him that he was able to contract two magic beasts from the very beginning. After that, the number of magic beasts under his command kept on increasing by two.

The higher his rank was, the more magic beasts would be under his command.

It would be really difficult to kill him at that time.

"...I know." Sophia smiled weakly.

Her own talent is really weak and right now, she was only the early rank 1. There was still Melly protecting her plus the talisman that Riya gave as a safety measure for her.

But Sophia's own strength was actually not that strong.

It would take some time for her to reach rank 2.

So in a long time to come, there would only be Melly who was protecting her and also grew stronger under her.

"Come on, the others are waiting."

"Yes!"

They came to group with the others.

This time, all of them chose to come along and fought in this battle. Moreover, Ruben had also arrived and smiled brightly when he saw Riya.

"Master, I have already finished the task you give me!"

"I'll check it later." Riya nodded.

It seemed that Ruben's talent is not bad.

Hearing this, Ruben was even happier.

Even though he was so busy because of City A Base's matter, but he still spare some time practicing.

Only in this way would it be possible for him to finish Riya's task.

The others listened with a strange expression.

"Master...?"

Chapter 359: Improvement

"Ah..." Riya looked at the others and then turned to look at Ruben. "I agreed to teach him runes for a period of time since his talent is not bad."

The others looked at Ruben with envy.

They might not have seen Riya fought with all of her strength, but the usefulness of those formations and runes that Riya had shown so far were very clear.

Many of them knew very well that Riya is very powerful.

These runes and formation were really hard to learn and just looking at those made their heads feel dizzy.

They didn't think that there would be anyone close to them who had the ability to learn these runes and formation.

Who would have thought that Ruben quietly rise up.

"Ruben, when you can make talisman, I demand you to give discount for me! 20% no 10%!"

"Me too!"

"Damn it! If you get rich quietly, you're not going to bring others along?"

Ruben was overwhelmed when he was tackled by Stephen and quickly yelled, "No, wait, I'm still in probation period... ah!"

"Pfft."

The others laughed at these people who were playing around. The boys have always been very lively and the others only smiled when they saw this scene. Because it was indeed very funny.

"It's really enviable." Amelia also sighed.

"If you want to try, Ruben can tell you what I ask in the beginning." Riya glanced at Amelia lightly.

Accepting more students didn't seem to matter that much for Riya.

Anyway, it was not like she would spend so much time teaching them.

"No, no, no, such a good chance should be given to those who deserve it more!" Amelia quickly refused. She had heard from Riya that learning runes and formation required them to memorize these runes and formation first.

Sophia, who also didn't join with the boys quickly shook her head to express that she didn't want to learn either.

With her extremely low talent for meditation, it would be a miracle for her to be able to reach higher rank in magic rank in the future. Now, what Sophia could do was nothing more than to wait for Melly to grow stronger while providing her with the best food possible.

"Well, each of you have your own talent." Riya chuckled.

She knew the temperament of these two people very well. One liked to play around and being lazy while the other one liked to have fun and play. These two people were the typical young miss of the rich family.

Thankfully, they were not arrogant by nature and was polite to others.

Otherwise, it would have been impossible for them to be friend in the first place in the past.

There was no way an arrogant young master and young miss would be willing to be friend with someone from unknown background like her. So it was already very good for Riya to be able to know them and they didn't treat her differently just because of this matter.

Of course, the only thing they did the most was to play around with each other.

Riya could not remember the number of times they dragged her to karaoke in her third year because these two people were stressed out. They were reprimanded by their families and had to study for their exams.

So to console their heart, they had to go to karaoke!

Riya and Ruby were dragged along...

These two people fully expressed that they were tired with having such roommate.

Because whenever they wanted to go, these two people have to be dragged along to participate.

Ruby often escaped by going to the lab.

Riya..

She also headed to the lab, the computer lab.

Only in this way would these two people unable to come and drag them to their karaoke game.

"That's right, I'll be the best magic warrior." Amelia raised her head proudly.

Sophia blinked her eyes and then said, "I'll nurture Melly well to be the best magic beast."

"...Mel, do you forget about your brother?"

Amelia froze.

If one want to say who's the best magic warrior in their current world, the answer would be Samuel.

No one else could possibly compare with him.

Amelia let out dry laugh. "Well, the best female magic warrior?"

Riya was silent.

If there were no other returnee whose occupation was magic warrior, then it was not impossible for Amelia to reach it. But there were many geniuses in that world and Riya didn't know if one of them was actually from the Green Planet.

Truth to be told, Riya had never met most of them directly.

But even if they came from the Green Planet, Riya guessed that they would not show any characteristic in front of outsiders.

Because they would not want others to find out about this.

"I don't think it'll be that easy to achieve either," Sean said as he walked towards his sister. "With your lazy personality, it's a miracle for you to be able to reach rank 2 faster than me. Next time, I'll definitely reach rank 3 faster than you."

"Don't speak nonsense! Since I can arrive earlier this time, then the next time I'll definitely be faster than you too!"

"No way!"

The two brother and sister quarreled with each other.

The others: "..."

What familiar sight.

Samuel saw this and shook his head. "Have you prepared yourself? I might not be able to protect you at all times, so you have to be wary when we're venturing deep into the crack."

"Yes!"

When they heard Samuel's words, everyone knew that Samuel would not have the time to care for them all the time. The magic beasts they face next could be more powerful than the magic beasts that they have encountered so far.

"Don't worry. We're not weak." Arnold smiled encouragingly when he heard Samuel's words.

Besides, he would love to challenge stronger magic beasts.

Riya looked at Arnold and nodded.

It seemed that Arnold's strength had improved again.

Chapter 360: 10 Thick 'Dictionary' Books

For magic warriors, eating magic beasts' meat could also help to increase their strength to a certain degree.

For magicians, it could also help to increase their mana slightly.

The premise was that the magic beasts' rank was similar to their own rank. Otherwise, the improvement would be too little.

It was also because of this that the Martial Arts Association had to prepare higher ranked magic beasts' meat for Peter. Even if they didn't have many rank 3 magic beasts' meat, they would still give some to Peter because this was the highest rank they could get.

"Later, Amelia will stay close to Arnold and Ruben. Sophia, you stay close to Stephen and Sean," Samuel said.

He arranged them into two teams so that they could cover each other better. If there were too many people, their attention would be divided too much.

And in this arrangement, Ruben and Sophia would be the one standing behind.

"Yes!"

"Ruben, did you also learn some magic spells?" Amelia asked curiously as they started to walk toward the army in the distance.

"Unfortunately no." Ruben scratched the back of his head.

Riya didn't know many magic spells, so even if she wanted to teach Ruben, what she could teach was very limited. Rather than forcing herself to teach him the broken magic spells, she just taught him the basic of runes and so on.

"Then, do you know any runes that you can use to attack?" Amelia asked another question.

She had seen Riya's attack and it was mostly based on runes. Because Riya didn't even need to utter the name of the magic spell. If she wanted to, there was no problem to launch it instantly.

This made Amelia wonder just how powerful Riya is.

But Amelia was not Samuel who had already seen Riya's formation drawing closely.

"Master has given me a few rank 1 formation, but they're not really effective to attack against powerful magic beasts," Ruben said weakly.

The magic beasts in this crack might be rank 2 or above, which meant that his formation would be of no use.

"If you use chains of formation, it can still be effective," Riya interrupted. "The third book that I gave you detailed the use of the formation chains, have you read it?"

"Yes, Master!"

"Good, what are the conditions of formation chains?"

"The two formation had to have some relationship with each other, such as the similarity in the use, the similarity in the element, the similarity in the formation direction..."

Seeing that their conversation turned into a class of runes, Amelia silently took a step back.

She had the feeling that she would soon not be able to understand anything.

On the other hand, Stephen was listening to their words carefully. He knew very well that the chance to be taught by Riya directly would be rare. In the future, no one knew when they would have such a chance.

Now that the chance was right in front of them, he didn't want to miss it.

Samuel also listened.

Even if he didn't have any talent to become rune master, understanding how these formations worked could also help him when dealing with them. After all, rune masters were not the only person who could use formation.

Thinking about the formation they found deep in the crack, Samuel sighed.

There might be others who also used formation.

"Good, you understood well, so if you want to attack the magic beasts, try to consider the control and attack type of formation. Make sure that you use the same elements in the beginning because it'll be easier to link them," Riya continued.

"Yes, Master!"

After this, Riya stopped talking and saw the others were looking in her direction.

This made her realize that it was rare for her to talk so much like this. Moreover, her attitude of teaching Ruben really made them know how thick her foundation was.

"Ahem... don't look at me like that. If you don't have any talent to become rune master, I can't really teach you anything...."

"Rather than teaching me, I would like to ask for a few more magic scrolls," Amelia said with a grin.

"You greedy girl."

"Hehehe!"

Seeing them laughing like that, the others shook their heads. But they also knew that Amelia and Riya had a very good relationship, so they leave it be.

Sean looked at Ruben curiously and asked, "How many books did Riya give to you to read?"

Just now, he seemed to hear that Riya said the third book...

So it meant that she should have given Ruben a lot of books.

Ruben froze and looked at Sean bitterly. "10 books, each as thick as dictionary."

Sean: "... " sorry that I ask.

From the moment he saw those runes, Ruben has been attracted and felt fascinated to know more about the runes.

But when he finally started learning, Ruben felt pain.

This was similar to how a high school student was interested in physics and had good result in school. But after entering university and realized that there were countless branches that he had to learn...

He would feel that he's dying.

No matter how much interested Ruben was, he felt great fatigue after having to memorize those 10 books.

And looking at the number of runes that Riya introduced there, it has not reached 10,000 that she mentioned at the beginning but only a third of it was put there. The rest were the first rank formations and some basic talismans.

"...Riya, did you write the books?" Sophia asked curiously.

"Hmm? Yes, I have the copy if you want to see," Riya replied. Since she used magic to write these down, it was finished very quickly. Anyway, she was too lazy to teach Ruben, so she first put all the necessary information into several books.

Who would have thought that it ended up as 10 thick books?

"Can I?" Sophia asked.

Riya just took out one of them and handed it to Sophia. "This contained a few common runes and their explanation. There are also drawing inside for you to see."