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Chapter 361: "..."

Seeing the thick book in her hand, Sophia: "..."

She silently looked at the book and then at Ruben. For a moment, she wanted to lit a candle for Ruben because he said that he was reading 10 books.

If all 10 books were as thick as this, then it could be said that Ruben definitely suffer a lot.

"Just pretend that you're back to your last year of high school and prepare for university examination," Ruben said weakly.

The others nodded thoughtfully.

Whoever wanted to become a rune master had to be smart enough. Otherwise, they would not be able to memorize the 10,000 runes and the application of these runes.

It would be miserable for them.

As they were talking and joking around, Samuel had reached the leader's place and looked at the researchers who came. "10 people?"

"Yes, not all of them wants to come, so there are 4 groups of researchers who will come with us this time," the leader explained.

4 groups?

Samuel nodded thoughtfully.

And then he saw Ruby came to Riya.

Samuel: "..."

Alright, it seemed that their team would have an additional person. But then again, if it was Riya, there would not be any problem for her to protect the other party when facing those magic beasts.

Unless rank 7 magic beasts appeared, in which even he didn't have the confidence to defeat it.

At least, not yet.

"Let's go."

"Yes!"

They started walking and Ruby followed behind Riya. Riya herself agreed with Ruby following behind her because she didn't think that Ruby's existence will bring her trouble.

"Mo, when I'm a bit further away, your task is to protect her." Riya pointed at Ruby.

roar <Yes, Master!>

Mo could understand what Riya was saying but Riya couldn't understand what he meant. This could be said to be their language barrier. Not that this language barrier seemed to matter when the two sides were still able to communicate.

"Sorry to trouble you." Ruby looked at Mo apologetically.

roar! <Master's friend is worth protecting.>

Ruby also didn't understand what Mo was saying, but she could sense that Mo exuded kind aura.

Well, the kind aura might not be that appropriate considering that Mo is a white tiger. If anything, he looked more ferocious to other people than kind and amiable.

Perhaps there was a thick layer of filter on Ruby's eyes.

"Hmm? There are a few magic beasts." Riya looked at one side.

"Just a few rank 2 magic beasts." Samuel also noticed it and then looked at Arnold with the look that said, 'You know what to do.'

"Let's try to deal with it!"

"Yes!"

With that, Arnold stepped forward with his sword ready. After becoming a magic warrior, Arnold's weapon seemed to change to that of a sword. Not that he didn't carry guns, though, but for higher ranked magic warriors, these guns were not as useful as knife or swords.

"Counterattack shield."

Swish!

The six people rushed towards these magic beasts before the soldiers could make a move.

The leader saw this situation and raised his hand, stopping the soldiers from moving around. They were in a cooperative relationship with Samuel and the others. Since they wanted to deal with these magic beasts, then they would not stop them.

Slash! Slash!

The few magic beasts at the forefront were greeted by Amelia and Arnold's swords. The two of them were the fastest followed by Sean because of his position and he also immediately attacked the magic beast closest to him.

"It's rank 2 magic beast!" Sean reminded.

"Wolf like rank 2 magic beast," Sophia added as she patted Melly's head to signal him to go forward.

She glanced at her brother who had already taken out his gun with confusion. "Are you not going to attack the magic beast, Brother?"

"I'm only rank 1. Do you really think I can defeat them?" Stephen replied indifferently.

Sophia: "..."

Right, her brother's physical strength improved slower than the others. So it would not be suitable for him to rush forward recklessly like the others.

It was a pity.

Swish! Slash!

Riya watched the battle with this small group of rank 2 magic beasts and nodded her head when she saw their performance. It could be said that they were getting stronger and learned to utilize their advantage better.

In this way, there would not be any problem for them to defeat this group of magic beasts.

"Senior Stephen is more suitable to become a mage too?" Riya asked when she saw Stephen was focusing on using his gun more than using a close combat skill.

"Yes." Samuel nodded while he was standing on the back with Riya. The leader and the researchers were getting ahead while they would clean up this group of magic beasts first.

"Are you not planning to give him the mage's meditation technique?"

The meditation technique that Stephen used was still that of a magic warrior. But even if he worked hard, his strength improvement was extremely limited and extremely slow. This had clearly told them that his physical talent was low.

Riya was also in similar situation. No matter how hard she worked, her strength improvement was negligible. If she didn't 'cheat' using her formation, she would never be able to get her current strength.

"The meditation technique I gave to him is the Hai Magic Meditation Technique," Samuel replied and glanced at Riya. "When he reaches the fourth layer in the future, I'll let him ask you."

Riya nodded when she heard that.

"Did you also make a deal with the officials?"

"Yes."

"It seems this will be the main practice method for mages outside the Magic Association in the future." Riya chuckled. If the people from that world were to know that their inheritance spread in other world, she wondered what they would say.

"Do you have any other magic meditation technique?"

"I do."

"Up to rank 7?"

Riya glanced at Samuel. "Why are you so fixated to rank 7? You do know that the strongest is not rank 7, right?"

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Samuel rolled his eyes. "Of course I know, but rank 7 had already reached the high rank for any profession. Once you reach that rank, it's not impossible for you to cause natural disaster."

It was also because of this that many magicians, magic warriors, and others who had reached this rank would be ordered to go to the frontline in that world. Because this would be the best use of their abilities unless they have some special abilities.

"For Hai Magic Meditation Technique, I know until rank 7," Riya replied calmly. "But I personally don't practice this meditation technique."

Because this meditation technique was not very effective for Riya, so she could only look for other meditation technique.

One that suited her more and could reach higher rank.

She paid a lot of money to be able to access this information in that world, though.

"I see." Samuel nodded, not surprised.

Riya looked at Ruben, who was taking out scrolls after scrolls. The corner of her lips curled up because she remembered how she fared in the beginning.

It was similar.

Throwing scrolls after scrolls to defeat her opponent and then used the magic beasts' part to earn back the money. If it was not enough, she would draw some popular and easy to draw talisman to sell.

The temperature talisman was one of them.

"If his talent is good and could truly become my disciple, I'll let him switch to other meditation technique at rank 4," Riya said quietly.

Samuel arched his eyebrows in surprise. "A meditation technique that could reach higher than Hai Magic Meditation Technique?"

"Yes."

"Then I would like to thank you on behalf of Ruben."

"I didn't say that I'll let him learn right away. He'll have to prove that he's qualified," Riya continued.

She didn't want to nurture a white eyed wolf, so during the period of time before Ruben reached rank 4, Riya will observe him. Anyway, he's also her student and she would be able to know more about his personality and talent through observing him closely.

Samuel nodded.

This group of magic beasts didn't pose any threat to them, so they continued walking. The direction was decided by the leader while Samuel and Peter were only walking around without any intention to make a move.

The few magic beast they saw were only rank 1 to rank 2 magic beasts.

These could be handled by the soldiers and the group of people who were currently practicing.

For rank 1 magic beasts, they would be handed to the soldiers.

Because in Samuel's opinion, these magic beasts were too weak to pose a threat to his sister and the others. Fighting against these magic beasts would not give them much fighting experience and only wasted their energy.

So it would be better to toss them to the soldiers.

The soldiers: "... I thank you!

As for rank 2 magic beasts, they were somewhat more challenging but not over their limit. The number of magic beasts that came was not that big either and still within the limit for these people.

So Samuel let them practice.

"It's really boring..." Peter looked at Samuel's watch and frowned. "It's almost dinner time."

"We've been walking for hours and the researchers are also tired," Samuel said as he looked at the researchers.

Even though these researchers were full of energy to collect more samples and do their research, but their bodies were far from comparable to the soldiers and the others. While they did take care of the researchers, they have been walking for such a long time that it was impossible for these researchers not to be affected.

Right now, the researches were already panting.

Their bodies were not as strong as the other.

Riya was also looking at Ruby worriedly.

Ruby's physical strength was not that good and even if she practiced the magic warrior's meditation technique, it would not improve Ruby's physical strength immediately.

At most, there would be a slight improvement.

"Are you alright?" Riya asked.

"I'm fine." Ruby waved her hand and straightened her back. "I still have to collect more samples."

There were four people from biology's department. Professor Dit brought his two disciples while Ruby was basically alone. Whenever there were any new magic beasts killed, even if they were only rank 2, these four people would step up to get some samples.

They would not take too much because it would be difficult for them to carry these all back.

But Ruby still remembered her teacher's request, so she tried to bring more samples when it was possible.

So Ruby took longer than these people when gathering the samples.

Now, she was a bit tired from carrying all of them.

Riya glanced at Ruby's back and silently took Ruby's backpack before putting it on top of Mo. "Just use him, he's pretty useful as transportation."

roar <Master, my role has increased again?>

Mo didn't really mind, though. He only felt that Riya seemed to increase his role when they were here.

"Is it fine?" Ruby asked as she looked at Mo.

"He's already rank 2 and his training for the day is over," Riya said. During the appearance of some rank 2 magic beasts, Riya would let Mo be the one to fight. After all, Mo himself was only rank 2 magic beasts and needed to practice more.

"Alright, then, I'll not be polite."

These magic beasts also became Mo's trophy and he ate it all.

For this matter, no one complained.

From the very beginning, it was said that the distribution method would depend on their own contribution when killing the magic beasts.

Since these were all killed by Mo alone, the soldiers said nothing.

The researchers felt it was a pity, but they also knew that they should not make any trouble here.

It was just that some people were still dissatisfied.

"Master, that magic beast is eating most of the available parts," Menai, Professor Dit's disciple, complained.

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"It's the rule." Professor Dit snorted.

As much as Professor Dit himself didn't like the rule, he also has to follow it. They couldn't beat these magic beasts themselves, so they have to wait until the person who killed the magic beasts allowed them to take some samples.

Otherwise, they would not be able to get anything.

In Continent Z's Capital City, this rule was also applied to make sure that these people would not be greedy and take advantage of others too much. No matter what, it was not that easy to deal with these magic beasts.

"We'll rest here," the leader suddenly said.

They were in a relatively spacious intersection and if there were any magic beast coming from one direction, they have two other directions to choose from. This was a perfect place for them to rest for a short period of time.

"But we haven't obtained enough."

"Yes, we can still go on!"

These researchers were dissatisfied when they heard that they had to rest. Even though their bodies were tired, but their spirit was very energetic.

The gain today was much more than the gain from the past few days.

So they hoped that this gain could increase even more.

Otherwise, it would be a pity for them who have traveled so far.

"No." The leader refused decisively. "You have to retain a certain amount of strength in order to be able to deal with emergencies. There's no need to completely waste your strength. Now rest and we're going back tomorrow."

"What?"

"So fast?"

"But we're not that deep yet..."

These researchers were all making trouble but the leader's stance was firm. They took a long time to reach here because they were taking care of these researchers's speed. But even after exploring for a long time, the only thing they could see was nothing more than rocks and magic beasts.

There didn't seem to be anything else.

So the leader felt that it would be better for them to return.

'This is close to the pillar rooms...'

Riya looked around and her eyes narrowed slightly.

Because she had already seen the message in that formation, Riya had no intention to go to that room anymore.

She knew that the moment she took the special magic core, the formation would be activated and what awaited her would be nothing more than death.

'I hope no one will stupidly walk around on their own.'

As Riya was thinking, she saw Amelia and the others were already lying on the ground.

"Do you not even want to set up any tent?" Riya's lips twitched.

"I'm so tired that I hope I can fall asleep directly," Amelia immediately complained and sighed. "Why do we have to be the one to deal with the most rank 2 magic beasts? I have only advanced to rank 2!"

For this matter, Amelia was full of resentment towards her brother. She has been so busy fighting that she felt that it would be better for her not to advance to rank 2. Otherwise, her brother would only order her to fight more magic beasts.

"Being able to defeat enemies stronger than you meant that you're quite powerful," Riya consoled Amelia.

"Ugh..." Amelia just sighed deeply and continued to lie down.

Sean looked at Amelia like this and rolled his eyes. "No one will help you to set up your tent if you do nothing."

"I know, I know," Amelia grumbled and could only stand up and walked towards Sophia. She would stay in the same tent as Sophia, so the two of them usually worked together to set up the tent.

Melly tried to help, but...

"Melly, don't run around while dragging the rope!"

"Wait, don't come here... ah, the tent is down."

"Melly!"

Riya who watched this laughed out loud. It was really funny to see Melly messed up Amelia and Sophia's works.

Though, she could see that she did it unintentionally.

After all, the tents near the crack's entrance has been set up by the military. They didn't have to set them up by themselves and only needed to stay inside. Melly never knew the process of making these tents.

So she messed around.

"Come on, you two!" Sean looked at the two women exasperatedly. The boys were already done setting up their tents but these two people were still far from finishing.

"Melly took the nails!"

"Melly, don't eat it!"

Stephen saw his sister was chasing after Melly and sighed. He could only step forward to help Sophia set up the tent.

Otherwise, no one will know where they would be staying for the night.

Riya would stay in a tent on her own.

Considering that she would enter her world, even if it was only her consciousness, it would be better for her to stay on her own. In this way, no one would disturb her when she was doing something important inside.

"Finally it's done! Time to eat dinner!"

Amelia immediately rushed over to eat.

There were some people who specifically prepare the food this time for both the researchers and the other people around.

Riya went to her small tent and busy drawing more parts to make another jade doll.

Early in the morning, she heard commotion from outside.

roar?

Mo was not brought into the world again by Riya but still staying outside. However, he naturally didn't enter Riya's tent.

Right now, his body size was already twice of a normal tiger. It would be unreasonable for him to enter Riya's small tent.

"There are people making noises outside," Riya said to herself and looked out.

She saw that one of the professors was talking with the leader, who had just woken up and ordered his soldier to start cooking.

Seeing this scene, Riya pursed her lips.

It seemed that these professors were unwilling to go back and still wanted to go deeper. In this case, they might not be able to finish their exploration anytime soon.

But the deeper they went, the more dangerous it would be.

Oh well....

Chapter 364: They Knew It!

"So noisy..."

Amelia came out while rubbing her eyes. She was still sleepy because she was tired after having to fight so many magic beasts yesterday. And now looking at these researchers making noises, she could guess that they wanted to continue.

"Be prepared to go deeper again," Samuel said to the group when he saw them coming out one by one.

"Ah, we're not going back yet?" Amelia asked in surprise.

"They didn't want to go."

Peter also came to them and stretched his hands. "You know, it's better if they can just tell me that these researchers will never go back unless something happen or they have a major discovery."

The others: "..."

Considering the speed of these researchers and the fact that they had to stop to take samples from time to time, they were actually not that far from the entrance.

"Forget it, just follow them. It's also a good time for your practice."

The others: "..."

They knew it!

In this way, they continued walking for the next two days, deeper and deeper into the crack. The environment in the crack remained the same, the dim light and the uneven rocks. But it was hard to imagine these places were made coincidentally.

Because it was too intricate.

There was also one assistant researcher who was responsible for mapping the terrain. This would be used for those who wanted to come in the future.

And on the fourth day... they found a special place.

Or rather, it was a dangerous place.

"There's a large blood pool mark on the ground," one of the researchers said as he looked at the dark rock below them. The blood had dried up, leaving only these dried blood on top of the rocks, but the stench was still very strong.

The group of researchers naturally stopped and started to investigate these.

Riya saw this and frowned. There was still a distance away from that room, but the blood mark was already very clear.

How many magic beasts died on the third time the formation was activated?

She didn't know.

But she could guess that the number was numerous.

Otherwise, it would have been impossible to form that special magic core.

'But they couldn't take the special magic core again...'

Riya shook her head when she thought about it.

"Can we step on these?" The leader asked one of the researchers.

"There didn't seem to be any virus contamination or anything like that. We suspect that there's a large battle here... but it's hard to imagine what could make the blood trace so even," the researcher replied.

It looked like there's a large blood pool in this area.

But that thought was terrifying.

"Let's continue, then." The leader glanced at Samuel and Peter, who both nodded in his direction. Samuel knew what this place is but it was inconvenient to say it. On the other hand, Peter really didn't know anything.

"Wow, the blood marks are even in the other direction." Peter looked around and clicked his tongue. This was at least half a kilometer of blood pools.

It was terrifying.

"What could possibly happen here?"

"Massacre," Peter said calmly. "There are many methods to cause it, so don't ask me. But if a large number of magic beasts died at the same time in this place, their blood might form a blood pool. Now, what we saw is nothing more than the remaining blood marks."

The others shuddered when they heard that.

"Can you know what kind of magic beasts are there from these blood?" Riya asked Ruby instead. At this moment, Ruby was taking samples from different places on the dried blood on the ground.

"Not exactly." Ruby shook her head. "We did have database where we kept the data of some magic beasts' DNA and other things, but if it's mixed like this, it'll be hard to isolate separate DNA and there are also possibility it might be destroyed."

After all, they didn't know how long this blood has been here.

"Just a chance?" Riya muttered and nodded.

It seemed that these researchers were already working hard and their current result was actually not that bad. Unfortunately, it was far from enough for them to completely understand these magic beasts.

"There's a red room here."

The other researchers have already finished taking some samples when they heard one of them said that.

They quickly rushed over and saw the red room that was mentioned.

Riya was standing a distance away, looking at the room that has been completely filled in red color. The rune markings on the wall was dyed red in blood and it looked terrifying.

It seemed to be warning others not to come any closer.

'Most dangerous formation will try their best to be inconspicuous... why is this one do the opposite?'

Riya felt strange.

She knew very well that the formation that was most commonly used in battle would make sure that the opponent didn't know there was a formation. Because only in this way would it be possible for them to trap their opponents and so on.

As a rune master, Riya is also very proficient in making formation and using them.

So she naturally also followed this unspoken rule.

Because it was indeed the most effective way for the formation to do achieve their goal.

But this one....

It seemed as if they wanted to warn people not to get any closer because there was a dangerous formation here.

"This might be a treasure place?" Professor Dit asked, his eyes were attracted to the runes on the wall.

"I'll record it first."

They quickly took camera and recorded everything they saw here. Their plan was to bring these back to the other researchers and left.

In the middle of the room, the pillar was still there with a blood red core.

"Is this a special core or something?" One of them wanted to touch the blood red core but feel timid.

"Don't touch it," Riya said in a hurry and looked at Samuel.

Chapter 365: Don't Touch it!

"Don't touch it," Samuel quickly yelled to the researchers. He was still outside the room and didn't come inside. Naturally, he would not allow the others from his team to enter the room either.

The others didn't know why they were not allowed to go inside, but since they knew Riya's real identity, they chose to listen.

Anyway, this place did look a bit creepy and scary.

"Do you know what it is?" The researchers turned their heads to look at Samuel curiously.

"No, but before you know it, I don't think it's wise to touch anything in this room," Samuel said solemnly.

The leader was at the edge of the door and frowned. Seeing that neither Samuel or Peter came inside, he had the feeling that this place might be a bit special.

With that, he raised his hand, preventing his men from coming in.

The soldiers retreated in orderly manner.

"Peter, do you know what it is?"

"Ah? It's a special magic core," Peter replied and then looked at Samuel with suspicion. It was impossible for Samuel not to know that it was a special magic core, right?

Samuel passed a glance at Peter.

He could guess that it should be some kind of special magic core, but he didn't want to say anything lest he said something wrong. Because he knew this place because he had paid a visit in the past with Riya.

And what happened after she took the special magic core...

It was not exactly something that Samuel hoped to repeat again.

Being chased by a large number of magic beasts, it was really tiring for both of them to fight these magic beasts.

"Special magic core?" The leader repeated.

"Similar to the magic core you usually found in the magic beasts... but since it's here, I guess it's used to power up the formation. Not that I know what formation it is, but I'm definitely not entering the room," Peter said decisively.

As a free warrior, one without any affiliation and had to work hard to earn his own resources, Peter has always been cautious.

He knew very well that there were many rune master who could create killing formations. If he were to enter and accidentally activated the formation, he wouldn't know where he could cry to.

So for the sake of his life, Peter would not take a risk to enter a place filled with format without knowing what it is.

"Researchers, please get out first." The leader's heart skipped a beat when he heard that and quickly beckoned for the soldiers to step back along with the researchers.

All of them came out of the room.

While some researchers were still looking at the special magic core with some greed, but they were also afraid that taking it would trigger the formation.

"If the magic core is taken, wouldn't the formation can't work?" Pall, another student from Professor Dit, asked in confusion.

"I don't know about it but I don't think that it's that simple," Peter replied with a shrug. He really didn't know much about this matter.

Samuel heard this and shook his head. "A big formation like that might contain several smaller formations interlocking together. So there might be other sources of mana. Besides, some formation didn't really need you to specifically provide them with mana source as they could lock the mana inside and set the trigger condition like the magic scrolls."

The researchers listened carefully and nodded.

They have seen the cool talisman before and understood that it could be used as long as it was torn to reach the runes' line. It would trigger the formation to activate and they didn't understand how it worked.

The runes explanation that Riya gave to them didn't really deal with the essence of the runes or anything like that.

After all, that kind of explanation would take a long time.

And Riya was not so kind that she would share everything she knew.

"Then we can't do anything to this special magic core?" One of the other researchers asked again, still feeling unwilling.

"Unless you want to die, you should not touch that special magic core," Samuel said slowly and then turned around. "Let's go back, we've been here long enough and the amount of resources you have gathered are more than enough for a long research."

The researchers recalled the video they took and then the various samples they have taken.

They could only nod unwillingly.

The leader looked at Samuel and felt that he knew something more, so he walked closer to Samuel and asked, "Have you been here before?"

Samuel didn't answer.

Because he actually wanted to find a place to talk with Riya about this place. When they came here, the formation was not completely dyed in red and there was not even any blood marks within the room.

But now...

Is it because Riya took the special magic core at that time?

There were questions in Samuel's mind.

The leader saw Samuel didn't answer and turned to look at Peter. "Do you know the rank of that special magic core? And it's use?"

"It's use?" Peter tilted his head and then replied, "Of course it's to increase a person's magic rank. That special magic core can be absorbed directly and the one you see just now is already rank 5. Once you absorb it, you can get mana equivalent of a rank 5 magicians... for magic warriors, you might be able to advance from rank 1 to rank 4 directly."

To be honest, Peter himself was also greedy for it.

But he knew very well that having treasures without any ability to keep or use it would be useless.

So it would be better for him not to think too much.

It would be better to leave this special magic core.

Besides, he's a warrior and naturally didn't need mana. His body constitution in that world was also special and in this world... Peter didn't know. But he couldn't sense the mana in the air unless it was an obvious mana fluctuation like those magic cores.

Chapter 366: The Pillar and the Formation

"Rank 5?"

When everyone heard the rank of the special magic core, they were stunned and greed appeared in their eyes.

They all knew that Samuel and the others were already above rank 3, but they didn't know the specific rank. Now that there was a chance for them to reach rank 4 directly, who didn't want it?

"How do you know it's rank 5?"

"The mana fluctuation is quite obvious." Peter rubbed his nose.

Samuel nodded.

He also knew it was rank 5.

"Is there any drawback from using the special magic core?" The leader asked again.

"No, there's no drawback aside from having special petal mark somewhere on your body," Peter replied. "There might be consequences for people at higher level, but I don't know for sure since I'm not a magician."

"I haven't heard of anything like that." Samuel rubbed his chin.

Since he has a very powerful family in that world, Samuel could know more information than ordinary people. Naturally, he also knew that there were many people who often used the special magic core to raise their mana.

Even magic warriors could use it, so it was also very attractive to them.

When he was there, his family members also said that if he could find any special magic core, he could absorb it into his body. The special petal marks doesn't really mean anything aside from letting others know that you have once taken it.

As for where it appear, everyone is usually different.

Some appear in the arm, some appear on their chest, some appear on their back.

The most miserable would be someone who had it on their face because it would be harder to hide it unless they cover up their face forever.

"In that case, we need to think of a way to take it," the leader said quietly.

Samuel frowned. "I don't think that it's possible for you to do so... unless you want to trigger the formation and might die on the spot."

Considering a large number of magic beasts would come because of it, Samuel didn't really think that it would be a good idea for them to take it. Even if they wanted to be greedy for resources, they needed to have life to enjoy it.

Otherwise, it would be useless.

"Oh?" The leader looked at Samuel suspiciously.

Samuel didn't bother to look at the other party and walked away.

He had told his family members about his trip to the crack and also his finding about the pillar to his father, but he didn't have any plan to tell others about this because Samuel felt that it was unnecessary. The more people who knew about this, the more they would want to ask him about the rune master and so on.

Samuel had more than enough trouble as it is.

He didn't want more people to pester him.

"Well, most special magic cores exist in dangerous place," Peter said to the leader beside him. "So even if you want to take it, I don't think it'll be that easy."

He never dared to take those special magic cores when he was in that world.

Too dangerous!

The leader nodded in understanding after hearing Peter's words. "I see."

It seemed that even if they wanted to take that special magic core, they would need to consider a lot of things. First thing first, what formation are being set up in that room and why does it being dyed red?

Samuel didn't bother with the leader and walked to Riya. "Do you know what caused the formation to change?"

He had never heard of formation changing colors.

Unless it was another formation that was activated and caused this change.

Riya peeked at the leader who was busy talking with Peter in the distance and then she said, "I don't know why the color changes, but I do know that the requirement to activate the killing formation has been reached. As long as there's anyone who tried to take the special magic core, no matter whether it's humans or magic beasts, you will be trapped and die a miserable death."

"Killing formation?" Samuel repeated, chills spread out on his back.

Riya nodded solemnly. "The formation is set to lock down the area within the formation and then the killing... I think torture would be more appropriate in this case, formation would be activated."

"Wait, can you elaborate?"

There were too many formations variation in the entire world. Samuel could not guarantee that he knew which one Riya was talking about.

"108 Killing Formation," Riya said slowly.

Samuel was silent.

Now, he really didn't need Riya to explain to him.

The 108 Killing Formation was a special formation that was designed to kill a person 108 times. Rather than killing formation, this was actually more appropriate to be said to be torture formation.

But because the ending of the person within the formation is still death, this was still categorized as killing formation.

As for what would happen after the formation was activated...

The person would be stabbed, skinned alive, burned, and then cut into pieces.

It could be said that the person who designed this formation in the first place wanted to make sure that the person whom she designed it for would die in the most miserable way.

Yes, she.

The person who designed this famous killing formation was a woman.

She's a very ruthless magician who's also a rune master.

"Do you have any countermeasure."

"Not for the time being..."

"What are you doing?!"

When the two of them were talking, they heard shouts from the back and saw that Pall has already entered the room and tried to take the special magic core.

The other researchers were stunned by his reckless move.

They have just agreed that it would be too dangerous to take it directly, but he actually tried to take it?

"You..."

DING!

The moment Pall's hand touched the special magic core, a loud sound rang in everyone's ears.

Chapter 367: Disaster

Everyone watched in horror as they saw a thin layer of red shield formed on the entrance of the room. The formation seemed to be shining in creepy red color and there was a loud shrill of scream.

What followed afterwards was that they all felt the suction from the formation.

Riya's expression changed and she quickly raised her hand. "Shield!"

Large shield that was transparent was formed behind the team. But it would only reduce the suction and would not completely erase it.

"All soldiers carry the researcher and run!" Samuel quickly gave order.

"Ruby, get on Mo."

At this moment, all soldiers started to move and carry the nearest researcher on their back. They didn't care about the equipment or other belongings as the most important thing for them right now was to run away.

Arnold and the others were also running away with the others also started running as fast as possible.

They knew very well that it was really dangerous right now.

Ruby hopped on top of Mo and looked back. That was when she saw Pall being suspended mid air and then something started to shoot through various part of his body and his screams sounded.

There was no sound insulation, so everyone could hear it.

"Ahhhhhh!"

Shrill scream sounded.

What followed was even more tragic scream because they saw Pall's limbs were burned and then countless slashes appeared from the walls, killing Pall easily.

It was terrifying.

Being killed by magic beasts didn't seem to be as terrifying as this formation right now.

Only the researchers and some soldiers managed to see this scene because the others were too busy running away.

Riya also watched.

Her expression solemn because she knew very well that the formation has been triggered and coupled with this terrifying suction power, many magic beasts would be dragged to this place.

Once they found them, would these magic beasts let them go?

It was unlikely.

"Riya! Let's go!" Amelia saw that Riya was at the back of the team and shouted anxiously. But she didn't stop running for she knew that she could not stop at this time.

Riya looked at the formation once more before kicking hurlers on the ground and dashed towards the others. Her physical strength had been strengthened to rank 2 or at least, close to rank 2, but she still needed to adapt to be able to fully unleash her full strength.

Samuel and Peter were also running side by side and they were at the forefront, ready to face any magic beasts that were attracted.

"She's a magician?" Peter asked as they ran.

Samuel didn't answer.

And Peter didn't seem to be waiting for Samuel's answer either because he continued speaking.

"That large shield consumed a lot of mana and it's impossible for you to spend so much mana to protect everyone. Or like, I don't remember any magic warrior's spell that could be so big and..."

"Let's talk later," Samuel interrupted Peter's words.

Peter clicked his tongue and stopped talking. To be honest, when he saw Riya was able to use such magic, he had suspicion that she should be the rune master that Samuel has been talking about before.

After all, that kind of instant magic spell...

There was no way it could be done by anyone below rank 3.

And were there really any other magician who had reached rank 3 outside from those magicians from the Magic Association?

Considering Samuel's relationship with the magicians from the Magic Association were really bad, Peter didn't believe that Riya was from the Magic Association. If she was not from there, the only reason why she could have such ability should only be because she was from that world too like them.

And the only person who knew high ranked magic around Samuel should be the rune master.

Well... Peter didn't know her name, though.

After all, he didn't really join with Samuel's friends training because he had other things to do. The military asked him to protect the researchers and Peter had to do his work well.

roar!

Hearing the roar from the distance, they all raised their heads and saw a group of magic beasts in front of them.

"Rank 2 and rank 3." Samuel saw through their ranks instantly. "Arnold, you deal with the rank 2 magic beasts with the others. Leader Kin, you deal with the rest that they can't handle."

"Yes!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Slash!

They all started to move and the soldiers who didn't carry the researchers immediately took out their guns. They were not strong enough to face these magic beasts with their bare bodies, so they could only use the guns provided to them.

At the same time, the guns also has silencer, so the sound would not be too loud.

It was just...

These magic beasts were really noisy.

Slash! Slash!

Seeing more and more magic beasts coming, Samuel frowned. These rank 3 magic beasts were nothing in his eyes, but if the number was too many, it would also be very troublesome. He did know some AoE magic spells related to sword but most of his moves were usually single target.

After all, what he pursued was extreme power.

It would not be easy to pursue extreme power if he had to divide his target.

Bang! Peng!

"They're never ending!" Peter also complained in annoyance. If there were too many magic beasts, he felt that it would not be a good thing for them either.

After all, Peter was similar to Samuel in some ways. One of them was the fact that most of his attack methods were single targets.

If he had to target several magic beasts at once, it would be more difficult.

Not that it was impossible, but it would waste more time and energy.

Sssh!

screech

Hearing this, they all looked up and saw several flying magic beasts coming over.

"Great, now we might not be able to get out so quickly." Peter saw this and took a deep breath.

Chapter 368: Rank 4 Magic Beasts

"Leave them to me," Samuel said as he looked at these flying magic beasts. He knew that Peter's skills were not very convenient to attack flying magic beasts. It would be more cost effective for Peter to target anyone who's in close distance with him.

"Ok, I'll deal with the rest of the rank 3 magic beasts," Peter said and then stepped forward towards the other magic beasts around.

He smirked and then smashed his punch to the head of the magic beasts.

Bang!

The magic beast's head shattered in an instant. It's dead and couldn't be more dead.

After that, Peter simply moved towards the second magic beasts and treated it the same way, killing in the most efficient way possible.

As for weapon...

Peter felt that no weapon could compare to his fist!

Swish! Swish! Crackle!

Lightning sparks on Samuel's swords as he aimed towards the few flying magic beasts around them. The lightning spread out and instantly electrocuted the row of flying magic beasts in front of them.

Screech!

The flying magic beasts screamed out loud.

The pain from having their bodies electrocuted was not something that could be described by words so easily.

And the next moment, these flying magic beasts fell down.

Some of them were completely scorched black because of the lightning and some others still has relatively intact body parts. But without exception, all of them died instantly after encountering Samuel's attack.

'We have to get out of here as fast as possible.'

Samuel looked at the soldiers who were still rushing forward as fast as possible. They were only delayed because some soldiers have to fight against the rank 2 and lower magic beasts, but they still continued going.

Because if they stayed still, they would feel the strong suction power from the formation behind them.

Thinking about what would happen if they were sucked there, they all shuddered.

No one wanted to die.

Under the strong desire for survival, none of them dared to relax. Their adrenaline was pumped to the limit and they were all struggling hard to continue walking and taking care of the researchers behind them.

Slash!

Amelia looked at these magic beasts and attacked relentlessly.

The past few days of training had allowed them to be able to handle a rank 2 magic beast on their own. What they needed to do was to kill these magic beasts, which would take some time.

Swish! Slash!

An arrow came from their back and they knew very well that it should be Ruben who was tearing apart another magic scroll.

Ruben had made a few magic scrolls and Riya checked them. They were not that bad, but his proficiency was still lacking. Until he could make the perfectly stable rank 1 magic scroll, Riya didn't have anything to teach him.

So Ruben would spend his time drawing magic scrolls.

But many of them have leakage in mana and would not last long, so during their training, Ruben would use it to assist their battle.

"Thanks Ruben!" Amelia shouted and then rushed to the next one.

Swish! Bang!

Arnold slashed one magic beast and punched the other one quickly. He could see that there were more and more magic beasts around, which would make it difficult for them to get out of here quickly.

The only way to avoid the suction power of that formation was if they get out of this crack.

But the nearest crack was so far away.

The crack that they chose to stay was even further.

It's really difficult.

"Melly!" Sophia gave order and Melly jumped up to the nearest magic beast, biting its neck so that it would die.

roar

The magic beast struggled but Melly kept her teeth firmly locked on the magic beast's neck. After some time, blood continued to flow and the magic beast's body turned limp.

"Good job." Sophia heaved a sigh of relief.

She and Melly were located somewhat in the middle, a bit away from the frontline fighter. After all, Melly was only rank 2 and brutal battle with these magic beasts would leave her with injuries.

This was not what Sophia wanted.

In their training, Melly did take some risk from time to time to help with the frontline fighter.

But it was not much.

Because what Sophia wanted was for Melly to stay on the back and didn't do anything stupid.

Swish! Slash! Bang!

Sean and Stephen were also fighting on the other side, one was slashing with his sword while the other one was shooting with the gun.

Click!

Stephen changed the bullets and frowned.

The number of magic beasts didn't decrease much. If this continued, they would run out of ammunition first before they could get out of this siege.

"Brother, be careful!"

"I know"

Bang! Bang!

Stephen continued to shoot the magic beasts, not allowing them to get close to him. No matter what he thought in his mind, he had to make sure that these magic beasts close to them died.

Otherwise, his safety would not be guaranteed.

With that, Stephen could only become a ruthless shooting machine, shooting all magic beasts around them.

"Continue shooting!" Leader Kin was shouting.

He could see that the situation was not very good.

Even though they brought a lot of ammunition but it was still limited. There was no way they could continue shooting all the time when fighting against these magic beasts.

'We have to break out of the encirclement.'

Going back?

Unless they wanted to be sucked into the formation and died, it would not be an option.

So the best way was for them to rush forward and deal with these magic beasts.

Just as Leader Kin thought that things would not turn for the worst...

roar!

Large roar came out from the front and a large magic beasts came to the view.

Upon seeing it, Samuel and Peter were both stunned and said, "Rank 4 magic beast."

"What? Rank 4 magic beasts?"

Chapter 369: Rank 4 Magic Beasts (2)

The people would not be able to hear Samuel and Peter when they didn't speak so loudly, but they definitely heard the yell from Ruben.

Ruben was not that far away from Samuel since he moved back to target the few flying magic beasts above them. Even though the scene of these flying beasts falling down was a bit scary, but it was still controlled not to reach the group of people.

Moreover, the ceiling was not that high.

Just around 5 to 10 meters.

The ceiling was also uneven just like those caves with uneven landscape.

But even if these flying magic beasts were not that high, most of them would not be able to reach and kill them.

It was miserable.

"Rank 4 magic beast?" Leader Kin felt cold in his heart when he heard that. He looked at the magic beast that came to them and felt that they might not be its opponent.

Arnold and the others who were fighting on the side were also a bit worried.

Would Samuel be able to deal with it.

"Peter, do you want to deal with the rank 4 magic beast?" Samuel asked as he looked at the incoming magic beasts. The number of magic beasts hadn't decreased in the slightest bit and it seemed that it would continue to increase.

Their only way of survival was if they killed all of these magic beasts.

But to deal with a rank 4 magic beast, Samuel and Peter would have to exert more effort. This meant that the amount of energy they could use to deal with other magic beasts would be reduced.

"Of course." Peter smirked and then dashed forward.

He still had more than energy left, but before reaching that rank 4 magic beast, he had to deal with the large number of magic beasts that rushed towards them.

"I originally didn't want to use this skill because I will have to ask for more clothing from the Martial Arts Association..." Peter muttered under his breath. "But for the sake of getting out of here alive, then I have no other choice but to do it!"

roar!

The rank 4 magic beast was a large animal in the shape of elephant or at least something similar to it. The magic beast has a large horn along with long nose that was used to knock the rocks apart.

It seemed that the elephant like magic beast was showing off its power.

"Human Transformation!"

With a loud shout, Peter's skin tinged in red and then he roared as his body seemed to have grown double in size.

After that, Peter dashed forward.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

All magic beasts on his path were all knocked away by Peter at the fastest speed possible. As they were knocked to the wall, their entire body turned into meat paste and they couldn't be more dead.

In just a split moment, Peter had arrived in front of the elephant like magic beasts and punched forward.

Bang!

The elephant like magic beast was not slow and the long nose was raised to block the blow, but the force still knocked it backward.

It was stunned.

And then it angrily roared again.

roar!

"Tsk, you have such a thick skin." Peter clicked his tongue in dissatisfaction and rushed forward once again to launch more attack.

Even though this elephant like magic beast had thick skin, Peter was confident that he would be able to defeat it.

Swish! Bang! Bang!

Boom!

Being knocked backwards, Peter smashed the wall and created a crater there. He could feel on his back, but it didn't matter that much. His eyes moved until he saw the creature that suddenly appeared beside the elephant like magic beast.

Its body was completely dark and it was quickly blending into the shadow once more.

But the mana fluctuation told Peter one thing.

"Samuel, there's another one here! I need you to help me deal with it," Peter shouted.

Another one?

This time, the soldiers, researchers, and the others heard Peter's words and their heart raised to their throat. Just one rank 4 magic beast alone was already hard to deal with and now there was another one?

Samuel looked at the elephant like magic beast in the distance and then looked at the few people behind him.

"Ruben, use more magic scrolls and Arnold, I'm leaving this place to you."

"Yes!"

They knew that it would be more difficult without Samuel covering up for them, but now that there was a stronger magic beast, they knew that they have to follow his instruction.

Swish!

Samuel looked at the group of magic beasts in front of him and raised his sword. "I really don't like too many magic beasts here... O Heaven and Earth. Cloud of destruction and the mighty sword, grant me the lightning storm!"

BOOM!

Lightning sparkled around Samuel, instantly spread out like web as he pointed his sword forward.

These weaker magic beasts were all killed instantly as the magic spells traveled further towards the front. Their bodies were turned into ashes instantly, leaving nothing on their path.

For those who didn't know, they would think that these magic beasts have never existed in the first place.

As if it was nothing but an illusion.

wooo!

Strange cry sounded and the lightning storm was forcefully blocked when it was close to the elephant like magic beast.

Dark element shield like thing appeared and blocked the attack.

"Shadow creature," Samuel muttered, his expression was not very good.

He and Peter has been fighting against the magic beasts for some time, so they were not in their peak condition. And these two magic beasts were clearly at the peak of rank 4... which was a bit hard to deal with.

Moreover, the dark element was known to be one of the element that was really hard to deal with, especially because of the dark element nature.

Now that the shadow creature had shown its dark element, would the elephant like magic beast also showed its ability.

"It's really troublesome." Samuel's eyes turned sharp.

No matter what, he have to protect everyone.

Chapter 370: Rank 4 Magic Beasts (3)

"Dark element..."

The others saw these magic beasts using magic spells and their hearts were filled with waves.

They all knew very well that magic beasts could also use their element, but so far, what they have seen was very limited. It was nothing more than having some stronger defense or even greater affinity towards some elements.

But these magic beasts' main weapon was still their claw, teeth, or even their tails.

No matter which one it is, it would still be one of their body parts, which made them look like normal melee magic beasts.

No one paid that much attention to this matter either.

But now, they clearly saw that the magic beast was using the mana to form a shield and blocked the attack.

Not only that...

"This magic beast is on par with Samuel?" Ruben asked with uncertainty. He clearly felt that the magic spell that Samuel used was by no means weak. It was already a rank 4 magic spell, but the magic beast blocked the attack as if it was nothing special.

This made him worry.

If the magic beast was more powerful than Samuel, then their lives would be in danger and it was not something that they wanted at all.

"Perhaps not really on par but just close?" Stephen said, his expression was solemn.

Thanks to the move from Samuel just now, the number of magic beasts around them had been greatly reduced.

This made the few people who only made up for firepower from the back could rest a bit. Naturally, their attention was focused on Samuel and Peter's side.

They didn't want to die.

But right now, they were too weak to fight against these magic beasts and could only rely on Samuel and Peter.

It felt frustrating.

And what they hoped the most was that Samuel and Peter's strength were all still above these magic beasts.

Otherwise, it would be really difficult for them to survive.

Slash!

Amelia also wanted to look at her brother, but these magic beasts in front of her didn't want to leave her be and continued to pester her.

She could only raise her sword and busy slaughtering these magic beasts.

Slash! Slash!

The number of magic beasts did decrease because of her brother, but there were still quite a lot around them.

After all, Samuel didn't clean up all the magic beasts.

It would be too troublesome.

Bang!

Sean and the few others were also working hard to kill these magic beasts. They had to clear out the way for the soldiers who were carrying the researchers.

As for the researchers...

They were now looking in Samuel and Peter's direction, astonishment and curiosity clear in their eyes.

Even if not all of them specialized in biology or related fields, they still felt that this scene was more than enough to overturn their previous concepts. This made them rather greedy to study Samuel or at least know how to become so strong like him.

There was already the announcement of the practice method from the government and Martial Arts Association.

But it didn't contain the details about how far they could practice the meditation and boxing technique.

They bet that it would not be as fast as Samuel and Peter.

They were curious.

At the same time, they also knew that it would be impossible for the higher ups to agree for them to study these two people directly.

"Teacher, do you think we can get out of here safely?" Menai, the other one of Professor Dit's disciple, asked worriedly.

Ever since he saw Pall dying like that, he has been stricken in fear.

Because he had the same thought as Pall, which was to take the special magic core secretly when there was a chance. The others were not paying attention to them and thought that they would not step forward to take the special magic core on their own.

But he's curious!

Moreover, the temptation of being able to reach rank 4 so quickly after taking one special magic core could make one lose their minds.

Many people were already tired of being beaten up by these magic beasts. They wanted to be the strong one to beat up these magic beasts, showing those annoying magic beasts who's the boss!

Unfortunately, the reality didn't allow them to do so.

Because it was the magic beasts who was abusing them.

So for these people who were ambitious and wanted to beat up the magic beasts, they still have to train their bodies and so on.

"I don't know," Professor Dit replied, his face was also ashen.

Having one of his disciple killed like that also made Professor Dit annoyed.

Unfortunately, he couldn't really do anything about it.

It had happened and nothing could bring him back.

Anyway, he still could take more students after he came back to Continent Z's Capital City.

The most important thing is for them to survive.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The last few magic beasts were quickly cleaned up.

On the other hand, Peter and Samuel were still busy in the distance and the other magic beasts around them that were of lower ranked were implicated.

Their battles made the soldiers' blood boiled.

Because they felt that these two people were really good.

Swish! Bang!

Peter was straightforward and rushed over to the elephant like magic beasts, punching hard again and again. His set of movements seemed as if it has been practiced thousands of times as it flow smoothly.

Slash!

On the other hand, Samuel was using his lightning element to strike the shadow creature.

But it seemed to know Samuel's intention as it kept on hiding.

This will take some time unless Samuel planned to use wide area of attack movement.

Screech!

As they were busy fighting, they heard the sound of bird's shriek and then looked to the back.

What they saw was a large magic beast rushing over, bringing sense of oppressions to them.

Their expressions turned pale.

"There's another rank 4 magic beast?"

The rank 4 flying magic beasts saw this group of people and opened its mouth.

screech

The next moment, countless wind blades came in their direction instantly.

Bang!