

Last Days 371

Chapter 371: You're Really Annoying

"Crouch down!"

Even if this would be useless, Leader Kin could only order his people to hide away from the attack. Rather than doing nothing and stood stupidly as the attack approached them, it would be better for them to try.

If they were lucky, they might be able to survive.

But seeing the densely packed wind blades coming over at rapid speed, it seemed that it was not giving them any time to react.

Bang!

There was a loud explosion.

Leader Kin looked at the back, so he could clearly see a thin invisible layer of shield seemed to have blocked all of their attacks.

It was similar to the one that appeared outside that cave.

"This..."

The soldiers were confused.

Did Samuel or Peter cast magic from a distant?

After all, those two people were making the way out for the soldiers, so they have always been at the front. On the other hand, this flying magic beast came from behind.

It seemed unrealistic for these two people to cast their magic so far away.

But in their disbelief, they saw a young woman was still standing still not far from where the thin shield was located.

Riya looked at the flying magic beast in front of her.

"You're really annoying."

She originally didn't plan to show her strength at all.

The first shield was because Riya knew that the ability of her friends and these soldiers was not high. The suction power of the formation was really strong and it would be impossible for them to withstand it and run in the other direction.

So she formed a shield to block most of the suction power.

In this way, they could still rush out on their own.

Afterwards, Riya watched as Samuel and Peter continued to rush towards the nearest crack entrance. The two of them were doing well and could easily deal with the magic beasts around them.

The number of the magic beasts might be a lot, but they were relatively weaker, with the highest being at the third rank.

It was nothing for these two people.

Riya stayed at the back of the ground, maintaining the invisible shield so that the suction power would not be so strong for them. This suction power was nothing much to Samuel and Peter while Riya used a formation to protect herself.

After all, her pure physical strength was only comparable to rank 2 magic warrior.

It was far from being able to defend against the formation's power.

Riya didn't want to make trouble for herself and her action when she formed the shield back then had already caused trouble. She was sure that Peter had known her real identity as the rune master.

But well...

Forget it.

She had no intention to care about this for the time being.

It would be better for her to deal with these magic beasts first.

Swish!

Riya looked at the flying magic beasts and sighed deeply.

She honestly thought that with Peter and Samuel leading the way, there was no need for her to make a move.

Unfortunately, there would be a flying magic beasts rushing out in this direction.

She could guess that this flying magic beast might have come from the depths of the crack. After all, no one has ever seen such a powerful magic beasts on the periphery.

And when the formation was activated, the suction power might have also attracted the magic beasts deep in the crack.

Riya's eyes condensed slightly.

It seemed that she might also have played a role in bringing these magic beasts out. Once this expedition was over, she would take some time to explore deeper into the crack and clean up these magic beasts.

Even if this might be inevitable because magic beasts would also be attracted to the special magic core, but Riya still felt that this would be necessary.

But that was for later.

Riya raised her hand and circles of runes floated from the tip of her finger. She drew the runes quickly through controlling the mana and it circled around her body, forming a protective runes shield.

Those who saw it definitely feel amazed.

Because these runes seemed as if they were alive and protect Riya, forming a complete circle around her.

And the next moment, chains of runes floated out to form a circle in front of Riya followed by a blast of light.

Boom!

screech

The flying magic beast avoided to the side and the light barely scrapped its side. And then it hit the ceiling, causing a big hole to appear there.

Those who watched were dumbfounded.

That power was just like a laser cannon... but with more power as the rocks in this place has higher density. Moreover, they could see that the runes were operated simply by mana.

It's amazing.

Riya looked at the flying magic beast that avoided it and simply inputed more mana into the runes.

And then...

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Series of destructive laser cannons were shot continuously towards the flying magic beasts, bombarding it to its death.

Bang!

On the front, Peter saw that the crisis was averted and focused his attention on the elephant like magic beast once more.

"It seems that I also have to hurry out."

With a laugh, Peter dashed towards the elephant like magic beast once more. His speed was several times faster than before and then, the elephant like magic beast experienced a brutal beating.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Samuel saw this and sighed deeply. He didn't really want to fight with his all, but seeing that there were more magic beasts coming over, he could only start chanting, "O Heaven and Earth. Cloud of destruction and the mighty sword, grant me the lightning storm!"

Lightning swept in, killing countless magic beasts and the shadow creature was no exception.

It could not hide as the lightning swept over the shadow.

As it appeared, Samuel had already appeared in front of the shadow creature and swung his sword.

Slash!

Chapter 372: Smile

Leader Kin felt that he was dreaming.

When the rank 4 magic beast came one after another, he has been worried for their lives. After all, the large number of magic beasts alone made things very difficult for them.

The battle was by no means easy.

Only Samuel and Peter could possibly deal with these rank 4 magic beasts while others couldn't even hope to get close to them.

Unless they want to seek death.

But no one is that stupid.

They only have one life and it was impossible for them to look for death when they were struggling so hard to survive.

And the sight of more rank 4 magic beasts coming only made him despaired.

But the scene in front of him told him that there was no need for him to worry.

Bang!

These rank 4 magic beasts fell down one by one. With the three people using their own skills to defeat these rank 4 magic beast quickly, there was no need for them to worry so much about them.

Moreover, the large scale attack from Samuel basically killed countless magic beasts and opened up a path in front of them.

Not only Leader Kin, the others were also stunned when they saw this scene.

But after a moment, Leader Kin came to his sense. "Hurry up and go forward! We have to get out of this crack!"

"Yes!"

The soldiers came to realization and rushed over once again. The researchers on their back was still looking at the three people with deep unwillingness. They wanted to see more of these people!

Amelia wanted to cheer loudly when she saw this. "Riya is amazing! Ah, I really want her to teach her ability to me."

"You're not a mage."

"...I can dream!"

Ruben heard Amelia's words and then his eyes were filled with burning desire. While Amelia was only saying nonsense because she knew that she couldn't possibly learn it, but he has a chance.

He's Riya's student.

Next, he had to make sure that he learned everything and practiced well so that he could become a true rune master like Riya!

Thud!

Riya looked at the flying magic beast that fell down in front of her after being bombarded and shook her head.

It was not fun to fight a rank 4 magic beast.

If it was not because she has to exert her mana to maintain the shield to prevent the suction power of that formation, she would not have consumed so much mana and could be more relaxed.

Turning her head to look at the other people, Riya pursed her lips.

Should she negotiate a confidentiality agreement with them?

It felt really troublesome.

Riya put the thoughts aside and continued to walk, following the group while maintaining the shield. The corpse of the rank 4 magic beast naturally entered her world. She would take some blood essence from this rank 4 magic beast to make a formation in the future.

With this blood essence, Riya was confident that she would be able to make stronger formation.

Hehehe~

While Riya was happily thinking about what rank 5 formation she will make next, Samuel and Peter had also finished their battle.

Peter looked at the pile of ashes in front of Samuel speechlessly. "Your skills that destroyed the corpses of these magic beasts had to be changed soon or you won't be able to get any loot."

The bodies of these magic beasts are very valuable and it was truly a waste to destroy it directly. Unfortunately, Samuel's favorite attack power was of lightning and fire element, which basically destroyed the bodies of these magic beasts into ashes.

"...I know."

Samuel only felt that his skills were very clean. There would not be any traces of these magic beasts after his attack and it was very good at erasing traces.

But now that they were in the Green Planet, Samuel understood very well that he might need to change his fighting method. If he kept on destroying all the corpses, there would be nothing that they could use for research and eating.

It was really troublesome.

Samuel turned to look at the elephant like magic beast in front of Peter. "I'll bring it with me first and you will pay me to take it back later."

Peter was stunned and before he answered, he saw the magic beast disappeared.

At this moment, he understood that Samuel should have space storage magic scroll above rank 1. Otherwise, it would not be possible to fit such a big elephant like magic beast.

"Damn it! You're cheating. How did you have such a good equipment while I can't even have one!"

"The Martial Arts Association didn't give you one?"

"They said that I have to trade one with you myself."

"Heh."

"Don't laugh! After this, you have to introduce me to her properly. It would be better for me to ask from her directly rather than coming to you."

Samuel's eyes narrowed.

Now that Riya had shown her ability, there would definitely be some people who came to Riya because of this and then asked for her help.

It would be troublesome.

"Also, let me borrow some clothes... it feels really cold." Peter's clothes were basically torn to shreds. Right now, he was only wearing special shorts that was tailor made for him.

Samuel silently tossed clothes to Peter and then looked at the magic beasts coming from the distance.

"First of all, let's deal with these magic beasts first."

"Right."

They still have to get out of this place.

The battle with the rank 4 magic beasts was indeed tiring and all, but it was nothing much to them. The problem would occur only if there were several more rank 4 magic beasts coming.

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The next subsequent battles were not very difficult.

Aside from the soldiers who were so tired and Arnold and the others who were exhausted and had to meditate to recover their mana, the others were relatively doing well.

They found a crack and climbed out, thus no longer experienced the suction power.

But it was not that safe in this wilderness, so they will still let the people guard in case some magic beasts coming.

At this time, Samuel came to Riya.

Chapter 373: Request

"Yes?" Riya asked when she saw Samuel coming over.

"Do you want to have some talk with him?" Samuel pointed at Leader Kin, who was so exhausted that he was almost unable to stand up straight. Aside from the researchers who were relatively fine because they were being carried, the others were either lying down or struggling to stand up.

Their task to guard the place could be said to be almost unable to be completed.

But for the sake of their survival, they could only try their best to stay focus and try to guard this place.

"Is it possible not to disclose my identity?" Riya asked. She felt that just asking some request through Samuel was already very good. Because she was not very good at negotiation and didn't want to waste time on it either.

Rather than thinking and messing around about this matter, isn't it better to focus on improving her strength and make more formations?

At the very least, this was what Riya thought in her mind.

"It should be possible." Samuel smiled.

If they didn't want to, he could just make a trip specifically to Continent Z's Capital City to talk with them about this matter. A few rank 4 spells should be more than enough to coerce those people unless they asked for help from the magicians from the Magic Association.

"Then I want to."

"Ok."

With that, the two of them walked towards Leader Kin.

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Leader Kin felt that his work pressure was too great.

Just after they came out of the crack, Samuel and Riya approached him to let them all sign an agreement not to disclose Riya's identity. Otherwise, Riya would not agree to follow their previous agreement.

After all, Riya could live anywhere she wanted with her ability.

For this matter, Leader Kin had to report to Mr. A and only after receiving approval from Mr. A did he agree.

Moreover, Mr. A actually felt that this was good.

With no one knowing Riya's real identity and let the negotiation passed through Samuel, it would be easier for them too. Because Riya is basically unaffiliated and didn't exactly have anyone whom she cared for aside from a few friends.

But could friends be worth more than family?

Mr. A was not sure.

And these people who were close to Riya were also close to Amelia, which made it very difficult for them to do anything to them even if they wanted to.

In this way, the researchers all signed an agreement.

"Do we have to sign an agreement too?" Amelia asked when she saw her brother coming to her.

"No." Samuel shook his head.

"That's great." Amelia laughed.

"Are you planning to reveal this matter to others?"

"Of course not! The fewer people who know, the better it would be!" Amelia quickly denied it.

Sean looked at his sister suspiciously. "Oh? Why is that?"

"So that she could... I mean, so that not many people will bother her."

"I think you don't want others to find out because you want to monopolize her talisman and magic scrolls."

Amelia coughed when she heard that and looked away guiltily. She did want Riya to let her get more talisman and magic scrolls. After all, those things were really good and very convenient to use.

Of course, she also didn't want too many people to bother Riya because it would be troublesome.

Riya who was listening: "..."

Sophia laughed out loud and patted Amelia's back. "I think that your expression had already betrayed your real intention."

"No! Riya, please believe me!"

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After messing around for a bit, they planned to go back to their small base in the crack through outside and didn't enter the crack for the time being.

"Will those people be in danger because of these magic beasts?" Leader Kin asked Peter and Samuel when they were on their way back.

"It's possible, but we have arranged for them to retreat immediately if the situation is not good," Samuel replied.

Since all the powerful magic warriors were all going forward without leaving even one behind, there was no way the military would allow these researchers to stay in the crack for such a long time.

Samuel guessed that not long after their departure, they should have started their strategic retreat.

"I see." Peter listened on the side and nodded.

As they had expected, when they reached the first crack, most of the people there had already retreated and only some people from the military were left. When the suction power suddenly appeared, there were only a few military people inside and they quickly realized that it was dangerous.

So everyone quickly came out of the crack and left.

"The details about that formation will be discussed at later time." Leader Kin looked at Samuel and Peter. "Mr. A would hope for you two to come and be in time."

"I understand."

"Me too?" Peter looked doubtful but he still nodded.

"The first crack exploration has officially ended and we'll discuss with you about the next exploration..."

"NO! I don't want to go with the researchers again." Peter's expression was distorted. If there were more researchers who put their lives in danger because of their curiosity, Peter would not want to take this mission again no matter how much they gave to him.

Leader Kin looked at Peter helplessly but couldn't say anything. It was the truth that the researchers this time put their lives in danger, which was not very good.

Samuel also shook his head. "I think that if you truly want to explore the crack, you can send your own people."

He said this more politely than Peter, but the rejection in his tone was clear.

The two of them had experienced the battle inside and if they were alone, they would be more at ease. But they had to bring a group of oil bottles, which was very troublesome.

Since neither of them were in the military, they didn't want to take up this job at all.

Chapter 374: "..."

Perhaps it was because Leader Kin knew that Samuel and Peter were not part of the military too that he didn't pester them.

There would be others who would negotiate with them.

His task was simply to relay the message they sent to him.

"I understand, there will be others who will contact you later." Leader Kin thought for a moment and then added, "The researchers who are related to Pall will be investigated later and we'll give explanation to everyone who participated in this mission."

The military has been more or less reorganized during this period of time. At the very least, for the areas in Continent Z's Capital City and the few cities around it, the military already had strong power.

Many bases also cooperated with the military so that they could get more protection.

After all, some military people were better than their own.

It was not an exaggeration to say that the returnees were at the highest rank followed by some magicians from the Magic Association or the Martial Arts Association and then the military. It was only the other magic warriors and others that were lower than them.

Ordinary people were placed at the very bottom.

Because if they wanted to become stronger, they had to start practicing, no matter which section it is.

"Ok." Samuel nodded.

He didn't care too much about this matter, but it would not be good not to say anything. After all, the person who was actually responsible for this matter had died and there wouldn't be any point for him to pursue this matter.

To be honest, that tragic death could be said to be the greatest punishment for that man.

Because of his own greediness, he ignored the caution that others had told him and insisted on going through his own way.

For this matter, Samuel had nothing to say.

As for the other researchers related to him, the government will deal with this matter and it didn't matter too much for him.

After that, Leader Kin left.

"Wait, before leaving, can we have a spar?" Peter looked at Riya with strong fighting intent. He had seen Riya's strength and had heard of those runes, so he hoped that he could have a fight with Riya before they went back.

Anyway, if they were to fight here or inside the crack, the aftermath of their battle would not affect others too much.

Riya: "..."

She knew that Peter is a battle maniac, but she didn't expect that he would suddenly ask her for a battle.

Looking at the energetic Peter, Riya quickly said, "I'm a rune master and I'm not someone with high fighting strength."

"But you can defeat that magic beast quickly," Peter refuted.

"That's because the magic beast isn't that strong while being affected by the suction power of the formation," Riya replied without hesitation.

Peter thought for a moment and realized that it did make sense.

But...

"I still want to have a battle with you."

Riya: "... this battle maniac!

Samuel saw this and shook his head. He knew that one someone was targeted by Peter to have a battle, this man wouldn't stop until he reached his goal. He looked at the others. "You can go back first or you can choose to wait until we're done."

"I would rather wait," Arnold said.

They hadn't completely recovered after running away for a long time in the crack some time. Rather than putting their lives in danger by going back on their own, it would be better to wait for Samuel and the others to finish their business.

When they got back together later, their safety would be more guaranteed.

"I want to see the battle!" Amelia raised her hand.

"Stupid."

"What did you say, Sean?"

Before his sister and brother could fight again, Samuel raised his hand and said, "You can only watch from the distance even if you want to. The battle at their ranks is not something that you can handle."

"It'll be just like when we're watching your battle, Brother!"

"Yes!"

The others also looked at Riya and Peter with great interest. If Riya chose to fight with Peter, they really wanted to see their battle and see if they could learn something.

Riya saw the others were interested and fell silent.

Why did she feel like a performing that's making a show for others to watch?

In the end, Riya sighed.

"Rune master is more of an auxiliary profession rather than a main fighter, so if we were to fight, I would like to limit the time or limit the moves," Riya said.

Unlimited fight would only result in her disadvantages and she didn't really want to waste so much time in this place.

She wanted to go back and planned her rank 5 formation.

After that, she had to take care of the trees in her world so that it could grow faster for her to make the special paper for the magic scrolls.

"Limit the time, then," Peter said and after thinking he said, "5 minutes?"

5 minutes might seem like a short time, but for people of their ranks, it was more than enough for them to use several higher ranked moves.

Magic spells that could cause great destruction, the use of aura for other things, and so on.

So 5 minutes would be good enough.

"Ok." Riya pointed at the crack. "Let's fight inside. I don't need the satellite to record our battles."

"The satellites are pointing here?" Peter was stunned and then he froze. "How did you know?"

"Instinct."

When she's being watched, Riya would feel somewhat uncomfortable. The runes that she had drawn around herself would also give her warning if there was someone who had malicious intention to her.

There was a direct rebound and so on.

In this way, it would be hard to kill Riya unless they exhausted all of her means.

It could be said that for these returnees, they all have various tricks to protect their lives.

Chapter 375: Peter vs Riya

"Instinct?" Peter was confused.

Not understanding it, Peter chose not to think too much and decided to walk into the crack first. Anyway, the most important thing is that Riya had agreed for them to have a short battle with each other.

Thinking that he would be able to fight heartily, Peter wanted to laugh out loud.

For Peter, the more he fight with others, the stronger he would be. It was also because of this that he continued to fight with as many people as possible along the way.

"Maintain the distance if you want to watch." Riya looked at Amelia and then at Ruby, who was also staring with burning gaze. "... And no recording."

She didn't really want someone to hack their phones and saw the battle there. It would be too troublesome if someone knew about this.

While Riya knew that it might be inevitable for people to know in the future, now is not the time.

"Don't worry, I know." Amelia grinned and agreed.

Ruby also nodded quickly.

To be honest, Ruby really wanted to record it so that she could see it repeatedly in the future. After all, Riya didn't seem to like fighting and all of her battles would definitely be very important in the future.

If there was a chance for them to see Riya's battle, they really hoped that they could see it more often.

After all, the one in the crack just now was really powerful!

"I don't have any intention to record anything," Sean also added.

The others all agreed and then they entered the crack again.

The moment they entered, they could still feel the faint suction power from the distance but it was not as strong as before. Seeing that the formation was still operating in the distance, Samuel didn't allow them to go any deeper and stopped at the entrance of the crack.

In case the suction power got stronger, it would be better for them not to go too deep.

"This suction power is even stronger than when we run away," Arnold analyzed when they entered.

"That's because Master is setting up a shield to block most of the suction power," Ruben said.

He could guess that the reason why Samuel and Peter were at the forefront was to open up the way. They would kill a lot of magic beasts and these two people had no problem with others knowing about their strength.

After all, they have already shown their strength for a long time and other people were busy catching up to them.

The various practice that they threw out were also the guidance for many people in the Green Planet go become stronger.

Uh wait.

It was not Green Planet but only the Continent Z.

Until the continents were peaceful again, it was estimated that they would not want to contact other continents for the time being.

"She's really powerful," Sean muttered.

"Of course, Riya is the best!" Amelia raised her chin proudly.

Sean rolled his eyes at his sister's behavior. "It's not you who's strong, why are you so proud?"

"Because Riya is my best friend!"

"It's just best friend!"

"Better than you!"

The two siblings quarreled once more and the others sighed deeply, not wanting to care about these two pair of treasure anymore. There wouldn't be a day where these two people wouldn't fight.

Of course, if they didn't see each other for a day, it might be possible for them not to fight.

But this situation seemed to be rare lately.

After all, they were busy fighting against magic beasts together.

"Alright, just be careful and if you can't handle it, form a shield with your magic," Samuel said to the others. For his two brother and sister, he chose to let them be and they could still hear his words.

"Can the shield we made block the suction power from that formation?" Ruben asked. The highest rank among them was only rank 2, so the shield they could make would definitely be very weak.

Could such a shield work against that formation?

"It will help to alleviate it slightly," Samuel replied. "At the very least, you won't be physically exhausted because you have to grip onto something to handle it."

They were all sitting at the rock area near the entrance of the crack. Because these rocks were uneven and they could hold onto these rocks to help make sure they were not being pulled over by that formation.

This might not be the best place, but it was good enough.

"I see." Arnold nodded in understanding.

Ruby was sitting on the side holding onto Mo tightly. Without Mo, she would not be able to stay in this crack to watch.

After all, she was not even a rank 1 magic warrior.

'Should I spend more time to practice?'

Thinking about her own research, Ruby felt bitter. She didn't know whether her talent was good or bad, but if she had to spend more time training, she wouldn't be able to do her research much in the future.

Ruben was silently meditating while holding onto the rocks. He has more mana and should be able to form a shield as long as his mana recovered.

Before the battle started, he should try his best to increase his mana.

Tep.

While Samuel was watching over the others to make sure nothing would happen to them, Riya and Peter were walking into the corridor and stopped when they were already far enough from the others.

From this distance, the impact of their battle would be minimal.

"Are you ready?" Peter asked, looking at Riya in front of him eagerly. He really wanted to fight and see how strong Riya is.

"Yes." Riya looked back at Peter and smiled. "I can't possibly let you wait too long."

"In that case... Samuel, gave us signal to start!"

Samuel: "... You're the one who wanted to fight and I'm suddenly appointed to be the referee?"

He was speechless.

But seeing these two people were ready to fight, Samuel sighed and said, "Get ready and... start!"

Bang!

Chapter 376: Peter vs Riya (2)

Bang!

The moment Samuel said the signal to start, Peter kicked the ground and rushed over to Riya. From the strength that Riya had shown before, Peter knew very well that Riya is very powerful, so he didn't plan to hold back at all.

Riya saw Peter's speed and was not surprised. Instead, she raised her right hand to form one rune and the left one formed another one.

Boom!

Peter's punch was blocked a meter away from Riya as an invisible barrier was formed there. On the other hand, the left hand continued to draw runes, which started to form in the air at rapid speed and circled around Riya's body.

"And you say you're an auxiliary?"

Peter snorted and then started to rapidly punch forward.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The shield that was formed in a hurry shattered one after another. But every time the shield was broken, there would be another shield waiting for him. In this way, he could only move forward one millimeters at a time.

To cross one meter's gap, this would definitely take a long time.

And what Riya wanted to do when making this series of shield was definitely to delay time.

Her right hand kept on making more shield, blocking Peter's advance and his rapid attack.

Peter has years of fighting experience, so he saw through Riya's intention. In this way, he stopped and then the aura round him exploded.

Riya's expression turned solemn when she saw this, but her hand didn't stop moving. Rune after runes were formed from both the left and right hand, forming two completely different runes.

For a rune master like her, trying to escape or run away would be useless.

Her physical strength was far from comparable to Peter.

If she tried to run away, he would definitely catch up and then started the bombardment. So facing a pure physical warrior, Riya could only stand in place and used runes to block his attack, again and again.

Of course, she could also use teleportation formation...

But it needed time to cast.

And it was estimated that Peter would not give her this time.

Peter took a deep breath and faint aura started to emerge around his body, enveloping him in a dark red color. At the same time, the pressure around Peter also turned higher, making it hard to breath around him.

Riya's eyes condensed.

"Rapid punches!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

He repeated the same moves as before but this time, it was accompanied by the thick aura enveloping him. And with the aura enhancing his power, one punch was all that he needed to destroy one shield. The next punch would hit the next shield.

So in an instant, he had crossed half a meter's distance.

"You're indeed very good." Riya had to admit that most rune master who faced Peter would not be able to fight back in time.

Because Peter was really fast and ordinary mages and rune master needed time to form their runes and so on.

But...

He met her.

Swish!

The next moment, the runes circling Riya started to move on its own. There was one diagonally to the left and one diagonally to the right. The beautiful runes made it difficult for them to see what it was for.

At least, for those in the distance, they only felt that it looked beautiful. As if there were two circles of words floating around Riya and protected her.

"Peter is too slow," Samuel said when he saw this scene. If Peter had used his aura from the very beginning, he might have a chance to defeat Riya.

But now...

He doubted it.

"Brother, what runes are those?" Amelia asked.

"It's called Protective Rune Circle," Samuel replied. He knew because this was the standard moves for most rune masters above rank 5.

They would form runes around their bodies that would serve as a means to protect them. Of course, the details for every rune master's protective rune circle could be different. They could add various enhancement, which would add some other methods such as counterattack, attack, higher defense, or others.

So even if they looked similar, no one usually dared to get close.

In case they triggered some 'special effects,' it would be really bad.

Because some rune master could be really insidious and even added poisoning attributes or even debuff type of magic spell.

Samuel didn't know the details of Riya's Protective Rune Circle.

But he could guess that it should not be the standard one.

"Is it powerful?"

"Yes, it is powerful." Samuel nodded. "And all rune master at rank 5 or above will always make it first thing first during battle because it takes a long time for their Protective Runes Circle to form.

Many of them could even take minutes, which was why rune master was called as an auxiliary profession.

During that time gap, they could die several times over!

So only very few people would want to use runes and formation when they were fighting in the arena. Of course, if it was an expedition or anything like that, these rune master could always cast the Protective Rune Circle beforehand.

In this way, their lives would be guaranteed.

But Riya's Protective Rune Circle...

Is there even 15 seconds yet?

Samuel looked at the fight between the two people with great interest. It seemed that all returnees should be advancing at more or less similar pace.

The moment Riya finished forming the Protective Rune Circle, she continued to make other runes. Her mana consumption might be large, but her excellent control allowed her to save mana as much as possible.

Peter didn't notice that Riya was done, but he felt great sense of danger.

He gritted his teeth and the aura around his body exploded as he rapidly attacked the layer of shields.

In just three seconds, all the shields were broken.

And when Peter punched forward towards Riya afterwards, he immediately regretted it. The huge force that he felt coming at him was more than enough to threaten his life.

BOOM!

Chapter 377: A Flying Man was Born~

BOOM!

A flying man was born.

Bang!

And it stuck on the low ceiling in this crack.

Samuel saw this scene and his lips twitched. He looked at Peter, whose body dangled in the air and then fell down before sighing.

"Unless you have stronger attack power, you should not attempt to attack a rune master's Protective Rune Circle head on."

Because they would only seek their death if they do so.

The others: "..."

It was not even half a minute yet, but Peter was already in the situation where it was hard to determine his life and death.

Well, it was indeed very miserable.

"Is it that powerful... can you destroy it, Brother?" Amelia asked again.

"If it's a relatively normal Protective Rune Circle, I can still destroy it," Samuel replied without hesitation. Because he had done that several times in that world when facing countless magicians who were also rune master.

Those magicians would have set their Protective Rune Circle in advance so that they could protect their fragile bodies.

Because if they were not magic warrior, their bodies were indeed their weakness.

But those Protective Rune Circle was too weak.

As for Riya...

Samuel was not sure.

He could tell that Riya almost didn't know any spell and her ability revolved mostly around her runes. Even though the Protective Rune Circle was formed in a short quarter of a minute, Samuel had the feeling that even he would not be able to break it so easily.

So even though Peter had been using his aura and punched with all of his might in the attack, but it was far from enough from breaking the Protective Rune Circle.

Even...

It seemed that he was backlashed and had the chance to experience what it feels like to fly.

"So how did Peter fly up?" Sean also asked.

"Counterattack or you could say rebound. I'm afraid the degree of the rebound would have reached 100% for him to fly that far," Samuel replied.

Rebound!

They also learned counterattack shield, which could use the power that attacked them back to their opponent in turn. It was very convenient but the degree was not that high.

At most only 30% of the power could be returned.

The rest were defended by the shield.

"Amazing." Ruben's eyes were fiery.

He really wished that he could reach rank 5 as soon as possible.

Only in this way would it be possible for him to learn this special runes.

"So Riya is rank 5..." Sophia muttered under her breath. She had long guessed that Riya would be going far ahead of them, but knowing the exact rank of Riya, Sophia still felt at loss.

Because she knew very well that it would take a long time for ordinary people to reach rank 5. This was not a rank that they could achieve easily.

Moreover, a large amount of resources would be needed for them to advance from rank 3 to rank 4.

"We'll catch up." Stephen patted his sister's shoulder.

To be honest, Stephen could also tell that this would be a difficult matter. But he was not the type of person who would give up before trying.

Since they were already behind, then they would work hard to catch up to Riya and try stand at the forefront when the times come.

If it was not possible, at least try to be on par.

After all, lagging behind others was not something that they liked.

Bang!

Peter fell down and quickly stand up again. He felt his muscle aching from the blow just now, but it was far from being able to hurt him.

Instead, he looked at Riya with a frown.

"Complete rebound?" Peter asked.

He felt that he has been hit with the same force that he exerted. This kind of formation that could do this... it was really difficult.

Riya smiled faintly.

She would not disclose other features of her Protective Runes Circle. No rune master would be so stupid that they would reveal the secret of their Protective Rune Circle. Because once an enemy managed to find out about it, this meant that their lives would be hanging on a thread.

And her Protective Runes Circle was limited in strength.

If she were to meet with Samuel who attacked with all of his power, it was not impossible for this Protective Rune Circle to break.

As for meeting rank 6 magic warrior or even magic beasts... Riya estimated that this thing would not last long either.

Once she reached rank 6, she would add some things to her Protective Rune Circle to enhance its strength. But for now, this is the most cost effective to use and could also be used in rapid battle.

Otherwise, she would take too much time to make the Protective Rune Circle.

"Tsk." Peter took a deep breath and the aura around him exploded once more. Even though it does feel uncomfortable to be hit back by the same force that he used, but it was still far from being able to defeat him.

After all, Peter's raw defense alone was extremely strong.

"One move. If you can stop me, then you win," Peter said solemnly. This is the strongest move that he had aside from the forbidden technique.

Since they were not enemies and this was only a part at most, Peter would not use those things.

It was too harmful!

Riya saw Peter like this and nodded.

She had stopped making runes after forming the Protective Rune Circle because she had no plan to kill Peter. In a normal battle, she would definitely form some attack runes like the one she made against that rank 4 magic beast.

Swish!

Peter moved towards Riya and then his hand punched forward. The aura in his body rolled forward, creating great pressure.

But Riya's expression didn't change at all as she watched him get closer.

She could use enhancement to avoid it, but it would be meaningless, so it's better to just hit right up and finish this battle quickly.

The next moment...

BOOM!

Chapter 378: The Greatest Strength of Rune Master is....

The two sides met with each other.

The powerful force shattered the grounds, walls, and even ceilings around them. It seemed as if there was a great destruction that occurred.

But neither of the two were injured.

Instead, Peter leapt back when he saw that the Protective Rune Circle around Riya was perfectly intact. He twitched his lips.

"Is that turtle shell?" Peter complained.

"Of course not." Riya shook her head in amusement and walked towards Peter calmly. The Protective Rune Circle could follow the rune master whenever they were walking or so on. Of course, some rune master could also modify it so that it would stay in place, but who would do such a stupid thing?

Since they could make the Protective Rune Circle follow them everywhere they go, this would be the best situation for them.

Because when the situation came, they could try to run away.

Of course, the most important thing is...

Only by moving would it be possible for them to create suitable formation below them. Teleportation formation could only be made on the solid ground and couldn't be made in the air.

This was one of the weakness of this formation.

Well, if that could be categorized as weakness.

Because most formation does rely on being on a solid ground.

"So yours can also move." Peter saw this and pursed his lips. If Riya could move around, he could guess that she might plant some runes around the battlefield. In that situation, his chance of winning would be even lesser.

He couldn't even break Riya's defense, so what kind of victory is he pursuing?

"The best way to defeat a rune master is always before they formed the Protective Rune Circle," Riya said slowly.

She rubbed her fingers and her eyes narrowed slightly. It seemed that she was slacking in her practice or it was because her body's physical strength was too weak. The speed in which she formed the Protective Rune Circle was too slow.

Had Peter was faster, the Protective Rune Circle would not have been formed.

But this kind of thing was not so easy to practice.

So the best way would be...

Riya looked at the depths of the crack thoughtfully. That formation should have attracted a large number of magic beasts from the depths. There would be more powerful magic beasts and they might even make their way out in the future.

Before that happen, she could go down and hunt them down.

The body parts of these magic beasts were also very useful. Aside from some of them that couldn't be eaten, the meat could be eaten and if she could get rank 5 magic beast, then it would be even better.

Because that meat would help her to increase the speed of her practice.

Even if it was only a little bit, but a little bit was better than nothing.

"I know," Peter replied and then shrugged. "But most rune master could only be encountered in the wilderness and not in the arena. At that time, who among them would not use the Protective Rune Circle?"

Unless they were lower than rank 5, most of them would have the Protective Rune Circle formed around them.

"Even without this, you wouldn't be able to hurt me." Riya shook her head. "The greatest strength of rune master is always their accumulation."

Peter: "..."

Come to think about it, Riya could make talisman.

Did she make higher ranked talisman to protect herself? Or it might be some formation plate arranged somewhere?

Thinking about this, Peter wanted to complain again.

Rune master indeed deserved to be one of the few professions that had extremely high survival rate. As long as the opponent could not exhaust them to death, most of the higher ranked rune master would be able to swagger on the battlefield.

Of course, this does not apply to lower ranked rune master.

Their ability was still too bad and unless they have strong financial power, their combat power was not really strong.

"I should have found you to fight before you reach rank 5," Peter grumbled under his breath. If he had found Riya before she advanced to rank 5, then the result of their battle might be different.

Riya only smiled and didn't explain much.

The two of them joined Samuel and the others again.

"The battle is done, so you're not going to ask for a fight again, right?" Samuel asked Peter to make sure. He didn't want to be pestered by this battle maniac again.

"Before I made a breakthrough, I would not look for her again." Peter shook his head. He could tell that Riya had let out the water at the end because the Protective Rune Circle didn't cast counterattack and rebounded his attack towards him. It must be because Riya actively controlled it so that it would not attack him.

Otherwise, he would be seriously injured right now.

After all, the power he used to attack Riya was almost his strongest power without using any forbidden technique. In such situation, his body's defense was really not enough.

'It seems that I have to temper my body further so that it could even resist my own attack.'

Otherwise, if he had to face the rebound of his own attack at full force... Peter could only say that he hate rune master now.

They were really troublesome to deal with.

Thankfully, there didn't seem to be many rune master around.

Only Riya.

And the good thing was that they were not enemies with each other. Otherwise, Peter really didn't know what he was going to do.

"Let's go back. Arnold, you're driving."

"It's not going to be enough in one car," Arnold reminded. There were too many people here.

"In that case, Sean will drive too."

Sean: "... why me?"

He turned to look at sister, but Amelia had looked away, not wanting to see him.

It was clear that she is unwilling to help.

Sean's face was dark and he could only accept his fate.

Chapter 379: The Agreement

While Samuel and the others were on their way back to City A Base, Leader Kin was being contacted by Mr. A and had to explain what had happened in the crack just now. They talked with a secure line as Mr. A was worried someone would eavesdrop on them.

And after they found out the power of these three returnees, Mr. A was silent.

His assistant, Mr. B and Mr. C were not present because they were not qualified to listen to this matter. The strength of Samuel and the others have always been a mystery to them because there was no one who would cooperate with them openly.

Peter did show his strength in Martial Arts Association.

But the association was unwilling to reveal everything about Peter to the government.

In their words, they had to keep it a secret for Peter's safety. If there were unsavory people who targeted him and found out the information through their channel, it would not do them any good.

The government could sense the great distrust from the Martial Arts Association.

But there was nothing that they could do.

After all, they had to admit that their technology was not the best in the Green Planet and the Martial Arts Association had their own concern. Thankfully, the Martial Arts Association had agreed to help Continent Z as much as possible.

They would not stand on the opposite of Continent Z.

"So, you're saying that they deal with rank 4 magic beast in less than one minute. Samuel use his sword to slash the magic beast and it didn't even leave any corpse, Peter beat the magic beasts to death, and Riya shot the magic beast down with a few rapid attack that even created hole in the ceiling?" Mr. A repeated, his tone contained disbelief.

This was indeed hard to belief because this meant that the hard power of these three returnees were very strong.

So strong that it was hard to believe.

But now that these magic beasts had appeared, what else is hard to believe?

Anyway, there was already method for them to get stronger that these returnee gave out. All they had to do was to cultivate their people as much as possible so that they would not be lagging behind so much.

"Yes, Sir." Leader Kin knew that it was indeed hard to belief.

But this is what he see!

The scene back then was still very clear in his mind and Leader Kin knew very well that neither of these three were weak. They could deal with many magic beasts without lagging behind.

Moreover, he also told Mr. A about these three action to help them return this time.

It could be said that without either of them, they would never return this time.

"The researchers will be punished and will not be allowed to come out again." Mr. A sighed. "Let them stay in the laboratory honestly until they produce result. As for that Pall's teacher, he'll be suspended."

"Yes, Sir!"

Even though Samuel said that he didn't care too much about the researcher, but it was clear that they have given them bad impression. Moreover, they were unwilling to bring any researchers to investigate the crack again.

This could be said to be a disadvantage.

Mr. A would hope that Samuel and the others could still help them, but it didn't seem to be possible.

Of course, he himself disagreed with sending those researchers. It would have been better if they sent soldiers to follow Samuel and the others instead of the researchers so that these soldiers could learn from them.

Sending researchers...

Tsk, tsk.

Without enough protective measure, it was indeed very bad.

Thinking about that person's fate after this report was made, Mr. A felt a bit better. Even though they could not ask Samuel and the others to do this kind of mission again, they might be able to do other things.

"How about the base construction within the crack?"

"Sir, it's difficult. There are many magic beasts coming and I think that after this incident, there would be more powerful magic beasts coming. Without any of the returnees who help, we will not be able to defend it yet," Leader Kin said realistically.

If they really wanted to keep their temporary base within the crack, they needed to have sufficient firepower to kill the magic beasts.

Unfortunately, they were still unable to deal with most magic beasts, so Leader Kin felt that this kind of operation was doomed to fail. They would only waste manpower if they tried to send soldiers to the crack.

"... I know." Mr. A nodded.

It seemed that before many soldiers reached rank 3 either as a warrior or magic warrior, they should not try to defend the crack yet.

And they would also need a rank 4 magic warrior or warrior to lead.

Otherwise, it would be difficult.

But in the meantime, this meant that they could not control and check the growth of the magic beasts, which was not a good thing for them.

If this continued, it was estimated that these magic beasts would also grow stronger and stronger, faster than their armies.

sigh

It was really difficult.

"After your return, tell Samuel to have a meeting with us. We would like to talk with him about a few other matters."

"Yes, Sir!"

The connection was cut and Mr. A looked at the file in front of him.

It was Riya's information.

Now that they have found out the identity of the rune master, they naturally did investigation and then sealed her information so that no one else could see it. This was also done to the others who have appeared and their identities known.

The few people from other continents were still not entirely sure but with time, they would definitely know about them.

Right now, it's more important for them to determine how they were going to treat this matter.

"At the very least, we know that she had no intention to harm us."

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Mr. A raised his head and saluted when he saw the general in front of him. "General."

"Don't be so polite... Tell us what do we know about the rune master."

Every time there was a new returnee that they found, they would hold a meeting to discuss about how they should treat this returnee.

Because they would have an assessment based on their history over the years and also based on their behavior. The trip to that world could change their personality to a certain degree, but some patterns would be retained.

It was through their pattern's analysis that the government determined whether they would continue to contact this person or not.

Riya's identity as the rune master had only been found.

Previously, they didn't know much about the rune master aside from what Samuel shared. But that man's mouth has always been tight lipped and nothing could be pried open from him.

So they could only do the negotiation through Samuel and didn't dare to ask or give too much.

Thankfully, so far, nothing excessive was asked.

Now, they found out about Riya's information.

And reading the content... they could say that they were a bit dumbfounded. Because they found out that there was a case when Riya almost sued her own parents to the court because of their neglect.

Child abandonment is a crime.

Child abuse is also a crime.

But these two people somehow managed to avoid doing any jail time while Riya was moved from one relative house to another until junior high school where she started living in dormitory directly.

In this way, the problem of living place was directly solved.

And her parents only send some money for her living expense until she was 18 years old where the law stipulated that she had become an adult. They signed severance letter and also took it to the law firm, which was why it appeared in their database.

Afterwards, Riya and her parents along with their own family members almost didn't have any contact with each other.

At least, until recently.

When Ciera had kidney failure, Mr. Taylor paid money to do a check between the match between Ciera and Riya. Because the two of them were his daughters and they might match each other.

The result was as he had expected.

The two of them match!

So Mrs. Taylor went to find Riya and asked for her to donate her kidney for Ciera. In this way, they didn't have to spend a lot of money to find suitable kidney for Ciera and the waiting list for their daughter was also very long.

After all, while Mrs. Taylor came from a relatively powerful family, Mr. Taylor was the polar opposite.

His family was ordinary.

And being able to marry Mrs. Thompson in the past was also because the two of them were in the same university and met each other. They fell in love, build business together but when things gotten better, Mr. Taylor had already looked for other more capable woman.

The angry Mrs. Thompson naturally divorced Mr. Taylor and after some time, she also found her current husband.

As for Riya?

No one seemed to care for her.

"In terms of talent, she didn't seem to be so bad. Relying on her ability, she managed to make a device and sold it for a few millions, which would have been enough for her to support her life for the next few years."

"That's not the most important thing."

Whether Riya was capable or not in other matter aside from runes, they didn't care. Because they have a lot of experts too in various fields and there was no lack of another expert.

But Riya's ability as a rune master could be said to be extremely strong!

This is what they needed the most right now.

"The question is her character. The path of a rune master is very clear and it would not need to kill other people like Demonic Magician."

Talking about the demonic magician, they all frowned.

If it was not because Dina was powerful and agreed not to attack humans, they would not let such a person to stay!

Because she's too dangerous.

Unfortunately, they couldn't manage so much unless they want to abandon City J and the few cities around it.

"She didn't have any crime record, but she might be a bit tough when facing people who touched her interest."

The conflict between Rlya and Mr. Taylor were brought up.

"It's nothing. Facing such an unscrupulous person, who wouldn't want to beat them up?"

"Just splashing some water is already very 'polite.'"

These people were all at high position and they naturally would not be able to reach this position without any ability.

Besides, if they were not strong enough in their stance, could they make it here?

They knew people whom they could offend, should offend, and couldn't offend.

It's politics.

"Her character didn't seem to have any problem. It's imperative that we try to talk with her to see if we could learn more skills from. Any non excessive request can be agreed as deemed suitable."

Many things in their hands were no longer valuable for these returnees, so they could only try to get the valuable things out.

"It would be best if she could teach more rune masters."

"We could try to talk about this..."

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In this way, without Riya knowing, a secret meeting was held to discuss how to face her. Riya herself had no intention of exposing everything that she has, but some things were still fine.

There were a list of magic scrolls that she had taught to Ruben in the book that she gave to him.

Whether he could learn it or not was another matter.

But these things were more than enough for him to deal with rank 1 to rank 2 magic beasts.

Even rank 3 magic beast would have to run away if Ruben were to throw thousands of these things over.