

## **Last Days 381**

### Chapter 381: A Few Magic Scrolls

Rune master was indeed a profession that eat a lot of money.

Not mentioning the resources that they could obtain through hunting magic beasts, there were also many materials that they needed to form formation and so on. It was only through accumulation would they become more powerful.

To be exact, all professions will have accumulation.

But the rune master was somewhat special in a way that as long as they have enough money, they could technically be invincible in battles.

No one would be able to harm them in the slightest bit.

The main reason was naturally because rune master could prepare sets of formation plate that would trigger in some situation. In this way, they only needed to throw whatever they have prepared before in battle.

And any protracted battle would only result in their win.

Their opponent would have long exhausted their mana but they still have a stack of magic scrolls that they hadn't used yet.

But there was also weakness.

The rune master would not fight against other magicians, magic warriors, or even warrior on the arena. Because most of the time, their set of formation that they have prepared were not allowed to be used.

Asking them to fight with their bare skills directly?

These rune masters were clearly unwilling.

On their way back, Riya was teaching Ruben the few rank 1 magic scrolls that she taught him. These were the common magic scrolls that were more likely to be used during this period of time and also quite easy to make.

First was rank 1 shield.

It can create a shield around them for 3 seconds, protecting them from the attack that was not any higher than a rank 1 magic beast. This was quite tasteless for most magic warriors who had reached rank 2, but for those below it, they would definitely need it.

Ruben himself made a lot to protect himself.

Riya told him that using several at once would create a few layer of shields around him. Stacking several of them would be able to block a rank 2 magic beasts' attack.

This is clearly a live saving item!

Second was a rank 1 element arrow.

The arrow could attack the designated opponent with elemental arrow. And the element would have to depend on what element the rune master infused into the magic scroll.

Considering that Ruben has dark element, the element he could infuse is dark element, so the result would be dark elemental arrow.

The piercing power was quite considerable and at the very least, it could kill rank 1 magic beast.

Ruben had used several of them in the battle.

"But I need to use two or three to kill a rank 1 magic beast," Ruben asked doubtfully. For higher ranked magic beast, he knew that it was impossible to only use one, but for rank 1 magic beast, it should only need one, right?

"That's because when you use the magic scroll, you need to think about where you aim the attack. The magic will not attack the weakness automatically and need to be guided. If you didn't guide it, then it will attack the part that's easier to hit.

Moreover, the quality of your magic scroll need to be improved. There's leakage of mana, which will decrease the magic scroll power."

Ruben was silent.

The rank 1 magic scroll was already weak enough and the power was reduced once again? It seemed that he had to quickly improve his skills or he would be wasting a lot of magic scrolls.

Third was control type magic scroll.

There were many types of control magic scroll but the most common one was restraint. It could create an invisible net that controlled the opponent's movement for a short period of time.

The stronger the opponent is, the weaker the effect of the restraint.

Naturally, if Ruben were to use that rank 1 restraint magic scroll on Riya, it would not work at all because it was too weak!

Fourth was rank 1 recovery magic scroll.

The scroll can heal common injuries but not severe injuries. If it was used in a severe injury, it would decrease the bleeding slightly and might help but the effect wouldn't be much. However, since it could help to stabilize the injury, it could bring precious time for those who were injured.

These were the four magic scroll that Riya taught Ruben.

At least, the basic.

There were some variations that Ruben wanted to learn too, but she told him that he had to be proficient in all of them, so it would be better for him to take it slow.

One at a time.

"These runes are really tiring to draw," Ruben said weakly.

He had to focus when drawing runes or it would fail. And failing meant he would be wasting his mana.

Considering that Ruben's own mana is not much, he had to spend a long time meditating to recover his mana.

For Ruben, it was really tiring!

So whenever he practiced, he had to make sure that he was super focused before starting. Otherwise, he would only waste his mana.

"It's practice. When you're good enough, you will be able to draw them in seconds." Riya took a piece of paper and said, "Like this."

With that, her hand moved and then a drawing was formed on the top of the paper in an instant.

Those who saw the formation's shape on the paper would never believe that this was made in less than one second.

Ruben looked at the magic scroll silently.

"How long do you think it'll take for me to reach your level?"

"My level?" Riya looked at Ruben doubtfully. "If you're diligent, maybe 10 years?"

10 years?

Ruben was speechless.

Samuel listened to their conversation and looked at the four magic scrolls that Riya made. He thought for a moment and then asked, "Do you want to sell these to the government? I'm sure you can ask for some things from them."

Chapter 382: Magic Beasts' Nest?

Riya considered Samuel's words.

After a while, she agreed and then set up the price for each of these magic scrolls. For her, drawing these magic scrolls would not take too much time and when Ruben is proficient, he could take over this job.

Ruben agreed wholeheartedly.

He hoped that he could get dark element magic core so that he could train and get stronger quickly.

"For the time being, the price will be 5 rank 1 magic core for the shield and 4 rank 1 magic core for the other three each," Riya said after a moment. She might not need these magic cores that much, but they could be used as an alternative for her world to absorb energy.

Moreover, the mana stone that her world produced was non elemental, which was very suitable for her practice.

Riya's mana has all elements but finding all elements magic cores were too difficult. It would be easier for her to find non elemental mana stone through her world and then used it for practice.

In that way, she could become stronger faster~.

"So, you're hoarding the magic beasts' corpses and now you're also hoarding their magic cores?" Samuel asked in amusement. He had the feeling that the government would feel as if they were working for her.

But considering that the only other person who asked for these was Dina, the government might feel more at ease to come into an agreement with Riya.

Because what she gave was the magic scrolls directly.

If they were capable enough, they could also imitate the magic scroll themselves to replicate it. In the future, there would definitely be more rune master who grew up learning Riya's runes and formation.

"I can't help it. Rune master requires too much resources." Riya spread her hands.

"I'll negotiate with them." Samuel nodded in agreement.

"Oh, one more thing." Riya thought about the nest of the magic beasts. Before going to the crack for the second time, it would be better for her to go there too. And since the magic beasts shouldn't be too strong, she could also invite others to come along with her for practice.

"Yes?"

"It's like this...." Riya explained about the magic beasts' nest that she found some time ago and also her plan to go there and investigate. At the same time, she was planning to let the military come along so that they could pay attention in case they saw a similar nest in the future.

To be honest, she was planning to go there before this trip to the crack. But when she saw the decision made by the higher ups, she knew that it was impossible to delay this trip to the cracks with the researchers.

As for the reasons?

Riya didn't know whether it was because these researchers have been pestering them or it was because they knew something important they needed to investigate was inside the crack.

No matter which one the answer is, Riya chose to stay silent about the nest.

Besides, making a magic beasts' nest was not that easy. It would take some time for these magic beasts to gather and truly form the nest. During this period of time, it would be better for her to wait until these magic beasts gather together so that they could round them all up in one go.

Riya was not that afraid that these magic beasts would be beyond their abilities to deal with. Because she could guess that Samuel should come and the highest ranked of these magic beasts should only be rank 3.

Higher ranked magic beasts couldn't come out yet.

Or it was more like, their original location was a bit too far away from the entrance and they would take some time to come out.

So the magic beasts should be weaker and if there were any stronger magic beasts, she could deal with it secretly while leaving the rest for the others.

There was no way they could protect everyone behind them for the rest of their lives. In this ruined world, they had to learn to protect themselves.

Because if they did it too much, it would be overprotection.

And in such situation, they would basically prevent them to be able to grow up and protect themselves.

"Magic beasts' nest?" Ruben was stunned when he heard that and asked, "Why did you not tell us before?"

"I can't say it when you're already so eager to enter the crack." Riya spread her hand. "And I don't think it's easy to appease those researchers."

Ruben: "..."

As much as he wanted to refute, he also knew that it was impossible.

Ruben has been helping Samuel as his assistant for a long time and during that period of time, he naturally had some dealings with some researchers who had cooperation with the Jones Corporation.

Those people were very stubborn and it was hard to control them.

They also couldn't possibly use violence against these people.

It was a headache to deal with those stubborn b\*stard and Ruben could only sigh when he remembered those miserable days. With the modern world's laws, it was even harder to deal with the researchers because they couldn't use anything to them.

Wait, now, is it any easier?

There were not many magic spells that could be used to control them, right?

Ruben looked at the few magic scrolls examples in front of him thoughtfully.

Samuel heard that and frowned. "If the magic beasts make a lot of nest, it'll indeed be trouble in the future. But are you sure that you want to go with the military?"

From what he knew, Riya was not a person who liked others finding out about her real identity. So far, she has been trying her best to hide the fact that she's the rune master and only a few people knew the truth.

Well, after this incident, there will be more people who knew.

But as long as they paid attention to secrecy, it's not impossible to suppress this incident.

Right?

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Samuel was thinking about it and looked at Riya with some hesitation.

"It should be fine. The government knew how to take care of the confidentiality, right?" Riya asked back.

Of course they knew.

There were many things about the magic beasts that the government didn't tell the people and only spread out things that was necessary for them to know. For other strategic resources, these people would definitely gather them first.

"I can talk to them, but for this expedition, they might want to send more elite soldiers." Samuel thought for a moment and then added, "Also, you might want to rest and train for yourself during this period of time. We have spent quite a long time in the crack."

While they still stopped for the night rest in the crack, but it was different from how Riya usually practiced.

She might want to spend more time practicing on her own before they went again.

After all, it would take a lot of accumulation for them to advance from their current rank to the next rank.

If they wanted to advance faster, it would be inevitable for them to spend more time meditating and so on.

But because of this, their training time would be even more precious.

There was no way that they could practice well if they continued to fight against the magic beasts.

"Don't worry about that. What I need more right now is a fight with more magic beasts of equal rank," Riya said calmly.

She had just advanced to rank 5 not long ago and to advance to the next rank would require a lot of time.

Moreover, Riya had noticed that she hadn't fully adapted to her physical strength. The speed in which she made the runes some time ago was not fast enough. If it was in that world, she could make runes faster, which would guarantee her safety better.

So she wanted to train!

The main reason was because she used those special magic cores to increase her strength faster than normally. While those mana treasures were indeed precious and useful, but using too much would make it difficult for them to control their strength.

This was something that Riya understood very well because she was currently experiencing it.

Thankfully, her mana control was good, so she could still make runes and so on after some adaptation. But her physical strength was getting stronger and stronger, which made her somewhat unused to it.

After all, Riya has never been good at physical battle, so she would have to spend some time to get used to it.

In this way, the best way for her to adapt to her current strength would be through fighting.

Possibly a fight with those of equal strength of her.

"Oh?" Samuel arched his eyebrows.

Thankfully, Peter is not in this car or he would definitely challenge Riya for another battle just so that he could satisfy his fighting desire.

But thinking about their battle not long ago, Samuel felt that Riya's ability to control her runes were still very good. At the very least, there were no obvious breakthrough points that could be used to destroy her defense.

Not mentioning the high speed air rune making that Riya showed...

That alone was more than enough to cause trouble for many people who wanted to fight against Riya.

"But taking a break will be good." Riya nodded.

During this period of time, she could gather more resources and take care of her world. She hadn't thought about the reason to bring out the resources yet.

As for trading for the things that she needed....

These magic scrolls were more than enough.

'Being too rich is really not good... how about if I just do some charity?'

Riya thought about this and felt that it was feasible.

The valuable things were traded with other things that she needed and the rest could be given away. Many people still needed it and Riya didn't mind doing some charity from time to time.

Many ordinary food that was kept in her world was not needed anymore and Riya guessed that she might not use it for the rest of her lives. And as time passed, Riya could guess that these things would be worthless because there would be plenty of things more valuable than it that appeared.

Those farms that she had covered with formation would definitely allow plants that contained mana to grow.

Those foods would slowly but surely become the norm in the world.

Ordinary food?

It would be thrown far away because it was no longer necessary for them to have it.

'Tsk, if this was in the past, I would have never thought about it.'

Riya shook her head.

Because if it was in the past, she would think that what she has were not enough for herself and there was no surplus. But now, she has too much food.

Even if she kept some for her private trade in case she paid a visit to other bases, but the rest were still in tons...

Don't ask her how these animals produced so much.

She didn't even understand herself.

So for the things that were too much, Riya felt that it would be better to give them away to those who needed it.

She had changed.

This was something that Riya herself had noticed when she was interacting with others.

Looking at Samuel who was talking with Ruben about the possible arrangement for the magic beasts' nests trip, Riya smiled faintly.

Perhaps, she was affected by him.

People said that your IQ and behavior would be affected by those whom you interact with. Since she had more interaction with Samuel, Riya felt that she had learned more about business yet at the same time, she also learned about compassion.

For these things that she didn't need... why couldn't she give them away for the sake of other benefits that she might be able to use?

Isn't it good like this?

Riya's smile turned warmer.

Chapter 384: Return to City A Base

But she would not want to give out the space storage scrolls so easily. The food that she gathered in the beginning was fine, but she would need to find some container to put them in.

For this...

Riya looked at Samuel.

He's the best candidate to ask for help.

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So shortly after they reached City A Base, Samuel heard that Riya wanted to donate food for the continent because she had too much food.

Samuel prepared a large container.

And then Riya gave out a large amount of grains, eggs, milk, and even meat that has been cut.

If one didn't know better, they would think that Riya was managing a farm.

"On behalf of the people, I would like to thank you," Samuel said solemnly. He could see that the reason why Riya donated these was because these food didn't contain mana at all. These should be obtained by Riya before the earthquake happened as the mana concentration was really thin at that time.

As for when she got them, Samuel didn't know and didn't plan to investigate too deeply.

When the earthquake first happened, the world order was disrupted and many places lost their surveillance. Moreover, people were struggling to live and could easily take items from those broken buildings.

Of course, it was not impossible for Riya to buy them before the earthquake happened and then used it over the past few months. After all, Samuel didn't know when Riya became a rank 1 magician and made those space storage scrolls.

Being a rank 1 magician was more than enough to create rank 1 space storage scrolls.

After Riya advanced in ranks...

With her ability, there was no way she would not make higher ranked space storage scrolls and possibly collect a lot of supplies.

So Samuel didn't have any intention to investigate this matter deeply.

"It's not much." Riya shrugged.

"I'll talk with the government about the magic scrolls and you will receive the result later," Samuel added.

"Yes."

Samuel looked at Riya and thought about something as he looked at the large amount of supplies that was being escorted away. Even though he would not investigate the source of these foods, he was curious about something else.

"I have a question."

"Yes?" Riya looked at Samuel suspiciously.

"Is it possible for the space storage scroll to be put inside another space storage scrolls?" Samuel asked quietly.

Riya froze and then smiled faintly.

She could guess why Samuel wanted to ask this question was because the large amount of supplies she took out were food without much mana within them. The only time when she could take them was before the earthquake or shortly after that incident.

Because other food produced after that period of time would definitely contain much more mana.

But at that time, it was impossible for her magic ranks to be so high, yet the amount of food that she gave out... it was too much.

So Samuel was curious.

Thankfully...

"Yes, it's possible," Riya answered calmly and then took out a paper. "A space storage scroll is basically using the runes to create an independent space, a space contained within the space. And these space related ruins are somewhat special because they contained some forms of law."

Law?

Samuel thought about the fact that time could be stopped within the space storage scroll and somewhat understood what Riya meant.

The area within the space storage scroll has its own time and space law. But these laws were influenced by the runes that formed them.

It's indeed mysterious.

"There's a limit to the space storage scroll that you can put inside." Riya thought for a moment and then said, "The explanation is a bit long, but you just have to remember that you can't take the same rank magic scrolls inside one another but if the ranks are different, then there's no problem at all."

Considering Samuel's talent for runes, Riya felt that explaining the rules and the laws might sound like heavenly scripture to Samuel's ears.

To stop him from feeling that she was intentionally torturing him, Riya chose to give the shortest explanation possible.

And this explanation was not that hard to understand.

"Does it work in the way that lower ranked space storage scroll can put higher ranked space storage scroll inside?" Samuel asked another question.

He also didn't pester Riya for detailed explanation for he understood that his talent was simply not in this area.

Who would want to torture themselves listening to those things?

Ugh, his brain will hurt.

But it didn't mean that he's stupid.

He's just not good at runes.

Riya didn't know that Samuel was secretly praising himself and said, "No. The lowest ranked space storage scroll, the rank 1 space storage scroll can't possibly hold anything that could interfere with its runes. Let's just say that there are some resonance within the runes of the space department and if you forcefully stuff them in, it's not impossible to cause an explosion."

Samuel was stunned and then he asked, "Explosion? Why have I never heard about it?"

Riya glanced at Samuel.

This was actually not a secret among the rune masters because they were researching these runes to the bottom as much as possible.

The research allows them to understand the complicated relationship between these runes.

Among them, the space and time related runes have always been the most difficult.

"Ordinary rank 1 space storage scrolls are using the simplest space runes and they're limited in their ability. Let's give it another example of an ordinary electrical circuit containing a simple battery and lamp. But you want to stuff another lamp inside, which will definitely drain the battery faster.

The principle is similar because a rune would definitely form a circle but the difference is that the battery in a rune will recover by itself. But if you forcefully stuff another lamp, the recovery ability of the battery is not the same as the consumption, which will make the two lamps die out in the end."

Chapter 385: Teasing

Samuel was silent for a while and then said, "Battery can't regenerate by itself."

Riya: "..."

She understood the principle of energy conservation, but this is not the place to talk about it.

The main reason why she talked about it was to give an easy to understand example for Samuel.

Seeing Riya's look, Samuel laughed lightly and said, "Okay, okay, I'm sorry but your explanation is not very good."

Riya rubbed her forehead helplessly as she felt that Samuel is really a bit playful. Not that she minded it though.

"Alright, let's use another example..." Riya has never been good at giving explanations for people who didn't have any foundation in runes. For people like Samuel who basically didn't touch runes at all, using the terms that she usually used would definitely make him more confused than understanding.

"How about liquid bombs? You should know that liquid bombs are very fragile and if you disturb it in the slightest bit, it'll cause explosion, right?" Riya asked.

Samuel was stunned and looked at Riya thoughtfully. "Your explanation is very dangerous, Riya. Have you seen bombs before?"

"No."

"Then..."

"I read it in the story I found in the internet."

Samuel: "...?"

What did she read?

Seeing the expression on Samuel's face, black lines appeared on Riya's forehead. "I don't read anything dangerous. It's a detective novel where there are liquid bombs placed in some place and there are police officers... or specialist or whatever defusing it."

She definitely didn't read any kind of thesis or anything related to bomb construction. After all, Riya's study was not related to this kind of thing and Riya didn't have any reason why she would want to read something like that.

"Oh~." Samuel looked at Riya and smiled faintly. "It seems that your knowledge reserve is quite big, Miss Riya."

"Don't speak like that." Riya really wanted to hit Samuel right now. "Why can't I like reading novels? I'm also a human being and I have my own hobby."

At least, hobby before coming to that world.

After coming back from that world, Riya had almost never read anything again because she was so busy with her training and experiment with various runes. After all, she was back to be a rank 1 magician at that time and it was impossible for her to make any high ranked runes.

For the sake of her safety and survival, Riya could only do her best to use some low ranked runes.

Runes that didn't require much mana but could be used for various things.

These were more important.

Oh, she also finished her thesis and there was basically no time for her to read those favorite stories of hers.

"I know, I know," Samuel quickly said while laughing. "I also have my own hobby, but I didn't expect you to like reading those kinds of stories."

"It can't be helped." Riya shrugged. "Who made my life has too much drama and I want to read other things with more excitement."

The excitement in the form of mystery and other things.

It was much more interesting than having to read dramas of those women who were more outrageous than her half sister and mother.

Too tiring to read.

Samuel nodded.

He knew that his sister also read many kinds of romance novels, so he was actually not very surprised that Riya read novels and so on. After all, those could be said to be their hobbies that they liked to do in their free time.

Everyone had their own hobbies and he would not judge them.

Anyway, back to the topic.

"But I have to say that your example is really dangerous." Samuel thought about the liquid bomb and then continued, "Do you mean that putting another space storage scroll is the same as disturbing the liquid and trigger the explosion?"

"Yes." Riya nodded with a smile. "That's more or less how it is. But if you are to make a more advance and stabler bomb and then put the relatively volatile liquid bomb inside it, then nothing would happen... well, theatrically?"

Riya thought about it and frowned.

Who in their right mind would put two bombs together?

Would combining two bombs together make the explosion bigger?

It didn't seem to be that way...

Samuel didn't know that Riya's mind had flown far away but he felt helpless about Riya's explanation that was using bombs like that. Even though it was easy to understand but the mental image in his mind has turned storage after she mentioned it that way.

"Alright, I got it. I don't think I need to get more storage explanation from you again..."

"So it's still strange?"

Seeing Riya's gaze, Samuel coughed and said, "Well, it's not that bad but I don't think that the function of these two are different."

Riya snorted but chose not to care about Samuel at this time. She nodded and said, "Of course it's different, but you better not try to create that kind of explosion because you can't remotely control the two space storage scrolls from a distance.... Unless you're a soul magician."

Soul magician.

It was a special type of magician whose magic was in the form of souls and they could also extend their mana further away than others. These soul magicians were known for their abilities to control puppets and affecting a person's mind.

Samuel arched his eyebrows. "A necromancer could also do it."

"Ah, right, you remind me of an annoying lich."

Samuel laughed when he heard Riya's words. There was indeed some annoying lich in that world and he had to admit that he didn't like dealign with them either.

"Stop laughing." Riya rolled her eyes.

"Okay, okay, I'll go and make the report first." Samuel thought that it was time for him to see Mr. A and bid his farewell. He had more or less understand the restriction when using the space storage scrolls and understood how Riya could take so much food.

As for the detailed explanation, he truly didn't need it.

And he had enough fun teasing Riya too.

Chapter 386: Report and Agreement

Samuel quickly waved his hand so that he would avoid thinking unnecessary things as they were still in public and waved his hand.

Riya nodded and then bid her farewell to Samuel too.

She had other things to do.

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Samuel went to have another meeting with Mr. A and talked about some things. First was the matter of the exploration that Riya suggested some time ago. Mr. A was delighted when he heard this and felt that it was really good.

"This proposal is simply the best proposal that you have ever made, Mr. Samuel," Mr. A praised loudly and laughed heartily.

He felt that Samuel's consciousness was really high.

To be able to make such proposal, it would also allow them to regain control of their territory and fought against those magic beasts that were trying to get ahead of them.

"I'm not the one making this proposal." Samuel shook his head. "Besides, I think it's better to check it because it's near City A Base."

For Samuel, the magic beasts' nest might threaten the safety of the people in City A Base, which was something he couldn't tolerate. There were his family members in City A Base along with his close friends.

Samuel didn't want to lose any of them.

So the best way to ensure City A Base's safety was through eliminating any threats around City A Base as much as possible. This magic beasts' nest was naturally included among them and Samuel would do his best to eradicate these magic beasts.

"Also, your soldiers need more training. The performance of Leader Kin is not that bad but the soldiers under him are a bit too slow to react. I think that you might want to create elite soldiers whose strength reached rank 3 as fast as possible because more and more dangerous and powerful magic beasts are coming out," Samuel added.

There were more magic beasts coming out and there was no guarantee that there wouldn't be any powerful magic beasts coming out. At that time, it was impossible to rely on these returnees all the time, so it would be better to create an elite soldiers' group to deal with these magic beasts on their own.

For this matter, Samuel was also thinking of making elite soldiers in City A Base. With them around, he didn't have to worry about magic beasts attacking City A Base all the time.

But he still needed to discuss this with his father.

Mr. A nodded. "I have been thinking about that but the resources are limited."

"Speaking about food, there's a donation..."

After Samuel explained about the donation that Riya wanted to make, Mr. A was happy once again. In the meeting with the other higher ups not long ago, they had decided that Riya is a good girl whom they could work together with just like Samuel and Peter.

Even if she wouldn't be part of the government or anything like that, but they could definitely work together well.

Now that he heard Riya had made donation, Mr. A felt that his decision was right.

"Compared to the total population of Continent Z, the amount might not be enough, but it could alleviate the condition for many people in the bases," Samuel said as he thought about City B Base. "And you might want to send some people to City B Base. Rather than official base, I think it's more like private base right now."

Mr. A frowned.

For some city bases, they did cooperate with the locals who have some influence. In City A Base, they cooperated with Samuel and Mr. Jones. The cooperation has been going well and the two sides were working together to create a better base for the people.

In this way, even if Mr. Jones is the head on the surface, the government could still influence the decision making to a certain degree.

And in other bases, it should be similar.

"I'll send people to check." Mr. A sighed. The signal tower for some areas were still in state of ruins. They could move the satellite over but they also needed these satellites in other areas, so it was impossible for them to do this.

Samuel nodded.

The last thing that he discussed with Mr. A was about the magic scrolls that Riya wanted to sell to them.

Naturally, the price he told to Mr. A was double the price that Riya asked from him.

Hey, hey, he also needed to make a profit~.

As a black hearted businessman, Samuel would not miss any chance to get more money or resources for himself.

Mr. A could definitely tell that the price Riya asked was definitely lower but since she was unwilling to talk with him and delegated it to Samuel, then he would not meddle in this matter.

The price was acceptable to him and he could also send some of these talisman for study.

So after a while, they might be able to make it themselves without the need to ask from her.

Riya should have known about this.

But since she still gave it to them, then it meant she didn't mind spreading these magic scrolls to let other people learn.

For the government, the most special one was the recovery magic scroll. Even if it could not heal severe injury, the fact that it could help stabilize the condition for those who were severely injured was already more than enough.

This could increase the chance of survival for those soldiers who fought on the frontline.

For this, Mr. A was also very grateful.

Samuel added that Riya could not take any recurring order because she didn't know when she would go out on her own. Mr. A express his understanding.

But before that, he had to order a large batch, as much as possible!

"Lastly... Can I have more information about Ruth and Dina?" Samuel asked before ending the meeting with Mr. A.

Mr. A arched his eyebrows. "Why do you want to know about them?"

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Samuel didn't directly answer.

He couldn't say that there were some things that happened in that world that made him dislike Dina. After all, the government didn't really want to see them have conflicts during this period of time.

They still needed Dina's ability.

"I want to be prepared in case she choose to attack me again," Samuel said slowly. "You might not know, for demonic magician, the best supplement are other magicians, preferably those of the same rank."

He's a magic warrior, but he still has mana.

So Dina once targeted him in that world and the two of them fought for some time before retreating. Because neither side could take the advantage in the battle against the other party and if they were to waste more time, they might attract the supporter behind each other.

So they tacitly retreated.

But that one meeting told Samuel that Dina is someone who would target both magicians and magic warriors in order to advance.

He didn't know whether she would follow the same route in this world.

After all, there were quite a lot of magic beasts but there were not many magicians and magic warriors of higher ranks. If Dina wanted to target them, then she might need to work hard and try her best to make sure that her strength could be above them.

Otherwise, it would be useless.

As for the returnees, they knew the strength of these demonic magician well because they have faced them in that world. There were too many demonic magicians who wanted to kill them and took away their blood, so they learned various countermeasure to protect themselves.

One of them was naturally the self destruction method once they were about to die.

In this way, the demonic magician could never take their blood.

But that was another matter altogether.

"This..." Mr. A frowned when he heard this and sighed deeply. There were too many unstable factor for Continent Z right now and he felt that it would be difficult for them to do anything.

The best they could do was to reduce the amount of resources they sent to Dina.

In the first place, they were also wary of Dina.

But since her progress mostly using the magic beasts' blood, they were somewhat relieved and still willing to cooperate with her. But now that Samuel said this, this made Mr. A's vigilance increased once more.

If Dina really wanted to target the other magic warriors and magicians, it would be difficult for them.

"I didn't say that she will definitely target them, but this is a situation that might happen," Samuel quickly added.

He didn't want to accuse someone of what they didn't do. Even if Dina used to use other humans' blood for her strength improvement, there was no one who could say for sure that Dina would follow her old path in this world.

"I know. Thank you for your information. We can't share much about other returnees without their permission but we can still give you some of their basic information," Mr. A finally said.

"That's enough." Samuel smiled.

That's all he needed.

For other information, it would be better for him to go and see Dina by himself.

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While Samuel was having a meeting with Mr. A, Peter went to see Governor Zachary. The other party has been staying in City A Base and helped with some matters related to the Martial Arts Association.

It was not only the military who have a branch in City A Base but also the Martial Arts Association.

So Governor Zachary still has a lot of work.

Well, at least, when he's here.

"So, did you gain anything from your trip?" Governor Zachary asked Peter. Peter first came to him in the past, which allowed him to know about the warrior and magic warrior. Later on, Governor Zachary also joined the Martial Arts Association and assigned to help Peter in case he needed it.

"Aside from the fact that I destroy another clothes, there's nothing else." Peter spread his hands.

He was glad that Samuel was willing to share some clothes with him or he would have to stay only wearing that special shorts made for him. That shorts could be stretched and nothing would happen to it.

It could be said that this was the short that the Martial Arts Association spent a lot of money to make in the past for Peter.

After all, Peter could double his size when he was using a special move.

In that world, Peter had special clothing that would increase in size along with him.

Here?

It was too difficult to make such clothes, so they only made a short for him.

Until they found a technology to make the clothes able to adjust their size, Peter had to make sure that he used the double size technique as fewer as possible.

"You always need more clothes. How did you manage not to go around naked in that world?" Governor Zachary asked in suspicion.

If Peter were to use that technique and doubled in size, the clothes would definitely torn apart.

But so far, it seemed that none of those things happened to him.

"My clothes have special runes...."

Peter paused.

He had just remembered that one of the main reasons why he wanted to see the rune master in the past was because he hoped that his clothes could be modified.

"Wait a minute, I have somewhere I need to go!"

"Oi, Peter!"

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Riya was going back with the others, not knowing that someone was about to chase after her to make request.

"It's really tiring." Amelia sighed deeply as she looked at her home. "Right now, I'm just glad that I can go home."

Sean nodded.

They spent days inside the crack and it made the two of them feel that being able to see the sun again felt very comfortable.

Riya looked up at the sky and pursed her lips.

The temperature had dropped.

She hoped that it would not continue to drop or things might turn for the worst.

Chapter 388: Clean

"Mom! I'm back!" Amelia shouted after she came in. Her eyes moved towards her room as she really wanted to stay in her big bathtub and relax. Staying outside for such a long time and unable to take care of herself made her really tired.

What she needed the most is a bath!

A good bath!

After being stained by blood along with dust and dirt, Amelia felt really dirty and couldn't stand herself. If it was possible, she really wanted to stay in a bath for an hour, but she was sure that her mother would scold her.

There were not much resources in this world and to be able to take a bath was already a luxury.

After all, many people couldn't eat and drink out there.

"Welcome back." Mrs. Jones heaved a sigh of relief when she saw her two children come back. She had heard from her husband that Samuel was being called for a meeting with Mr. A.

In this way, all of her children were safe and sound.

Mrs. Jones has been worried ever since they departed to the crack. After all, she could not know their condition because there was no connection within the crack. The only thing she could do was to wait for them to go back.

"Mom, we're all fine~." Amelia stepped forward, wanting to hug her mother. And then she remembered that she was covered in dust because of the battle. "Just a bit dirty."

Seeing her daughter's embarrassed smile, Mrs. Jones chuckled in amusement. "Go and take a bath. Your brother didn't say that you're going again, right?"

If Mrs. Jones could pick, she would rather have her children be more ordinary. Standing at the forefront in various battles would only put them in danger. Moreover, they would have to face the unknown danger firsthand.

She felt distressed.

"We have a few days break," Sean replied.

Just a few days?

Mrs. Jones nodded with some distress.

She was actually hoping that they could spend more time at home instead of going out to face those magic beasts. There were many other people who had become a magic warrior under her husband's arrangement, so there was no need for them to get out or anything like that, right?

Seeing his mother looking at him, Sean rubbed his forehead and said, "Mother, you can persuade brother to let us stay at home more if you want to."

Persuade Samuel?

Mrs. Jones rolled her eyes and shook her head.

Ever since he was young, Samuel has never been a kid that was easy to be ordered by other. He had his own way of doing things and at the same time, he was also very stubborn on some matters.

This made those who were close to him often feel headache from dealing with him.

But his keen intuition in business made him a very good successor, so both Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones could only tolerate him.

Thankfully, that boy grew up to be a fine man.

Now that Samuel is already one of the strongest magic warrior around, Mrs. Jones didn't think that she could give order to Samuel. She also didn't want to disturb his work as much as possible.

"You should talk with your brother more to let you train your strength first before going out to fight those magic beasts," Mrs. Jones said helplessly.

Sean was silent.

If he could persuade his brother, would he end up in this state?

Thinking about his older brother, Sean felt that it would be extremely difficult for him to ask him for anything.

"Mother, I think that it's better if we don't try to ask him," Amelia said bitterly.

She felt that if she were to ask something like that to her brother, what awaited her would be overtime and more training. She had already tried to 'seek death' too many times in front of her brother that she was very familiar with this matter.

There was no way Amelia wanted to repeat such a thing.

"Alright, alright." Mrs. Jones could only agree helplessly.

She also understood that these two children didn't dare to confront their older brother in case he would punish them instead. It would not be impossible considering they have been punished a lot by their brother in the past.

Mrs. Jones shook her head and then looked at Riya. She blinked her eyes and then looked at Amelia and then turned to Riya again, her expression contained some doubts.

This was because Riya is exceptionally clean.

When Riya was escorting them from the back, there was shield runes, which blocked the dust from reaching her. Afterwards, she activated the Runes Protective Circle, which basically blocked everything that could be a threat to her.

So Riya is still very clean.

Those who didn't know would think that she was going on an outing.

On the other hand, Sean and Amelia were covered in dust and there were even some part of their clothes that was torn. Some blood marks from the magic beasts remained since they mostly fought close combat battle.

The contrast made Mrs. Jones doubtful.

"Well... Riya is very powerful, Mom," Amelia said helplessly.

This could be considered to be an explanation.

"But is it possible to be this...." Mrs. Jones didn't know what to say. Because Riya in front of her looked as if she was just talking a short walk outside instead of fighting. Not only that, she was also very clean without any dust or dirt at all, which made one wonder whether she had taken a bath not long ago.

The problem is, this should be impossible because they were all staying inside that crack and who would build a bathroom there?

Unless they were crazy, they would not build a bathroom first.

"There's a cleaning magic spell," Riya said quietly.

To be honest, Riya didn't know how many days she hadn't taken a bath. Because the cleaning magic spell was very useful and with it, Riya didn't need to worry about getting dirty or anything.

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All she needed was to cast the magic spell and then she would be clean again.

Very convenient.

But it might seem unusual for others who were used to take a bath or anything like that. After all, they couldn't really stand using the same clothes all the time for a long period of time.

But her cleansing spell could also clean up the clothes...

So Riya didn't feel much.

Well, the adaptation period of four years in that world was more than enough for her to get used to magic and use it in her daily life.

"Cleansing spell?" Amelia was quickly interested. "Is it so convenient?"

"Yes, it's very convenient, but it's better to be a magician than magic warrior to use it." Riya looked at Amelia as she had just remembered something.

Even though cleansing spell is an ordinary rank 1 or could even be lower magic spell but depending on the range, the amount of mana used would be different. For a magician, this amount of mana was negligible and there was no need to worry so much.

But it would be a different thing if the one who performed the magic spell was a magic warrior.

Because magic warrior's mana was a bit... pitiful.

And to clean one's entire body plus the clothes, Riya estimated that Amelia would require as much as the entire mana of a rank 1 magic warrior.

Amelia: "..."

Her expression faltered because she understood Riya's meaning very clearly. Because of her position as a magic warrior, it was not very convenient for her to learn the magic spell or she would not be able to use other magic spell.

For the first time, Amelia felt that being a magician is much more convenient than being a magic warrior.

Sean snorted and then walked back to his room. He also couldn't stand being so dirty like this and wanted to take a bath as fast as possible. As for the cleansing spell, he didn't have the time to care about it.

Behind him, Amelia quickly followed.

She wanted to take a long and comfortable bath!

Mrs. Jones smiled helplessly. "Thank you for taking care of my children, Riya. I hope they're not that much of a trouble."

"Don't worry, Mrs. Jones, they're not bad at all," Riya quickly said.

Not bad at all?

Considering how these two pair of treasure would often fight with each other, Mrs. Jones honestly doubted it.

"You can just call me Auntie. Don't be so distant."

"Auntie," Riya replied obediently.

"Good girl. Are you hungry? The kitchen have prepared some food."

"Well, I..."

"How about..."

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Facing Mrs. Jones' kindness, Riya could only follow behind the other party obediently. For a moment, she felt as if she was facing a real mother. Because her own mother would never care for her so much but Mrs. Jones was willing to do so.

This made Riya sighed deeply.

Sometimes, she didn't know whether her luck was good or bad. The people who should have nothing to do with her cares for her more than her own family members.

And before Riya could rest for long, Peter suddenly came storming in.

Riya: "..."

Mrs. Jones: "..."

The two of them looked at Peter who suddenly came and he halted, an embarrassed expression appeared on his face for a moment before he looked at Riya in a hurry. "Miss Riya, can I trouble you to help me make clothes?"

Make clothes?

"I don't have such skill..." Riya was doubtful. She knew how to repair her clothes on her own but if she was asked to make clothes from scratch, then she had to raise her hand in defeat. Because it was too complicated.

Besides, who would make their own clothes these days?

She could easily buy them...

Well, with the world was currently partially destroyed, it seemed that clothes making skills would be necessary?

Riya felt that it would be better for her to hope that someone would open clothing business in the near future.

"No, I mean, you do know the clothes that are drawn with runes to fit the user's body size, right?" Peter quickly explained.

Riya heard that and understood why Peter suddenly came to her.

In that battle against that elephant like magic beast, Peter grew so big that he basically torn his own clothes apart. It seemed that this should have happened often based on his behavior.

So Peter has always been very distressed about his clothing.

But wearing torn clothes were not an option.

He had to look handsome!

As handsome as those stars!

Even though no one would look at him, he didn't want to let anyone see his ragged appearance. So clothes would be extremely important!

"Oh, that... Yes, I know, but ordinary clothing would not be able to work," Riya replied. If it was possible, she also wanted to draw formation and runes on her clothing, but these clothing were made of ordinary materials. They wouldn't be able to withstand the mana flowing within them all the time.

Peter's eyes lit up. "I'll ask them to use the rank 3 magic beasts' skin to make clothing! At that time, that material will definitely be able to hold on your runes, right?"

Rank 3 magic beasts' skin... leather clothes.

It would not be as convenient as clothes made out of cotton and the likes, but it was not that bad.

Riya nodded. "Yes, you can."

"Great!" Peter cheered happily. With the clothing that could change its size to fit him, he didn't have to worry about running out of clothes anymore. It seemed that he had to contact the Martial Arts Association and let them work as fast as possible.

He didn't want to have go out fighting while being naked.

The image is unsightly.

"What do you want in return?" Peter quickly asked. He couldn't possibly let Riya help him for free. Anyway, even if she wanted him to be his thug temporarily, he's willing to do it.

Chapter 390: Projects

"Just help me make some clothes when I need it if the clothing they made is good. I'll provide the materials and they can take the excess at that time," Riya replied.

She also wanted to make some special clothing that was imbued with runes and formation. After all, those clothings would provide more defense for her.

As a 'mage' whose physical strength was not the highest, Riya had to think of countermeasure to protect herself. Clothing was an option, but Riya used not to have the ability to make any of them at all.

So she didn't think about it and just carry some formation plate with her.

So far, it was enough.

But if she were to face higher ranked magic beasts... then she would really need proper protection.

"That's easy to say!" Peter patted his chest confidently. "No matter what style you want, they will definitely be able to make it!"

Riya lips twitched.

Why did she has the feeling that the Martial Arts Association has a clothing department that served Peter? Given by how obsessed he is with clothing, Riya shook her head in amusement.

It seemed that Peter would let them make more clothing for him from time to time.

Well... with his speed of destroying clothes, it didn't seem to be surprising.

The two of them talked for a bit and then Peter ran back, intending to talk with Governor Zachary so that the Martial Arts Association could hurry and make some clothes for him. He wanted to wear handsome clothes that could change their size!

In this way, the Martial Arts Association would be busy again.

It was just that this business seemed a bit...

"Let's eat first." Mrs. Jones chuckled and then called for her daughter and son to come and eat together. It's time for dinner and Mr. Jones and Samuel should be able to join in later.

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City A Base, the others

Sophia and Ruby went their separate ways after they had reached City A Base. Before they went back, Samuel said that there might be another trip out and if Sophia wanted to go, she should practice and get stronger.

Otherwise, it would be hard for them to take care of her who was really weak.

As for Ruby, she had no hope of going.

With her poor physical strength, it was truly unlikely for her to be able to go.

"If only you're also a magic warrior, you might have a chance to go," Sophia said with pity when she and Ruby walked back to their respective place. Stephen has gone with Arnold and Ruben, not knowing what those boys were doing.

Probably practice again.

Ever since the earthquake happened, they were all too busy practicing every single day just to make sure they would not die under the claws of those magic beasts so easily.

"I don't particularly want to go now." Ruby shook her head. "That experience is already more than enough to make have nightmare for a long time."

Seeing so many magic beasts rushing towards them and the painful suction power from that formation...

Ruby didn't want to experience it again.

"Eh, then you should work hard and make a lot of useful medicines or things related to it." Sophia grinned. "Something like your zombie potion would be very interesting."

Ruby laughed and said, "I have managed to extract some mana from the magic beasts' blood, but it's very violent and if it's absorbed by others, they'll have violent reactions. So far, the rats that are being fed with it are dying one by one."

Sophia looked at Ruby speechlessly.

She felt that this girl was really a genius but why did she have to create such terrifying potion?

"Don't worry, I'm still learning and perhaps I'll be able to make some mana potion that could increase your mana in the future." Ruby chuckled.

This was one of her projects that she had been doing lately.

If she could make such a potion that could help many people increase their strength rapidly, the number of magic warriors would increase exponentially in the future. So Ruby wanted to work harder.

For herself and for others.

"I hope that you can make it," Sophia said sincerely.

The two of them were roommates and they basically knew each other's hobby very well. Sophia would run out to have fun from time to time while Ruby was so busy in the laboratory that it was possible for her to apply for an all nighter there for her experiment.

Since Ruby wanted to make such a potion, then Sophia sincerely hoped that Ruby could make it.

"Thank you." Ruby smiled brightly.

They stopped in front of the research institute and Ruby entered the institute.

Sophia didn't have such qualification, so she could only watch as Ruby walked inside and then turned around.

"Say, Melly, do you think that it's possible for me to be able to stand side by side with my friends?" Sophia asked in a low voice.

\*woof?\* <Why not, Master?>

Melly was following Sophia obediently and she looked at her master in confusion. In her opinion, Sophia is really good and there didn't seem to be any gap with her friends.

Sophia smiled when she saw the confusion on Melly's eyes.

"They're really amazing... each of them have started to carve their own path and will probably shine brightly in the future," Sophia muttered in a low voice.

Riya had reached rank 5 and she's also a powerful rune master who could create many magic scrolls and formation.

Those things were very valuable and there was no doubt that Riya is an important person in the eyes of many people.

Amelia had reached rank 2 and the battle in that crack seemed to have stimulated even further. Samuel said that Amelia's physique seemed to be quite special and she advanced faster when she's fighting.

Because of that, he kept on dragging her to the frontline.

Now, Ruby seemed to have started to make her own project that if it was successful would put her in extremely important position.