

Last Days 401

Chapter 401: "..."

Riya rolled her eyes. "Alright, but in exchange, you will come and protect me."

"Oh? Another requirement?" Samuel asked curiously. It was rare for Riya to ask him something like this.

Also, protection?

With Riya's countless formation, isn't it easy to protect herself?

"I'm planning to go deep into the crack," Riya said slowly. "And your power is quite good, so I plan to take advantage of it."

Samuel: "... " so basically I'm your thug?

But thinking about exploring deep into the crack, Samuel nodded and then said, "If possible, can we record video when exploring?"

"Do you want to hand it over to the government?"

"Yes. Bringing the soldiers deep into the crack is impossible, so I'm thinking of letting them see the environment there and possibly bring some samples back," Samuel replied.

He refused to bring the researcher with him into the depths of the crack, but it was fine to help gathering some samples. After all, he's also the leader in City A Base, so he wanted to help his base in other ways.

"Ok."

Riya agreed.

"As long as you don't show my battles, it's fine."

Samuel: "...". In other words, he had to be the one fighting when recording?

He looked at Riya sideways and she only stuck out her tongue playfully.

"Alright, I'll just pause the recording from time to time."

Anyway, it was Ruben who would help him to sort out the videos later after he came back. At that time, there wouldn't be any need for him to worry so much that there was anything that should not be there be seen by others.

After the two of them passed by the canteen, Riya paid a visit to her tree and saw that it was growing well. The growth period of trees were longer than the vegetables and those plants on the field, but with the formation that Riya set up, it could be accelerated.

Looking at the plant in front of her, Riya calculated that three months should be possible.

After that, she could transplant more trees and hopefully the mana contained within these plants would allow them to grow faster.

"How is it? I didn't lie to you when I said that the condition of the research institute's garden is not bad." Samuel's tone had a hint of pride when he saw the plants.

To be honest, he rarely came here and only checked it with Riya. But he still knew that the base had invested a lot to build this base and it was impossible for his father to let people work badly in this kind of important facility.

"Yes, they're growing well." Riya nodded in agreement and then said, "I'll take them when they're ready."

"Up to you. You can come here on your own if you want to," Samuel said calmly.

"Yes."

Seeing that Riya was still checking the plants, Samuel's mind was thinking about the milk that Riya gave out before. He found it a bit strange and asked someone to check the farms in City A's areas.

After all, even if it was the farm from before the earthquake, there should be traces of purchase or something like that from Riya, right?

But there didn't seem to be any clue.

For such a large amount of milk, there was no transaction record and Samuel couldn't really investigate more because of his position. There was no point in researching these things either.

"Riya, is it possible to put living animals or humans inside the space storage scroll?" Samuel suddenly asked.

Riya, who was holding a leaf in her hand, trembled and she looked at Samuel in confusion. "Don't you know this kind of thing better?"

His family was a famous magic warrior's family in that world. While space related equipment could only be made by magicians, there was no way that his family would not have any of them.

And the space equipment that could hold out living being...

"Well... I know that it does exist but what I want to know is whether you can replicate them and let it appear in this world," Samuel explained calmly.

Because if Riya could make those space storage scroll or whatever the name that could allow human being, animals, or other living creatures, then the world situation in the future might change.

Because this kind of space equipment was really cheating.

They could even use it as their backup plans in case the situation turned bad and hide within that space storage scroll.

The imagination was a bit terrible.

"I know the concept, but for a magician, I mean rune master, to touch the laws of the runes, they have to reach rank 7," Riya said quietly.

When she reached rank 7 in that world, she had slowly but surely understood more about the runes and something like that. There was some laws of the world that shaped the runes and allowed it to work as intended.

The magic flowed into the runes, passed by, and then transformed to the form that they were familiar with.

And at the same time, Riya could feel that the law didn't seem to welcome them that much... or it was like, Riya had some difficulties when she wanted to contact the world for the sake of her duty development.

Now that Riya thought about it, she felt that it might be because she came from a different world and then stuffed into that world one way or another. Since she was not exactly the native, the laws of the world would not let her understood and dance for so long.

When it was time, they had to leave.

This might be one of the reasons why the world changed and become more hostile to them when they reached rank 7.

Because they had reached the rank where they would slowly come into touch with the law of the world and all.

Now in this world.... There shouldn't be any restriction like that again, right?

Chapter 402: The Ranks

Riya didn't know.

And she was not exactly in the mood to investigate it. When it was time, she would be able to know what she needed to know.

"It's the same for magic warrior." Samuel nodded when he heard Riya's words, not too surprised.

When he reached rank 7, he came into various secrets of his family that his relatives in that world originally didn't want to let him know. But since he had reached rank 7 and became one of the few most geniuses magic warrior, the family felt that it would be better for him to understand these things.

"Do you need to create your own magic spell?" Riya asked curiously.

"No, magic warrior don't have the requirement of making your own personal magic spell." Samuel's lips twitched. Did she think too much about him? He didn't have the ability to make his own magic spell.

Be it in that world or this world, Samuel's ability in this regard was almost non-existent.

Thankfully, there was no need for magic warrior to make their own personal magic spell. He could use other means.

"Oh."

"Why do you sound disappointed?" Samuel felt helpless and amused when he heard Riya's words and expression. She didn't seem to be very good at hiding her real emotions but it might be because she was in front of the people whom she trusted.

If it was other people, then no one could say that for sure.

"I thought that it'll be difficult for you to advance to rank 7, but I guess I'm thinking too much," Riya replied.

"I have to maintain a good balance of my mana and also my physical strength. It might sound easier but people who didn't have balanced talent might find it difficult," Samuel said calmly.

These things were not a secret and Samuel didn't mind discussing about it with Riya. Besides, there were no one else but her whom he could talk freely about these kind of things.

Peter might be a warrior, but he was definitely not someone who liked to use his brain. If he could use his fist to solve his problems, he would not bother turning on his

Balanced talent?

Thinking about a certain Amelia who was still distressed and worried that she would fall asleep when meditating, Riya nodded in understanding.

"Even if it's not balanced, you can still advance, right?"

"Technically yes... but it's not advisable," Samuel replied.

Those who advanced without balanced result would not be able to go far in their path as magic warrior. Besides, if they really wanted to go on one path, they should have either picked magician or warrior in the first place instead of becoming magi warrior.

The magic spells they learned were not as strong as normal magicians.

Their bodies were not as strong as warriors.

They were basically standing between the two 'extreme' path. Which is why the balance is more important.

And this was what

Riya nodded and then stopped asking. She went back to focus on the plant and Samuel also didn't speak to disturb her anymore.

Once she was done checking, Riya went back.

Samuel accompanied her to the Jones Family Residence before going away to do his business.

And for the next two days, Riya was busy with her experiment with the gun while also drawing a lot of magic scrolls and talisman. It was worth mentioning that she also made another batch of space storage scrolls.

Because these bases suddenly sent a lot of magic beasts' corpses once again.

She naturally accepted them and tossed it all to her world, helping it grow once again and Riya collected several mana stones.

These mana stones could be used during an emergency.

These were the main reasons why Riya collected magic beasts' corpses. They could be transformed into mana through her world's operation and then used to make formation when necessary.

Otherwise, the mana stones could only be formed naturally in the world.

On the Green Planet, it would be lucky if they could see it appear in the next decade. But inside the crack, no one could say for sure.

'Should I try to look for mana stones mine in the crack?'

Riya was controlling the world and let it formed a few mana stones while thinking. After all, mana stones does exist naturally in the world and it was not only formed through a world treasure.

Besides, finding a mine would be much better.

Because that way she would have a sustainable source of mana stones used in the formation instead of using the magic cores.

"Well, forget it. I don't have any talent in looking for things." Riya shook her head and sighed deeply. She knew very well that it was impossible for her to look for the mana stone's mine on her own.

Unless she knew someone who had good talent for exploration or something like that.

But it seemed...

There was none.

And the exploration for minerals might be different from looking for mana stone. After all, there was no detectors for mana stones in this world yet. It would take some time for them to develop such technology.

At the very least, Riya couldn't make it.

They had to find someone with that qualification on their own.

'Now, what else do I need to prepare?'

Riya looked at her world and thought about some formation plate that she could make. Even if she didn't use them herself, she could also give it to others such as Amelia and Ruby.

These two people needed more protective items than her.

And Riya herself knew that for things that she truly needed, the cost was really big.

She wailed in her heart.

A rune master is really a profession that doesn't treat money like money. They could get a lot of money from their work and then they would have to invest more money to make more.

Their money never stayed in their pocket for long.

Chapter 403: Preparation

Riya wanted to cry when she remembered those.

And perhaps, she was not the only one.

Those side profession in that world were all money burning profession. Rune masters required a lot of materials from the magic beasts, alchemist required a lot of herbs, and tool masters required a lot of metals and so on.

None of them were cheap.

And gathering it by themselves were also an impossible task.

Because many of the materials needed were in secluded area and it was impossible for them to go there on normal times. There were also some materials that only existed in someone's territory.

Barging in and got those materials?

Unless they wanted to die, they should not do anything like that.

Anyway, Riya focused on the task on hand.

The gun thing couldn't be improved in a short period of time anymore, so Riya tossed that project to the back. She focused more on making another formation plate that might be suitable for Amelia and Ruby.

In case it was necessary.

Riya tossed around for a while, busy with various things here and there. But since she spent most of her time in her world, no one noticed her strangeness. She just say that she stayed in her room to prepare for their departure and then no one disturb her.

A magician was actually someone who meditate for a long time....

Well, not really.

Some of them were usually busy experimenting.

Meditating to practice their mana only needed a few hours each day depending on the meditation technique that they practiced.

Once it was done, Riya simply went to prepare herself and then waited for the others' arrival with Amelia.

Amelia has been locked down in the Jones Family Residence in the past three days and after brutal battle with Samuel, she would be forced to meditate again and again. In this way, her proficiency got better and better.

At the very least, she could last longer when meditating than before.

"It seems that the effect of training is very good." Riya snickered when she saw Amelia's tired look.

It seemed that Amelia was forcing herself to meditate instead of sleeping. Normally, it could replace sleep but if one was not focused on the meditation for a long period of time, there will still be some trace of fatigue.

After all, no one was used to meditate for hours in the beginning.

They needed practice.

"Very good... to the point that I feel like I'm still meditating and visualizing the technique when I'm not practicing," Amelia complained.

Riya patted Amelia's shoulder to console the other party.

If one remove the smile on Riya's face, then one would definitely trust that she was truly caring for Amelia.

Otherwise, it seemed that she was here to laugh at Amelia.

Amelia naturally noticed Riya's grin, but she was too lazy to argue with the other party. The practice was really tiring and made her wonder how these two people could last for so long.

She didn't see Riya for a long time and knew that the other party was practicing in her room.

For how long exactly?

Amelia didn't know.

She only knew that neither Riya or Samuel were human being by her standard.

Of course, she would never say this in front of them.

She didn't want to be beaten up.

"No one came to bother you, right?" Riya suddenly asked.

"If you're talking about Valeria, then no." Amelia thought for a moment and said, "It seems that she's bothering Victoria for a long time and I don't know how the two of them are doing right now."

They were indeed in the same base, but Amelia didn't have much contact with Victoria either and only helped the other party a bit. After all, the other party was often followed by Valeria, which made the two of them annoyed.

It could be said that Valeria is their common enemy.

Amelia honestly didn't know how Victoria was able to survive for so long living around Valeria.

If it was her, she would have long been driver crazy with such a relative.

"If she needs help, she'll mention it in our group," Riya said.

Amelia nodded in agreement.

They still have their chat group and if there was anything interesting, they would mention it there.

Ruby was still sharing some precaution about the magic beasts out there and seemed to be addicted to it. These things could also be accessed in the Martial Arts Association's database, but Ruby would often summarize it to make it easy for them to remember.

For Amelia and Sophia, the two of them had to remember it.

For the others, they might need it in the future.

For Riya... well, she already knew these things by heart because she had experienced the brutal battle against them in the past.

"Claire is still out there and I don't know her situation." Amelia shook her head, feeling that it was truly a pity that they couldn't stay together with Claire. Thankfully, they knew that Claire was alive and doing well thanks to their chat group.

Ruby was locked down in the research institute and it seemed that this voluntary.

No one could make her willing to go out from her research room.

"She should be fine. Her tone when chatting before is very cheerful and her family is not losing out compare to the Jones and the Carson Family," Riya said quietly.

She could clearly remember that Claire's family background was still very good, much better than the Taylor Family or even the Thompson Family.

It could be said that in their dormitory, aside from her and Ruby who came from ordinary family, the other four were all the descendants of powerful families.

As long as they were not behaving stupidly, they should be able to thrive in this era.

Just like the Jones Family that managed to build a base.

And then the Carson Family still has a lot of say in City A Base.

Chapter 404: Preparation (2)

Riya was not entirely sure about the exact situation, though.

"If only they made more trouble, I can also kick them out," Amelia said with a sigh. She really didn't want to see Valeria around in the slightest bit.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to just kick them out.

Riya looked at Amelia and blinked her eyes.

Come to think about it, Ciera came to her not long ago and said something about Mr. Taylor's debt. She did put some cause and effect formation on Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor. As long as they wanted to do something bad, there was a chance that it might be bounced back to them.

What did they do to cause such a big debt?

But after thinking for a moment, Riya chose not to think about it.

Anyway, the formation wouldn't last forever and once the main mana run out because of too much backlash after they wanted to do something bad, it will dissolve.

This should be enough to teach them a lesson.

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Riya naturally didn't know, but Mr. Taylor did have a lot of bad luck from the moment he was in the Business District Base.

After all, Mr. Taylor is a businessman and it was only natural that he wanted to become rich. So he tried various means to get ahead from others and get more resources. But for some reasons, his tricks often failed and it nearly killed him.

So he had to be more honest.

But it didn't take long for him to stop and then the magic beasts came to the Business District Base and destroyed it altogether.

Mr. Taylor could only escape with his daughter.

He couldn't find his wife and son, so he chose to forget about them temporarily.

There was no point thinking about them all the time.

And now...

"Can't you work better? You're only thinking about..."

Mr. Taylor is being scolded.

In the construction work today, he wanted to take the work that other people did as his own so that he could get more contribution points. But before he could succeed, the supervisor came and saw him lazing around.

What followed is naturally a scolding.

And Mr. Taylor couldn't really explain what he wanted to do.

It's really bad luck.

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Victoria's side

It has been some time since Victoria started training, but her result was not ideal. She couldn't even reach rank 1 and her family members were already banging on her door every single time.

This made her had to go out early in the morning to do some work to gather contribution points and then sneaked back when they were not around.

'Can't they do something else?'

Victoria felt really tired with her parents and Valeria. The three of them didn't seem to be willing to work and came to trouble her again.

Oh, there was a break in between, though.

Victoria heard that during the magic beasts' tide, these people try to take advantage to get the corpse but caught. So they were put into detention and couldn't come out for a week's time.

During that week, they only ate a bowl of porridge and drink water once a day.

It made them really hungry and thirsty, but there was basically nothing that they could do about it.

No one would care about prisoners.

Victoria had a rare peace and wanted to focus on training, but her family members just have to come and paid a visit to her again. This made her wonder what exactly they were doing.

They didn't work but come to trouble her all day long...

"Miss Victoria, can you do something about them?" A neighbor asked when Victoria's family members have left. She was dissatisfied with the noise all day long here, but there was not much that they could do.

After all, this was only a cheap neighborhood that cost 1 contribution point per day.

They also couldn't really do much when the situation out there was not very optimistic.

The only thing that they could do was to try and live well.

Noisy neighbor was normal.

But....

Victoria's family members are really abnormal.

"I know, I'll talk with them," Victoria said.

She also knew that it was impossible for her to leave this be like this for the rest of her life. Unless she wanted them to continue taking advantage of her and made trouble to her.

As for how they have so much energy, Victoria didn't know.

The neighbor nodded. "Well, don't feel pressured. Everyone here lives a hard life and we just hope that it can be a bit more comfortable."

Victoria nodded helplessly.

With that, the neighbor left and Victoria went back inside to practice.

She looked at her phone and wondered whether her friends were there and whether she should ask them for help.

Victoria knew that if she asked, they might be willing to lend a hand.

But this meant that she will owe them.

The person whom she has the best relationship with was only Amelia... After all, she didn't spend that much time in the dormitory and often away for various reasons. The other people were not too close and Victoria was not sure how to ask.

After a while, she sent a message.

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Victoria looked at the package that was delivered to her and pursed her lips. This was the meat of a rank 1 magic beasts.

Originally, Victoria wanted to ask for higher, but Amelia said that her brother told her that people who haven't become a magic warrior couldn't eat the magic beasts' meat higher than rank 1.

If Victoria had reached rank 1, then Amelia will send her the rank 3 magic beasts' meat.

But now, it's impossible.

"It seems that there's still rule to prevent people from advancing too fast too," Victoria muttered under her breath as she looked at the magic beasts' meat in front of her.

Today, she will train hard and consume it all.

In this way, she will have a chance to advance to rank 1 tomorrow.

Chapter 405: Expectation vs Reality

The expectation is high but the reality hit hard.

Victoria was depressed when she found out that even after eating a few kilogram of magic beast's meat and training almost all night long, she still failed to advance to rank 1. In the end, she could only stop training and rested for a while before going out to see his mother.

Bang! Bang!

Early in the morning, the banging started again.

"Victoria, you b*tch! If you're so capable, then..."

Bang!

The door flung open and Victoria stood there, carrying a kitchen knife. "Shall we talk somewhere else, Mother?"

Victoria's mother saw the knife in Victoria's hand and trembled a bit. She knew that her daughter should have work to be able to get contribution points, but she didn't expect that this would cause her stance to be so tough.

In the past, Victoria was willing to listen to her words and would obey her order.

But now, her wings had become hard.

This made Victoria's mother unwilling, so she came to see Victoria under the guise of being a 'kind' mother.

"Yes."

The two of them left and Victoria followed her mother. Looking at the direction where she was going, Victoria frowned when she saw the restaurant.

In the past two weeks, a few restaurants have been built in City A Base.

There were some people who have more than enough contribution points and decided that it would be a good idea for them to build restaurant.

In this way, these restaurants were born.

The businessman and people who used to open restaurants worked together to make this new restaurant here. After all, relying on the few missions in City A Base, it would be hard for them to get rich.

As for going out to hunt magic beasts?

Unless they wanted to risk their lives and possibly die in the process, they should not try it. Of course, if they were confident in their strength, that was a different story.

But how many of them could confidently say that they could beat up those magic beasts?

"Do you have enough money to eat here?" Victoria asked suspiciously. From what she knew, her family members were really poor.

"Of course!" Victoria's mother snorted and wanted to say harsh words but upon seeing the knife that Victoria hadn't put down, all the words were swallowed back. She grunted in her heart and felt that her daughter's wings are really hard now.

But it didn't matter.

She had arranged everything.

Did Victoria think that by staying away from her, she wouldn't be able to do anything?

Then she would tell her daughter that she's completely wrong.

Victoria didn't notice anything and looked around the restaurant. There were not many people there and when she looked at the menu, she felt that it was not surprising. The prices of the food here were 3 to 10 contribution points.

If they could get some food from the canteen at a much cheaper price, why would they come here?

'Did this restaurant go on high end route?'

But how delicious would the food be?

Victoria honestly doubted that it would be worth it. Because the contribution points in the current time was basically earned by most of them betting their lives. They would not waste it easily just for something delicious.

Unless the restaurant's owner wanted to target the rich people.

But if they wanted to target the rich people, why did he build it in this area?

This was still the outskirts and it was located at the edge.

There were not many rich people here.

Victoria thought about it for a moment before deciding not to think too much. Whatever they decided to do, it was not her business.

Victoria's mother walked to the second floor where there were private rooms for dining. She had asked the owner to reserve one for her.

"Can't we just stay below?" Victoria asked with a frown. The restaurant was empty anyway, so there was no difference even if they were here.

"No. I'm your mother and you have to listen to me."

"Are you sure?"

Seeing the knife that was raised again, Victoria's mother froze and then she gritted her teeth. "Do you really want to kill your mother in full view? I'm sure that the law in City A Base prevented you from killing other people here."

The law in City A Base clearly stated that they were not allowed to kill others.

The only exception was self defense.

But considering the strict law that was still being implemented in this base as if the earthquake had never happened, not many people were willing to challenge the rules.

The power of those magic warriors were very clear to them.

If they dared to challenge it, the first thing that they had to consider was whether they could survive if the other party attacked them.

Not surprisingly, most of their answer would be no.

Because they really didn't have that confidence.

"I think that staying in the jail for a period of time is better than being harassed by you all that time. Besides, I can clearly say that it's self defense, right?" Victoria said calmly and looked at her mother in front of her. "If you dare to do anything funny, I don't mind raising the knife."

"You're really heartless! Why did I give birth to such an unfeeling daughter like you! Can't you be like your sister who knows how be filial to her parents and take care of us?"

Victoria looked at her mother quietly. "If you're willing to work honestly, you can still live well, Mother."

But what Victoria's mother wanted was nothing more than a good life without the need for her to work hard at all.

This kind of thing was clearly impossible.

"You unfeeling daughter!"

"Mother, what do you actually want to say to me?" Victoria felt that her patience has always been tested when she saw her mother.

"Come with me to the second floor."

Chapter 406: Cruelty

Bang!

There was commotion in the store.

Victoria looked at the two people lying in front of her in daze. She looked at the bloody knife in her hand and pursed her lips.

"Why do you have to push me so hard, Mother?" Victoria whispered in a low voice.

She sat there, dazed, not knowing what to do.

In the end, Victoria called the police and reported herself. Even though the world had changed and the outside world was nothing short of the word 'hell,' but the base was still controlled under law.

And Victoria hated her mother very much.

It's just that she didn't expect that things would turn out this way.

But...

Staying in prison might be better.

Because Victoria was sure that her father and Valeria would definitely come forward to trouble her because of this incident today.

"But with my mother died... at least, I don't have to worry about her bothering me again, right?" Victoria murmured under her breath, she felt a string inside her heart was broken.

Soon, the police arrived and took her away.

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Riya didn't know what happened to Victoria. After all, she was not paying that much attention to Amelia's cousin.

If there was anyone who knew, it would be their father.

Amelia only knew Victoria asked for some magic beasts' meat and she sent someone to deliver it. The amount was small and it was not worth mentioning for Amelia.

After all, Amelia was eating a large amount of rank 3 magic beast's meat every single day. The amount was staggering and if it was not because Samuel was the one who hunted them, it was almost impossible for her to be able to eat so much.

Amelia is not that capable of hunting these magic beasts.

So after sending a few kilograms of magic beasts' meat to Victoria, she completely forgot about it.

"What are you two doing here? Samuel is already calling." Stephen saw these two people and felt speechless. Samuel was already waiting for them on the gate but these two girls were still walking slowly.

Well, two girls and a white tiger.

The white tiger was following behind Riya and from the size, Stephen felt that this white tiger had grown again.

Magic beasts seemed to grow stronger so quickly.

Of course, the main reason why Mo could grow stronger faster was because Riya helped him to provide with a lot of magic beasts' corpses. Those below rank 2 were tossed away and only rank 2 to rank 3 magic beasts' meat were left.

Under such situation, Mo only needed to eat, sleep to digest, and then eat again.

How could his improvement not be fast?

Now that he was brought out, Riya wanted Mo to adapt to his current strength and kill a few more magic beasts as training.

"Ah, he's already waiting?" Amelia's face changed.

Damn! He wouldn't punish her for being slow, right?

"Hurry, Riya!"

Riya saw the panicked look on Amelia's face and chuckled. Her brother seemed to have become a big shadow for Amelia.

But it was not surprising.

With how strict Samuel was to Amelia, Amelia had no other choice but to follow her brother's arrangement from time to time.

The two of them soon made their way to the gate and saw Samuel was already there. Behind him was a group of soldiers plus three military cars.

"So many soldiers?" Amelia's footsteps slowed down.

No matter what, Amelia still felt a bit apprehensive when she saw soldiers because she didn't know what they wanted to do.

"In the mission today, we're going to lead the soldiers to enter the crack," Arnold explained as he approached them with a smile. "To be exact, Samuel is going to lead everyone and the soldiers, letting them get used to fighting against those magic beasts."

Amelia nodded.

Riya was also looking at the soldiers curiously.

From the aura on their body, she could guess that they were all at least rank 2 magic warriors. The one leading at the front was even a rank 3 magic warrior. It seemed that they should be the elites cultivated by Continent Z.

Even though they were nothing much to her, but for most people, they were forces they could not afford to offend in the slightest bit.

"Brother Arnold will come with us?" Amelia asked, her eyes were shining in excitement. If Arnold also came along, it will be better for her.

Arnold showed a kind smile to Amelia and replied, "Yes. This will be a good time to train and to let me advance to rank 3."

"You're already at the peak of rank 2?" Amelia asked, her tone was clearly full of surprise.

"Samuel gave me intensive training." Arnold felt pain when he thought about it. Being beaten up by Samuel and then had to meditate for a long time. He also ate a lot of magic beasts' meat and tried to absorb the mana to raise his own mana cap.

Thankfully, magic warrior's mana amount was indeed lesser compared to magicians, which allowed him to reach the peak of rank 2 magic warrior quickly.

But the resources he consumed...

Hey, there's no need to say it.

If he had to pay it by himself, his wallet would have long burst out.

"For some reasons, I feel both envious and not." Amelia shuddered when she thought about the training that her brother had given her.

"Your training can't even be called intensive. Brother is still too kind to you," Sean complained when he saw Amelia's look.

"It's already very hard." Amelia narrowed her eyes and looked at Sean unkindly. This younger brother of hers was really annoying.

"You're not the only one training."

"Your training can't compare with me."

"Oh yeah? Let's see who among us will advance to rank 3 earlier!"

Riya wanted to laugh when she heard these two brother and sister started arguing with each other again.

But before that, she heard someone calling her.

"Riya."

Chapter 407: Published Information

Turning her head, Riya saw Sophia coming with Melly following behind her. Her eyes turned to look at Melly and she arched her eyebrows.

"It seems that Melly advanced quickly. Did you give her some additional resources?"

"Yes, the Magic Association published some method that could help magic beasts advance faster."

"What?"

Riya was stunned and quickly took out her phone to check.

The Magic Association's website was open to the public and everyone could see it. She quickly saw a new section about beast masters and clicked on it.

There were a lot of information there.

From how to become a beast master, the method of cultivating the magic beasts, and so on.

"So complete?" Riya was surprised.

"Yes. My brother said that the Magic Association came to an agreement with Murin to let low rank beast master advanced faster in exchange to their help in gathering these resources," Sophia replied.

These resources were not very valuable but if it was needed in a large scale, it will cost a lot. Not mentioning that the current world was already like this and many valuable resources couldn't be bought even if they have money or contribution points.

For the returnees, all they needed to do was to exchange the information that the government needed with the resources they need.

It's a win win.

"I see." Riya nodded.

For these returnees, unless they have a lot of resources on their own and could get it with their own effort, it would be faster for them to advance if they obtained the help of the government and other forces. After all, the resources needed for each profession was different.

Riya herself also cooperated with the government through Samuel to get a lot of resources in order to advance quickly.

The power of the entire country was definitely not comparable to the power of a single person.

And it seemed that other returnees were also thinking the same thing.

If they wanted to stay ahead, this was indeed the best choice. Unless they wanted to take the slow and exclusive route where only they knew their paths and method of advancement but failed to get a lot of resources to improve themselves.

Some people might want to take it.

But seeing these magic beasts got stronger and stronger, Riya guessed that they were getting impatient and chose the best way for them to get stronger quickly. Only by reaching rank 7 would it be possible for them to have the power to control their fate.

'I can't be left behind...'

Riya thought about it and then thought about the difficulty of being a rune master and fell silent.

It seemed that if she really wanted others to follow the same path as her, it would require an extreme talent. Otherwise, it would be better for them to become a magician with side profession of rune master.

Pure rune master will be very hard to find.

"But these things still cost a lot." Sophia felt the pain of lacking money for the first time in her life. When she was showing her brother the list, he looked at her with complicated look.

Because Stephen understood very well that none of these resources were easy to get nor cheap.

"Well, it's the necessary cost that you have to pay to get stronger." Riya looked at Sophia helplessly.
"And the stronger you are, the more resources that you will need."

Thinking about the large number of magic beasts that Sophia could contract in the future, Riya fell into silent. If Sophia didn't have any other source of income, it was estimated that she wouldn't be able to feed her pets in the slightest bit.

And it was impossible for the Carson Family to pay for Sophia's cultivation for the rest of their lives.

Riya might not come from a rich family, but she still knew about their situation through Amelia more or less. She knew very well that their action of giving fund to Amelia was nothing more investment so that they could get more in the future.

So when Sophia was strong enough, it was estimated that the Carson Family would start asking her to 'pay back' the investment that they had given her.

sigh

"I know. I noticed it too," Sophia replied with a sigh. "I will have to find other jobs and collect more magic beasts' corpses for their food. Thankfully I can trade these corpses with the one suitable for my magic beasts in the base."

In order to promote better development for her magic beasts, it was advised to feed them with the magic beasts' meat of the same elements.

Hunting specific element of magic beast was not easy.

What she could do was to trade them in the base.

Anyway, as long as the weight was similar and the magic beasts didn't have any other use plus their rank was the same, the trade was free.

As for the so called other use was some of their body parts that the base specifically collected. The list had been given out and will be updated daily so that people who managed to hunt them could get higher price.

Riya had seen them, but she was not very interested because she didn't lack contribution points in the slightest bit.

In fact, she has abundance of contribution points that she didn't know what to use them for.

"That's good." Riya nodded.

Sophia nodded and grinned. "I might have to go out often in the future. The best profession to earn money right now is to hunt magic beasts and used their body parts for various uses. Unfortunately, some magic beasts couldn't be eaten."

Riya's lips twitched.

Thinking about some special magic beasts which appearance was very... disgusting, Riya was glad that they couldn't be eaten.

Because she felt that she would have physiological shadow if she had to eat them.

"Let's not talk about that... you should be glad that you can't eat all of them," Riya said in a low voice.

Sophia looked at Riya in confusion.

Chapter 408: Profession

Riya only gave a smile to Sophia without explaining it any further.

"Is there any profession distinction now?"

"Well, yes. Speaking about profession, the official website gave brief introduction of all the profession that we can learn, including the name of the spells. But aside from the very basic meditation technique and some must have spell like the purification magic spell, the rest was nothing more than introduction. The details could only be learned by joining specific organization.

The magicians and beast tamers were obvious, they have to join the Magic Association and contribute to learn the subsequent path.

Warriors have to join the Martial Arts Association.

Magic warriors can be done by joining either the government or the Martial Arts Association, but joining the government allows you to learn the specialization to become a hunter."

"A hunter?" Riya was confused.

"Yes, it's said that a hunter is a magic warrior, but you specialize in long distance attack with the weapon can be bow or arrows." Amelia was actually quite surprised when she saw someone was still using bow and arrow.

In the age of hot weapons, there were still people who were willing to use these weapons?

But while Amelia was confused, she didn't ask anything unnecessary.

"Ah, the hunter."

Riya now remembered these people.

Some people who became magic warriors didn't like close combat. Rather than staying close to their opponents, they prefer to stay far away and attack with arrows. Or other weapons that they could use.

If Riya had to say about their variety, it should be some cannon like tools, spears, and many others. These people have many weapons that they could pick from to attack from the distance accordance to their preferences.

Though, the favorite was definitely bow and arrows.

'Speaking of which, there's no guns in that world...'

Now that Riya thought about it, it was a bit strange that there was no guns. But at the same time, it was not that weird since most people were completely relying on magic as their weapon.

Many magic was much stronger than guns, so why do they need one?

But for warriors and magic warriors, these weapons were useful to increase their combat effectiveness to a certain degree.

Anyway, these people who used long ranged weapons and were magic warriors were usually called as hunters.

There were even some geniuses in this field.

Riya guessed that a returnee should be a hunter, but she didn't know who it is since she didn't have access to their information.

"Are there no auxiliary profession's information?" Riya asked curiously.

"The government said that you can do a trial to learn some basic runes... but they didn't have the systematic training and the path is incomplete." Amelia chuckled when she thought about this.

It should be the formation that Riya handed over some time ago that the government wished to promote.

Unfortunately, there were not many people who have the talent to learn runes and formation.

The auxiliary profession has always been restricted by talent.

Riya nodded in understanding. "Did they reveal the names or anything like that?"

"Name? There's an introduction for the pioneer of the warrior's path in the Martial Arts Association, which is Peter. But the others didn't give any introduction whatsoever," Amelia replied.

This meant that the other might not give any permission for others to let them use their identity.

Or they simply didn't want to publish their identity.

After all, some people prefer to be low key rather than being known by the whole world.

Riya felt a bit relieved when she heard it. It seemed that the government was still somewhat reliable and would not publish their information unless they were willing to do so.

As for Peter?

That man liked the attention and Riya didn't care about his decision.

Even if he wanted to have his picture hung in the forum, she would just ignore it.

"I learned some things that are made public by the Magic Association, but there's not much information. I hope that they can actually reveal more so that I can grow more as a beast master, but it seems that they want to control the information spread," Sophia scratched the back of her head in embarrassment.

She actually hoped that she could learn more, but the Magic Association limited the information that they gave to them.

So Sophia felt disappointed.

At the same time, she also understood that it was impossible for her to learn without joining the Magic Association. This kind of tactic of holding the core information was normal, so no one was surprised.

After all, not everyone wanted to share their knowledge to the entire world for free.

"Why don't you join the Magic Association?"

"No!" Sophia shook her head repeatedly. "Don't you know that there are a few more videos of these old men and old women dancing in the forum? The view are so spicy that I don't know what to say."

Riya: "..."

The others shook their head and decided not to visit the forum for the time being.

They still cared for their eyes a lot.

"Did they even dress strangely?" Riya asked in confusion.

"Well, there's an old woman who chose a bikini when casting magic for some reason and there's also a man in dress...." Sophia was bored and browsed these, but she felt instant regret when she saw it.

She didn't really want to see these!

Riya: "..."

For some reasons, she had the feeling that the magicians were going towards a road of no return.

Forget it.

Riya chose not to think about it anymore.

"Get into the car," Samuel called out when he saw they all gathered. "And Riya, come with me to the jeep."

Riya arched her eyebrows and saw that the leading military who was at the rank 3 also followed Samuel to the jeep.

It seemed that they should have something to talk with her.

Well, she had no other choice but to follow.

She hoped that the government had no intention of forcing her to do anything.

Chapter 409: Major General Leon

Under Samuel's order, everyone entered the car and the car soon started.

Their designation was clear: it was the warehouse area where the magic beasts' nest that Riya found was located.

They didn't know the species but based on Riya's speculation, it should be insect type magic beasts. And their size might not be so friendly.

"Senior Samuel, why do you call me here?" Riya asked carefully after they had seated in the jeep.

"This is Major General Leon and he's here to talk with you on behalf of the government and military," Samuel introduced the man beside him. He paused for a moment and then said, "You don't have to worry, your identity is still kept a secret and only a handful of people know about it. They didn't have any intention of spreading it out if you don't wish for it."

Even though the officials were really annoying and Samuel also had a hard time dealing with them in the past, some of them were not that bad and knew how to deal with people well. Right now, there were two factions in the government and Samuel was really lazy to take care of them.

The good thing is that he only interacted with Mr. A and refused to talk with other people.

Because they would only make him feel annoyed.

Even if the world was already facing terrible situation, they were still thinking about their private profit and so on. It was as if they couldn't wait to take all the wealth of the world into their pocket and enjoyed it by themselves.

It was disgusting.

The only good thing was that there were still people who worked well in the government and arranged for the military to rescue people. Otherwise, there would be no way these official bases could be built.

There were still some private bases, but that as not the point.

Mr. A was one of the few people whom Samuel had known before the earthquake happened. He knew that he could trust the other party to a certain degree. As long as he didn't touch Mr. A's interest, the man was too lazy to care for him and was thinking about Continent Z as a whole.

It was also because of this that Samuel was willing to let Mr. A be the one to negotiate. Even though the other party was also a fox that was hard to cheat.

Tsk.

Samuel tossed the thoughts away and focused on the present time.

"General Leon," Riya quickly greeted apprehensively.

Welp, she seemed to have seen a big shot right now and for a moment felt nervous. Riya had never been used to stay in high position.

"Don't be so polite, Miss Riya." Major General Leon gave a reassuring smile. "I'm here to ask whether it's possible for us to spread the information about the runes and possibly the methods to learn them. We don't ask for much and only the basic."

The government knew very well that the knowledge these returnees brought were the most important thing.

But at the same time, they also knew that it was impossible for them to share all of the information they have.

So what the government valued was whether the basic could be shared.

For the main paths such as warrior, magic warriors, and magicians, what the government wanted was the stable path to a high position. They were willing to pay high price to be able to get it.

But for an auxiliary profession like Riya, they only needed the basic.

Because it was unlikely for many people to learn this profession and those who did might end up stopping at the beginning.

Of course, if it was possible for them to get the entire information, it would be much better. But they knew how unrealistic this is. These returnees would not be willing to let their secret technique and methods be spread out to everyone without limit.

After all, many of them had to sacrifice a lot in order to get these.

Everyone had their own selfishness and Major General Leon understood that very well.

So their bottom line was to get the basic methods for these auxiliary profession to help them in the future.

They had seen the effectiveness of these side professions. One of them was the alchemist in the other continent. Just one person could create a lot of medicine that could allow many magicians and magic warrior become powerful...

Even if it was only for a short period of time.

And Riya's talisman that she had given to them had made many people feel the usefulness of it. The most important thing is that the space storage scroll allowed them to take a lot of things when they were traveling.

Riya had already taught her disciple how to make it.

But their skills were a bit...

Well, it was hard to say.

Ordinary talisman and magic scrolls were fine because as long as their magic was enough, they could practice. But space storage scroll seemed to contain some space laws that make it difficult for them to make.

In any case, learning these things would only benefit them more.

"There are already four magic scrolls that I'm sure you brought from Senior Samuel. If you were to retrace the runes, you can also learn it," Riya said slowly.

She was not lying. The first step for rune master to learn how to draw was to retrace and copy the existing runes. Of course, memorization should also be done, but that was a different matter altogether.

They could memorize and practice at the same time too.

Well, this also depends on their talent.

But for Riya, it was very easy.

"I don't think it's that simple." Major General Leon looked at Riya carefully. "If it's so easy to learn runes, how could the word 'talent' block so many people's path? I'm more inclined to believe that there's a set of sequence to make the runes in the first place."

Chapter 410: Talent

Riya nodded to herself in her heart.

It seemed that this General Leon was really sharp.

If it was so easy to learn the runes, how could so many people could not learn it without teachers?

This was because there were many information that was specifically controlled by the major power. The people at the bottom had no chance to come into contact with the runes, so they didn't know the real difficulty.

"Major General Leon is right.... To learn the runes and formation, you need to follow a set of sequence. I believe you should know this from the formation that I sent in the beginning?"

Because in her explanation, Riya also told them the route that they had to follow when making the runes.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for the runes to succeed.

Just like drawing a specific drawing, they would start from the background and then others. There were lines that they had to draw first when drawing a rune otherwise, the result would be completely different or even a complete failure altogether.

"Yes." Major General Leon admitted calmly. There was nothing to hide from this matter. "So we would like to ask whether you can also give the information in accordance so that people could learn. In exchange, you can ask for something from us."

Riya thought for a moment.

This could be said to be expanding the rune master path to many people.

To be honest, a rune master's method was very varied and she could use thousands of different combination of runes and formations. As long as you are creative enough, rune master basically had an unlimited path ahead of them.

And it was impossible for Riya to write down all the knowledge that she knew.

"Would you like the detailed explanation of each runes or would you like the general knowledge?" Riya thought and asked. "There's a difference between these two."

Major General Leon frowned and then asked, "May I ask you to elaborate, Miss Riya?"

"As you have known, every runes are unique and the difference even with a dot can change the entire meaning of the runes. There's even the set of ratio for every rune that one had to follow otherwise it wouldn't work..." Riya smiled helplessly.

To be honest, when she first encountered runes, she also felt that whoever made it was crazy. How do they calculate the distance of the runes they draw?

But when she practiced, she realized that it was not that they calculate it.

It was simply engraved into their body.

How long the lines, how to draw this circle, how to connect the runes, everything was drilled into their bodies through rigorous practice.

There was no shortcut.

And Riya found it easier to do because she instinctively felt that it should be like this or like that and in the end, she managed to draw the runes easily. It was as if her body had already know the answer without the need of her training rigorously to make her body remember.

"To be honest, there thousands of runes and the detailed explanations for each of them will be very tedious," Riya continued slowly and lowered her eyes. "I don't think that normal people without talent would be able to memorize them."

Major General Leon's lips twitched.

Thousands of runes, each with their own rules...

He felt that it was not an exaggeration to say that rune master was really dependent on talent. If one didn't have any talent, just memorizing these things alone would be more than enough to make them doubt life.

"This is why I don't want to learn it in the first place..." Samuel shook his head on the back.

He could remember the side profession test that his parents gave to him in that world. When seeing so many dense runes and their specific detailed rules, he felt as if he was facing a big enemy and racked his brains to memorize them.

It was so hard that he almost collapsed.

Thankfully, it was quickly determined that he didn't have any talent as rune master or Samuel felt that he would be dying.

"Do you think it's necessary for everyone to learn to the extreme details?" Major General Leon chose to throw this question back to Riya.

He felt that Riya should know better than anyone.

"No. There are only a handful of runes that you commonly use," Riya replied calmly. "And unless you plan to delve deeply into the study of runes or follow the path of a rune master until the very end, it's not necessary to memorize all of them."

When speaking about this matter, Riya paused for a moment.

She still remembered what the teacher taught her and the other students when they first came into contact with runes.

"Those without talent could only rely on hard work, forcing their bodies to memorize all the sets of the runes into their body. Forcefully engraving it so that they would remember by heart and will not make a mistake.

Those with talent will be able to instinctively correct themselves with little pointers and will proceed ahead, far earlier than others."

She could remember the sad look on the teacher's face at that time when he said about these things.

Because he knew very well that the introduction process alone would definitely eliminate more than 90% of the students there. If they had no talent, persevering in this path would do nothing but to bring burden on their body.

Not to mention, becoming a rune master is not easy.

Without sufficient financial resources, they would not be able to recoup the losses if they were to make a mistake in the training process and wasted resources.

"Talent is really unreasonable. It allowed people to spend less effort doing something that otherwise will take others years to learn. But it's precisely because of talent that there are people who could reach the peak and shine in the field they excelled at."