

Last Days 411

Chapter 411: In that Case...

So it's very important for one to understand their talent.

Riya smiled faintly at Major General Leon.

"I don't have time to make the detailed explanations for every runes either. It would take hundred thousands of pages and I don't want to waste my time writing such thing during this period of time."

Perhaps in the future, Riya would have time to sit down and relax, writing the book about runes and all.

But right now, Riya knew that it was impossible.

She has dreams to pursue and she wanted to become stronger. Even if the path of rune master was not a conventional path that other people will take, but this is the path that suited her the most.

So she will continue to stick on this path.

No matter how difficult it is, no matter how many obstacles on the way, she would not give up on her dream to reach the top.

This is the dream of everyone in that world.

To follow the path that suited them the most and allow them to see the view of the world from the very top.

What they saw... Riya didn't know.

But she will find out when she reached that step.

Major General Leon looked at Riya in front of him. For a moment, he felt that the girl in front of him looked very different. As if she had seen the vicissitudes of life and experienced many things.

Thus, she was able to see through it.

He closed his eyes for a moment and smiled. "It seems that if I were to ask for the detailed ones, you would have to refuse?"

Riya didn't answer and simply looked at Major General Leon in front of her. She knew very well that her words might sound unreasonable.

Yet at the same time, she knew very well that she could not possibly give it up just for the sake of helping others. She has her own stubbornness.

"I guess the general method should be enough. Does this mean that what you can teach us about the use of runes in general?"

"Not only in general." Riya shook her head and thought for a moment. "All I can do is to help you know the common runes and the rules when using them. Because if you're not careful enough, there might be an accident."

Accident?

Major General Leon looked at Riya and asked, "What kind of accident?"

"The small accidents would be nothing happened and only wasting resources. The big incident is that you will activate the formation or runes that are wrong. If you want me to give examples, it'll be the simple runes of killing and runes of restraint. Look at the two runes carefully."

Riya took out a pen and paper as she started drawing the runes on top of the paper. Without the mana within the runes, there was no way the runes would be activated, so Riya was not worried.

"This rune is commonly used when making killing formation while this one is to make restraint formation. Their difference is only in this one small stroke, so if you're not careful enough..." Riya didn't continue.

But this was enough to let Major General Leon understand why runes' study was really difficult.

And beads of sweat poured on Major General Leon's forehead.

It seemed...

Those who learned runes had to be meticulous person.

'And there are dozens of similar runes...' Samuel added in his mind when he saw Major General Leon's expression. But he would not say it, lest it would destroy Major General Leon's confidence.

"I understand. It's not that easy to learn runes." Major General Leon nodded. "In the general knowledge you mentioned, you will also write about the precaution?"

"Yes." Riya nodded.

It existed in the book that she had given to her disciple before. She only needed to let the jade dolls copy more books.

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She had no time to copy but her jade dolls could work 24 hours a day.

Jade dolls: "... our master is a profiteer.

"In that case, can I request for your teaching of these? Or perhaps it'll be in the form of text that could be spread out?" Major General Leon asked.

Even if it's dangerous, if it could be used properly, the benefit outweighs the disadvantage.

"Before I answer, can I ask why you valued the magic scrolls so much?" Riya asked carefully.

If they were only interested because they saw it useful at this stage and nothing else, she could understand.

But if they could know the true value of these runes...

"Because we believed that formation and runes have a great use. Even in a long rune... the magic scrolls can be used to protect the ordinary people and the people who have only walked into the path of magic warriors and so on."

Major General Leon paused and looked at Riya with apprehension. "Besides, we believed that at higher rank, you should have methods that are capable of destroying cities or even protecting cities."

This was their analysis after seeing the power brought by these returnees.

Even though what Riya had shown so far was nothing more than low ranked magic scrolls and talisman that seemed to only help to reduce their difficulty in the early stage, some people felt that it was not all.

The battle that Samuel and Peter showed had already given them some clues.

Moreover... After Riya made a move in that crack, they could see that a rune master is also very powerful.

She could even use the runes and formation to attack a magic beasts of rank 4 and killed it easily.

Of course, they didn't know whether it consumed a lot of mana or not.

But that had given them some directions.

Now that Riya taught them the precautions of the runes, Major General Leon believed in this conviction even more. There was no way runes would not be very powerful in the latter stage.

As for whether they could reach that stage or not... that was another question altogether.

Riya blinked her eyes. "In that case...."

Chapter 412: Agreement

Brrm!

Amelia and the others were located in different cars, chatting and laughing while waiting for the car to arrive. The one driving this time was a driver from the military, so it was very stable and safe.

Moreover, not many magic beasts were present around here.

Countless rounds of cleaning from the military and also the people who were eager to get more resources from City A Base had made the population of magic beasts suffer a lot.

"Are we going to follow the military later?" Amelia asked curiously. She has never followed the military before and felt that it would be very interesting.

Of course, she also knew that they were not only there to watch but also to fight the magic beasts. Samuel would definitely want to see the result of their training in this trip.

"Yes." Arnold nodded. "Samuel didn't have time to personally guide us this time because he had to open up the path."

Amelia nodded.

To be honest, she had expected that this day would happen sooner or later.

With her brother's capability, he would be pushed to the forefront and shoulder heavy responsibility.

The days when Samuel was training them couldn't be said to be pleasant because they felt that they were being tortured. But after they came here and hear this, they somehow felt that it would be better to follow Samuel.

Because they knew that this is actually a privilege.

"Too bad."

"It'll be fine."

"We just have to work harder to catch up."

"Yes!"

At this moment, the determination to grow stronger was instilled deeper into their heart. They didn't want to lag behind forever!

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On the other side.

Riya played with the gun in her hand.

She agreed with the government and gave a book that contained 10 different rank 1 magic scrolls and 10 unranked magic scrolls that ordinary people could use. The first 10 needed mana to activate and the last 10 didn't need mana to activate.

The book itself also contained the description about how to draw it and the precaution that they needed to take when making it. After all, drawing with mana and without mana would be different.

If their mana was unstable, incorrectly drawing the runes could be fatal.

There was no need for Riya to explain this matter as Samuel also agreed deeply.

In his words, he had seen someone who accidentally draw the wrong runes and got himself blown up...

Major General Leon felt that the runes were really dangerous afterwards.

But they still need it.

If they could train people who could use the runes and draw a lot of magic scroll for them, the benefit far outweigh the risk.

In exchange, she got this gun.

"Energy gun... I didn't expect that Continent Z can also get it," Riya said with emotion.

She knew very well that their continent's technology was not the most advanced in the Green Planet. The other continent also wouldn't let them gain advantage so easily.

After all, every continent wished that they were the best.

So how could they be willing to let Continent Z ahead?

This weapon too.

If Riya was not wrong, the energy gun came from Continent Y and had been kept in secret by them. They didn't have any plan to sell it to other continents unless they paid a high price.

"It's not that easy to get these two guns." Major General Leon looked at Riya helplessly.

He felt that the higher ups have vision and asked him to bring more guns this time. Aside from the few that was intended to be given to Samuel as the agreement before, the rest were used to negotiate with Riya.

Since Riya asked for weapon's blueprint last time, they have known that Riya should be interested in their weapons.

Perhaps it was to modify them?

After all, she's a rune master and it was not surprising to hear her modifying the guns to suit her better.

"I can see that," Riya murmured as she looked at the gun in her hand.

This was only the initial transaction between them as Riya could guess that the government would definitely come to her to ask for more runes or even higher ranked magic scrolls.

The one she gave to them were only rank 1.

And it might be useful for the people at the bottom to increase their survival chance.

But for those who had become a magic warriors, especially rank 2 and above, the effectiveness of these magic scrolls were limited. It would not be worth the price they bought it.

Riya rubbed the gun and started thinking about the modification that she wanted to make. Ever since she managed to modify that gun, she has already started thinking about other variety.

But her knowledge of guns were limited.

So what she could think of might not be very good.

Now that she managed to get her hand on an energy gun, Riya felt that she might be able to study it and probably replicate it one way or another. Not just replicate, but also to modify it to use mana instead of electricity.

"But it's worth it." Major General Leon had already sent people to deliver the information that Riya gave to him. He also sent a digital copy through the encryption to the higher ups in the Capital City.

It could be said that his mission this time has been half completed successfully.

The higher ups were excited when they heard that they could learn more magic scrolls and runes from Riya.

The knowledge reserve that they obtained from these returnees were increasing day by day. And someday, these knowledge could be used as foundation for the future.

Riya nodded. "Thank you."

"This is still within my authority... besides, I don't think that this energy gun could harm you," Major General Leon replied helplessly.

To be honest, the ordinary weapons that existed before the appearance of mana and all didn't seem to be of much use when facing these returnees.

Chapter 413: Gun

Because each and every single one of these returnees were simply unreasonably powerful in their fields.

It was to the point that Major General Leon felt that each of them had a cheating device in their hand.

Afterwards, they could only sigh.

The reasons why any of these people could be chosen was inseparable from their unique talent. It was something that other people didn't have and there was no point in getting jealous.

There shouldn't be anyone who would be sent out for an experience package in that world anymore.

And even though these returnees were powerful, they also have their limit.

For example, the limit of their knowledge and resources.

The path that they had known would not necessarily lead to the peak as they had known from Peter that they didn't reach the strongest when they 'died' in that world. Instead, they had only reached a slightly higher rank.

To reach the strongest... there was still a long path.

But this deep knowledge reserve was more than enough for them to throw away other people in the Green Planet far away.

Peter was willing to share many things because he could get a lot of benefit from the Martial Arts Association. But aside from some common knowledge about that world, what Peter knew were basically useless for them.

Because Peter is a pure warrior.

He didn't even know proper magic spells...

Thinking about the last magic spell that he shared, many people had face palmed when they talked about.

It was really embarrassing.

If not for Riya and then Ruth telling them about the simple purification magic spell... they would have to use that embarrassing magic spell for the rest of their lives.

In this way, it was clear that each of these returnees have their own advantage and disadvantage. At the same time, they had their own limitation of their knowledge and could still be considered a normal human being...

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At a certain point, some people couldn't really think of them as the same human being as them because of their abilities.

Major General Leon sighed.

Then again, it was also because of their abilities that he didn't think they would need this kind of gun to enhance their fighting power.

He was more inclined to believe that it was for other purpose or for other people around them.

Riya rubbed her nose.

Major General Leon was more or less right in this case.

Well, if she has no mana and all of her formation has run out, this gun could hurt her. Otherwise, it was simply impossible.

The automatic protective formation she had set up for herself was not for nothing, alright?

"Do you plan to modify it?" Samuel had put away the gun and intended to give one to Arnold and the other one to Stephen. Arnold was for the sake of self protection while Stephen needed a gun more and the ordinary gun was not very useful for higher ranked magic beast.

An energy gun was still more effective.

For himself, using a sword was more effective and easier. He did learn how to use gun but Samuel didn't have much interest in it.

In the past, these firearms could still excite him a bit.

But after experiencing that world and trained in the way of sword, Samuel lost interest in these guns.

The slightly more powerful ones could be given to his father and then used by the base. But otherwise, he didn't have much interest in it.

"Yes," Riya replied and then she took out a gun and handed it over to Samuel. "Just check it out."

Samuel arched his eyebrows and looked at the gun in his hand.

The gun didn't look any different from ordinary gun, but he could faintly see some runes' marking on the handle. It was just that the markings were concealed nicely and if they didn't pay close attention, they would never be able to notice it.

"Did you succeed?" Samuel was surprised.

Riya nodded.

She scrapped more than 100 guns in her world to make this one. Once she had made a stable one that could last for 1000 rounds as long as the gun was taken care, she stopped improving it.

Because Riya was sure that with her capabilities, this was already the limit.

If there were any weapon master, then they might be able to help designing some other kinds of guns, but this was already the best that she could make.

As for the scrapped guns...

She let the world recycle them~.

It would be a waste otherwise.

Even though it was indeed quite a waste to use these materials to be converted into mana directly, but Riya didn't have other use of it. Since she had such a good 'recycle' tool, she had to use it to the fullest.

"What's the difference?" Samuel asked.

"I added fire and lightning elements to the shoot... so if you shoot it, it'll also cause an explosion," Riya replied.

An explosion?

Both Major General Leon and Samuel instantly felt that this was not an ordinary handgun but a handgun that was very powerful.

"I'll try it."

"Feel free.... Your shooting skills should be better than me."

Thinking about the recoil from the handgun after modification, Riya felt that her hand hurt. Even though her body has been strengthened, but testing modified gun over and over again was still not very good.

"One more thing, be prepared for the recoil."

"Don't worry."

Samuel chuckled when he heard Riya's reminder. For him, who's already a rank 5 magic warrior, this small recoil was nothing. Even before he became a magic warrior, he could already shoot a gun stably.

With that, Samuel looked outside and saw a few scattered magic beasts around. There were not many magic beasts in this area but it didn't mean that there were none at all.

Soon, he locked onto a rank 2 magic beasts in the distance and aimed the gun in his hand.

He waited until they were closer and then.

BANG!

Chapter 414: Blueprint Exchange

The gun shot was really loud and then the bullet traveled towards the rank 2 magic beasts. The next moment, they saw the rank 2 magic beasts was hit and an explosion sounded, followed by the crackling of lightning as the rank 2 magic beasts fell down.

It was still alive but it was roasted and its body was twitching badly.

If the magic beast was not lucky enough to be saved by other magic beast, it was estimated that it would die a miserable death in the next few minutes.

"It's really powerful," Samuel commented.

That's a rank 2 magic beasts!

If this weapon could be promoted...

Samuel looked at Riya with amazement.

"I'm afraid that many magic warriors will come to ask you for weapon if they were to know about this."

Riya's lips twitched and she quickly shook her head. "No, don't promote it!"

Making this one gun was already difficult enough for her.

"Do you have the blueprint?" Major General Leon suddenly asked. When he saw the power of the handgun in Riya's hand, he knew that it was no less powerful than the energy gun. No, in terms of raw power, the energy gun was still higher, but this handgun has the stun effect.

Moreover, they didn't have to waste a lot of energy blocks to charge the gun, which was much more cost effective than an energy gun.

So, Major General Leon felt that he had to get this gun!

Riya: "..."

She looked at the energy gun in her hand in confusion and asked Major General Leon. "Isn't the energy gun more powerful than this? I heard that it can insta killed a rank 2 magic beast."

This was what Samuel said just now and the main reason why he wanted the energy gun. It could give extra protection for his teammates.

As for him?

He didn't need it.

"In terms of power, it's indeed more powerful, but it's also expensive," Major General Leon replied. "This is not the type of weapon that can be mass produced for many people."

The people who came this time also carried the energy gun.

This was because these people were the elites in Continent Z and also the team that the government wanted to cultivate and promote.

So they could get it.

But other teams?

It was impossible.

The cost to make the energy gun was really high... no, even the ammunition was really expensive.

"Right, you didn't even need a bullet with this handgun," Riya murmured in a low voice as she looked at the handgun that she had modified.

"No bullet?" Samuel was stunned.

He thought that the gun was already loaded with gun by Riya.

"No, there's no need to put any bullet, but you need to put magic core to power up the formation. Moreover, you can't use it more than 1000 times because the formation will be wear off at that time. Don't worry, I have put a set of protection so that when it could no longer work, it'll be just like an ordinary gun that you can only click click."

Samuel's lips twitched.

What click click?

But he understood what Riya wanted to say.

She set up protection mechanism when modifying the gun, so that it would not harm the person who used it.

This might be aimed towards herself too.

After all, the power of an explosion caused by these formation could injure her.

"This is really good." Major General Leon was even more determined to get it. "You can quote the price, Miss Riya. I'm sure that the military can make the best use of this gun."

Riya: "..."

"I can sell you the blueprint, but can you give me the blueprint for this energy gun?" Riya asked as she pointed to the energy gun in her hand. "I want to see how it could produce such a powerful energy when shooting."

"No problem."

Exchanging blueprint for blueprint, Major General Leon felt that it was a very good deal.

Samuel glanced sideways at Major General Leon.

Who said that it's a state secret?

Who told him that it's not allowed to be traded to other people?

Who swore to him that it's difficult and couldn't possibly be done?

What a load of nonsense.

Major General Leon showed with his action that it was not like it was impossible for them to give them the magic scroll but they have to give enough benefit first!

Look, Riya was able to successfully exchange for the energy gun's blueprint.

While him?

Well, forget it.

Samuel also knew that he had no ability to modify weapons and even if he were to ask for the blueprint, it was mostly to ask his father to make it for the people in their base. How could it be like Riya who wanted to modify it to suit herself?

The energy gun itself was already very powerful.

How powerful would it be after Riya modify it?

Samuel didn't know.

But he had the faint feeling that it would be more powerful than it is now. There was even possibility of killing rank 3 magic beasts instantly.

For some reasons, Samuel started to feel that he's really useless.

Aside from killing with his swords, he didn't seem to have any other skills...

"That's great." Riya smiled brightly. "It's a pleasure working with you, Major General Leon."

"It's a pleasure working with you too, Miss Riya." Major General Leon was also very happy and shook hands with Riya.

He was sure that if the higher ups knew about his decision, they would be very happy. Because they could manufacture and made these weapons themselves.

Now, he had to urge them to train the rune masters more strictly and quickly.

Because if their rank was too low, it would be impossible for them to make the handgun's modification runes and formation.

"Oh right, how many magic beasts' cores do you need for this handgun?"

"Two, fire and lightning," Riya replied. "And it will last until the end of the handgun service."

In other word, they only needed two magic beasts' cores to hunt 1000 more.

What a bargain!

Chapter 415: Arrival

The two people smiled happily.

Only Samuel looked at them enviously and sighed deeply.

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Amidst this hearty negotiation, they finally arrived at the warehouse location.

There were a few magic beasts around, but they were cleaned up by Major General Leon by using the new handgun that he received from Riya. She said that this was a sample that she could give out.

Anyway, she still has a few more that she made in her world.

And there were many parts that she hadn't modified yet.

If she wanted to, she could spend some time to make them and then use it when necessary.

The other soldiers were looking in Major General Leon's direction in surprise. They looked at the weapon in his hand and wondered whether there were any new weapon developed by the research institute.

The effect this time is really cool.

"Wow."

The others who saw it were also attracted by the gun's performance.

These rank 2 magic beasts...

In the past, it would take a lot of effort to kill.

But now, Major General Leon only needed one to two shots to kill them. It was really awesome!

"This gun is really easy to use." Major General Leon was very satisfied with the gun's performance that Riya gave to him as the sample. He was definitely not only satisfying his desire to use a new gun but to test it and give report to the higher ups.

"I feel that the recoil is a bit big, though..." Riya looked at Major General Leon with confusion.

Then again, Riya had never used gun in the past, so she was not very familiar with the weapon recoil. If it was not because her body had been strengthened, she might not be able to withstand her own torturous weapon testing in her world.

She had to shoot countless times.

Thanks to that, her marksmanship had increased.

Hmm... it didn't seem to be a bad thing?

Welp, Riya felt that she didn't really want to train her marksmanship, though.

"This is the standard recoil." Major General Leon laughed. "Well, compared to ordinary gun, the impact is indeed a bit bigger, but it's still within one's range of tolerance. Normal guns also have recoil, Miss Riya."

"Is that so?" Riya listened to Major General Leon giving her popular science and nodding her head.

This meant it was her own body that was too weak.

When Riya thought about this, she was silent.

It seemed that she had to figure out a way to strengthen her body or the great imbalance between her mana and her body might pose a trouble for her in the future.

'I have already make the runes in my heart that will allow me to strengthen my body, is it really not enough?'

She couldn't overdo it.

Because if she forcefully made her body stronger without caring about her own growth, she would only harm herself.

And Riya couldn't do anything like that.

For one who wanted to reach the peak, they had to pay attention to their own growth and not cut off their path early because of their foolish mistake. A magician live for a long time and they have time to ponder for their future path slowly but surely.

"If you're not a magic warrior, that recoil alone can kill you," Samuel said from the side. "Ordinary people definitely can't use that gun."

He felt that Major General Leon was fooling Riya. He himself had tried the gun and could sense that the recoil was harder than normal handgun. No wonder that the gun wouldn't last long.

But perhaps aside from the materials limitation, there was also some limitation with the runes.

Samuel himself was not sure about it.

"Why do you have to destroy my platform?" Major General Leon looked at Samuel speechlessly and then nodded. "But it's true that not everyone will be able to use it. Besides, I don't think that making it is easy, right?"

"You need a real rune master to make it," Riya replied. "And after you're done with drawing the runes and assembling the gun, you have to do testing for it to determine whether the runes have been set correctly. If you don't set it correctly, there's a risk that it'll explode when you click the trigger."

Major General Leon nodded.

After they agreed to exchange the blueprint, Riya took her time drawing it while Major General Leon contacted the higher ups to ask for the energy gun's blueprint.

They exchanged it and then asked some questions.

Riya asked about the energy guns and Major General Leon asked about the runes that Riya used.

She also kindly gave the detailed runes drawing for each part that they had to draw along with the precaution. But it was still necessary to train a qualified rune master first before they could make it.

Otherwise, they would only risk killing themselves because of failed runes.

"Haven't you trained rune masters before?" Samuel asked.

He heard from Mr. A that the government had already trained some people in the path of rune masters. They specifically collected the tainted people and fund them to practice and make the cool talisman and others for practice.

By now, these rune masters should be quite talented.

"There are indeed some rune masters in our hands, but I don't think they're capable enough yet," Major General Leon replied calmly.

There was nothing to hide about this.

They did train some rune masters and it was also because of this that they wanted to exchange more rune masters knowledge from Riya. Otherwise, the rune master they trained could only make those simple runes...

It would be too wasteful.

"You don't need powerful rune masters to draw these runes." Riya shook her head. "All of the runes I used are basic."

Samuel silently recalled the drawing and fell silent.

Major General Leon still has a copy of the formation in his hand and he also fell silent.

The difference in talent...

It could be a bit infuriating at times.

Chapter 416: Arrival (2)

"Then I hope that they can replicate this gun as soon as possible." Major General Leon chuckled and then continued to aim at the magic beasts outside.

From the way it looked like, he still hadn't had enough.

"The cleaning up will be done soon and then these magic beasts' corpses can be taken back... But this gun is quite destructive." Samuel looked at the charred corpses thoughtfully.

"I think that your move is even more destructive," Riya said quietly.

She had seen Samuel's move and if she was not wrong, he was even worse than this.

Samuel blinked his eyes innocently.

He had just remembered that his own attack was very destructive, but he didn't want to admit it.

Riya saw Samuel's look and chuckled. "Who are you pretending to be innocent to? I have seen your move clearly, Senior Samuel~."

Samuel laughed lightly at Riya's words.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

After killing the last magic beasts, Major General Leon stopped firing the gun.

"The logistic team will pack them up and sent them back as fast as possible," Major General Leon gave order and then looked at Samuel. "The team who will go to into the nest will be under your care, Mr. Samuel."

"Yes." Samuel nodded solemnly.

Major General Leon will come too, but he had to command the soldiers. Samuel will have to lead the way and made sure that the path they were about to go to is safe. Otherwise, he would be risking the life of so many soldiers behind him.

Riya listened behind them and looked at these soldiers.

She pursed her lips.

If she had prepared more handgun, she could give it to them. Unfortunately, she didn't have so many guns.

In the end, Riya handed a stack of magic scrolls to Samuel and then head over to Amelia and the others. She planned to give some guns to the other party and their team so that they could kill more magic beasts when necessary.

"This girl..." Samuel was helpless when he saw the stack of magic scrolls in his hand but there was a smile on his face. He looked at Major General Leon and said, "These are a stack of magic scrolls. I don't think the number is enough for each soldiers to have a lot of them, so you need to arrange them appropriately."

"Thank you very much." Major General Leon felt touched and relieved at the same time.

With these, their journey would be much safer.

He felt grateful to these two people.

In the meantime, Riya handed a handgun to Amelia and Sophia, one each. The two girls cheered happily and the guys could only look at these two people enviously. Why didn't they have such a good and capable friend?

But they also wouldn't be so shameless to ask Samuel for such a good gun.

They knew that it was not their friend's obligation to equip them with weapons and this was Riya's own initiative.

"How did you make such a gun?" Amelia asked with amazement. She had seen Major General Leon tested the gun and felt that the gun in her hand must be very valuable.

"Your brother produced the parts and I only need to add the runes and all," Riya replied with a smile. "Now the gun is yours and you can do whatever you want with it."

"I know~. You're the best, Riya! I really hope that you can be my sister." Amelia sighed deeply.

With such a sister like Riya, wouldn't she be able to enjoy her life more comfortably?

"You just want me to supply you with good magic scrolls." Riya squinted her eyes.

"A ha ha ha, how can it be?" Amelia looked away.

"Tsk, naughty Amelia~."

"Wait, don't tickle me, ah ha ha ha ha!"

Sophia laughed when she saw Amelia and Riya's interaction with each other. Those who saw them would really think that the two of them were truly sisters. After all, their relationship was really good.

'If only Ruby is also here....'

At this moment, Sophia was thinking that she should also treat Ruby this way and played around with the other party when there was a chance in the future.

It must be fun!

Ruby, who was busy with her research, felt chills on her back so suddenly. She looked around and then frowned.

"It couldn't be that Sophia was thinking of dragging me to the arcade again, right?" Ruby frowned when she thought about the past. She just wanted to spend her days in peace with studying and so on but Sophia just had to drag her away to participate in various types of fun.

Ruby had headache when she thought about those days.

Her roommate was simply too naughty.

"Alright, let's stop here, ladies." Arnold helped Amelia up. "We're going inside."

Riya saw that Samuel had finished talking with Major General Leon and nodded in understanding. She trotted to walk beside Samuel.

"Does she not want to hide her identity anymore?" Amelia murmured under her breath when she saw Riya blatantly staying beside Samuel.

They all knew that Samuel would definitely stay at the forefront in this journey. If she stayed beside him, wouldn't others know about her real ability?

But then again, they all knew that even if Riya were to stay with them, it would be a waste of her ability. Samuel had just given Arnold and Stephen the gun. So in this way, four of them have powerful guns.

If they couldn't protect themselves, they were truly not worthy of the resources that have been spent on them.

"I think it's already time." Arnold smiled faintly. "You don't think that she will want to hide her real abilities forever, right?"

It's already time?

Amelia looked at Arnold blankly and after her mind wandered off for a moment, she saw his warm smile and her face flushed.

No matter how many times she looked at him, she would feel that he's very handsome.

Ah, ah, ah.

So shy~.

Chapter 417: Start of the Hunt

Sophia saw Amelia's hopeless look and raised her head speechlessly.

Since they were basically neighbor, she naturally knew about Amelia's crush towards Arnold early on.

It was very obvious.

To be honest, she was wondering how Arnold didn't notice it at all. Because Sophia felt that Amelia looked like a nympho whenever she was close to Arnold, especially when he was caring for her.

"Let's go," Stephen reminded his sister.

"Yes!"

Tep.

They walked to the open area that was based open by Mr. Black before and then looked inside.

"Is it there?"

"Yes." Samuel nodded. "You can send your men to open the warehouse first and you can take 20% of them."

"Deal."

With them going to enter the nest, the warehouse matter became troublesome. It would be better to let the soldiers do this instead.

So Major General Leon quickly arranged for his men to open up the warehouse and collected the remaining resources there to send them back to City A Base.

Oh, there were also some part of the resources that City A Base planned to trade away. But that could only be done after they finished counting the amount of resources left. Those that couldn't be used had to be thrown away.

After all, they didn't want to increase the number of dead people.

It was more than enough that these magic beasts outside caused a lot of death among the people and there was no need to add more causes. These resources should be used to make their lives better and not to torture them.

So before sending them away, they had to pass the safety check first.

And after the arrangement, some part would belong to the military. This was their agreement when Samuel asked the military to come here.

Who would throw away the coolie given for free?

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When the soldiers heard that part of the resources would belong to the military, they all moved quickly. None of them wanted to lag behind in such a profitable matter. Because even in military, they needed a lot of resources.

"We're here," Riya said as she looked at the pile of corpses behind the formation that she had set. She was not surprised and simply waved her hand to remove the formation and looked at the pile of magic beasts corpses there.

The people behind her looked at her movement when removing the formation and fell silent collectively.

So simple?

Didn't they have to be careful when they were removing a formation in case it accidentally trigger it?

But Riya only needed to wave her hand and the entire formation disintegrated.

This made some people doubtful of their lives.

But they didn't have time to ponder about this because Riya was looking at the pile of magic beasts' corpses there with a frown.

"It's ants."

Ants...

The others who followed behind her frowned. They knew the ability of ants to make their nest and now these magic beasts were simply magic ants... the nest they build would definitely be very big and complicated.

Who knew how many branches they would have to pass before they could reach the main chamber where the queen was located?

Riya glanced at Samuel. "Are you going to proceed?"

Killing magic ants are not that easy.

A single magic ant was weak, but if they were talking about a large number of magic ants, it would be very troublesome.

One of them was the fact that their shell was hard and they were mostly immune to the effect of fire and lightning elements. At the very least, the damage that could be done toward them was weak.

On the contrary, they were weak against water element.

Samuel arched his eyebrows. "Did you forget that I have four elements?"

Even if he couldn't use his fire and lightning element in this battle, but he could still use his wind and earth element. These two elements were still pretty good, especially the wind elements that could attack in wide range.

It was just that Samuel prefer the aesthetic of the lightning element, which was simply violent beauty.

If others were to know that he picked the lightning element because it was beautiful in his eyes, it was estimated that they would all complaint to him. Because it seemed that this man couldn't give a better reason for his decision.

Then again, it does look beautiful.

Riya nodded. "Alright then."

In this case, she didn't have to worry about him not being able to defend himself.

"Fire and lightning elements are not very effective?" Major General Leon extracted this information from their conversation.

After all, Samuel's magic element was not exactly a secret.

"Fire is completely ineffective and lightning element's effect is halved," Samuel replied.

The information of magic beasts were generally obtained by the returnees and most of the time, they would be quite generous in sharing what they knew. Because they knew that even if they didn't share it, the other returnees will definitely share it.

At that time, their image in front of others would be severely challenged.

No one wanted to be the bad guy without reason.

And Riya sighed when she looked at these magic beasts because she felt that she had to learn how to implement other elements into the weapon. Otherwise, the effect when fighting certain magic beasts wouldn't be good.

"Got it." Major General Leon sighed that the gun he had just obtained wouldn't be able to play its due role.

"Well, just be prepared for a horde of magic ants."

"Yes!"

Riya silently took out a jade doll and after tapping its forehead, it walked into the tunnel. Even though the size of the jade doll was only 30 to 40 cm, but it walked really fast as if it was running.

After taking one out, Riya took a few more from her world and did the same as the first one.

"That's..." Peter who saw that was stunned.

"Jade doll," Samuel said thoughtfully. "Did you enhance the paper doll?"

Chapter 418: How Cunning

The two of them knew the existence of the paper doll because some formation master would use it to help them. But they were surprised to see the jade doll because it was not that easy to make.

"Yes. That thing cost a lot of jade." Riya's face showed pain when she thought about the large amount of jade that she had to use to make each jade doll. Thankfully, she had a lot of jade collected.

Most of the time, the jade dolls would be used to take care of her farm, but Riya also specifically prepared a few more jade dolls to be used as scouts. After all, Riya didn't want to travel to dangerous places without knowing anything and using jade dolls could minimize the danger to a certain degree.

Knowing that the ant nest would be filled with many branches, Riya used more than one jade dolls without hesitation.

As for them broken midway...

Well, that was the risk that she had to take.

And this was another reason why she felt that rune master is a profession that was specifically existed to burn money.

Almost everything in their hand needed money and cost a lot of money even if it was only a one time use. It was so painful that Riya couldn't treat money as money anymore. Otherwise, she would vomit blood in heartache and anger.

After all, she was the one who wasted money.

"If you want jade, the military can exchange with you," Major General Leon said.

"Wait, the Martial Arts Association could do it too!" Peter didn't want to lose.

Riya: "..."

Samuel: "..."

The two of them looked at these two people speechlessly.

It was clear that they wanted to take advantage of Riya's need for jade to trade with other things from her. There were so many knowledge about runes and all that Riya held in her hand.

If they could get it, it would benefit them greatly.

"I still have a lot of jade," Samuel said without hesitation. "Even if Riya keep on trading with me, it won't run out at all."

The Jones Family had collected a lot of good thing, including countless jade in the past. If it was necessary, he could just give those porcelains that he had in his hand. Anyway, those things were useless aside from their historical and beauty value.

Though, Samuel was sure that his mother might want to chase him away if he dared to do that.

"Mr. Samuel, you're just one person. It's very different from us who can mobilize the entire nation's resources." Major General Leon looked at Samuel with dissatisfaction.

This black hearted businessman definitely wanted to reaped the greatest benefit from this exchange.

This wouldn't do!

He had to get more advantage!

"Yes, the Martial Arts Association also has a lot of resources!" Peter added hurriedly.

"Why are you jumping around too? I don't think that your association needs runes or magic scrolls."

"Major General Leon, there are still people who need it!" Peter protested. "And what I want is the runes that can be used for clothes! As many as possible."

The others: "..."

They all silently looked at Peter and felt that this man's hobby was really special. Looking at his dress today, they could see that he should have purposely picked this design because it does look handsome.

But... who would wear such formal clothes when they wanted to hunt magic beasts?

These returnees were really eccentric one after another.

"I have no plan to make a large amount of jade doll. Even if it's quite powerful against lower ranked magic beasts, but it's weak against rank 3 and above magic beasts. Moreover, it used up a lot of magic cores as energy source," Riya said with a shrug.

She's not that rich, alright.

These jade dolls were indeed extremely useful to be a coolie. But if they were asked to fight, then these jade dolls were actually quite fragile. It was only because of Riya's formation that they could barely fight against rank 3 magic beasts.

But if they were asked to fight against rank 4 magic beasts or even a more troublesome rank 3 magic beasts... they would shatter.

Not only that, Riya had to use a lot of magic cores to power up these jade dolls. She was not that rich to the point that she could throw up a lot of resources.

"But being able to fight against rank 3 magic beasts were still powerful enough," Major General Leon argued.

There were many people who couldn't fight against rank 3 magic beasts and even faltered when they were fighting against rank 1 or rank 2 magic beasts. So being able to fight against rank 3 magic beasts was actually quite a feat.

"It's indeed impressive, but what if I tell you that to operate the jade doll, you need several rank 3 magic core?" Riya asked back. "And it'll only last for a few hours to days depending on the size of the jade doll."

Well, to be honest, the amount of magic cores that Riya needed would depend on what kind of task that she gave to the jade doll.

If it was just to maintain her farm, she didn't need that much.

After all, the jade doll was only moving methodically as her coolie to finish easy and non energy consuming tasks.

But it was completely different if she asked these jade dolls to fight.

To put it bluntly...

It was burning money!

The kind that burned millions in just a few hours.

Even if Riya has a lot of resources, she was not that prodigal to the point that she would be willing to waste so much money to play with the jade dolls.

"That much?" Major General Leon was surprised and turned to look at Peter and Samuel. He didn't have common knowledge about this, so he had to look at these two people who were clearly more knowledgeable than him.

Chapter 419: Samuel "..."

Peter frowned when he heard that and thought about the things he had heard in that world. There were indeed many rune master who could make paper doll and jade doll, but he had never heard of them using these dolls to fight.

If he was not wrong...

"Well, it should be true." Peter thought for a moment. "These jade dolls are usually used as a servant in the noble houses and not used for fighting."

Servants?

Major General Leon looked at Peter thoughtfully, wondering what kind of world that Peter lived in before.

The others also silently looked at Peter and then turned to look at Samuel.

Samuel's family background... it seemed to be very good, right?

Sensing everyone's gaze, Samuel: "..."

He felt that it would be impossible to explain this matter.

"Don't think too much. These jade dolls can execute a set of order just like robots because of the formation imbued within them," Riya said. "The fighting power of the jade dolls are not very strong because they're designed as assistant rather than fighter. They're good at doing housework if you order them to do so. Of course, you still need to use magic core to power it up."

The others: "..."

Sorry, we're not that prodigal either.

Besides, no one could be as rich as Samuel and Riya. But all of them knew that these two people would definitely spend most of their fortune to practice instead of other things.

It was their pursuit to reach the top.

And this desire could be seen clearly from the way they practiced crazily and also spent most of their time to practice and so on.

Without strong desire and willpower, it would be impossible for them to practice so much. And they didn't even hesitate to sell some knowledge to the government for the sake of their assistance.

They wanted to get stronger faster.

Perhaps, they were racing against time?

No one but these returnees knew for sure.

"I make a few to help me scouting when necessary but these jade dolls are not ordered to fight," Riya said. "After all, the road is too dangerous and I don't want to fight against unknown enemy."

Too dangerous?

Peter looked at Riya strangely. He seemed to remember that it was Riya who beat him up badly in their spar against each other.

Samuel also looked at Riya silently. If he was not wrong, she asked him to be her 'thug' and 'bodyguard' for a while, right?

"I see." Major General Leon nodded. "So you don't need jade that much, Miss Riya?"

"Yes, I don't need it." Riya shrugged and then looked at the other people behind them. Thankfully, everyone here were the people who were close to her and Samuel, so she could trust them.

The other soldiers were following from a distance and didn't dare to get close to them.

"Alright then."

The two men were disappointed.

They thought that they could make a fortune by making a deal with Riya. The two of them silently looked at Samuel and guessed that this man should have made a lot of fortune through this matter from Riya.

Tsk, how cunning.

They were envious.

Samuel purposely ignored their gaze because he knew very well that it was impossible for him to give up on the opportunity that was delivered to his door. Since he had a chance to make a lot of fortune, why can't he use it?

Anyway, it was not a big deal for him to accept Riya's trade.

Each got what they need.

That was how business is.

The other people also could guess the meaning of these two people's look and Amelia stifled her laugh. Because she knew with how cunning her brother is, he should have gained a lot from the trade with Riya.

Of course, she would not say it out loud.

With the jade doll in front, the group walked inside and soon came into intersection.

"Which way to go?" Peter asked curiously, looking around like a curious child.

Samuel passed a sidelong glance at Peter. "If you're that eager to go, you're free to go ahead."

"No, thank you." Peter shook his head quickly.

He didn't have that much live saving means. Once he was exhausted, it would mean instant death for him.

Peter didn't want to seek death yet.

He still wanted to live for a long time.

It was also because of this reason that Peter had never tried to explore the crack on his own. He knew his limitation very well.

Even though he could reach the best state of his body through training and conditioning, but he lacked the auxiliary means of protection. This meant that when his body failed or he was too tired, then he would be at risk of death.

Peter was not stupid and would not take any unnecessary risk.

"This one." Riya pointed to one of them. "The others are dead end and there are a lot of magic ants there. Do you want to clean them up or leave them be for the time being?"

Samuel thought for a moment. "Isn't it better to kill them?"

"Ants had no way to reproduce if the queen are killed, so they're basically harmless." Riya shrugged.

This was common sense even in that world.

So when they were entering the ant's nest, they would usually not bother with these worker ants.

If it was necessary to progress, they would kill the ants. But if it was not necessary, then they would ignore these worker ants and simply blocked the way to prevent these magic ants from surrounding them.

In any case, a worker ants couldn't live that long.

As long as they dealt with the ant queen, the entire ant colony would be destroyed sooner or later.

"It's really troublesome." Peter snorted.

He had no way to deal with these magic ants on his own, so he could only turn his head to look at Samuel.

"Then I'll just close down the place." Samuel clapped his hand.

Chapter 420: Hunting

Swoosh!

Earth wall blocked the two tunnels heading to the other directions.

Even though Samuel is a magic warrior and not a pure mage, but making this kind of wall was nothing for him.

"That will do."

"I can also set up formation," Riya said quietly.

"Didn't you hire me to help you fight?" Samuel asked teasingly.

"That's in the crack and not here!"

"Don't worry, my mana recover faster than you and it didn't consume that much."

"I'm not worried!"

The two of them bickered and it seemed that Riya had lost her restraint in front of Samuel. Well, with so many things they negotiated together, it was really hard for them to stay serious all the time with each other.

Amelia looked at the two of them from the back and showed a bright smile. She seemed to be really happy when she saw the good relationship between Samuel and Riya.

These two people looked really happy!

"Are these two...?" Sophia whispered in a low voice to Amelia.

"I don't know, but it might be close." Amelia giggled. "My mother will be happy and I will really have a new sister~."

Seeing the look on Amelia's face, Sophia could guess that Amelia has long liked Riya and wanted the latter to be her sister. But it was impossible for her to say this out loud to Riya because it might hurt the other party's self esteem.

Besides, if Riya were to become Amelia's family's adopted sister, it would also raise a lot of questions to the outside world. Such as whether she took advantage of her friendship to enter the Jones Family.

Even if they knew that it was not the truth, but those people would not care about it.

They cared more about the rumors and the fun stories they could hear.

"You better not disturb them, then." Sophia chuckled.

"I won't." Amelia rolled her eyes. She still knew that she had to give space for them if she really wanted Riya to be her sister in law.

But really, she didn't actually expect this development in the beginning.

The sister she wanted ended up becoming her sister in law?

"But..." Amelia had a troubled look. "Would she be fine with someone like Brother?"

Having lived under the same roof with Samuel for a long time, it was impossible for Amelia not to know her brother's nature. And it was precisely because of this that she felt that she seemed to be cheating Riya a bit by introducing the two of them together.

Well, she should treat Riya better in the future.

Anyway, she would not lose anything from this kind of exchange.

Sophia silently looked at Amelia. "I think that your impression of your brother is too bad. Do you really think that your brother is so bad as a person?"

"No, not really." Amelia shook her head. "But I know that he couldn't possibly put her in the highest position unless..."

She had seen how ambitious her brother is and it was definitely soothing that couldn't be changed in a short period of time. That is if her brother ever wanted to change it.

"Isn't it a normal thing?" Sophia looked at Amelia with a strange look. "Not everyone has a love brain like you."

"Tsk, I just think such a love is beautiful." Amelia pouted.

Sophia shrugged and didn't talk about this matter with Amelia anymore. She knew very well that even though Amelia was born and raised in a big family, she was indeed very pampered by her family members.

Unlike her who was more sensible and understood some things clearly, Amelia was much more naive and pure.

But it was also because of this that they could be friends with each other.

"Such love is only suitable to be in stories rather than in real world," Sophia whispered to herself and then moved to her pet a bit more. She wanted to let Melly helped to guard her while they were traveling.

She herself didn't believe that such love existed.

Or rather, even if it does exist, it would not be her turn to enjoy it.

So rather than looking for such an unbelievable thing, it's better for her to put her love towards the animals around her.

At least, she knew that Melly will never betray her and they could stay together for the rest of their lives.

It's enough.

Amelia looked at Sophia's back and then at Riya and Samuel far ahead. They were keeping a distance so that they would not hold these people down.

She smiled faintly.

She's not stupid.

How could she not know that such a love is more of a fairytale?

But it didn't stop her from wishing that it could be true from the bottom of her heart.

Thud!

There was a loud noise from the front that attracted their attention.

Peter looked at the two of them and then pointed forward. "How about those?"

Seeing a large number of magic ants coming, Samuel stopped his teasing and said, "Prepare for battle!"

"Yes!"

Bang!

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Swish!

Riya walked forward calmly, not paying attention to the magic ants that fell down around her. Her Protective Rune Circle had the ability to replenish the mana as long as it was not consumed that quickly, so she was walking instead of running towards these magic ants.

The rest of the ants were shot by the soldiers behind them.

Anyway, the few that passed by them were only rank 1 to rank 2 magic ants.

It was nothing for the special soldiers.

"There are more forks?" Peter felt despair when he saw more directions to go as they went deeper into the nest.

When can he go back and enjoy a proper rest? He felt that the more he spent time in this ant nest, the bitter he would be.

Because there were simply too many magic beasts here.

Can they finished this work?

"This is an ant nest, what do you expect from it?" Samuel asked back.