

Last Days 421

Chapter 421: Hunting (2)

Peter was silent for a while.

"How about the others on the back?"

"Leave them be. The magic ants are not very strong and they can use it for practice," Samuel replied.

He brought these soldiers here so that they could practice anyway. But he would not lead them directly because he didn't have such capability. It would be better to leave such a tiring job to Major General Leon.

The higher ranked magic beasts were cleared up by Samuel, Peter, and Riya.

Well...

Riya basically just walked around.

The Protective Rune Circle around her was more than enough to kill any magic beasts that dared to get close to her. She didn't even bat an eyelid when watching these magic ants coming over and sent themselves to their grave.

Also, Riya didn't actively attack these magic beasts.

It was Samuel and Peter who were busy at the forefront to deal with these magic beasts.

"Does it not consume a lot of mana to maintain that Protective Rune Circle?" Peter asked when he saw Riya was walking leisurely.

"Not really," Riya replied.

Her Protective Rune Circle has been modified so that it would not consume mana at all when she used it. For Riya, there was no problem maintaining for 24 hours a day with only consumption at the beginning.

Of course, if she was under siege of magic beasts, she would have to replenish the mana and attack actively.

But if it was only in the state of standby like this, the mana absorbed by the Protective Rune Circle to maintain its form from the surrounding was more than enough to offset the consumption of the Protective Rune Circle.

Of course, Riya had no intention of telling others about this kind of thing.

"...How enviable."

Seeing how Riya was able to kill so many magic ants so easily, Peter had to say that he was envious. If it was possible, he also wanted to be able to do this.

Riya chuckled and then they stopped in another intersection. The jade doll was already waiting there and waved its hand upwards as if calling for Riya. This action looked really cute.

Another jade doll was waiting on the side.

It seemed as if the jade dolls have different personality with each other.

Bending down, Riya picked up the jade doll and listened to the report that it gave. The other one also gave report to her and Riya put one of them away. She arched her eyebrows and chuckled. "It seems that there are two routes there and both of them lead to the same place, the queen's chamber."

Hearing this, Samuel and Peter were energetic.

"How about if I leave it to you to choose as you wish? Whoever can kill the magic ant queen the fastest will win," Riya said.

"That's a great idea!" Peter was instantly energetic and he looked at Samuel provocatively.

Samuel: "..."

Who liked to compete with others all the time?

But seeing that Peter was already eager to go, he rubbed his forehead and looked at Riya, who was giving a playful smile. "Alright, what's the reward?"

"Well, I'll just give a set of rank 1 magic scroll," Riya replied with a shrug.

Does he think that she want to bleed a lot for this kind of playful competition that had no meaning?

No way.

It was already kind enough for her to give this out.

"Got it."

"Just rank 1 magic scrolls." Peter waved his hand and then grinned. "You don't have to give me any reward. If I win, I want to challenge you, Samuel!"

Samuel sighed. "Alright, let's go."

Swish!

With that, Samuel immediately used his lightning mana to stimulate his legs and ran at the fastest speed to one of the tunnel. In just one second, only afterimages were left from where he stood.

Peter was stunned and then he yelled, "You cheater! Wait for me!"

Swoosh!

Peter also urged his aura and charged to the other tunnel, rushing over as fast as possible.

Riya saw these two's action and was amused.

"Shall we go over slowly?"

She rubbed the jade doll's head and then sighed. If she knew that she treated this jade doll as a real doll, she should have designed hair on the surface. It would be softer and felt much better to touch.

Well, forget it.

Mo was staying with Sophia and the others.

Even though Mo belonged to Riya, but she couldn't really understand Mo's speech. Moreover, she only took him in because she wanted a mount in the first place and was not really interested to take care of an animal.

So for the time being, she left Mo in Sophia's care.

Riya walked along the path that Samuel treaded. Along the way, she saw countless magic ant's corpse that had been dismembered.

It should have been cut down by Samuel with his sword.

Her pace was not that slow but it couldn't be said to be fast either. After a few minutes, Riya reached the end of the path and saw Samuel and Peter were fighting against a large magic ant.

She arched her eyebrows.

"Rank 4 magic ant queen?"

This queen advanced so quickly?

Based on the size of the tunnels, this queen ant should have started to build this place for a long time. This meant that either the queen ant had been advancing quickly or it was actually already a high ranked magic beast.

This was a bit strange in Riya's opinion.

Because she was sure that the strong magic beasts shouldn't have come out of the crack just yet. Or did she make some misjudgment about the cracks?

While Riya was pondering in her mind, Samuel had already answered her doubts.

"This ant queen devoured the other ants to quickly advanced just now. It should feel threatened by us," Samuel explained and jumped back. "Well, Peter is enough to deal with it now."

Riya saw Samuel keeping his distance and arched her eyebrows.

Why did he come here then?

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The next moment, she saw Peter doubling in size and pummeled the magic ant queen. Blood and pieces of meat splattered all over.

Riya: "... " no wonder he kept his distance.

"Your fighting is always so dirty," Samuel complained.

"I'm a warrior! Warrior!" Peter stressed out and then returned to his original size. He looked at his body that was covered in blood with a shrug. "Well, I guess I do need a bath."

The other two: "... " that's for sure!

"Let's go back."

"Yes."

"I thought that this journey will be more exciting, but these ants are too weak," Peter complained.

"I'll be going again after this," Samuel said. "You should join the others to clean up the rest of the magic ants. I'm sure that they should be agitated after receiving the signal from their queen just now."

In the battle, a queen magic ant could call her worker and soldiers to fight for her. But because Samuel basically blocked the route, these magic ants couldn't come forward and was blocked midway.

They had to either destroy the wall he made or made other tunnels.

Whichever one it is, the soldiers and the others who came with them would be in for a long and hard battle.

"Ah, right." Peter grinned and then rubbed his hand together. He was already prepared to have another hearty battle. But the next moment, he paused. "Wait, you're not going to fight against these magic ants?"

"No, I have other business." Samuel turned to look at Riya.

Riya saw Samuel's look and nodded.

She wanted to enter deeper into the crack and his presence is required. After all, she had paid for him to help her.

"Alright then."

Peter was disappointed.

"Wait, who came earlier to the queen ant's chamber?" Riya asked. When she arrived, the two of them were already there, so she was not sure who was faster.

"Him." Peter pointed at Samuel and grumbled, "I don't know what technique he used to make himself faster than me, who's a pure warrior. How could a magic warrior can be faster than a warrior normally?"

Samuel chuckled and didn't respond.

In terms of pure physical strength, Samuel was indeed behind Peter. After all, he's a magic warrior and not a pure warrior. But if the two of them were to fight, it was not known who will win in the end because Samuel would definitely use his magic.

For that reason, the battle between Samuel and Peter was really exciting to see.

"Come on, we're almost out."

"Yes!"

They regrouped with Major General Leon and talked about the few things that happened just now. Knowing that the magic ant queen has been killed, Major General Leon felt more relieved.

This meant that they didn't have to worry about these magic ants increasing in number again.

But...

"You want to go, Mr. Samuel?" Major General Leon asked with doubts. He thought that they could clean up the nest together.

"There are other places I want to clean," Samuel replied calmly.

This was not a secret.

And if others wanted to follow him, he didn't care too much. Whether they could survive or not when they were facing countless magic beasts was another question, though.

"This... alright."

He couldn't do anything about this.

Riya came to Sophia and told the other party that she wanted to leave Mo in her care for the time being. She also gave a second rank space storage scroll containing a lot of rank 3 magic beasts' corpses for Mo's meal.

"These are all Mo's food. You can take some for Melly if you want to," Riya said as she handed the bone that she had transformed to rank 2 space storage scroll.

Sophia looked at the bone and then at Riya speechlessly. "Your choice of materials is really unique."

Riya: "..."

It couldn't be helped, there were some materials that were hard to find.

For this, Riya felt helpless and couldn't really explain it, so she waved her hand and left with Samuel.

The others looked at the two people's departing back.

Right now, they felt that they were really so far away from them.

"Come on, let's practice harder." Sophia clapped her hands with a smile.

Stephen rolled his eyes at his sister. "You said training, but who didn't know that your training mainly consist of cooking for Melly."

"At least it's still training!"

"Tsk."

Amelia looked at Riya and Samuel's departing back thoughtfully and turned to look at Sean. "Do you think it's possible for Riya to be my sister in law?"

Sean nearly tripped on the rock when he heard that. He looked at his sister as if he was looking at an alien. "You know our brother's temperament the most. How is it possible for him to get close with your best friend? Not to mention, there's also the age difference..."

"I don't think the age difference is that big of a problem." Amelia rolled her eyes. Riya is at least half a year older than her, so she should be 23 years old. Her brother was only 28 years old, about to reach 29.

It's not that old.

"Eh, whatever." Sean waved his hand. "Anyway, I don't think anyone will be interested in our old fashioned older brother. Aside from those who want to target the Jones Family behind us, no one will get close to him."

Amelia looked at Sean speechlessly. "It's precisely because she didn't need the power of the Jones Family that I thought she could be interested in my brother."

"Not possible."

"What if it's true?" Amelia was too lazy to argue with her brother about this matter. She just felt that Amelia and Samuel's back when walking together looked really good.

"If it's true... then I'll be responsible for your snack for one week," Sean said and then added, "If it's wrong, it's the opposite, you have to supply my snack for one week."

"One month! One week is not long enough!"

"You want to lose that badly?"

"Don't you dare?"

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Being provoked by his sister, Sean sneered and said, "Who said that I don't dare? Of course I dare! It's just some snacks!"

Though, their snacks these days were made out of magic beasts' meat, so it couldn't be said to be cheap. All of them were really expensive.

Considering that the two of them barely earned enough contribution points and were still living with their parents, that might cost a lot.

"Hehehe, I'm waiting to see you lose." Amelia giggled and then ran back to Arnold's side. She wanted to ask him to help her hunt more magic ants.

Sean looked at his sister speechlessly.

"You're the one who will lose."

He didn't think that his brother will be interested in the opposite sex so easily. There were so many women in the business world back then, but even if he cooperated with them on some projects, he would not cross the lines.

After all, he's so black hearted that those women would be angered to death because of his profit mind.

Sean could still remember the woman who nearly had a stroke because Samuel simply increased the profit for himself and her own share was reduced because she wanted to play some tricks and got close to him.

Tsk, tsk, tsk.

But after thinking about it for a while, Sean walked towards Joan. This time Joan also came and he wanted to work together with her to hunt more magic ants.

These magic ants couldn't be eaten, but their bodies could be sent to the research institute for research.

As for why they couldn't be eaten, Samuel and Riya both said that some parts of them were corroding the little meat inside their body. It's not suitable for human's consumption but other animals could still eat them.

As for Peter....

He said that he had eaten them and ended up staying in the toilet for the entire day, so they better not repeat it.

When Samuel and Riya heard Peter's words, the two of them were really speechless.

This man really dared to eat anything.

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Riya's side

While the others were busy hunting the magic ant, Riya and Samuel hastened their pace and made their way out of the nest.

"Do you have any clear direction to where you want to go?" Samuel asked. "I don't know how deep the crack is, so you might want to keep a map."

"Don't worry, I won't be the scout," Riya replied and took out a few jade dolls.

Samuel: "..."

He looked at the few jade dolls that Riya held and had the feeling that she was using almost all the jade that he gave to her in order to make these jade dolls. But considering that the jade dolls were really good and useful, it seemed to be a good investment.

"We're here."

There was a crack entrance not far from the magic ant's nest, so the two of them made their way inside and jumped down.

The few magic beasts nearby were attracted by the moment they got close, the Protective Rune Circle around Riya would kill them.

"It's really useful. I don't seem to have any use here?" Samuel asked as he looked at the Protective Rune Circle around Riya.

"Your use is later." Riya patted Samuel's back. "For now, the small fries will be dealt with this Protective Rune Circle."

"Alright."

Samuel also felt lazy to kill these lower ranked magic beasts.

And after the Protective Rune Circle killed the magic beasts, Riya would toss their corpses into her world, letting it be her world's supplement of mana.

No matter how small the meat is, its still meat.

As long as it was useful for her world, why can't she use it?

Anyway, Riya felt that it was good to let her world grow faster and bigger.

The two of them walked with Samuel slightly behind. He didn't want to be hit by Riya's Protective Rune Circle accidentally. The power of that rune circle was a bit scary.

Riya saw Samuel's cautious action and chuckled. "Do you know that rune master could modify their Protective Rune Circle at all times?"

"Really?" Samuel asked back.

"Yes." Riya raised her hand and lightly drew in the air. The runes that she drew instantly merged with the runes around her and it was still as stable as ever, circling around her.

Samuel saw this and his eyes showed amazement. He knew that rune master could make and modify their own Protective Rune Circle, but he didn't know that they could modify it while they were walking.

"Of course, not all rune masters can do this," Riya said as she looked at the runes in front of her.
"Alright, you can get closer and it will not attack you unless you actively attack me."

Hearing this, Samuel walked to Riya's side without hesitation.

"You're not afraid that I'll harm you?" Riya was surprised by his decisiveness. If she had lied, then he would have gotten hurt when he got close to her.

"I trust you."

Riya blinked her eyes and looked at Samuel beside her and smiled faintly. "I feel that it sounds so easy when you say it that way, but I know that it's not that way at all."

Samuel didn't answer and simply looked at Riya beside him.

"Are you afraid?"

"Yes, I am." Riya looked at the distance, not looking in Samuel's direction at all. "I'm afraid that if I trust others when I'm not strong enough, I'll end up getting hurt."

Because she knew very well that those people who had seen her ability only wanted to take advantage of her.

In that world, she had seen humanity's ugliness very clearly.

She didn't want to see it again.

Some people simply couldn't stand being tested by others and Riya knew herself that she would only get hurt if she expected too much.

"Before knowing that you're a returnees and the world changed, I was prepared to live in seclusion."

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Samuel pursed his lips.

"You don't have that plan anymore?"

"Should I? The whole world is changing and if I want to get stronger, the only way for me to do so is if I challenge these magic beasts head on." Riya pointed at the few magic beasts that had rushed over and got counter-killed by her Protective Rune Circle.

They seemed not to see the Protective Rune Circle around Riya and only knew that there were two creatures that they could target.

Of course, the targeting is a complete failure.

They were all dead without exception.

Their corpses were thrown into Riya's world to be turned into mana.

"You can still go by yourself if you want to," Samuel said.

"I know, I can," Riya said slowly and then showed a faint smile. "But what's the fun in that? It's too lonely."

In that world, she had traveled by herself and only stopped from time to time to collect some pieces of news.

It was really lonely.

But she didn't dare to trust others so easily.

Samuel arched his eyebrows. "I don't know what kind of people you have met in the past, but I can assure you that not everyone are like that."

"I know, some people are really simple and really nice to get along with." Riya smiled.

Why did she like to stay with Amelia in the first place?

It was because Amelia really looked like a child and behaved like one, which made Riya relaxed around her. Because Riya knew that whatever tricks that Amelia wanted to do or make, everything would be written on her face.

She basically couldn't hide anything.

So Riya didn't need to worry too much when interacting with Amelia and could easily tease the other party.

For this reason, the two of them honestly looked like a pair of sisters.

Samuel smiled and then pointed at the Protective Rune Circle around Riya. "Can you tell me more about this?"

"Of course not~." Riya chuckled. "If I tell you everything, how can I deal with my opponents in the future?"

"Not even a little bit?" Samuel asked again with a faint smile on his lips.

"Well, I can tell you the principle of a normal Protective Rune Circle, but are you sure that you can understand?"

"Try it."

"Okay~."

In this way, the two of them talked about many things while they were walking. The few magic beasts that rushed over were simply getting themselves killed and couldn't even bother the two of them.

If not for the wrong background, people who saw them would think that they were dating instead of hunting magic beasts.

The magic beasts around felt insulted being ignored so blatantly.

But those who came over were killed instantly.

So the world where only the magic beasts suffer was born.

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City A Base

After Riya left that day and ignored Ciera, she was using this incident to take advantage of the sympathy of the people around her. With this method, she could pay off half of the initial debt that she had in the hospital.

Ciera was really happy.

Mr. Taylor heard about this and ignored his daughter. Anyway, the one who acted is his daughter and not him.

Instead, he was thinking about what he should do to be able to get more contribution points. The work he has been doing was not satisfying. Rather than earning more contribution points, it was more appropriate to say that his contribution points were deducted again and again.

This made Mr. Taylor very annoyed.

But there was not much that he could do.

"So you're saying Riya is doing well here?" Mr. Taylor heard the full version from his daughter at night and he frowned.

Riya is also his daughter but Mr. Taylor never cared that much about Riya. Because he didn't like his first wife that much anymore and her existence only reminded him of his first failed marriage.

It was annoying.

Because of that, Mr. Taylor refused to take care of Riya and only felt that she was nothing more than a burden.

But after Ciera was detected to have kidney failure on both of the kidneys, Mr. Taylor had to look all around to find someone who could help his daughter.

The doctor casually mentioned that sister might be a match.

So Mr. Taylor secretly look up for Riya's file and found a doctor to test whether it was a match or not. As if it was fate, it matched and his second wife couldn't wait to dug out Riya's kidney for her own daughter.

Unfortunately, the schemes failed miserably.

At the last moment before the earthquake, Mr. Taylor was also very busy with his work that he couldn't do anything else.

For some reasons, many things in his work become a mess.

He had to work overtime again and again to clean them up.

And after the earthquake...

It was even worse.

Right now, Mr. Taylor was feeling a bit desperate.

"Yes." Ciera gritted her teeth, trying to sound normal. She's very jealous of Riya and hoped that everything in Riya's hand could be transferred to her hand. But at the same time, she knew very well that it's impossible.

So she could only be jealous on the side.

But next time... she should play some tricks.

"Where is she?" Mr. Taylor asked.

"I... I don't know." Ciera had a blank look. After she provoked Riya in front of that supermarket, she was too busy making up the image of a pitiful girl in front of others.

Because some people didn't really experience much bitterness after the earthquake because they directly came to City A Base, many of them still have kind heart. So they were willing to help Ciera a bit.

Anyway, one or two contribution points were nothing for those who had lived here for a long time.

But some others only watched Ciera played the set and said nothing.

"You're useless!" Mr. Taylor scolded.

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Ciera pursed her lips and ignored her father.

She counted her contribution points and were heartbroken when it was automatically deducted right after she has some money. This meant that as long as she has some contribution points, it would continue to be deducted until she completed paid off her debt.

"Give me the contribution points."

"I can't."

"Why?"

"It's automatically deducted."

Mr. Taylor froze and then cursed again.

In the end, the father and daughter broke up unhappily. They felt very bitter living in City A Base as if everyone was going against them.

Just when Mr. Taylor felt that things couldn't turn to the worst, he met with the person he least wanted to see aside from his daughter.

Mrs. Thompson.

The two people met during work break and their eyes when looking at each other was filled with contempt and hostility. Those who didn't know would think that these two people were mortal enemies instead of ex husband and ex wife.

"To think that the dignified Mr. Taylor will work hard in such a dirty place. I don't know whether it's a good or bad thing for such a bad person like you to be here," Mrs. Thompson said with contempt visible on her face.

Mr. Taylor sneered. "Do you think you're not the same? After our failed marriage, who didn't know that Mrs. Thompson married a rich young master and become the dignified lady in City A?"

The two of them had met each other after they separated in the past.

Of course, the place where they met were only in the social banquets and so on. Because this was the only place where it was possible for them to meet.

Neither of the two were willing to see each other.

So the only time for them to meet is when they encounter each other accidentally.

"Don't think that you can say anything you want. You're nothing more than a broke who couldn't even eat full meal." Mrs. Thompson raised her head proudly.

She could see that Mr. Taylor's clothes were very dirty and this man had become thin. This was more than enough to see that he should not be living a good life.

Mr. Taylor looked at Mrs. Thompson with a bad face. "You think that you're that good either? You're nothing more than a poor old woman who only knew how to work in the dirty place like the construction site."

"You \$#%^&*(!"

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The two of them started from slighting each other to cursing each other like the aunties in the market.

Other people nearby just glanced at them and then ignored them.

Some of them hoped to find some melon seeds or popcorn to eat while enjoying the scene, but it was already hard enough for them to fill their stomach. Who would bring these things?

And listening to these two people cursing each other, they found out that these two people were actually ex husband and ex wife.

It was quite something to end up as bitter enemies like this.

Though, some people were not surprised.

After all, either the woman or the man might have done something unforgivable for the other party. Thus the sweet relationship turned like this.

In the end, the manager came and scolded the two of them.

They were kicked out of the construction site for the day and Mrs. Thompson directly found her husband.

Afterwards, they beat up Mr. Taylor.

It could be said that Mr. Taylor ended up very miserable in the hands of the two of them. And because he didn't have any contribution point, he didn't go to hospital but went back to his room and tended to his wound simply.

He felt very miserable and angry.

The next day, they met again and this time the fight escalated until both sides were bleeding, so they were sent to the jail to cool down.

And this matter was reported to Mr. Jones.

"...They're fighting on the street?" Mr. Jones was speechless when he heard that. Samuel and Riya had already left City A Base for some time and he hadn't heard anything from Major General Leon.

He estimated that they were still busy cleaning up the nest.

After all, no one knew how many magic beasts were inside.

"Yes."

"They're really troublesome." Mr. Jones sighed. Thinking that they were Riya's parents, Mr. Jones really didn't want them to stay in City A Base. But this was their first offense and based on the rule, they would only be warned.

"About this matter, they're Miss Riya's parents..."

"Just follow the rules. With her relationship with her parents, it's already good enough if she didn't kill them with her own hands," Mr. Jones said.

"Yes!"

Speaking about killing parents, Mr. Jones looked at his niece's case and sighed once again.

Victoria killed her own mother and turned herself in.

Based on the circumstance at that time where Victoria's mother brought a few people inside and planned to sell her daughter, it could be concluded that Victoria only acted in self defense.

But he planned to let her stay inside for a while.

Because he had to clean up these people who planned to buy women.

These things should not happen in his base!

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Slash! Slash!

Riya and Samuel had made their way deep into the crack. Samuel was looking at the video that he made along the way and looked at Riya. "How did you remember the route so well?"

"I'm a rune master, so I left some marks along the way," Riya replied and then looked at the camera. "Don't forget to process the voice later."

She didn't appear in front of the camera, but she also didn't want her voice to be recorded either. It would be troublesome for her if others were to hear her voice and so on.

"Don't worry, I don't turn on the voice recording and only the picture," Samuel said.

"Good."

"Given by how terrible the voice of some magic beasts are, I'm more worried the equipment will be damaged."

"Pfft."

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Riya smiled in amusement, especially when she remembered that some magic beasts did have weird noises. If these were recorded, she would pity those who were listening instead.

"I'm sure the manufacture can make sure that the next equipment are tailor made to make sure that it'll not be affected by it," Riya said with a grin.

Samuel chuckled. "I'll mention it to the researchers later."

The two of them laughed when they thought that the researchers would have headache about this matter.

After a while, they reached the area where Riya lasted stopped and she looked at the few magic beasts around her. These were all shadow creature and they were all at rank 4, higher than the few she met before.

"The magic beasts' rank is getting higher and higher." Samuel frowned when he saw this scene.

If the magic beasts reached rank 6 or even 7, they would have to run away.

"Yes." Riya narrowed her eyes. "I want to see where these magic beasts came from. And these shadow creatures... are there lich down there?"

The Lich was usually a human who had chosen to become an immortal through the power of the undead. Neither Riya or Samuel knew the details but they knew that a lich could not be killed so easily.

For this reason, it was really hard to deal with the shadow legion they brought out.

"They seem to be scattered shadow creature, but there's no shadow creature that could rise so quickly without being nurtured by lich," Samuel echoed.

Swish! Slash!

The Protective Rune Circle around Riya was still more than enough to kill these shadow creature as they failed to get close to Riya and Samuel. Samuel was holding his sword, though. He was ready to attack when it was necessary.

The two expression's also changed from relaxed to solemn.

They knew that it was no longer the time for them to joke around.

Samuel was still recording the route they passed by but would not record Riya in the slightest bit. The battle with these shadow creature was also partially recorded as he aimed the camera to the route upfront.

But it was getting darker and darker.

As the lighting in the crack was getting dimmer, neither Riya or Samuel could see as clearly as before.

But because the two of them were already rank 5, this much was not a problem.

For Samuel, his own senses have been heightened.

And for Riya, she was using her formation magic.

'Eye of sight.'

Riya looked around and continued to walk forward. There were several intersection at the front, but Riya chose one of them without hesitation. The jade dolls were already sent forward to scout and sent picture and information to Riya along the way.

Samuel really felt that those jade dolls were really convenient.

"Ordinary people would never be able to come here," Samuel commented after they had walked for a few more hours.

The two of them didn't stop and Samuel was busy roasting some meat for him to eat along the way. After all, he had to maintain his combat strength and for magic warrior, eating is one of the best method to replenish their strength.

As for Riya, she didn't really need it and only eat a bit to replenish her stamina.

Her Protective Rune Circle has been added with mana gathering formation, so it could actually sustain itself for a long time. So after the initial mana that Riya used to set up, she didn't really need to use any mana to maintain it anymore.

This saves her a lot of mana.

"They have to reach rank 4 at the very least or they wouldn't even be able to see and withstand this temperature," Riya replied in agreement.

"Hmm?" Samuel extended his hand and his eyes narrowed. "It's below 0 degree."

"Indeed."

This place was getting colder and colder, making it hard for ordinary people to survive. Magic warriors rank 4 and above had learned to use their aura to form a protective shield around them, which will allow them to travel in such extreme terrain.

Magicians at rank 4 and above knew some magic spells that could protect them.

"Can your temperature talisman protect the magicians at this temperature?" Samuel asked.

"Yes, but it'll consume more mana than usual. So in this case, it's better to use warm talisman," Riya replied. "In this way, you don't have to inject mana to maintain the temperature and you just have to activate it."

"That's a rank 1 talisman, right? Can it last long?"

"In this temperature? No, at most a few hours."

Samuel nodded.

In other words, for those without ability, it was not impossible for them to come here but at the expense of using up a lot of money.

Well, it has always been that way.

If one was not strong enough, they would make up with other things that could be exchanged with money.

Magic scrolls, magic tools, and others.

And Riya's magic scrolls could definitely be used that way in order to allow people to challenge the terrains and opponents they usually couldn't defeat.

It's indeed 'auxiliary.'

"Do you plan to bring others here?" Riya asked with suspicion. If Samuel were to bring other people here, it was estimated that they would not last long with their strength. She didn't think that it would be possible for them to survive for so long either unless they planned to splurge a lot of money.

"No. Before they reach rank 4, I better not," Samuel replied.

He's not stupid.

Bringing his friends here when they were not ready was simply putting their lives in danger. He could not do that.

Riya nodded in agreement when she heard that.

When they became more powerful and could support them a bit, there would not be any problem bringing them along.

Before she could speak again, they heard noise from the front and turned their head.

Upon seeing the magic beast in front of them, their face changed.

"Be careful!"

Bang!

Chapter 427: Deep into the Crack (2)

BOOM!

Loud explosion sounded in the crack.

The ground trembled and the rocks fell down one after another, crushing the other magic beasts on the ground.

Riya and Samuel had jumped out of the way as they looked at the magic beast in front of them, their expression solemn.

There was a large mammoth in front of them.

They should have expected that this magic beast will appear in front of them when they realize the dropping temperature.

"Magic Mammoth, thick defense, strong attack power, has ice element," Riya said slowly. "This is a rank 5 Magic Mammoth."

"I'll kill it," Samuel said and the next moment, he had appeared next to the large mammoth. This mammoth was several meters high and Samuel looked very small when standing right next to it, but he didn't pay attention to this and instead injected his mana into his sword.

At some point of time, the sword in his hand had changed to his main sword, the sword that was connected to his soul.

"Die!"

Slash! Boom!

Lighting crackled as it transferred from Samuel's sword towards the magic mammoth in front of them.

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The Mammoth roared loudly with its unique voice and then swung his long nose (the trunk) out towards Samuel, trying to blast him away.

Swish!

Samuel agilely avoided the attack from the magic mammoth and his aura condensed around his body. He looked at the magic mammoth in front of him solemnly.

The defense was really thick.

Bang!

At this moment, a light appeared from Riya's side, blasting towards the magic mammoth. The runes circle in front of her rotated as Riya launched the magic attack towards the magic mammoth.

Boom!

With a large force, the magic mammoth slammed to the back, hitting the frozen wall behind him and formed a large crater.

Thud!

It fell down to the ground and then roared again.

huuuuugh

"The defense is really high." Riya pursed her lips.

Facing this attack, the flying magic beast before was killed instantly. But facing the magic mammoth, it was only knocked back. This showed the difference in their defense between these magic beasts.

"Leave it to me."

At this moment, the element that Samuel used was no longer the destructive lightning element. When he wanted to enhance his sword's cutting skill, what else would be more suitable than wind element.

Swish! Slash!

BOOM! Thud!

The sword slashed halfway through the magic mammoth's body, cutting up most of the neck. But it still didn't cut through the magic mammoth's neck completely.

Samuel frowned when he saw this and he rubbed his sword.

"It seems that I'm also slacking off in my practice."

It was rare for him to use his entire strength but the result he obtained was lacking like this. This made Samuel feel that he was no longer as good as he used to be.

"Can you cut through a magic mammoth when you're at rank 5?" Riya asked as she walked towards the magic mammoth, planning to keep it in her world. "I'll keep this first and then we'll divide the spoils later."

"Yes." Samuel rubbed his sword and then pursed his lips. "My sword is not as strong as it used to be, though."

He needed rare materials to upgrade his sword and most of these materials didn't exist in the Green Planet.

The only consolation was that there were some materials that he could use as substitute. But it was far from enough.

"The mana metal ore from before?" Riya asked.

"It's still being studied in the laboratory," Samuel replied. "It'll take time for them to produce result."

Riya nodded.

If she were to use mana metal ore to make her weapon, Riya was sure that she could set up more powerful formation. This made her somewhat eager to try. But at the same time, she knew that the amount of mana metal ore was not much.

It would not be enough for her to build everything she wanted.

Unless they found more valuable materials, it would take a long time for her to be able to make proper weapon.

"I see."

"And it seems that we won't be able to go back for a long time."

Riya followed Samuel's gaze and looked at the large number of magic mammoth coming towards them. Seeing the mana fluctuation around these magic mammoths were of rank 5, her expression turned solemn.

"Are you ready?"

"Ah." Samuel smirked. "Fighting in a live and death battle... isn't this the best way to train?"

Even though it would put their own lives in danger, but only in this situation would their real potential be stimulated.

Right now, they never had the chance to truly fight with their all against proper opponent.

These magic mammoth could be said to come at the right time.

"Indeed."

Riya took a deep breath and her hand moved once again. Forming two different runes at the same time.

Swish! Bang!

Samuel dashed forward, his sword swung quickly and the wind enhancement made to his sword increased the attack power.

He focused his attention to the magic mammoth, determined to only attack the weak point of the magic mammoth.

Because this is the only way would it be possible for him to defeat it.

Knocking them up would be useless.

Swish!

BOOOOOM!

Large light like cannon shoot from Riya's two sides, rushing towards the magic mammoth. One was filled with the dark element and the other one was filled with the wind element, cutting up and also destroying the magic mammoth.

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One of the mammoth was dead.

Riya nodded in satisfaction when she saw her attack worked.

The only downside was that the amount of mana she used was a bit too much.

With a wave of her hand, a mana stone appeared in her hand and Riya crushed it. The mana contained within was instantly merged into her hand.

This was one of the expensive method of recovering mana since she didn't have any mana potion.

Swish!

Sensing the sudden danger, Riya turned around and saw a shadow creature coming over.

Bang!

"Riya!"

Chapter 428: Deep into the Crack (3)

"Riya!"

Thud! Boom!

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Shadow creature was the best at sneaking over and launching sneak attack. Since Riya was basically standing still, she could be said to be the best target for these shadow creatures.

"Ugh, rank 5 shadow creature," Riya muttered.

The rank of these magic beasts were really high.

If any of these magic beasts came out, both of them were sure that the Green Planet would be destroyed in less than a day's time.

Because no one could withstand their attack.

"Riya!" Samuel called out again.

"I'm fine! Focus on your battle!" Riya yelled back and her hand had already started to form runes once more. She sneered. "Since you want a battle so much, then I'll oblige you."

Swish! BOOM!

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While Riya and Samuel were fighting underground in the crack, the others were working hard to clean up the magic ants' nest.

It took them a few days to thoroughly explore the nest and find a lot of magic cores.

"The magic ants can't be eaten, but they sure have magic cores inside." Amelia was happy when she thought about her harvest.

"Yes." Sean was also delighted when he thought about their harvest.

Their group was also following the soldiers to practice here and their progress was really good.

Of course, the best was Mo.

They all turned to look at Mo, who was eating the magic beasts' meat heartily. The food was given from Riya and Sophia managed it. But even if Mo ate several magic beasts every day, he didn't seem to be full.

"For some reasons, I envied his stomach." Ruben looked at Mo enviously. If he could eat as much as Mo, he was sure that he would be able to advance to rank 3 sooner.

"You're not the only one." Arnold also looked at Mo helplessly.

"If there's a way to compress the mana to help us advance quickly, it'll be the best," Sean added.

"No one around us could make mana potion," Stephen added. "But Samuel said that there's someone who could in other place."

The others: "... what's the use if that person is not around?"

They only wanted to get stronger faster and didn't care about someone who was so far away.

"Come on, let's eat something first before going back," Amelia reminded.

They have been here for more than two weeks but neither Samuel or Riya had returned. Though, none of them were that worried about him.

Seeing his strength, they believed that Samuel and Riya would be fine.

"Yes!"

Since the magic ants' meat couldn't be eaten, they had to look for other magic beasts' meat to eat. It was not that hard to find other magic beasts around. The problem was in finding higher ranked magic beasts.

Because the few that roamed around were usually only rank 1 to rank 2.

The rank 1 magic beasts' meat were all packed back and the rank 2 magic beasts' meat were eaten by the soldiers and them.

It was delicious~.

"Mr. Arnold."

"Yes, Major General Leon?" Arnold replied when he saw Major General Leon coming over.

"We have basically finished cleaning up this area and we plan to return. Do you wish to go back with us or would you like to stay behind?" Major General Arnold asked.

Since Samuel and Riya left, this group was basically led by Arnold. The main reason was simple as Arnold is basically the strongest magic warrior in their team. Moreover, they all knew Arnold's background and felt that he was suitable to lead them.

Anyway, his order was easy to follow and all of them gained improvement in their fighting skills over the past few months.

"We will go with you," Arnold replied without hesitation.

Even though he was already at the peak of rank 2 by now, but Arnold would not be blindly confident that he could deal with these magic beasts on his own. It would be better for them to go with the soldiers and so on.

"Good."

Peter was not far from them and he waved his hand. "Don't forget about me! I'm still waiting for a feast!"

Major General Leon was trying his best to keep his face emotionless as he faced Peter and said, "Yes, I won't forget."

Anyway, the one who paid would be the Martial Arts Association behind Peter.

He only needed to make report to them about what Peter wanted to eat. There was no need for him to pay for Peter from his own pocket.

But he silently lit a candle for the Martial Arts Association.

Because these days, he had realized that Peter's appetite was simply too big!

Major General Leon didn't even understand how this man managed to eat magic beast's meat that was more than 5 times bigger than his own body in one meal. It was to the point that many people were looking at Peter in astonishment.

Because even if they were magic warrior, their appetite was not as scary as him.

"I wonder if there's any change in the base by now," Peter commented.

He didn't stay in City A Base for that long, but he liked the atmosphere in the base.

How about if he apply to the Martial Arts Association to stay in City A Base temporarily?

It didn't seem to be a bad idea.

The group talked and chatted while they went back.

Upon coming back, Ruben went to check on Samuel's work. It couldn't be helped. While he had his own work, one of his main work was to be Samuel's assistant and as a qualified assistant, he had to check on Samuel's work progress in the base.

So far, the result seemed to be quite good.

Mr. Jones let Ruben came and told him about some things.

"Mr. Black is still dissatisfied?" Ruben asked with confusion on his face. It seemed that this Mr. Black will never be satisfied no matter what they did.

"You know him, he'll never stop if he didn't make trouble." Mr. Jones' eyes were a bit cold.

Chapter 429: Report

Ruben laughed awkwardly.

Even though Mr. Jones was already moving to work behind the scene after handing most of the work to Samuel back then, but Ruben knew very well that Mr. Jones was able to lead the Jones Corporation to rise not only because of the benefit but also because he's very ruthless!

It was this move of Mr. Jones that made many people unwilling to offend him in the slightest bit.

And now, Mr. Jones was showing his sharpness again.

Is this a bad thing or a good thing?

"Do you want to kick him out, Sir?" Ruben asked carefully.

Mr. Jones glanced at Ruben and then shook his head. "It's not appropriate. But if he were to make another mistake, make sure that he can't stay."

The Black Family has been making trouble after trouble in City A Base. Mr. Jones already disliked that old man for a long time but couldn't kick him out so easily. The resources were already snatched and if they were to kick them out, some people might jump out to trouble him.

It was really troublesome.

So the only thing that Mr. Jones could do was to maintain this for the time being.

"Now that you're back, it's time to sort out the work again," Mr. Jones said calmly. "There are various offers from other city bases for the resources. Did Samuel tell you anything before?"

The resources from Mr. Black's place would be used by City A Base to be traded with other bases. After all, they didn't really need so much resources in hand.

Since the military came back earlier, Mr. Jones had already asked someone to sort it all and send the list to him. All that left was the arrangement for the 80% that was left after handing 20% of it to the military.

It could be said that Major General Leon was very satisfied with the military's share.

"Yes, Young Master told me that since City A Base is not lacking much, half of it will be used to get favor and the other half will be used to trade for other resources that City A Base lacked," Ruben replied.

Before leaving, Samuel had already given him enough instruction so that he could do his work well. After all, Samuel didn't know how long he would go to accompany Riya this time and if he didn't arrange the work, he would be neglecting his duty as the nominal leader of City A Base.

Well, he did neglect a lot of things, though.

But this was not something that he had to concern himself about.

With his father behind him, Samuel was not afraid that City A Base would be left in a mess.

"Favor, huh?" Mr. Jones narrowed his eyes. "What is that brat planning again this time?"

Sometimes, Mr. Jones felt that he was out of tune with his son because he couldn't understand what Samuel was planning. While some of his son's tactics were similar with him, but the rest were completely different.

And the main reason for this difference was the fact that Samuel had lived in a completely different world for 4 years.

Four years were neither a short or long time and many things could happen in this period of time. Samuel should have experienced much more things that allowed him to understand that running a base and business would be different.

He had his own plan for what he was doing.

"Oh well, let's follow his plan," Mr. Jones sighed and said. "I'll show you the list of bases and their request."

"Yes." Ruben nodded.

To be honest, it would be better if they could send the resources in accordance to the needs of these bases, but Ruben knew that more investigation would take a long time. They didn't have any plan to keep this batch of resources in City A Base for long.

Anyway, there would be a lot of parties coming soon.

Mr. Jones nodded and then asked, "Where's my son and daughter?"

"They seem to be touring the new areas that was being built."

Mr. Jones: "..."

"How about Samuel?"

"Samuel is still in the crack with Riya."

He's going to the cracks again?

Mr. Jones sighed and shook his head. He knew that Samuel didn't come back this time because he didn't see him through the surveillance camera, but he didn't expect that his son was so bold.

To enter the dangerous crack on his own...

If it was not appropriate, Mr. Jones felt that he really wanted to scold his son. Sometimes, he could be so worrying.

"Did Riya or Samuel say what they wanted to do?" Mr. Jones asked.

Ruben shook his head blankly.

Mr. Jones saw Ruben's action and was not surprised. Samuel is technically Ruben's superior while Riya is Ruben's teacher. How could Ruben dare to ask question to these two people?

He respected these two people very much.

But this also meant that Mr. Jones didn't know what those two people were planning when they entered the crack this time.

'That brat is really... why didn't he tell me about this matter earlier.' Mr. Jones sighed.

He understood that Samuel should want to explore the crack more than most people because of his identity and capability. Even though he felt a bit distressed for his son, but he's also proud of him and hoped that Samuel could achieve something.

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At this time, Sean and Amelia were inspecting the new areas of City A Base.

Arnold and Joan were also following them since they didn't have any other tasks lately. As for Stephen and Sophia, the two of them had already gone back earlier since they didn't want to walk around.

Sophia still has to talk with her family members about her taking care of Mo for the time being.

Considering that Mo is already a rank 3 magic beast, the Carson Family should be able to understand that Sophia's friend is very powerful. To be honest, what Sophia hoped the most was that her cousin would not jump out suddenly to make trouble for her.

Chapter 430: Touring City A Base

It was really annoying.

"The construction is going very quickly," Amelia muttered as she looked at the construction that was still ongoing there.

There were more people who had work in City A Base but at the same time the construction materials were used up very quickly. At the same time, Amelia was wondering whether it would be possible for these people to lose their jobs once City A Base stopped their expansion.

But well, this was not her problem.

Humans were very creative. If there was no way for them to earn contribution point through the previous method, they would figure out something else and collected a lot of contribution points on their own.

It was not her turn to worry about them.

"Yes." Sean nodded.

"Why does the base keep on expanding? Is the current size not enough?" Amelia asked curiously. She felt that the base was already big enough, but they kept on increasing their size.

"Because there's possibility that there will be more people coming to seek refuge," Arnold replied. "At this time, there are many private bases and also small settlement where people basically gathered together. They didn't know that there's an official bases in all cities."

The government tried their best to accommodate these people but some cities were actually lacking compared to other cities. For this reason, there were many people who chose not to go the base.

They felt that they could live on their own and there was no problem.

But as the strength of these magic beasts increased, the danger for these people who lived by themselves were also increasing.

The good thing was that the website from the government allowed them to practice on their own, thus increasing their strength and survival capabilities. But they have to look for resources on their own instead of using the mature system that the government set up in the bases.

How many people still didn't know the existence of the bases?

Arnold didn't know but he didn't think that there would be many of them. Because it has been a long time since the bases were built and according to normal situation, this matter should have spread out.

With these magic beasts rampart outside, how many people still have the courage to be a lone wolf?

So more and more people came to the base to settle down.

Even if their lives might not be as good as before, but it was far better than risking their lives to face the magic beasts on their own.

"Oh." Amelia nodded and then looked at the construction in the distance. She noticed a few familiar people and her eyebrows arched. "Uncle has started to work there too?"

The uncle in Amelia's mouth was definitely Valeria and Victoria's father. She didn't have any good impression of the other party, but she knew that he was still in City A Base because her father didn't kick the other party out.

To be honest, Amelia wished that her father could kick them out.

At the very least, she didn't have to see them anymore.

"Apparently so." Sean also frowned when he saw this.

"There are many people who work in the construction site. Even if he were to work there, he couldn't make trouble," Arnold reassured the two people. "I'm sure Mr. Jones had known about this too."

"You're so relaxed." Amelia passed a glance at Arnold.

Arnold showed a smile. "It's confidence brought by strength. Do you really think that they will have a chance to turn over when you're strong?"

He's confident that he had enough strength to deal with anyone who dared to make trouble in front of him. There was no way that Arnold would let these people jumped up and down like a clown in front of him if they dared to target him.

And...

He has never been a very patient person if it was not something he wanted.

"But..."

"Besides, it wouldn't be long before they suffer," Arnold said again.

"Why?"

The siblings were confused and Joan was also looking at Arnold's face curiously.

But Arnold didn't answer and only smile mysteriously.

"Come on, tell me~." Amelia clung to Arnold and gave him puppy eyes. She really wanted to know what her father was planning to do.

"Don't be so stingy." Sean also looked at Arnold with dissatisfaction.

Who liked to receive half piece of news?

He felt that Arnold was deliberately teasing them by only giving them part of the information but withheld the rest of it. At the same time, he looked at his sister who looked like she wanted to tease something and arched his eyebrows.

Based on what he knew about Arnold, such tricks would not work for him.

Someone who had experienced so much of the world would fall for the naive trick from Amelia?

But Arnold was firm and he looked at Amelia who clung onto his arm like a koala. The smile on his face turned even more sincere and he pinched Amelia's cheek.

"Ah! Don't pinch my cheek!"

"Hahaha!"

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The group was fooling around with each other, joking and playing together before going back. Arnold still didn't tell them what he knew, but he told them that they could see it soon.

As for Victoria and Valeria's father?

He was still busy working in the construction site, feeling as if the sky has fallen.

Ever since his wife died, no one would take care of their family home. Valeria was really useless and the only thing she knew was how to make trouble. Crying, begging for money, and then made trouble at home and outside.

It was to the point that Valeria's father wondered whether he should just sell off this daughter of his.

She's nothing more than a burden to him.

So his mind has been filled with calculation recently.

As for Victoria?

When that b*tch came out of the prison, Valeria's father wanted to make sure that he beat her up!