

## **Last Days 431**

### Chapter 431: Battle

That unfilial daughter only made Valeria's father annoyed.

If only she was not in the prison, he would have made a move right away.

But for now, he could only work honestly.

These people who used to be the big bosses behind the scene were all now nothing more than construction worker. They have to work carefully and made sure that they didn't do anything wrong.

Otherwise, it would not be an exaggeration to say that their status undergone complete change.

From the boss to the worker.

Some of them couldn't accept it and some others could accept it and learn to adapt.

Because time is changing.

But how could he be willing to let things stay this way?

Some of them had accepted their fate and truly work honestly. But there were also others who were thinking of doing something behind and planning things. It was just that there was no chance for them to make a move that they were still standing still.

Right now, Valeria's father also knew that there was no chance for him to make a splash and change his fate. He could only patiently wait for an opportunity to arrive and strike hard to live a completely different life.

If necessary, he didn't mind sacrificing those around him.

They were worthless.

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Carson Family

At this moment, Sophia was staying in the Carson Family, looking at the few people who came to take a look.

Even her grandfather was there.

"You're saying that this white tiger has reached rank 3?" Old Master Carson asked, his voice was trembling. He didn't expect that his daughter would be able to bring such a powerful magic beast and this magic beast was still listening to her word.

Just looking at how Mo was baring teeth at the other members of the Carson Family and how he was rubbing Sophia's legs affectionally, one could see the deep preferences of this white tiger.

But at the same time, Old Master Carson knew that this was not what Sophia wanted to tell him. Because if this white tiger belongs to Sophia, she would not use such a tone when talking to him.

"Yes, Mo is my friend's pet and she asked me to take of him for the time being. Don't worry, she gave me more than enough food to feed him and I will not use the Carson Family's supplies," Sophia explained.

If she didn't say this upfront, some of her aunt or uncles would definitely think that she was using the Carson Family's resources for her own benefit.

It would be very annoying.

The Carson Family was united on the front and outsiders wouldn't be able to point at them and see anything wrong. But those who were inside all knew that none of them have true good relationship with each other.

If it was not for the sake of the 'Carson Family,' none of them would be staying here on purpose.

Ghost knew what was in their heart.

The only thing they knew right now was the fact that they had to listen to Old Master Carson if they wanted to prosper together and do a good job to prove their worth to the family.

Otherwise, they would be discarded as an abandoned chess piece that has no worth left.

Sacrificing and cutting off things that was not beneficial to the family was extremely common for the Carson Family.

It was something that had happened countless times in the past.

Now that the number of members in the Carson Family was not much, they had to be more cautious. Because Old Master Carson would not tolerate their mistakes if they were to cause more trouble for the other members in the Carson Family.

Any action detrimental to the family was forbidden.

But this didn't prevent them from having infighting and fighting for favor. It was something that happened all the time and Sophia had seen it a lot.

To prevent herself from being targeted as one of the potential target to be disturbed by them, the only thing that Sophia could do was to make things clear to her grandfather as much as possible and put herself in the position of importance in the Carson Family.

'Sorry about this, Mo.'

For this, Sophia will have to use Mo.

She knew that Riya would not mind, but she still felt a bit guilty for the two of them. Then again, when Riya handed over Mo for her to take care, Riya should have known that she might do this.

After all, Sophia was different from the naive and cute Amelia.

She did like to have fun, but she has more common sense and restrain because of her family upbringing.

"I understand." Old Master Carson nodded.

"Tsk, that's what you said but who knows whether you're saying the truth?" One of the uncles grumbled.

Sophia said nothing and ignored him. She was not close to her relatives and had no interest to become close to them all of the sudden either. After all, they didn't have much intersection before and there was no need for her to forcefully create intersection in the future.

The current relationship was already good enough and there was no need to change it.

"How about Melly?" Old Master Carson asked.

"Melly is good. She has reached the peak of rank 2." Sophia smiled brightly when she mentioned this. "And thanks to her, I have reached rank 1. I estimated that after Melly advanced to rank 3, I might be able to reach rank 2 and thus contracted the second magic beast."

Second magic beast!

When the other Carson Family members heard this, their eyes turned to look at Sophia with envy.

They all knew very well that Sophia barely suffered in her training because the one who will take the frontline for her is Melly. This kind of method was really enviable and many of them also wanted to become a beast master.

But Old Master Carson didn't allow them to.

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The main reason was because it was not that easy for one to become a beast master. The Magic Association had already explained the method, but they didn't tell the details about the contract.

If they wanted the help of the Magic Association, they either have to pay a large amount of resources or join the Magic Association.

So far, Old Master Carson didn't want to do this.

He could only hold back.

Because joining a faction might involve the entire family behind him to be involved with the Magic Association. If they truly wanted to send someone inside, it would be better to arrange for their relationship first.

A person who could be pulled in and out as conveniently as possible.

The other members of the Carson Family was not surprised when they heard Old Master Carson's arrangement.

Because this is not the first time.

They had done it several times before the earthquake happened in order to gain foothold in the business world.

"You did good, Sophia. Go back and rest. This white tiger can stay in the backyard for the time being."

"Thank you, Grandpa." Sophia smiled brightly.

With her grandfather's words, Sophia believed that her uncles and aunt would not bother her for this matter. Even if they were not satisfied, they would not talk to her directly.

This would make it easier for her.

With that, Sophia left.

Stephen wanted to go back too, but Old Master Carson signaled for him to stay behind. He could only stay on his place and waited until his sister left.

"What's Sophia's relationship with the rune master?" Old Master Carson asked.

Stephen looked at his grandfather. "Don't you know it yourself, Grandpa?"

"Stephen! Don't be so impolite to your grandfather!"

Hearing his father reprimand, Stephen didn't answer and only looked at his grandfather lightly. No matter what his grandfather planned to say, he would not tell anything.

Because he knew very well that there was a confidential agreement for most people who come into contact with Riya.

The only reason that Samuel didn't ask them to do so was because Riya is his sister's friend and she trusted them.

So why should he told this matter to others and broke this trust?

Stephen couldn't do this.

Even if the one who asked him was his father or grandfather, but Stephen didn't want to betray his friend's trust. Moreover, he himself knew better than anyone that the reason why he could become Samuel's friend was because he knew how to keep the other party's secret.

Since that was the case, he will maintain it until the very end.

"Do you really want to do this, Stephen?" Old Master Carson asked slowly.

"Grandpa, I'm sorry." Stephen didn't want to answer and he looked at his grandfather calmly. There was no ripples in his eyes and the stubborn eyes were very different from his obedient father.

Old Master Carson looked back at his unruly grandson.

"Stephen..."

"I can't help you, Grandpa. If you want to know, you should figure it out yourself."

With that, Stephen lowered his eyes, bowed, and walked back to his own room.

Old Master Carson looked at the young man's back and shook his head. He saw the other children of his were angry and looked like they wanted to seek justice, but he just waved his hand.

Did they think he didn't know about their quarrels and competition in secret?

He only acted like he didn't know because he didn't want to meddle.

And Old Master Carson knew very well that some of his grandchildren were harder to control than his children. After all, he was already old when they came to this world and he had no time to care for them deeply.

Unlike his children's obedience to him, some of his grandsons have a completely different idea from him.

"Father, I will persuade him..." Stephen's father looked hesitant and wanted to go chase his son.

"No need." Old master Carson waved his hand.

Even if Stephen didn't tell him, he could also send others to investigate this matter. The problem is, it would not be so easy for him to get the information as compared to asking the person involved directly.

But it didn't matter.

He had his own way of doing things.

Tsk, even if he was already old, he had no plans in putting his life in the hands of others.

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Riya and Samuel's side

While the others were busy in City A Base, the two people were also busy in the crack. It has been a few days since they started fighting and these magic beasts kept on pouring in.

On one side, it was a happy thing to be able to get a lot of magic beasts' corpses for resources.

But on another side, it was truly a pain to fight all day long.

Not mentioning the pain and fatigue, just the fact that they had to concentrate and fought all day long was more than enough to cause stress on their body and mind. Who could withstand fighting for 24 hours a day?

If they were not rune master and magic warrior, it was estimated that they would have long fainted because of the intensity.

Bang!

"Take a rest first," Riya said and moved to the wall.

"Yes."

Samuel followed Riya and the two of them entered a small cave on the side wall that Riya made some time ago. She put on concealing formation there, preventing these magic beasts from finding them out.

Thankfully, these magic beasts were only rank 5 magic beasts.

For the past two weeks or so, they have been fighting countless life and death battle against these magic beasts.

"How many of them are left?" Samuel asked as he roasted the magic beast's meat in his hand. The progress during the past two weeks were several times faster than when he was training in seclusion in City A Base.

Warriors truly have to fight to be able to advance faster.

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"Not many," Riya replied. "One more sessions should be enough to clear them out."

"Good." Samuel heaved a sigh of relief.

Riya glanced at Samuel. "You've been eating most of the resources you obtained from killing these magic beasts. What are you planning to bring back?"

Samuel froze.

Unlike Riya who only ate a small portion of the rank 5 magic beasts' meat, Samuel ate almost everything. This was one of the reason why he managed to reach the mid rank 5 in such a short period of time.

Life and death training on one side and a large amount of resources on the other side.

Without either of them, he would not have been able to advance.

But the bad thing was that he didn't have a lot of magic beasts' corpses to bring back. His future progress would definitely be very slow.

When Samuel thought about this, he also felt helpless.

Magic warriors and warriors required a large amount of magic beasts' meat for their improvement.

"I'll think of a way to hunt more," Samuel said bitterly.

Riya looked at Samuel like this and laughed in amusement. "You eat so much that there might not be enough magic beasts in the end."

"After I reach rank 7, I won't need to," Samuel argued.

Because once he reached that rank, the need for mana has lowered. What the magic warriors and mages had to pursue was their skills and their mental's strength. Due to this reason, it was hard for magicians and magic warriors to advance in their ranks after they reached rank 7.

It could be said that rank 1 to rank 6 were the stage where they could improve physically and needed more resources.

But starting from rank 7, the resources that they could use had decreased considerably.

Or rather, they were more rarer.

"Yes, yes." Riya nodded in amusement and then she asked, "Have you reached rank 7 in that world?"

"I have." Samuel nodded.

So the two of them actually reached the same rank before?

Riya arched her eyebrows and nodded thoughtfully.

Seeing her expression, Samuel thought about something and asked, "Have you reached rank 7 in that world?"

"I have," Riya replied calmly.

The fact that the two of them returned from that world was no longer a secret. Besides, Riya didn't really think that she would be able to hide such a thing from him when he was really sharp.

The lie that she made back then was full of loopholes.

It was simply impossible for him to believe it.

But they were adults and even if they knew that the other party was lying, they would not demolish their platform so easily. Because there was truly no need for them to do so and just knew about it in their heart.

Now that they were talking openly about this, it seemed as if things had gotten clearer with each other.

"I see." Samuel nodded and then asked, "Does a pure rune master differ from ordinary magicians at rank 7?"

He knew that rune master was actually a branch of magic, but he didn't know much about the pure rune masters. How many people would consciously only use runes as their means of attack instead of normal spell casting magic?

The number shouldn't be that big.

And Riya is a pure rune master based on the speed in which she drew her runes and used it as her normal magic spell.

He had never encountered a second person like Riya before.

"Huh?" Riya thought for a moment and then said, "In terms of what we have to pursue when reaching rank 7, there's not much difference. But our methods to reach rank 7 is different."

Different method.

Samuel's eyes flickered when he heard that.

Riya saw this and smiled faintly. "Are you thinking about the fact that there are so many paths heading to the peak? Isn't it only obvious for one to try using their advantage instead of disadvantage. If you have talent as a magician, why would you walk the path of a warrior?"

It'll only waste more of your time and make you work harder than usual. But if you were to work in the field you have talent in and continued to walk on this path, then your achievement would be higher than walking in other paths."

Samuel chuckled at Riya's preaching like words. "I know and I think that you should understand very well that the so called talent is really diverse."

He had learned the history of that world and knew that in the beginning, it was chaotic.

Only when they started to explore the path forward did they realize that the world was filled with many wonders and mystery. At the same time, they slowly started to pursue power, knowledge, or even lifespan.

Magician, warriors, and the branches below them were all heading towards the same goal above.

"Indeed." Riya sighed.

Thinking about the time when she had to line up to test her talent, Riya really felt tired. She didn't have good background and had to rely on the so called 'charity' and chances given by those big schools and families in order to have the chance to learn to become a magician, warrior, or magic warrior.

She could still remember the day when she tried her test that her talent for warrior was at the bottom.

It was so bad that even if she worked for her entire life, she might not be able to pass rank 3.

And warrior's development was much more suitable for young people. Because their blood was richer and they were vigorous. If they practiced when they were too old, they had to be careful because of various complications.

Later on, Riya headed to the magician's section and found out that her magic element's concentration was extremely balanced for all elements.

It means, she's below average for all of the elements.

That news was more than enough to hit her hard.

Chapter 434: Theory

Living in the world of magic but not having any magic or warrior's talent...

Riya really felt that fate was against her at that time.

But at the same time, she didn't want to give up, so she chose to try becoming a magician. Even though both path's talent were really bad, but the magician's talent was slightly better than the warrior's path.

She might still have a chance to achieve something should she follow on this path.

In that expensive academy that almost made her want to die, she stumbled across the rune master class. After seeing that she could understand everything so easily, Riya seemed to see a ray of hope.

If she couldn't become a normal magician, why not become a rune master?

A pure rune master who walked on a brand new path.

In this way, a pure rune master was born.

And it took her four years to be able to reach rank 7, an achievement that should have been impossible with her normal talent. At the same time, the path forward was filled with obscurity as no one walked the same extreme path as her.

She would have to be the one to deduce the path forward.

Be it good or bad, she had to try it herself.

"To walk on a path carved by yourself, it'll be the most suitable path for you," Samuel said slowly.  
"There's no need to follow the conventional path but to choose the path that you like and could allow you to shine the most."

Samuel looked at the magic beasts at the front and then added, "Whether it's right or wrong, time will tell. At the very least, you will not have any regret."

Riya smiled and chuckled. "You're right, Senior Samuel."

Swish!

Seeing more magic beasts coming over, the two of them frowned and then started to move, one of them was using the sword and the other was forming runes midair.

To be honest, the magic method of using runes instead of spell casting was not that bad.

At the very least, they didn't have to say and hear those embarrassing lines...

After all, the magic spells were not exactly very pleasant to hear.

Bang! Bang!

A pile of magic beasts' corpse fell to the ground and Riya looked at it indifferently. Her hand moved and these magic beasts' corpses disappeared while those that were a distance away from her started to back away in fear.

The current Riya was completely different from her usual image.

There was no warm hearted smile on her face and what left was nothing more than ruthless killing intent.

"Icy Snow Strike," Riya said coldly and the runes in her hand had moved, forming a beautiful blue colored light. The next moment, countless white sharp ice blades formed around Riya and with a 'swoosh' it pierced through the countless magic beasts around them.

But none of them headed in Samuel's direction.

Her perfect control was brilliantly demonstrated in this battle.

"So beautiful." Samuel put down his sword, the lightning had covered and no more magic beasts were coming towards them.

The combination of the ice and lightning element was more than enough to stop them from getting closer.

The only difference was that most of the magic beasts' corpses around Riya had holes on their vital points while the magic beasts around Samuel were either intact or completely scarred.

"Magic is always beautiful." Riya chuckled at Samuel's words. She looked at him with a smile. "Haven't you seen more beautiful magic spells in that world?"

The formation she made just now was created for battles. Even if there was some element of beauty, violent beauty, but it was definitely not the most beautiful magic spell in the entire world.

Samuel looked at Riya deeply and smiled.

What he meant beautiful is Riya.

But he was not sure what her reaction would be if he said it, so Samuel held back and then said, "Do you like ice element?"

"It's convenient," Riya replied. "And it's not like there will be much difference what element I use."

With her talent in all elements were basically the same, the only difference was the degree of control and the formation that she had mastered over them. For battles, Riya had developed various element's formations, each with their own use.

When there was a chance in the future, she will naturally show it to Samuel.

But now, just the ice one was enough.

"You have a lot of elements compatibility," Samuel said, his tone was certain. He had seen the element test magic scroll that Riya used before. For her to be able to detect other people's various elements, it had already shown that she has a lot of magic elements.

"Everyone has all elements in their body. The only difference is the percentage," Riya replied. "If it's less than 1%, there's basically no chance to ever sensing them in your entire life."

This was the rule and what basically stopped many people from becoming a magician in the first place.

"The theory is not complete." Samuel looked at Riya with perplexed expressions. "You do know that not everyone have 100% of magic compatibility, right? There's upper limit of their mana compatibility and then this mana compatibility will be diverged among all elements. The lowest was 0,000000001%."

Riya blinked her eyes in surprise. "What?"

"Did you never learn about it?" Samuel was confused, but he continued the explanation. "Both humans and animals have degree of compatibility with mana itself. You should also know that there are non elemental mana and the degree of compatibility depends on how much of the non elemental mana you can absorb after being exposed to it.

As long as you can retain more than 20%, you have the possibility of becoming a magician. The threshold might seem low, but majority of people wouldn't be able to reach even 10%, which meant that they didn't have any talent to become magician."

Chapter 435: Perhaps?

Samuel paused for a moment.

He has also tested himself in that world, so he knew that his talent to become magician was actually very high. Afterwards, he tested the warrior's talent and found that the talent was equally high.

It was precisely because of this that he eventually became a magic warrior and didn't follow one or the other.

This was also the most suitable for him.

But Samuel knew that keeping the balance for the two completely different path was not that easy.

Most magic warriors were those with average talent for both path. But the people in his family were all people with extremely high talent for both of them.

It would be a waste to develop only one of them.

But developing the two of them equally would also take a long time. It was precisely because of this that there were not many magic warrior who eventually reached the peak.

This path... is difficult.

"In any case, only after determining your talent as a magician would they test the elemental concentration for you. They will naturally give it in the percentage to 100% but it was actually still relative to your own mana concentration."

With Samuel's explanation, Riya's expression turned dull.

Because...

She seemed to have completely ignored the first test....

Forgive her ignorance but as someone who only came into contact with magic with great difficulty, Riya didn't know that the test was actually divided into two.

She only knew that she was asked to do this and then that before she was given the report of her magic test.

So her magic talent...

Riya thought about the number at the top of the test list at that time and her expression turned complicated. Even though the evenness of her elemental magic would make her path in the future difficult, but her own talent was actually high.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for her to reach rank 7 in such a short period of time.

"I see. Thank you for clearing up my confusion," Riya said in helpless tone.

She didn't know about this and only knew that she has all elements and all of them were of the same percentage.

She never paid attention to her own magic talent.

Because....

It was pointless to care.

At that time she took the test, she was still an ordinary person and Riya couldn't remember for certain the number on the top. But she remembered that the teacher suggested for her to become a magician and sighed deeply because of her magic element.

Developing a few magic elements would be a waste of the talent.

But developing all of them...

It would be another nightmare.

"It's nothing much." Samuel looked at Riya helplessly. "I guess you were not exposed to this knowledge before."

"I didn't come from such an influential family like you, Samuel," Riya said with a dark face.

Samuel heard Riya's way of calling him and the corner of his lips curled up slightly.

It was rare for Riya to be so casual or rather impolite in front of him. Her tone was clearly a bit harsher than usual, but it just sounded like she was annoyed after being teased.

So he didn't mind in the slightest bit.

"Then again, the knowledge about this matter isn't very important except for getting started," Samuel said. "I thought that when you recommend Ruben and Stephen to become magician, you have already thought about this matter."

"I don't know how to test their magic talent but based on their speed, their talent should be better than the others," Riya replied. "I originally thought that it should be related to their degree of compatibility with their elements, but I guess there are other factors."

Samuel nodded in agreement.

He knew about this because his family taught him everything very clearly. When he had any question, he could simply come to them and asked the answer from them.

With his status, who dared not answer?

So it was very easy for Samuel to understand many things about that world and embarked on the path of a magic warrior as soon as he arrived.

But not everyone was as lucky as him.

Samuel knew about Peter's expression more or less. From what Peter said, he suffered a lot in order to test his talent and finally being able to get a warrior's exercise. The first year was extremely miserable for Peter because he almost died many times on the road of starting his practice.

But he persevered.

And thanks to that, he managed to become a rank 7 warrior and fought against countless people and magic beasts.

His fame spread out and no one dared to ignore this man who came from the humble background.

Though, no one would have thought that this man was really annoying in private.

Samuel sighed when he thought about the time when Peter came and trouble him. He really wanted to knock off the other party's head at times to see what was inside.

"Have we ever met in that world, Riya?" Samuel asked another question he has been wondering about.

Riya's talent is really high and normally speaking, it would not be strange for them to see each other. Even if Riya is not very famous, but she should be someone who had made a name for herself one way or another.

Was she truly that low key?

"Perhaps?" Riya looked at Samuel with uncertainty. "While I do know your name as you're famous, but you're basically staying within your family compound and only came out for a few trips. During those trips of yours, I was busy with other things and didn't come to the same place. The only possibility is that we might have bumped in the cities but didn't have any impression of each other."

She was not entirely sure.

To be honest, Riya felt that she should have remembered if she met with Samuel, but she really couldn't remember.

Coupled with the fact that she usually wore a hood that covered her appearance... yeah, it was unlikely for them to meet.

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Samuel heard Riya's answer and looked at the other party helplessly.

"Then let me ask it in another way... do you change your name when you're in that world? After all, there are also curse magician..."

"Curse magicians couldn't curse other people easily without obtaining things that the other party found precious," Riya interrupted Samuel. She narrowed her eyes and looked at Samuel. "Don't tell me that you don't know this."

"I know, but another thing that they need is to have your full name," Samuel continued. "Our surnames should be different in that world but I don't know about your given name."

"It's still Riya," Riya replied.

She never changed her name aside from the fact that the surname she had in that world was different. But since there was no need for her to introduce herself with her full name most of the time, she didn't pay that much attention.

"Hmm..." Samuel couldn't remember meeting someone with the same name as Riya and then asked, "Do you join the Rune Master Association?"

"Yes."

"...Then you should be one of those people who usually hide under their magic robe." Samuel looked at Riya helplessly.

He didn't understand why those rune masters liked to wear long robe all the time.

Riya stuck out her tongue playfully. "You don't understand. Rune master has to maintain a sense of mystery~."

Samuel rolled his eyes and Riya laughed.

The two of them were clearly joking with each other but Samuel understood that some rune masters were targeted. So it would be better for them not to show their faces around.

Some of them liked to show off, though.

"Alright, do you have other question?" Samuel asked.

Riya thought for a moment and then asked, "With your family background, how did you die?"

Samuel had the best treasure and various protective measure given to him by his family. With his genius's aptitude, it was only obvious that the family behind him would try their best to cultivate him to the limit.

And it was impossible for them to let Samuel fell down midway so easily.

"This..." Samuel was stunned and then smiled bitterly. "There's a chaos all over the world and countless people have to be involved. I think many of us should have fallen during this period of time."

Chaos?

Riya looked at Samuel with suspicion. "The magic beasts' tide?"

"Yes. There's a great magic beasts' tide that happened once every a thousand years," Samuel replied. "Everyone had to participate no matter whether they were weak or strong. I was caught in the middle of the magic beasts' horde and failed to escape."

If he had to say, it was quite miserable.

But he didn't regret it.

Because he was fighting for the people behind him who couldn't protect themselves. And as a magic warrior, he also pursued strength. Only through continuous tempering would it be possible for him to become stronger.

His family had given him a lot of things, so it was only right for him to step forward to protect them when he had the strength to do so.

Unfortunately, it also signaled his ending.

Riya nodded absent mindedly.

She died a few days before this great magic beasts' tide because of the treasure that appeared. Many people guessed that the treasure appeared and attracted the great magic beasts' tide, so they wanted to take it for themselves on the basis that it would help to distract the magic beasts' away.

But that kind of rhetoric couldn't fool these old magicians.

Riya tagged along behind these higher ranked magicians who fought for the world treasure and when she finally got it, she was besieged and died under the bombardment of magic.

"Did you die before the great magic beast's tide?" Samuel asked.

It should be obvious when he heard Riya's tone, but Samuel still asked for confirmation. And this meant that Riya should have died before him in that world.

Riya also knew that.

But...

She felt as if Samuel should have returned from that world earlier than her.

Then again, their trip was nothing more than a blink of the eye in this world.

"Yes." Riya shrugged. "But it's not for nothing."

Samuel nodded in understanding.

Everyone had their own chance in that world and he would not go around asking what they got. After all, they have their own secret and it was not good to pry into other people's secret like that.

Samuel also didn't want to offend other people for no reason.

"Where do you think this crack is heading to?" Riya suddenly asked another question.

Samuel shook his head. "I don't know about it, but since these higher ranked magic beasts could exist, the crack's environment might become even more extreme."

Right now, it was already far below the zero degree. And the magic beasts that appeared outside were all magic beasts who were good at ice and water magic. This environment was also very bad for him who has fire element.

Because he could sense that the fire element in the air was very little.

So little that his magic could not work well.

For this reason, Samuel was also helpless.

Mana existed in the air and nature all over the world. But how much mana existed in a place would depend on the environment.

Otherwise, there would not be so many magicians and magic warriors who went to great lengths in order to pay a visit to other extreme environment just to practice.

They all knew that only by going there would it be possible for them to advance faster.

Otherwise, their practice speed was just like turtle's walking speed.

"Afraid?"

"No." Samuel looked at Riya and then asked, "I guess you should have your reasons why you have to come here and explore, right?"

"Yes." Riya looked outside where many magic beasts were searching for the two of them heedlessly.

They couldn't find the two of them thanks to the concealment formation that she had set up. It blocked all six senses of these magic beasts... that is if they have six senses.

Chapter 437: Victoria's Father

"What do you see?"

"Another formation," Riya murmured, her eyes condensed. She still sent out those jade dolls out. Some of the jade dolls were destroyed by the magic beasts who were territorial but many of these jade dolls still existed and were busy searching around.

Through their effort, Riya was able to create a basic map of the crack in this area and found that there were many dead ends.

All of these dead ends were leading to various nest of these magic beasts.

It was terrifying to see.

But they could be a good hunting grounds if they were stronger.

'I'm still at the early stage of rank 5 while Samuel had reached the middle stage... the improvement of magicians are indeed slow.' Riya sighed to herself in her heart when she thought about this.

It was not like she wanted it to be this way, but there was simply no other methods for magicians to rise quickly in ranks aside from using the special magic core or some other forbidden methods.

And Riya definitely didn't want to use forbidden method that could damage her foundation.

That's a big no.

She wanted to be a strong rune master!

"Let's clean up the magic beasts. Have you rested enough?"

"Yes."

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Riya and Samuel were busy within the crack and the people outside were also busy with their own things.

Among them, Victoria finally managed to get out of the prison after staying there for a few days. She didn't understand why they released her so easily but after she read the document, she realized that they categorized her action as defensive counterattack.

Since she only did it for the sake of defending herself, they would not hold her for too long.

Even though the defensive measure was a bit too much, but it was all good.

After this matter, no one dared to get close to Victoria.

Live in the prison was not that bad and Victoria didn't have to face her annoying family members anymore.

Moreover... she finally advanced to rank 1 of magic warrior.

Even though Victoria felt really hungry because there was only one meal every day in prison, but it was good enough to sustain her life so far.

'And being able to train quietly is also very good.'

But...

Is this really the path that she truly wanted to take?

Victoria looked at her hand as she finished the formality documents in front of her. The base had only been built for a short period of time, but most of the things here were already complete and there was basically a complete administration work.

The people should be busy.

Not that Victoria cared about that.

She looked at the documents in her hand, her eyes lowered slightly.

Is the case really that simple?

Or is there someone's else handwriting in this matter that allowed her to get out of the prison so quickly?

Victoria didn't know.

But even if she didn't know, it didn't mean that she had no idea at all.

She's not stupid.

Being able to survive under the exploitation of her parents for such a long time, Victoria was used to the fact that they would use their influence and money to turn things around for their favor. Even if things looked like it was going against them, they would figure out a way to make it favorable for them.

One way or another...

Nothing could go against them.

'But I really couldn't accept this favor.'

The feeling of blood flowing on her hand was still vivid in her mind and Victoria couldn't shake it out from her brain. Even when she was dreaming, she kept on seeing the scene that she didn't want to see.

Saying that she has affection for her mother, it was definitely not right.

She didn't have any affection for that woman.

But saying that she didn't feel anything after killing someone would definitely be wrong.

That was the first time in her life she had ever killed someone and the person she killed was her own mother.

Even if it was an accident...

Victoria felt that this matter would haunt her for the rest of her life.

But if one were to ask whether she regret her decision back then or not... strangely, she didn't feel any regret.

It was as if something inside her heart was released.

If Victoria had to say, it was truly a strange feeling.

'Am I really so heartless?'

Victoria pondered to herself as she put away the document that she has finished signed. There were a few things that was brought to the police station at that time and now Victoria was taking them back.

Just her phone and wallet. There were some messages in her phone, but Victoria was clearly not in the mood to check any of them.

She just... wanted to go.

Her brain was a mess and Victoria could clearly feel that it was wrong for her to do this, but at the same time, she also knew that even if it was wrong, she had no regret for her action or anything like that.

Remorse?

There was none.

The only reason why she turned herself in was because Victoria knew that it was impossible for her to get away with this crime.

Rather than running away unclearly, it would be better to stay in prison.

'Well, my stomach definitely suffer but it's better than being chased and then possibly got killed somewhere unknown.'

Victoria looked at the wall, her expression was complicated. She clearly wanted to be able to get out and be free but at the same time, she also knew that it was such an unrealistic dream because of those magic beasts and her own ability.

As a weak and ordinary person, she could only live ordinarily...

Victoria sighed in her heart.

But she could clearly feel the deep sense of unwillingness that seeped out from deep within her heart.

She didn't want to be like this.

Chapter 438: Confrontation between Father and Daughter

Victoria took her belongings back and walked out of the prison.

Only to see the person she least wanted to see.

"You finally come out." Victoria's father looked haggard. Without his wife to help him manage the household and helped to pay the bill, he had to take care of everything. Right now, he just wanted to let Victoria help him to buy more food.

Valeria was completely useless and Victoria's father had long given up on asking that girl to work.

He arranged for Valeria to do other things.

"What do you want?" Victoria asked with a frown.

"No matter what, I'm your father. Is this how you talk with your father?" Victoria's father asked back in stern tone. He really wanted to smash this annoying daughter and made her behave. She kept on challenging his patience over and over again.

This made him wonder whether Victoria ever thought of him as her father instead of her enemy like this.

Victoria looked at her father coldly.

Her cold gaze made Victoria's father flinch but then he thought that the person in front of him is his daughter and that she's just a weak woman. There was no way she could possibly fight back against him and the courage that was seeping out quickly returned.

What Victoria's father wanted was a person who could provide him at all time and allowed him to live comfortably.

Even though Victoria used to be obedient, she was also quite rebellious in some areas. This made Victoria's father annoyed with this daughter of his.

She had no other value other than to let him live better and more comfortably.

"Give me contribution points."

"Why should I give it to you?"

"Because you're my daughter."

"Just because I'm your daughter doesn't mean that I have to be responsible for your life! You're an adult and of working age, you should work by yourself."

"Do you think that you can do anything now that..."

Bang!

Victoria punched the rock on the side road. There were many of these things, which was the leftover from the construction site. The police detaining place has always been at the outer edge of City A Base, precisely to avoid these people coming into the city and wreaked havoc inside.

The rock was destroyed completely.

Even if the rock was not that big, but it was definitely not something that an ordinary person could do in their entire life.

There was only one answer...

Victoria has managed to become a magic warrior.

"You..." Victoria's father saw this and was stunned.

"I'm already a magic warrior right now... and you have seen what I have done to mother." Victoria took a deep breath and looked at her father. "Stop pestering me and work on your own. Otherwise, I think that another trip to the jail would be a good idea."

Victoria's father didn't move.

He looked at his daughter who looked like a stranger and wanted to catch up. But whenever he remembered her power, he felt that something was restraining him.

Right now, the laws regarding magic warriors and the others were not complete. But there was already trace of favor towards them because those who could train could go outside and fight against the magic beasts to get stronger. Afterwards, they would become stronger and stronger, completely leaving the ordinary people behind.

Victoria is already a rank 1 magic warrior and as long as she trained honestly, it was not impossible for her to reach higher ranks in time.

She has the talent.

But...

"You unfilial daughter! Do you really think that you can bypass the law just because you're a magic warrior?" Victoria's father cursed.

He had to find out the regulation for the magic warriors as soon as possible and think of a way to get his daughter to listen to him.

Victoria paused for a moment and then sneered, "At least, I don't have to entangle with you anymore and it's far better than your situation."

She didn't want to talk with her father anymore as it would only make her angry.

"You..." Victoria's father looked at his daughter who was leaving and felt really angry that blood surged up.

He almost vomited blood in anger.

How could his daughter become so powerful and out of his control?

This couldn't be.

This made him very unwilling.

'No! I have to become a magic warrior too!'

He might have long past the age of training and so on, but Victoria's father believed that if his daughter had the talent to become a magic warrior, then he should be able to become one too!

He didn't believe that he couldn't do what his daughter could do.

\*huff\*

Victoria took a deep breath and looked at her hand. The power that she gained from becoming a magic warrior made her fascinated.

But at the same time, Victoria also knew that it's too slow...

Her talent is low and her progress is slow.

What should she do?

As she walked back to the community, Victoria heard some girls were discussing with each others.

"Have you heard about the demonic magician?"

"Yes, they also made a website and many people are pouring in every day."

"Eugh, the method are very bloody and dirty."

"But it's said that everyone can become a magician easily with this method. Even if your talent is low, you can always become a magician through this path."

Victoria paused in her steps.

She looked at the girls and her eyes narrowed slightly.

Demonic magician?

She had to check it.

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The same conversation was placed in various bases, not only in City A Base.

With the appearance of warriors, magic warriors, and even magicians, the demonic magician could only be said to be one of the paths. But while this path was more open to people because of the low threshold of learning, it was also very terrifying because they could also target people to take over their mana heart.

This made many people terrified.

Chapter 439: Worry

Because of this, Martial Arts Association and Magic Association made announcement almost immediately.

They shared the method to prevent their magic cores from being taken by the demonic magicians.

There were so many of them.

And these have been proved to be effective by them.

As for how they knew so much...

Samuel and Ruth shared their knowledge about this matter a long time ago. This was because when they found out that Dina Alden is in this world, they have long prepared countermeasure to deal with her.

None of them would allow Dina Alden to take their mana cores.

Dina herself also knew that even if she wanted to take other humans' magic core or often called as mana heart, she could not target the other returnees like her. Because each and every single one of them definitely have terrifying methods that she might not be able to bear.

For the sake of her own life, Dina should not target them.

This was something that Dina herself knew very well but whether others knew or not, it didn't matter for her.

She just needed to spread her ways to others and let them know the existence of the demonic magician!

Mr. Jones was also having a headache because of this matter. "There are more and more people who want to become demonic magicians because their progress in practicing magic warrior's meditation was too slow."

Without talent, it was hard for them to improve their strength.

This saying was true in various matters.

People without enough talent would find it difficult to start in some areas. But for some of them, as long as they have the passion, then they would charge forward without hesitation and continue to pursue it.

Whether they would regret it or not was another question.

But if they have never tried it, then they would be the one to regret it.

Since the chance was presented in front of them, how could they not try it and see whether they have the talent or not. After all, talent is intangible and they couldn't see it.

They wouldn't know whether they have the talent or not without trying it out.

And the demonic magicians' path clearly made many people attracted because of the low entrance threshold.

Other profession required them to have good talent for them to achieve something. Well, it was not impossible for them to reach great heights as long as they worked hard even if their talent was ordinary, but it would be a difficult and arduous journey.

They might even need certain luck to be able to go forward.

But in any case, it was their own life choice and journey.

Mr. Jones would not say anything about those people.

The problem in his hand right now was the fact that the temptation of the demonic magicians' path was really tempting for many people without sufficient talent. A few months would be enough for them to determine whether they have some talent or not.

Because if they still couldn't get started even after a month of meditation and effort, they might not be able to achieve much.

The cost for them to walk on the path of magicians, magic warriors, or even warriors would be too difficult and very pricey. It was a price that many people could not afford to pay because they also needed to live.

Granted that not everyone would be so foolish.

After all, those who were smart should understand that there was no true shortcuts in their lives. They had to pay it through other ways one way or another.

And this demonic magician's path was the same.

If they were to walk on this path, then they had to be prepared to be able to lose their lives at all time.

For many people who imagined a bright future, this was definitely not a path that they would choose.

But who knows whether there will be some people whose heads were kicked by donkey and couldn't think straight?

Mr. Jones couldn't really do anything about it because he himself was also limited in his talent for his advancement. The only thing that could help them advance faster was if they have more resources.

But unless they have loads of resources, those with poor talent would still find it difficult for them to advance.

"Blocking the news will play the opposite effect. I wonder how Mr. A plans to deal with this?" Mr. Jones asked to the screen in front of him.

It has been a while since the earthquake happened and right now, the bases were already working in the right direction. The problem of food has been solved with the help of Riya's formation.

That formation basically accelerated the plant's growth.

In this way, it didn't take long for them to harvest the food and then process them into food that was suitable to eat.

The government was no longer so pressed about the problem of food and drink but could pay more attention to the magic beasts. They have gathered a large amount of magic beasts' corpses that was basically frozen, waiting for Riya to pick it up.

Unfortunately, Riya was still in the crack with Samuel.

Two weeks with no news.

And now, they have other problems to deal with.

"Let them know and pay more attention...." Mr. A shook his head. "Right now, I can't do anything and the person in charge didn't have any time to deal with this."

Dina chose the right time to spread the news out.

Because at this time, they had no energy to deal with Dina and the mess that she created. This made Mr. A suspicious whether there were Dina's people among the higher ups or she might have hacked into their information database or anything like that.

But no matter which one it is, it would be impossible to investigate in a short period of time.

It was really annoying.

Mr. A felt that these returnees were all people with too much ideas in their heads.

Chapter 440: Worry (2)

If it was possible, there were many people who didn't want to work together with these returnees.

These returnees were not people who have been educated systematically to serve the nation or people with great ideas. When Mr. A met with them, he knew very well that each and every single one of them had their own goal and their own methods to do things.

The problem is, no one could be sure what kind of method they were going to do.

From the questioning to Peter and the others, they managed to find out that these people spent 4 years in that world give or take.

Four years was definitely not a short period of time.

What they experienced in that world would definitely affect their decision making in this world and how they acted. If they were used to do crimes when they were in that world, would they also repeat it in this world?

It was something that everyone worry about.

Mr. A was naturally worried but he couldn't really do anything because the power behind these returnees were very big.

It was not like they have big backing or not but the power in the hands of these returnees were more than enough to destroy cities. They were basically restraining each other through various means and achieved a delicate balance.

But right now, Dina seemed to be testing the higher ups' bottom line through this incident.

It was really...

A worrying person.

'I hope that the other returnees will not repeat the same action as her.'

If these returns kept on jumping around in front of him, then Mr. A couldn't guarantee that he wouldn't do anything to them.

For them, these returnees were truly double edged sword.

And there were a lot of returnee in their country that they have to watch for....

It was really tiring.

'The good thing is that Samuel is a businessman and the rune master is also not a person who likes to make trouble on purpose. Peter is firmly held in the Martial Arts Association and enough negotiation is established for the others. It might not be very stable yet, but it should be enough to restrain them.'

Only Dina...

She's the only one who didn't seem to have much restraint when she made a move and if it was not because she also wanted to deal with those magic beasts, she might have long pointed her sword towards them.

Truly a terrible woman.

"Did something happen?" Mr. Jones asked with worry.

If there were any problem nearby, then he would have to exert his effort to deal with it as soon as possible so as not to affect the lives of the people in City A Base.

"There's a magic beast's tide in City M. Right now, everyone is trying their best to curb ht magic beasts there but the situation is not very optimistic."

"City M... isn't it by the coast?" Mr. Jones frowned when he heard this.

If it was by the coast, the magic beasts they encountered could possibly be the sea type magic beasts.

"Yes. There are a lot of magic beasts coming out of the sea."

Mr. Jones froze.

Magic beasts coming out of the sea...

It was quite terrifying.

"Do you need Samuel's help?"

"No, for the time being, the personnels there are enough. If we do need help in the future, we'll contact you."

Mr. Jones nodded.

Though, considering that Samuel is currently still in the crack, it was unlikely for him to be able to come back so quickly.

Mr. A also knew this.

Samuel is only one person and it was impossible to let him go whenever they have problem. They also had to cultivate enough force to be able to deal with this matter.

Thankfully, they also have elites stationed by the coast.

If things come to the worst, they would use nuclear weapon to deal with these magic beasts.

The problem of whether the radiation would create even terrifying magic beasts was a problem that they could only consider later. They could only do whatever they could and made sure that the situation was under their control.

Of course, if it was possible to ask for Samuel and the others' help, then it would be better to call them for help.

There was simply nothing else that they could do.

"Your focus should be City A Base. Other things can be left to others to deal with."

Everyone nodded when they heard that.

After talking a bit more, Mr. Jones ended the call and sighed deeply. He looked at Ruben, who was waiting for him on the side.

"There's still no news from Samuel?"

"He should be still within the crack and there's no signal there." Ruben also felt helpless about this.

Even if they wanted to talk with Samuel, they had to ensure that there was connection where Samuel is located.

But he's inside that damn crack!

Their equipment hadn't been set up yet.

It also took a long time to set up the equipment there because of various reasons.

Thinking about it alone gave Mr. Jones headache.

"Let's not talk about that brat for the time being... did Samuel left..."

Knock! Knock!

"Master, there's a fight in the research institute. They're now asking for you to come and help mediate."

Mr. Jones was stumped.

Why are there so many problems in City A Base?

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Research Institute

After the people from the research institute in Continent Z Capital City came to City A Base, they didn't leave and was given a place to conduct their research here.

For this matter, some of them were dissatisfied because the equipment was not as complete as the one in Continent Z's Capital City. But the rest were felt that it was acceptable.

Anyway, it didn't really matter where they were as long as they could do their research.

But it was also because of that there were a lot of conflicts....