

## **Last Days 451**

### Chapter 451: The World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation (3)

In other words: he's un-killable.

At least, until the entire world's integration was finished.

"It's that troublesome?" Samuel was speechless and then said, "Rune masters are really buggy."

To have the strength of the entire formation protecting him or her.... Samuel felt that whoever wanted to fight will definitely feel despair from the bottom of their heart. It was to the point that they would rather wave the white flag to show their surrender than fighting head on.

Really.

Riya laughed when she heard that.

"Haven't you found out about it for a long time." Riya came closer to Samuel and stuck her face close to his... well, there was still the distance of their height. But from this position, she could see his face clearly. "We rune masters are the master of cheating~."

Samuel narrowed his eyes and stretched his hand to pinch Riya's nose that was close to him. "Huh? Who do you want to cheat?"

Riya: ???

She had the feeling that the cheating she meant here was different from what Samuel understood.

"I mean cheating as in we can use more resource... hey, stop pinching my nose!"

Samuel chuckled and released his finger. The sound Riya made when her nose was pinched was really cute...

\*cough\*

Seeing her angry look, Samuel could only show a helpless and pitiful look.

Riya blinked her eyes and for some reason, she felt that Samuel looked like a big dog with its ear folded after making mistake.

'Did I spend so much time with Sophia to the point that I'm now comparing a person with a dog?'

After all, the only dog Riya came in contact frequently was only Melly, Sophia's dog.

"Don't look at me like that!" Riya complained and then jumped back. She turned around to look at the runes and quickly said, "Rune master can use various resources during their battle and not limited to the mana inside our bodies like ordinary magicians or warrior who are basically using their vitality.

Of course, they can also use other weapons and even use the magic scrolls but the number will definitely not comparable to that of a rune master."

Samuel smiled slightly when he saw Riya's reaction and he nodded. "I know."

It was precisely because a rune master had many means up on their sleeve that they were known as the most troublesome opponent.

At least, the rich rune masters would be hard to deal with.

But poor rune master?

Hehehe.

Unless they could reach Riya's rank where they could use runes as easily as normal magic spell and even create a self sufficient Protective Rune Circle, it could be said that they would not be that hard to deal with.

At least, for Samuel, they were not that hard.

"I'm not that strong, though." Riya had calmed down and looked at Samuel once more. "That kind of formation is basically using the entire resources of this world in order to form it and if you want to destroy the entire formation... it's not an exaggeration to say that you want to destroy the entire world."

Destroy the entire world.

Samuel was stunned and he looked around before saying with difficulties. "This place is bigger than the Green Planet, right?"

The Green Planet alone was already very big and if they wanted to destroy the entire Green Planet, they would need to reach rank 10.

To destroy this place...

Samuel didn't know how strong he needed to be.

"Yes," Riya replied without hesitation.

They have already traveled in the crack for a month and met with various magic beasts and saw various terrains.

It could be said that the entire crack is a completely new world. A very complete underground world where countless magic beasts thrived and live well.

"It's really a nightmare mission," Samuel muttered under his breath.

"Be careful of being buried alive if you were to go on rampage," Riya added teasingly. They were now underground and even if she could make teleportation formation, she needed time to make it.

After all, she's not rank 7 rune master yet.

If she had reached that rank, she could easily teleport from one place to another.

Tsk.

"I know, I know," Samuel said helplessly.

The two of them looked at the pillar not far from them and Samuel asked, "Why do you say that this is your pillar?"

It could be anyone's pillar, right?

"Because I can sense the faint connection. The connection that was made when the formation was activated and then these people will be sent to that world," Riya replied. "The pillars had to be activated in sequence and this pillar... is not the first nor the last."

It meant that the time when she traveled to that world was in the middle.

Samuel is earlier than her and Riya was not sure about the others.

"Connection..." Samuel muttered and looked at the pillar in front of him.

No wonder that Riya said that this is her pillar.

The information that Riya could obtain was very limited but even with that, Riya managed to deduce a lot of things. He was not sure about the faint connection that Riya meant and it might be related to the fact she's a rune master.

Because if it was him, he couldn't really sense anything from these pillars.

"So, do you want to find the person... or whoever it is who made this formation?"

"Not now but in the future, yes."

Riya wanted to know the purpose of making this formation. Because she knew very well that the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation is not a formation that was easy to make.

There were a lot of branches that they had to make in order to cover up the entire world and then the preparation to select the 12 pillars as the connection... if even one of them failed, then the entire world would be destroyed and the formation would fail to activate.

But it did.

Which meant that all 12 returnees returned safely within the time needed for the formation to activate.

Moreover, sacrificing one's freedom for the sake of making the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation....

Is it worth it?

Chapter 452: Competitor

Riya didn't know what the person who arranged the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation was thinking.

But she knew that this person has to be very strong.

And there had to be an extremely special reason why this World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation has to be made.

For the two worlds to be merged together...

The impact is not small.

The surge of mana in the Green Planet, the cracks that appeared to connect the two worlds, the destroyed terrain and the death of countless magic beasts.

Everything completely overturned the situation on both world. Be it the Green Planet or this place, everything was changed drastically and dragged everyone to follow with this destructive pace.

And...

"The formation didn't arrange for the person who took the special magic core to be directly killed, which meant that he or she had long arranged for us to take it," Riya said slowly. "But whether we could keep it after trying to take it is another question."

Samuel nodded.

With the magic beasts chasing after them right after they took the special magic core, it would be hard for them to escape if they were not prepared.

"I feel like we're being played by whoever made this formation," Samuel commented.

Being played?

Riya looked at Samuel speechlessly and then retorted, "You speak as if that person is so bored. To be able to make this kind of formation, there's no way that you have no purpose."

Who would be so bored to make the formation and lead them to play around like this?

Even if they had reached advanced age, the amount of resources and time needed to make the formation, from planning to drawing, and then activation and watching over it was by no means small.

No idiot would be willing to spend so much time doing such a thankless thing.

At least, Riya would never be willing to do this.

"Yes, but I feel that the purpose might not be that bad," Samuel said and reached out his hand to rub Riya's head.

Riya was stunned by Samuel's move and looked at Samuel quietly. "Don't treat me like you treat your sister."

"I didn't."

Samuel blinked his eyes.

If it was his sister, Amelia would have run away the moment he raised his hand. Because Amelia was absolutely sure that Samuel was there to catch the sister who was running away from home again.

And Riya definitely had better reflex than his sister.

So did she not avoid his hand on purpose?

Samuel's eyes narrowed slightly when he thought about this.

"Well, whatever the purpose, we'll figure it out later," Riya said and took a step back once more. Being too close to Samuel didn't seem to be a good idea.

Even though they were discussing about a serious matter, her mind couldn't help but wander around.

Tsk.

"Don't you have any guesses?" Samuel asked as he looked at the formation in front of them. "Rather than playing... does it help us to clean up the magic beasts?"

Clean up the magic beasts?

The fact that after the special magic core was taken away there will be a large number of magic beasts dying was not exactly a secret. After trying it once, everyone will know about it.

Though, there was a limit to how many times the special magic cores can be taken from one place.

If Riya had to say, it might be for the sake of balance.

Once there was not enough magic beasts around to make up for the required mana, it was estimated that the crack itself will be destroyed. At that time, she herself didn't know whether it would also destroy their world that was connected through the cracks.

After all, she had never seen this formation before.

The World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation was not exactly a secret formation, but it was a very complicated formation and rarely used. After all, who would want to merge two completely different world spanning across dimension or thousands of light years away?

No one would be stupid enough to do anything like that.

Unless they have a reason why they had to do this.

"Rather than helping us to clean up the magic beasts, the formation will drag most of the magic beasts out of their comfort zone and forced them to fight," Riya said helplessly. "Otherwise, we won't be running away all the time when the special magic cores are taken away."

"...You're right."

The two of them were definitely very proficient in terms of running away in the crack by now.

After all, they have experienced it a few times.

These magic beasts really loved them, but they had no interest to play around with the magic beasts.

"Well, that's just a guess." Samuel shrugged, not very concerned about it.

No matter what awaited them ahead, he just had to deal with it. While he might be curious about what the purpose of the person who build this World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation, he knew that the clue were not enough for them to deduce the real purpose.

At the very least, they knew that whoever made the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation would not come out to trouble them personally.

This is a good thing.

Because if they have to face a rank 10 magicians when they were only rank 5...

There was no doubt that they would turn into mincemeat in an instant.

There was simply no comparison with them.

"Yes." Riya nodded and thought about something else. "There's another thing that I'm thinking about the formation."

"Yes?"

"Other returnee should be able to find the outer formation and might take the special magic core too." Riya chuckled. "In this way, we have a lot of competitors."

"Who's afraid of them?" Samuel rolled his eyes. "If they dare to come, I'll hack them down with sword."

"One last thing, the formation should be near the places where these returnees are located. At least, some of them."

Chapter 453: Competitor (2)

Samuel instantly thought about Dina Alden and Jonas Nolan. These two people were still categorized as magicians and if they were to be close to the places where the special magic core existed...

There was no doubt that they would take it for themselves.

"Are you sure about it?" Samuel asked for confirmation.

"Well, I can't be 100% sure but it should be 80%," Riya replied. "Because the formation required the medium and when it's activated, it should be near the place where we're located."

If she was not wrong, above this place should be the shop where she met with that woman. But it might be a bit far because many of their paths were descending below.

It really looked like a complete underground world with several floors.

When Riya came here, she had noticed that there were many turns that let them come down just like a building.

"Hmm..." Samuel nodded.

If this was the case, the other returnees should also take their chance to get the special magic cores. Because this was basically an item that would allow them to advance through ranks so quickly.

He himself didn't really need it because it would cause an imbalance in his path as a magic warrior.

But what about other?

Not mentioning the magicians who would definitely be tempted by the increase of their mana, some magic warriors didn't really care about the fact that their mana was not balanced and would rather take this 'shortcut.'

After all, it was a very tempting offer.

"In that case, there will really be a lot of opponents," Samuel commented, but his tone was not worried at all.

He's confident in his ability that he would be able to surpass these people with his ability and strength. What is there to worry about with his own progress?

It might not be the fastest, but he had to make sure that he was still at the forefront.

"Are you not worried?" Riya laughed when she heard Samuel's tone.

"What should I worry about?" Samuel asked back. "That they managed to reach rank 7 earlier than me and then made trouble with me? If it was before, I might be worried, but the current world's situation would not allow them to mess around."

They have competed a lot in that world and fought countless times.

It was to the point that Samuel felt annoyed when he thought about those annoying guys and girls.

But with their background and their own reasons, they were really not afraid of each other. Even if one of them managed to advance faster, the other would only think of hiding for a while to advance and then compete again.

It was especially true for Peter who had no hesitation to offend almost everyone.

Well, more like, he competed with almost everyone whom he felt worthy.

"If they didn't want to die, that's it," Samuel added after a while.

The Green Planet was different from that world.

They could act recklessly in that world to a certain degree because they knew that they were the 'younger generation' and there will be the 'older generation' who would help them to clean up the messes.

It was to the point that there would be no problem even if they were to cause a lot of troubles and possibly destroy a few islands.

Those old guys would only think that they were naughty and said nothing.

But in the Green Planet?

It was estimated that they would be condemned by others and possibly jointly arranged to be dealt with.

This was because their position was different.

They were at the forefront of all magic warriors, magicians, and warriors all over the world.

The first line of defense against these magic beasts were them and it was impossible for them to act recklessly without caring about anything.

The environment here would not allow them to act so blatantly.

What if they destroy their own planet and unable to live here?

None of them would be willing to destroy the world they have known for so many years and the convenience that they had received in this world.

That earthquake had already destroyed many of their routines.

There was no need to add more.

"I feel as if you're saying that they love the Green Planet very much," Riya said with a laugh and then nodded. "Then again, not everyone is a lone wolf who didn't care about anything and could live on their own."

How many people could actually live by themselves without talking to anyone?

It was estimated that he or she would become crazy because of this and even if they have already trained their mind to be stronger than ordinary people, it would not be easy for them to live in complete seclusion.

Even for introvert, not talking to anyone for so many years might also drive them crazy.

These returnees definitely didn't want to live on their own without having anyone to contact, so they would restrain themselves to a certain degree.

As much as they hated others, they were not willing to kill other returnees.

Unless it was absolutely necessary.

"Yes, for the sake of balance, it's better for everyone to live," Samuel said calmly. "Of course, if someone dares to come and provoke me, then I would not hesitate to slash him into two."

His swords had no eyes.

If he had to face people who didn't have any eyes and wanted to provoke him, Samuel would not hesitate to use his sword and slashed the other party into two. Even if that person is a returnee, it would not be an exception.

"All the grudges in that world should be settled there and not be brought here," Samuel said slowly. "Of course, small matter has to be settled."

Riya chuckled and laughed out loud when she heard this.

She felt that these people were all very childish.

Clearly, some of them have life and death grudge when they were in that world, alright?

Chapter 454: You... Forget it

"Stop laughing so much." Samuel looked at Riya helplessly. He didn't tell her this just so that she could laugh at them.

"Sorry, sorry." Riya was trying her best to restrain her smile but the corner of her lips couldn't help but turn upwards. "I was actually thinking that you hate Murin so much that you want to kill him. But I think that you keep your hands when you see him."

"I have already killed one of his pets in that world." Samuel shrugged. "Besides, the one who killed him in the end is not me."

He had no interest to kill Murin if the other party didn't provoke him.

Wait...

Murin did provoke him, but that provocation was too low level and Samuel was too lazy to deal with the other party.

As annoying as Murin is, Samuel also knew that his ability was very useful when dealing with the magic beasts.

"Murin is a beast master and his control over the magic beasts might even turn the situation around at critical moment," Samuel said slowly. "Of course, the requirement is that he's truly in our side."

Riya looked at Samuel blankly. "Do you really think that he'll be on your side after you have killed his magic beasts?"

If it was her, she felt that she might not be willing to forgive any of these people who have killed her 'family members.'

For beast masters, their magic beasts were their family members and also their source of strength. The contract between the magic beasts and human allowed them to harness the power of their magic beasts.

Once their magic beasts died, the power that was shared would also be taken away.

It was also because of this that Murin eventually died in that world.

Without any powerful magic beasts to protect him, he's far weaker than ordinary magicians of the same rank.

And his rank has plummeted with his magic beasts' death.

What awaited him in the end was nothing more than his own death.

"No. He'll definitely make trouble when he's seeing me or the others," Samuel said in affirmative tone. "But it didn't mean that I'll follow his lead."

Riya: "... whatever makes you happy.

Samuel saw Riya's speechless look and smile. "Don't you have any interaction with him before or perhaps some grudge? After all, his goal was quite outrageous and could affect the stability of the world."

"That's not true." Riya tilted her head and then said, "While I have heard his case, I'm not familiar with it. Besides, I'm not worried about his plan that would definitely not succeed. If so many powerful magic warriors could be defeated by a mere rank 7 magic beasts, I'll laugh at them for an entire year."

There were many old figures in that world who had become legends. Some of them had passed away because of various reasons but many of them were still alive and well, doing everything they could to make sure that the world remain stable.

The disappearance and appearance of a few valleys, hills, mountains, and so on couldn't even disturb them.

So what about Murin's movement?

"The flute of beast can indeed control a lot of magic beasts at the same time and affect their mind. But do you really think that it's unlimited? Even an artifact had limits to what it could do and the limit of the flute of beast is Murin's own strength," Riya said calmly.

The flute of beast might be a powerful artifact that was coveted by who knows how many people. If it was not because only beast masters could use the artifact well, there would be countless people coming to steal it.

Then again, there were still many people with such ideas and Riya could guess that Murin should be busy dealing with them.

"How do you know so much?" Samuel asked with suspicion.

If he was not wrong, there was no way the magic beasts' association would be willing to disclose such a thing to others, right?

After all, this involved their secret that could affect their own lifeline. No one would be stupid enough to tell their weakness to others.

Riya smiled kindly at Samuel. "Samuel, are you stupid or pretending to be stupid? Weapon refiner usually work with rune master for some delicate craftsmanship and for a tool that could reach the rank of artifact, rune masters are indispensable."

In other words: the flute of beasts also contained specific runes.

But the complicatedness of the runes and the delicate engraving into the magic tools was something that Riya couldn't achieve on her own.

Thinking about the fact that her own attempt to make gun parts before ended in such disaster, Riya didn't really want to talk about her refining ability. She really had to work together with a professional if she wanted to make a really good weapon.

Besides, the reason why she knew about this was because this was one of the materials discussed in class back then.

\*cough\*

Riya was sure that the magic beasts' association didn't know that they were used as example in the rune master association.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to remain harmonious with each other.

Samuel: "... no, he really didn't pay attention to this.

After all, he only knew that refining weapon required a lot of valuable treasures but he forgot that it was also important to let rune master to help.

"Oh, you didn't know?" Riya seemed to realize something when she saw Samuel's expressions.

"You... forget it." Samuel sighed and felt that he didn't really want to talk about this matter with Riya anymore. "The magic beasts might return soon. Let's go back now."

"Well, wait a minute."

Riya walked out of the cave and then took out a large number of rank 5 magic beasts' blood. She then started to draw on the surface of the crystal using her mana and the rank 5 magic beasts' blood.

Samuel stood on the side.

Chapter 455: Run Away

He knew that she was making a formation.

As for what kind of formation it is, he didn't know.

Before long, Riya was done and then she moved to the side. "Alright, I'll take it now."

Samuel looked at the bloody mark on the ground that slowly dissipated as if there was nothing there and arched his eyebrows. It seemed that this should be the concealing method of formation for many rune master.

No wonder no one would be able to know if a rune master were to placed a formation secretly.

They could hide it.

He turned around and saw Riya took out the special magic core and put it away.

"Time to run."

"Are you not going to use that formation?"

"No, that's for next time. The special magic core should be regenerated in one month and I can come back at that time," Riya replied.

Samuel looked at the formation and silently felt that with Riya, she basically tried to take advantage of these formations to the fullest.

The habit of taking advantage when possible didn't seem to be a good thing, but strangely enough, Samuel only wanted to laugh when he thought about Riya's appearance and expression.

This girl is really naughty.

"Is it fine?"

"Why not?"

"I mean, wouldn't you worry that taking advantage of these formations will destroy the balance in the crack?"

"Don't worry, at most there will be more magic beasts dying."

Samuel chuckled.

Well, who would care even if a large number of magic beasts died?

Because for the people in the Green Planet, to be able to kill more magic beasts meant that their lives would be much safer in the future.

In that case, who didn't want it?

At least, they wanted to.

The two of them continued to run as fast as possible.

Thankfully, they have basically recovered after taking a short rest and now, they only needed to run away.

Before long, they heard roaring from the back followed by the familiar suction feeling.

"I have the feeling that we seem to have experience this several times," Samuel commented.

"Well, it had happened a few times." Riya coughed guiltily.

"Will this attract higher ranked magic beasts to the surface?" Samuel suddenly asked another question. Even when he was running, he seemed to remember something and frowned.

This method of attracting magic beasts didn't seem to be a good thing for most people on the Green Planet.

After all, aside from the few returnees, their strength was a bit worrying.

If there were no returnees protecting them, they would have died several times in the past. Now that the magic beasts were attracted by the formation that was triggered after taking the special magic core... Samuel suddenly wondered whether the number of magic beasts would increase again.

If it was only rank 1 to 3 magic beasts, he would not be that worried.

But what if there were rank 6 or even rank 7...

The entire Green Planet will be in danger.

"That... I don't know."

"Perhaps they will." Samuel frowned when he thought about the strength of these magic beasts. When rank 4 and above magic beasts appeared on the surface, the other people in the Green Planet would be the one to suffer.

This is not a good thing.

"What do you plan to do if a rank 6 or rank 7 magic beast were to appear?" Samuel asked.

"...Run away."

Riya couldn't defeat them, so she will definitely run away. She was not so stupid that she would challenge the rank 6 or rank 7 magic beasts when she saw them. Knowing her own strength, Riya would rather run away when she couldn't defeat the opponent.

"That's a good idea." Samuel also nodded. "I plan to injure them and then run away when there's a chance."

"It's not so easy to injure a rank 6 magic beast," Riya retorted.

"True."

"What if you can't run away?"

The atmosphere turned somewhat tenser when Samuel asked this and Riya's expressions also darkened.

To be honest, Riya was not exactly a person who would be willing to sacrifice her life for the sake of other people's lives. Because she knew very well that there was no point in dying...

"Then I'll fight to the end," Riya replied, her tone was light.

She had done that in the past and she will do it again if it was necessary.

"But I won't die so easily."

It was like a promise yet also a statement at the same time.

"Mhm."

The two of them were still able to chat as they ran along the corridor.

Well, Samuel was basically controlling his speed to match Riya since she's weaker than him.

Suddenly, the two of them braked and looked at the darkness in front of them. The area within the crack was already dark enough but right now, it was even darker as if there was a shadow covering up everything.

The two of them knew that a magic beast is definitely here.

Swish!

Bang!

A shadow creature jumped up but bumped on Riya's Protective Circle Runes. She had long set it up again and it will protect her.

The moment the first shadow creature appeared, several more appeared.

Slash! Slash!

Samuel quickly swung his sword and looked at the group of shadow creatures that came out.

"This..."

"There's a lich." Riya's expression was distorted.

She should have never mentioned about lich in the first place. Now, she could see that these shadow creatures were all under one order.

Who else could order the shadow creature but the lich?

"Be careful!"

Bang!

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City A Base

The matter of Ruby was just over when Mr. Jones received another report. He was stumped and nearly ran out of the office.

His daughter was attacked!

And the person who attacked her was someone whom Mr. Jones would never expect in his entire life.

Not only that, he saw the case file on his table and realized that the matter seemed to have gotten out of control.

Chapter 456: I Want Your Life

The spread of the methods for demonic magicians to train has long spread.

In City A Base, there would be one out of ten people who tried to practice it secretly. Even if they didn't have much talent or resources, it was really easy for them to convert their practice.

This made them happy.

What they didn't know was that from the moment they walked on this path, there would not be any turning back.

"Demonic magicians are not only magicians who learned forbidden technique. There are many methods that a demonic magician could choose from. Starting from the ordinary blood essence path, which is essential taking the blood essence from the magic beasts to the more exclusive path such as the method of the mind.

Magicians didn't only have to increase their mana but also their state of mind. Because once they reached rank 4, they had to start to hone their understanding to learn various magic skills.

The demonic magicians are unique in a way that there's a method to forcefully increase one's comprehension... But if you want to learn this method, you have to be prepared..."

These were all written in the website and many people read about it.

But after they read to the end, many people felt that it was unacceptable.

"The hell? Killing the people whom you love?"

"Is it even possible that the person who made this method is crazy?"

Some people who had seen this paragraph chose to take a step back. Because if they have to kill their own family members or those whom they loved, they felt that they couldn't do it.

They cared for their friends and families.

Would they abandon it all for the sake of power?

Many of them couldn't do it.

But some others decided to do it.

And this is the beginning of the chaos.

Many people in various bases started to conduct a terrifying operation as they chased after the people whom they used to say caring and love words to. What started as beautiful story turned into horror story.

It was chaotic everywhere.

And in order to curb people's desire to become a demonic magician, the official bases were forced to implement strict rule.

Everyone who practiced this method will be forced out of the base without exception. Many of them were also killed and those who reported the demonic magician will be given 10 contribution points.

So next, there were a large number of people who died.

City A Base was not spared.

The outer area became chaotic for a day before it was forcefully suppressed by the military and those who became demonic magicians were all kicked out of the base. They were told that only City J accepted demonic magicians.

So these people who became demonic magician had no other choice but to leave in that direction.

Some bases didn't even bother to kick them out and simply killed everyone.

Blood flowed like river.

The higher ups were also busy confronting Dina about this matter, but the two sides could not come to any conclusion.

Can they move Dina?

No.

Their abilities were not strong enough to deal with Dina.

Moreover, they also knew that Dina was able to become so strong because she had taken a lot of blood essence from these magic beasts.

This made them conflicted whether they should deal with Dina immediately or not.

The only good thing was that Ruth was also there and they heard the two people were fighting against each other.

In City A Base, Victoria was silently practicing.

She looked at the people who came to pay her a visit and smiled faintly. "Thank you for coming."

"You unfilial daughter! What else do you want..."

Slash!

"I want your life."

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Amelia was practicing on her own and Sophia was also busy with her own things. The two of them were living nearby because of their family's residence, but they have completely different training.

Now, Amelia was sitting on top of the wall, looking at Melly and Mo who were eating voraciously.

"Are you going to advance to rank 2?" Amelia asked.

"It might not be so soon," Sophia replied and raised her head. She looked at Amelia curiously. "You're not saying that you've advanced to rank 3, are you?"

"How can it be so fast?" Amelia shook her head. She was only in the late stage of rank 2 after following her brother's training arrangement. Even though her brother was not here, he sent message to Arnold before leaving to help him monitor Amelia.

Her brother truly knew her weakness and Amelia had no other choice but to follow the training he set up.

It was exhausting.

Sophia chuckled. "You're a magic warrior. It's only obvious that you have to train hard."

Amelia clicked her tongue and didn't want to talk about this matter again. The more she thought about it, the more aggrieved she would be. If only she chose other paths that only needed her to lie down to advance, it would have been much better.

"Hmm?"

"What is it?"

"Victoria sent me a message to see her. She said that she had reached rank 2... so fast?" Amelia was stunned.

She remembered that Victoria told her that Victoria had trouble in her practice and needed more resources, so Amelia sent a batch of rank 3 magic beasts' meat some time ago. She thought that Victoria's progress was slow, but if she had reached rank 2, she would be on par with Amelia.

"Wow." Sophia was also amazed and then laughed. "How about if I come along? It has been a while since I see your cousin too."

"Sure." Amelia nodded.

Among the six of them, Amelia and Sophia were the two who loved excitement the most. The two of them quickly came out and headed to the open area near the gate. This was part of the expansion plan of City A Base and right now, there were not many people yet.

As they got closer, they saw Victoria standing there but before they could greet the other party, they sensed danger.

Slash!

Chapter 457: Battle Between Sisters

Bang!

The counterattack shield was formed instantly in front of Amelia. This could be said to be part of her reflex right now.

Whenever she saw danger, she would cast the shield.

But she could sense that only part of the attack was blocked because she felt pain on her cheek.

"Woof!"

On the back, Melly was standing in front of Sophia and barked towards Victoria in front of them.

Mo was also standing beside Sophia.

He could remember that Riya's order to him was to protect Sophia.

"Victoria, what are you doing?" Amelia yelled.

Victoria saw the two of them blocked her attack easily and clicked her tongue, her eyes were gloomy. She had long known that Amelia and the others should have better chance to become stronger.

They were following the 'proper' way and the price they had to pay to practice and advance was not big.

In this way, they could become the leading figure easily.

Really...

Comparing people would only make one's stomach hurt.

"I want to become strong," Victoria said slowly, her eyes were looking at the two people in front of her.  
"For that, the two of you have to die."

Swish!

The next moment, they saw red color spread out and Amelia quickly raised her sword and avoided to the side. The counterattack shield was activated at all time and her expression was grim.

She could not understand what the relationship between her death with Victoria getting stronger.

\*roar!\*

Mo pulled Sophia back and a wind shield was formed in front of him. Melly was also following and avoided the attack from Victoria.

The blood red color looked eerie.

And the stench...

"It's blood." Sophia's face was ugly. She's only a magic warrior rank 1 and her own strength was weak. The only method for her to compare with others was through Melly who had reached the peak of rank 2 or Mo who had reached rank 3.

The problem is, the two of them would definitely prioritize protecting her.

'I really need more magic beasts...'

It was no wonder that the beast master would keep a lot of magic beasts with different specialization. Each and every single one of them have their own role to play on the battlefield.

Swish!

Amelia saw that the shield blocked it and she frowned. "Are you trying to absorb my mana essence?"

At this moment, she finally knew why she felt this move was familiar. She had already seen it in the video that her father showed to her when he taught her methods to protect themselves against the demonic magician.

Because demonic magician wanted them to become their nourishment, so they have to be prepared.

"Right." Victoria didn't think that there was anything wrong with it.

"Why did you become a demonic magician?" Amelia nearly yelled when she heard that. Her hand gripped the sword in her hand tighter, feeling deeply hurt. She wanted to step forward and shook Victoria's body to wake her up but at the same time, she knew that it was impossible to change Victoria's mind so easily.

Because the moment Victoria decided to become a demonic magician, she should have known the consequences for a long time.

Victoria didn't answer and simply said, "Blood... is really beautiful."

Swoosh!

As the red blood color came once again, Amelia's eyes sharpened. "Lightning slash!"

Lightning element converged in her hand and into her sword. This was the low level version of the magic warrior's spell that her brother taught her.

Because her element is wind and lightning, she could also learn it.

Samuel was not stingy with his sister.

Swish! Boom!

The lightning cut through the sea of blood in front of them and headed straight to Victoria.

"Ugh!"

Victoria barely avoided it but the remaining lightning element still hit her.

She could feel tingling deep in her body and there was a cruel smile on the corner of her lips.

"You're really strong...."

Swish!

The blood spread out once more.

"Wind slash!"

This time, Amelia change her moves towards the wind element and a few slashes appeared, cleaning up the blood wave that was approaching them. But at this moment, Amelia's face had turned pale.

Her mana was not enough for her to use so many rank 2 magic spells.

It was already on the verge of exhaustion by now.

But after the blood wave was cleaned out, there was no figure of Victoria anywhere.

She disappeared.

"Where's she?" Amelia tightened her grip on her sword, nervously looking around.

"Woof!" <she left>

Melly was looking at the gate where there was a hole there. The moment she attacked them and created the large wave of blood, Victoria was actually running towards the hole that she had made before.

This should be her plan from the very beginning.

The difference is that she actually planned to kill Amelia and escaped rather than escaping without doing anything.

"She has left...." Sophia said in a complicated tone since she could understand Melly's words.

But it was also because she understood that she felt really heavy right now.

If Victoria left like this... is it possible for her to return and try to kill them again in the future?

It's upsetting to think.

Amelia was silent as she looked at the gate and then at the sword in her hand. She admitted that she didn't pay much attention to Victoria because the other party has her own affairs. She herself only played together with the others because they were basically training together.

Is it wrong for her not to invite Victoria together?

But if Victoria didn't even have the strength of a magic warrior rank 1, it's simply impossible to keep up with them.

They were a bit closer because they were roommates.

But they didn't actually see each other that often.

Amelia felt at loss.

But seeing Victoria going to the great length of becoming demonic magician... Amelia turned to look at Sophia and showed an ugly smile. "Sophia, I'm going back to train."

Chapter 458: The Problem is....

Sophia saw the expression on Amelia's face but she couldn't say anything.

Because at this moment, Sophia understood that no words could truly explain what they were currently feeling.

"It's not your fault, Amelia," Sophia said slowly. "She made her choice and you can't do anything about it."

Amelia opened her mouth and then closed it again.

She shook her head and said nothing.

But at this moment, her desire to become stronger was extremely strong. Her friends could say that they were not wrong because they were indeed not very close to Victoria. The main reason why they have contacted Victoria in the first place was because she was then who introduced them to her and then let Victoria asked the academy to set up their rooms nearby.

In this way, the six of them came roommates on the same floor.

But Victoria had a single room just like Claire.

The two of them rarely played together with the other four since their family was also rich and they didn't stay in the dormitory often.

The one who usually stayed in the dormitory were Riya and Ruby.

The rest only treated it as a place for them to go from time to time.

So it was only natural that they didn't pay much attention to Victoria and if the other party didn't say anything, they would not help her either.

But Amelia couldn't.

Because Victoria is her cousin and she knew the situation in Victoria's family better than anyone.

But she didn't reach out.

Aside from helping Victoria to stay in better apartment, helping to pay some contribution points at the beginning, and sending some resources for training, she didn't come to see Victoria for a long time.

It seemed as if she had forgotten that she had such a cousin.

At this moment, Amelia simply despised herself.

She should have done more...

Perhaps, if she had done so, Victoria would not be driven to follow this path and could embark on a completely different path.

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Mr. Jones came to his daughter's side at the fastest speed possible.

At Amelia's request, he investigated what Victoria has been doing lately and when Amelia looked at it, she was angry.

Angry at the corrupt security guard who took bribe to let these people come in.

Angry at her uncle and aunt who tried to force Victoria to work for them.

Angry at herself who didn't realize that such thing happen.

Victoria didn't say anything and it was originally impossible for Amelia to know. But how could Victoria came to Amelia openly and ask for help?

From the very beginning, Victoria was unwilling to ask for help from others and kept it all in her heart.

It was also because of this that others didn't know that she needed help.

Does she need others wait for them to realize what had happened to her automatically?

If she said nothing, no one will know.

And this was the case.

Victoria was used to be by herself for no one in her family would be willing to help her. It was precisely because of this that Victoria chose to pick an extreme path for the sake of getting stronger and unwilling to let others come and reach out.

"Does she think that no one cares for her?" Amelia snapped and wanted to throw away the document in her hand.

Beside her, Sophia was following her to know what happened to Victoria. But after seeing these things, she was also silent.

Because Sophia understood that Victoria will definitely not ask for other people's help.

"I think... she's an independent person who wouldn't want others to worry about her." Sophia smiled faintly. "She didn't want other people in her life and it's precisely because of this that things ended in this way."

But she could also understood why Victoria chose this way.

It's pride.

They all came from influential family and every single one of them have similar family background. Well, excluding Riya and Ruby. These two people's family backgrounds were really different.

The four of them, including Claire who was still living outside, were all used to be in high position.

They were in the position where they could get everything easily. When would they need to ask others for help?

There was no need to do so.

They just needed to order someone.

But now, they couldn't.

Even if they wanted to get the basic supplies, they had to work hard for the sake of it and then traded it with their hard work or through other supplies.

"I... I know..." Amelia muttered in a low voice.

She knew that it was not so easy for Victoria to ask others for help.

Because Victoria was raised in a family where her opinion never mattered and all she could do was to follow through what her parents arranged. Every single time she went against them, she would be punished.

The change of the world could be said to be a chance for her to break away from her family members too. It was precisely because of this that Victoria chose to live by herself and didn't listen to them again.

Her parents were no longer the most powerful people here.

But Victoria underestimated them.

They would not let her go so easily and this was something that Victoria noticed easily too.

It was precisely because of this that Victoria was being pushed again and again. The only thing she could do was to figure out a way to get out of here and become stronger.

Because when Victoria became a magic warrior, she would have higher rights and her parents couldn't touch her so easily.

The problem is...

Her talent is not there.

Talent, ah...

This was a problem that many people couldn't solve so easily because it was innate. Everyone had different talent and it was simply impossible to change.

The only thing they could do was to work hard and try their best to get stronger even if their talent seemed to tell them that it was an impossible thing.

Chapter 459: Their Changes

Amelia herself knew that it would be impossible for her to be like Victoria.

In Amelia's eyes, Victoria has always been very strong. It was precisely because the other party was really strong and capable that it was hard for them to think that the other party would need them.

But that was in the past.

After all, they didn't have much interaction with Victoria because she was too preoccupied with her family matters.

"But I'm still pissed off," Amelia muttered in a low voice.

Sophia couldn't say anything about this.

She sighed when she thought about Victoria's strength after she took this path and shook her head.

No matter what, it was impossible for Sophia to take this kind of path that didn't recognize any relatives.

It's terrifying.

And for some reasons, Sophia felt that Victoria simply wanted to be alone. Stay alone and got stronger as much as possible...

What for?

She didn't know.

"I'll stop her... next time, I'll surely stop her," Amelia said solemnly and then turned around to start practicing once more.

Sophia didn't say anything else and sighed.

She didn't know much about Victoria aside from the fact that they have the same background. Moreover, Sophia knew very well that it was impossible for Victoria to inherit anything from her family members because of her status and in a way, her position was actually similar to Sophia.

They were just waiting to be used by the main family members.

It was the sad fate for those who were born in the big families like them.

'I guess in a way, I'm luckier than you...'

Sophia smiled faintly and patted Melly's head beside her. To be honest, she herself didn't have much hope for her practice whatsoever. Because her background and her life before the world changed was very leisurely.

For her, it didn't matter whether she worked hard or not because the end result would be the same.

Her family would make arrangement for her future.

Facing this kind of thing, Sophia didn't have much thoughts about her life and was used to have others made arrangement for her.

So it was hard for her to make the decision in the beginning.

But...

When Riya came to her and presented her with the choice and allowed her to talk with Melly, Sophia knew that she wanted to take this chance.

If she could decide her own fate with her own hand, who would want to have their life arranged by others?

What other people think was the best for them might be necessarily true.

And it was even more so because every single one of them have their own dreams and thoughts that they might not necessarily convey to others.

For Sophia, being able to become a beast master under Riya's guidance was definitely her luck.

If she had not met with Riya and became close with the other party, would Riya be willing to help her?

Without Riya's help, Sophia was sure that she would still be in the Carson Family, waiting for the so called arrangement from her family members. Arrangement for the sake of the family instead of herself.

'I wish you luck, Victoria.'

Sophia patted Melly's head and then went back too.

No matter what, Victoria used to be her friend. Even though Sophia felt some annoyance and anger for being attacked by the other party, but there was not much resentment.

Because she understood why Victoria chose this way.

Even though it was really extreme.

It was really...

\*sigh\*

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Amelia was really angry but she simply shut it down and then went back to train. She didn't care about anything else but to train right now.

Because this is the only way for her to vent her emotions.

Only by training and training again would Amelia felt that she could calm down. She didn't have to think about Victoria's deeds either, which would only make her even more enraged because of how Victoria treated them.

Mr. Jones let his daughter do whatever she wanted to do.

At the same time, Sophia was also bitterly training.

These two people, both young misses of the big families, were used to the fact that they could obtain everything easily. After all, with such a family background, there were not many people who could possibly go against their family.

But right now, both of them only wanted to train.

To become stronger on their own.

So that they could stand on their own!

Stephen helped his sister to practice and Arnold helped Amelia to practice.

The two of them could see the two lazy girls' determination and willingly step forward to help. After all, facing someone who was willing to improve themselves were better than someone who had become a salted fish and didn't want to improve, right?

But to be honest, it still felt distressing.

Because they could see that these two people were trying their best to break through their own limit in their training.

They were training to the point that they almost collapsed.

This made them a bit scared and had to rearrange the training so that these two people would not get sick in the middle of their training.

In this way, the two of them practiced frantically in City A Base.

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Mr. Jones arranged for Victoria's father and Valeria's funeral.

The two of them were killed by Victoria and based on the fact that the wound was on the heart, Mr. Jones could guess that Victoria refined their heart blood essence for her practice.

"The blood of the closest one can help one practice faster..."

Mr. Jones sighed.

The demonic magician had caused many people to lose their family members and the reason was because they were the one who did it.

Because they wanted strength.

And the fastest method for them to obtain it in the demonic magician's path was through killing their own relatives. The closer they were, the better it would be.

It was terrifying.

Chapter 460: Victoria's Side

This had broken who know how many families and produced countless "filial" child or even "kind" parents. Because people of all ages wanted to become strong and the methods from the demonic magician's path simply allowed them to become stronger through this method.

"The website has been closed... But the effect is never ending." Mr. Jones shook his head when he thought about this.

He wondered what the higher ups were planning to do with those demonic magicians.

Because thinking about these people do...

Mr. Jones had chills on his back.

...

Victoria's side

Thud! Thud!

Countless magic beasts fell down in front of Victoria.

Seeing these magic beasts falling in front of her, Victoria didn't have any expression on her face. It was as if she was not killing magic beasts but just taking a stroll in a park, something that ordinary people would do.

"It's really... an odd feeling." Victoria looked at her hand and sighed.

Her way of fighting was really brutal and simple.

This was because the website didn't explain much about the technique that a demonic magician usually used and Victoria herself didn't have anyone to teach her the training methods.

But after killing people and then now killing magic beasts... Victoria felt very strange.

Because she didn't feel anything.

No nausea, no guilt, no hatred... nothing.

She felt empty.

So empty that it was really strange.

But not in a bad way because in this way, everything that happened outside would not be able to affect her in the slightest bit. No emotions would be the best for Victoria. Because in this way, she didn't have to feel hatred, anger and any other negative emotions...

As for those good emotions?

Sorry, she didn't have any need to feel them either.

Feeling empty was simply the best.

To be honest, Victoria first thought that the methods produced by the website was really unreliable. Because it was basically a forbidden methods and the website should have been made in a hurry...

Well, not exactly in a hurry.

But it was to be build in a limited space that would allow many people to learn and get started as much as possible.

Because the website has been taken down by now.

The method that seemingly unreliable had actually allowed her to reach this point.

"So a demonic magician is really strong, isn't it?" Victoria showed a smile on her face. This feeling of strength in her body could easily make one feel addicted.

And right now, Victoria also felt that way.

She had always known that Amelia was really lucky to have such a brother to help her getting started. Being able to train in the best environment and obtained so much resources, it would be a lie to say that she was not jealous.

But Victoria was unwilling to back down and give up.

She also wanted to get stronger!

So she practiced hard.

But fate seemed to play a joke on her because her strength increase was very limited and there was not much that she could do.

Until the demonic magician path's came to the picture.

With this method, there would not be a problem for her to become stronger.

Perhaps, it would be impossible for her to become the strongest like those pioneers who had opened up the path in the beginning.

But it would be more than enough for her to rival other people who followed the ordinary paths.

Even Amelia was almost killed in her hand.

"If I want to continue on this path, I have to abandon all emotions. And this also meant that I can't have any other connection or bonds with anyone." Victoria pursed her lips.

If she truly wanted to kill everyone whom she knew in the past, that would also include Samuel whom she definitely couldn't touch. This cousin of hers was definitely not an opponent that she could match.

But there was no need for her to completely cut off the connection with the outside world.

Right now, the improvement of strength had already soared.

As long as she made a good use of this time, it would be more than enough for her to overtake Amelia and those others who were so lucky that it could easily make others feel jealous.

'I'll rise to the top... even if it meant that I have to kill all of you.'

Victoria's eyes shone with great determination.

She will stand on the top, no matter what.

And no one shall stand in front of her. If there was anyone who wanted to stop her, then she will kill them.

Swish!

Traveling outside, Victoria made her way to City J.

The best place for her to improve herself should be in the place where there was someone who could possibly give her guidance.

And it was also the only place where demonic magician could live freely.

After all, the leader of the city herself was also a demonic magician.

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Peter had just finished cleaning up a batch of magic beasts and read the news brought by Mr. Zachary.

"So the demonic magician had already started to make their move." Peter was not surprised when he heard that Dina Added had somehow made a website and let it be accessed by a lot of people.

He guessed that there should be powerful hacker beside Dina who chose to help her for one reason or another.

"Mr. Peter. Right now, many people are anxious about this matter." Governor Zachary looked at Peter, who was so relaxed, helplessly.

They hoped to ask Samuel for help but that man hadn't returned yet.

So they could only try their luck and came to Peter.

But...

"What can I do?" Peter shook his head. "As long as the method is announced, I'm sure that there will be more and more people who will walk on this path in the future. Because it has low threshold and many people in our current era didn't want to work hard but want the result...."

Governor Zachary: "..."

While it's true, do you need to say it so blatantly?

Peter coughed when he saw Governor Zachary's look.