

Last Days 471

Chapter 471: I'm not Strong Enough

Stephen walked into the house and saw his cousins and sisters talking with a few other people. He arched his eyebrows slightly and glanced at his grandfather imperceptibly.

Even though the world had changed, the thing that would never change was the need for people to communicate with each other. If they have enough connection and power, they would be able to arrange their lives better.

This was something that Stephen knew.

But seeing his sister being uncomfortable yet still had to force a smile on her face, Stephen felt annoyed.

"Sophia, come with me for a while," Stephen called out.

Sophia, who was really trying her best not to do anything unnecessary, quickly stood up when her brother called for her.

"Excuse me."

Walking out of the living room, Sophia took a deep breath. She's playful by nature and having to restrain herself when entertaining guests was really torturing for her. But if she were to make trouble, her grandfather would definitely punish her.

It was annoying.

"Thank you, Brother."

"You can refuse Grandfather if you don't want to," Stephen said slowly.

"Refuse?" Sophia shook her head. "Grandfather's majesty is not to be violated in the Carson Family. I think some of our uncles and aunts have already shown us what would happen if we dare to go against him."

Old Master Carson held the highest control of power in the Carson Family.

So even if their uncles and aunts were scheming against each other, they would never dare to point it towards their father (uncle). Because they knew that the moment they dared to scheme against him, they would never end well.

There were already more than enough evidences in the past.

As part of the younger generation, Sophia and Stephen didn't see much.

But it was enough.

They knew that their grandfather had a lot of control in the Carson Family.

"Try to negotiate with him. You're not just the useless young miss of the Carson Family... you're a beast master, Sophia," Stephen said slowly.

In the past, he knew that Sophia didn't have much talent for study and she herself didn't like it. The only thing that she liked was playing with her pets and with him and their father's ability, there was no problem for them to provide for her and let her live a good life.

The Carson Family was big and there was no need to use every single daughter as chess pieces for marriage.

Old Master Carson had already retired and didn't take care most of the businesses either.

But now, it's different.

The earthquake and magic beasts had killed some of the Carson Family members. And after they came to City A Base, their power was not the strongest and they had to rebuild everything.

Because of this, Old Master Carson started to set his eyes on every descendants available.

Sophia was included.

"I'm not strong enough," Sophia whispered in a low voice.

She always felt that it was enough for her to live a comfortable life with her father and brother protecting her.

But now...

She felt much more uncomfortable.

Sophia had already increased her training after Victoria's incident and now...

Sophia wished that she could train all day long.

woof

Inside her beast space, Melly barked. Only Sophia could see her and seeing Melly looking at her worriedly, Sophia's expression softened.

"Don't worry, Brother. I will be fine." Sophia gave a reassuring smile to her brother.

Stephen looked at his sister deeply for a while before nodding. "Alright. I'll be here if you need my help."

"Yes, Brother."

After a few more seconds of resting, Sophia walked inside again.

Stephen watched his sister's back and there was a gloom in his eyes. He knew very well what kind of person his grandfather is because he had been dealing with the other party for so many years.

If one wanted to stay in the Carson Family and had the power to negotiate something with him, they had to show him enough 'value.'

This is the only way for them to have the right to 'speak.'

"I'll get stronger too... don't worry, Sophia."

For his family and for himself, he had to become stronger. Thinking about this, Stephen made his way to the Jones Family Residence.

He wanted to talk with Samuel.

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Riya headed back to the Jones Family Residence and saw that Samuel had returned.

"Samuel," Riya called out. "Have you finished with your work?"

They left for a month in that crack and Samuel had already finished his work?

He's so fast!

Samuel chuckled. "Most of things are handled by my father and he's doing a good job. I'm here because the government asked me to ask some things from you."

"Ah..."

Riya thought about the government and nodded with a wry smile. It seemed that she would have to work again after returning.

There's simply no break for her.

"They're asking for the meditation technique and had prepared the magic cores, but they asked to pay in installment," Samuel said.

Riya nodded. "It's fine."

Considering the government's current strength, Riya was more surprised that they dared to exchange it right away. After all, there were many things that required these resources.

"Also, they wanted to exchange for the weapon you showed..."

"Oh, I can't tell you the runes, but I can sell some of them..."

In the end, Samuel and Riya discussed about many things that the government asked and in exchange, Riya got a lot of resources. One of them was a few hundred tons of magic beasts' meat.

Seeing so many magic beast's corpses in the warehouse, Riya guessed that they have been sending it in the past month continuously.

"Many of these magic beasts' corpse can't be eaten." Samuel saw the races of these magic beasts and recognized them.

"They're either poisonous or didn't even have meat." Riya looked at the skeleton like magic beasts and shook her head. "But it's fine for me. I don't need them to eat."

Chapter 472: Request

Samuel chuckled when he heard Riya's words. "I don't think that you're using them to eat either. After all, you don't even eat the rank 6 magic beasts' meat that much when we're in the crack."

"I already eat enough!" Riya complained.

"That's a bit too little."

"That's only based on your standard because you eat too much." Riya pursed her lips and glared at Samuel accusingly.

Samuel raised his hand in defeat with a grin on his face.

It was clear that he was only teasing her.

"Also, next time we enter the crack, let's bring a lot of condiment," Riya added.

"Oh? My cooking is not good enough?"

"No."

"Ouch, my heart hurts if you say it so blatantly~."

"Tsk, how could it be hurt when you're smiling so much?"

When Stephen came to the Jones Family Residence, what he saw was the two people bickering.

After staying in the crack together for almost a month, the two of them had stopped being polite with each other. Anyway, they kept being chased by magic beasts and were on the verge of death countless times.

The two of them were so tired that they didn't bother being so formal with each other anymore.

Anyway, it was not important.

Now, it could be said that the two of them were more casual to each other.

"Stephen, is there any problem?" Samuel asked.

"I would like to ask for your help to train me," Stephen said solemnly.

Train?

Samuel looked at Stephen and wondered where this man got stimulated. His sister had just been stimulated some time ago and now it's Stephen's turn?

But after a while, he tossed the thoughts away from his mind.

It's not important to know where he got stimulated. If his friends could become stronger, it would be a good thing for Samuel.

"Your element is...?" Samuel asked. He didn't remember Stephen's element and had to ask him again.

"...I don't know."

Samuel: "..."

The two of them turned to look at Riya.

Riya silently took out a paper and draw runes on top of it before handing it to Stephen. For some reasons, Riya had the feeling that she had become these two people's assistant.

Stephen took the paper and infused his mana inside.

When Samuel taught them the meditation technique, he didn't test all of their elements. But if their elements coincide with one of his four elements, he would tell them their elements.

Otherwise, they would have to wait until there was someone who could help them test it.

"Riya, do you think that you can also share this testing runes for the government?" Samuel suddenly asked.

He had just remembered that most of them didn't know their elements at all and could only rely on probing. But Riya's runes were very convenient.

"I'll write the records," Riya said calmly.

Anyway, she had taught many things for the government that it didn't matter if she added one or two more. This rune was also useless aside from detecting one's element.

"Good."

Stephen looked at these two people and then looked at the paper in his hand.

"This...?"

"You have wood and water element," Riya said after she looked at it. She blinked her eyes because these two elements were very suitable for farmer instead of fighting. After all, with these two elements, they could make sure that the plants would grow well.

"Wood and water?" Stephen was stunned.

He turned to look at Samuel.

"Don't look at me, I don't know any magic spells of these two elements." Samuel quickly waved his hand.

He only has four elements and these two elements were not included among them. Even if he wanted to help Stephen, he's incapable.

Stephen could only turn to look at Riya.

Riya: "..."

"I do know some magic spells, but it's only low rank. For higher ranked magic spells, you have to either go to the Magic Association or ask others... besides, do you know that a magic warrior and magician's spells are different?" Riya asked again helplessly.

She had already explained this before, but she forgot whom she explained it to.

In any case, the magic spells used by magicians required more mana while the magic spells used by magic warriors were supplemented by aura to achieve their greatest strength. Because of this, it was hard for magic warriors to learn magician's spell and vice versa.

It was not suitable for them.

"Then, I'll be a magician," Stephen said decisively.

Riya: "..."

She simply looked at Samuel.

"I'll give you the meditation technique later." Samuel chuckled. "For the follow up meditation technique, you can ask Riya in the future but it won't be for free."

"Yes!" Stephen smiled brightly. "About the magic spells?"

"I'll teach you two magic spells." Riya sighed and gave up. It seemed that she will have to become a teacher for two people.

Of course, one learn runes and the other only learn magic spells.

But then again, Riya didn't know much about magic spells. She only knew a few of them, though. She raised her hand and then pointed to the lawn in front of them.

"I am the woods, the pillar of growth. Let the wood grow even more vigorously and entangle the enemy in front of me, tangled roots."

Rustle!

The ground broke out and tree roots started to come out just like worm wiggling around. It moved and then entangled the rock not far from the roots.

Crack!

The roots tightened and the supposedly hard rock crumbled under it.

"This is a control magic?" Samuel asked with stunned look.

Does control magic so strong?

"Depending on how much mana you give out, the stronger the roots will be," Riya explained. "Of course, in the beginning, you wouldn't be able to control it."

Stephen nodded, his eyes were shining.

If he could learn this magic spell, then he would be able to protect himself better.

"Oh right, Sophia is also learning this magic spells, so you can learn together if you have time."

Stephen: "..."

So my sister can learn directly but I have to ask first?

Chapter 473: Teaching

The privilege of having Riya as best friend was really evident.

Stephen sighed but didn't care too much about it. Anyway, that is his sister. If his sister could grow stronger, it'll be good.

"The other one is water element." Riya stretched her palm and then started chanting, "Flowing water come forth, gentle and tough. Give me your protection, oh water. Water Shield."

Splash!

Water came out from her palm and then extended in front of her to form a water shield. It was partially transparent and they could see the other side, but it was not very clear.

The magic spell for these two spells were not that embarrassing either and among the few that Riya could stand chanting. But then again, there was no way they would make such embarrassing lines when they were in that world.

They also needed face!

But in this world, Riya didn't know how much face the magic association's magician had left. Because there were already many videos circulating about their embarrassing chant magic spells.

Riya herself didn't dare to watch.

She was afraid that she would laugh or hurt her eyes because of the scene that they might presented.

"This shield is not very strong, so you might want to make sure that you're not facing too powerful opponent," Riya explained.

Stephen nodded. "I understand."

Samuel looked at the shield in front of Riya curiously and patted the surface. It still looked like a normal water and didn't seem to be that strong.

"Can this shield really protect you?"

Riya watched as Samuel easily pierced through the shield and fell into silence.

"Samuel, this is a low ranked magic spell! Don't compare it with your gorilla strength!"

"Hey, hey, even gorilla is not as strong as me, right?"

"That's your point?"

The two people bickered again and Stephen looked at these two people in silence. He had the feeling that he shouldn't be here but he should be outside.

Even though the content of their conversation was normal, but Stephen had the faint feeling that he was interrupting something.

But he was the one who came here to ask for something.

"Ehem." Stephen coughed. "Can I try?"

Riya and Samuel stopped their bicker and Riya stepped forward. A rune was formed in front of her with a wave of her hand and then she tilted her head. "Your mana is a bit too little, so making a shield would be difficult. If you want to try, you can try the wood one."

Stephen looked at the runes in front of Riya and asked, "This is...?"

"Investigation runes," Riya replied. "When you're encountering enemies or opponents that you don't know, you can investigate their situation with this runes. Of course, there are limitation to what you can

see because powerful magicians or magic warrior or even warrior, had their own way to block the investigation runes."

Stephen had a blank look.

He's just a low ranked magic warrior who wanted to switch to become a magician, how could he know what Riya was talking about?

But Samuel chuckled on the side. "That thing is not very useful when fighting against someone at the same ranks or more powerful."

He had already faced rune masters in that world and saw the investigation runes they used. The sense of probing would come to him and Samuel only needed to utilize mana to block it.

Unless they were far more powerful than him, it was hard for the investigation runes to work.

"There are a lot of limitation." Riya shrugged. "But I can still see a lot of information if I want to."

As a rune master, Riya naturally modified the investigation runes that she used. After all, Riya knew very well that the information that the investigation runes could show was limited.

If she wanted to know more, she had to add some runes.

But at the same time, she had to maintain the stability to make sure that the runes would not fall apart right after she used it.

It was not that difficult for Riya, but she couldn't say for sure about other people.

"I don't think that I need to know the rest." Stephen raised his hand to stop Riya from explaining further.

He didn't have the confidence that he would be able to follow.

"Alright, you just have to mobilize your mana while chanting... you know how to chant magic spells, right?"

"I only know counterattack shield that Samuel taught us."

"That's enough for starters; Remember the feeling when you make the counterattack shield but this time, you mobilize your mana while chanting the magic spells," Riya explained slowly.

She had already explained this once when teaching Sophia and this was nothing more than a repeat of that short class.

Sophia was also very good because she could use the magic spells that Riya taught so quickly.

Stephen nodded and stretched his hand forward as he chanted, "I am the woods, the pillar of growth. Let the wood grow even more vigorously and entangle the enemy in front of me, tangled roots."

And...

Nothing happened.

Riya looked at Stephen's bottomed mana and fell into silence. "It seems that while your mana amount is enough to cast the spell once, your mana mobilization is too crude and a lot of mana is wasted."

Through the investigation runes in front of her, Riya noticed all of Stephen's mistake and the reason why the casting failed.

After that, Riya explained a few more things to Stephen and let him practice at home.

There was no way Stephen could recover his mana quickly.

It would be better for him to go back and practice again later when his mana had recovered.

Stephen was listening carefully while Samuel was watching Riya. He could tell that Riya was earnestly telling Stephen his mistakes and so on. As long as he followed Riya's advice, he only needed to practice a bit before he could cast the magic spell.

A smile formed on the corner of Samuel's lips.

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After Riya finished her explanation, Stephen stood still.

"Yes?"

"Can I learn more?"

"...No."

Kick!

The next moment, Samuel kicked Stephen out of the Jones Family Residence. "Go back and learn what you have been taught first!"

"Tsk, you stingy Samuel."

"If you dare to repeat it, say it in front of my face."

Swish!

Stephen ran back to the Carson Family Residence without hesitation. He only dared to provoke Samuel once and after that he had to cower back. After all, he didn't want to die yet.

Samuel rolled his eyes when he saw Stephen had gone back.

That man was really asking for a beating.

"I thought that you will have more knowledge reserve as the young master in that family," Riya commented.

She really thought this way because Samuel was famous. Moreover, the family behind him couldn't be said to be simple either.

In that world, Samuel has a great advantage compared to ordinary magicians and others who came from ordinary family. His starting point might be the goal that countless people could never achieve in their entire life.

If Samuel wanted to, he could easily learn other magic spells instead of just the one he learned.

After all, their memory had been strengthened and it would not be a problem to read a few more.

"I don't learn other element magic spells. And you should know very well that my family is famous for their fire and lightning attack. I don't have much interest in other magic spells, so I didn't bother to learn the specific chants but I still know the basics enough to counter them when fighting." Samuel spread his hands and smiled. "Why do you think that I focus on these two elements?"

Right...

Samuel's attacks were really fierce.

If he was adding the fire and lightning element, it could even cause explosion. And if he chose the wind element instead, it would be very sharp.

"I think you focus on lightning and wind," Riya said.

"I like it more, yes." Samuel nodded in agreement. He walked back into the house and then said, "Did Ruben come to you to learn runes again?"

"Not yet, maybe later."

"He's still working right now."

"Did you give him more work?" Riya passed a look at Samuel.

"Not me, it's my father."

"Isn't he your assistant?"

"He's also working for City A Base."

Riya nodded thoughtfully. It seemed that Ruben was actually quite busy. Despite that, he still tried his best to make sure that he was learning the runes properly. After all, Riya would scold him if he didn't make any progress.

Samuel saw Riya's thoughtful look and chuckled. "It seems that you have truly treated yourself as their teacher."

Riya glanced at Samuel and said, "I have promised to be his teacher, so of course I'll do my best to make sure that he will not lag behind his progress. I might not be the best teacher, but at the very least, I have to keep my word."

In that world, Riya had never taught anyone.

After all, she was too busy learning and practicing. She compressed her time so much so that she could learn many things at the fastest speed possible.

Because it was not so easy for her to get the chance to learn.

Samuel looked at Riya's serious look and smiled. Perhaps, this is one of the good things about Riya. She's someone who keep her words and will not lie so easily even if it was difficult to achieve.

Moreover, Riya didn't came from a famous family like him.

The reason why Samuel was so sure of this was because of Riya's remarks and their daily interaction before. He could see that Riya's knowledge was fragmented and there were some common knowledge that she missed.

But if one were to talk about various professional knowledge, especially about runes, then Riya would be able to give lecture for more than 24 hours.

The gap was really big.

And...

"Did you learn how to make time and space related formation?" Samuel suddenly asked.

Riya arched her eyebrows and smiled faintly. "Why do you think that I make that kind of formation, Samuel?"

Samuel heard her way of addressing him and chuckled. "Because I found that you have vast knowledge... A large amount of knowledge that should have been impossible to learn unless you spend years to learn."

There were so many runes for Riya to memorize and explore.

Even though Samuel had heard of Riya's achievement of learning runes in such a short period of time, he still felt that there was something missing.

"People with high talent for runes would be able to remember it after seeing it once," Riya said calmly. "But it's also true that the combination and variation of the runes are not that easy to learn in a short period of time."

Samuel narrowed his eyes. "How many runes can you make?"

"Depends... if you're talking about the basic runes then I'll say all the available runes. If you're talking about the combination runes... um, probably a million?" Riya answered while tilting her head. "There are too many combinations that I basically don't count them anymore."

Samuel: "..."

He silently looked at Riya's head and wondered how so much knowledge could be stored within her brain.

Even though he himself also knew many things about magic warriors, but the knowledge that he had in his hand was definitely far from comparable to Riya.

Seeing Samuel's look, Riya chuckled and took a step back. Her eyes were staring straight in Samuel's direction with playful light within them. "Do you really think it's impossible to achieve? Between magicians and warriors, you should know that a magician has a much better memory."

"That doesn't mean..."

"And aside from memory, we have better mental strength, which enabled us to do mental calculation thousands times faster than warrior."

Mental calculation?

When Samuel heard this, he understood what Riya wanted to tell him instantly.

Chapter 475: A Better Future

"Are you saying that runes are similar to maths?" Samuel asked.

"In a way, yes, it's similar. Because there are rules that you have to follow, angle that you have to remember, and position that you have to calculate." Riya raised her hand and draw a rune in the air calmly.

In just a second, a circle with various runes operating within it was formed in front of Samuel. If one didn't know anything, they would think that Riya was drawing in the air, drawing patterns that one could not understand.

But Samuel knew that this was a complete rune... no, this is a complete formation and not only runes anymore.

He looked at the formation in front of him and fell into silence.

"Are you saying that rune master has to be an expert in geometry?"

Because he felt that the formation in front of him seemed to have the characteristic of... uhm, the shape is good?

Samuel really didn't know how to comment.

Riya laughed out loud when she heard Samuel's words.

"Pfft hahaha! Why don't you say that rune masters have to be art students because of the beautifully drawn runes?"

"That's not impossible." Samuel looked at the runes that Riya drawn and nodded.

Riya couldn't stop laughing and then said, "Well, I just need to calculate how big each of the runes should be. It doesn't have to be geometry but more like calculus."

Samuel nodded thoughtfully.

He had the feeling that if the one standing here is his sister, Amelia, she would want to run away a long time ago.

Because calculus calculation is a bit...

Tiring.

"Anyway, that's all for the basic." Riya waved her hand and erased the formation in front of her. "If you want to know deeper, I have to explain various basic theories and it might not end until night time. Since I have already written the book about it, you can read it yourself if you're interested."

Samuel: "... " no thanks.

There was no need for him to torture himself with those things since he didn't have much talent as a rune master.

"The food should have grown by now, do you want to take a look?" Samuel suddenly remembered something and forcefully changed the conversation. "The formation didn't have the function of automatic harvest?"

"No." Riya rolled her eyes. "If it can be automatic, what's the use of those farmer?"

"Their lives will be easier."

"Don't you already made various vehicles that could achieve the same result?" Riya asked suspiciously. She remembered seeing various machines in the social media that was used to harvest the plants quickly. These things should be enough to take care of their fields, right?

"You're right." Samuel nodded.

In this way, the two of them made their way to the field in City A Base. The areas around it were already being reclaimed once again. After all, what they wanted was to have more food and resources for their lives.

When they no longer needed to worry about food, they could focus on other things.

Riya looked at the field that has turned yellow and the corner of her lips curled up. "It's ripe."

"That area has already started harvesting." Samuel pointed at one side.

Riya saw the large tractor like car and nodded. The driver only needed to drive and the plants would be harvested with the machine in front of it.

It would be very convenient for them to harvest the food.

"Are other places are also like this?" Riya suddenly asked.

She remembered City B Base where the people were working hard just to get some food.

She might not be the most compassionated person in the world, but it still feel uncomfortable to see them all suffering like that.

It was also because of this that Riya wanted to donate some food.

She didn't need these foods but there were many other people in the world who needed them. Of course, she had no obligation to do so and only hoped that it could help a little bit without affecting her.

Because she's also a selfish person.

"The other bases have already received the formation and started to use it, but the number of the formation is limited," Samuel replied and then looked at Riya. "The core of the formation can only be made with you and they hope that you can finish 100 more soon."

Riya blinked her eyes and then frowned. "They have already trained enough rune master to build the formation?"

The formation used for the fences were not that simple to replicate.

Unless they managed to reach rank 1 as rune master, it would be difficult for them to replicate it.

Samuel nodded. "They said that they have some talented rune masters... well, but the success rate is still a bit low. It's just that it has been a month, so they have made enough for the capital city and wanted to start distributing to other bases."

"I see." Riya smiled faintly.

With more rune masters in the Green Planet, her work will be lesser, right?

Thinking about it, Riya felt a bit happier.

But before that, it seemed that she has to work hard for a period of time. There were still many things to do.

The two of them stood there and watched the people harvested the food happily. Now that City A Base could already produce food on their own, they didn't have to worry about the people starving to death.

This is a good thing.

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Time flowed like water.

The temperature drop was not as fast as they thought in the beginning but it happened slowly. It took nearly half a year for the temperature to drop below zero and at this time, most people had already adapted to the changes of temperature.

Even though it was not the most comfortable thing, but with more and more people training, they were already far stronger than before. Coupled with the talisman that was spread out, most people were not that afraid of the temperature changes anymore.

Chapter 476: Time Skip

In the past few months, various industries had been revitalized and City A Base had already covered half of the previous City A plus some open area outside of City A. Those open area were all opened to make farm.

The cold temperature made it impossible for them to farm normally.

But under the protection of Riya's formation, it could be said that everyone was doing very well and the plants were growing rapidly.

Looking at it this way, they all felt that the best harvest season is definitely the past few months.

They have made harvest three times and as the result, City A Base had too much food. They exported the food to other cities in exchange for various other supplies and so on.

When Mr. Jones talked about this, he has always been full of laugh.

City A Base was getting better and better.

And it's under his rule!

Well, technically it was his son who's the leader of City A Base, but Samuel was more like the leader in name because this man was so busy practicing that he barely had time to manage the base.

So Mr. Jones is basically the leader.

The higher ups all knew about this and they said nothing.

Speaking about the higher ups, Continent Z could be said to be recovering well in the past half a year. The areas that were originally unreachable have been contacted one by one and there was a base established. In this way, there were more than 100 bases in total in Continent Z.

Aside from some cities that had to be abandoned, there will definitely be a base in every former city in Continent Z.

This was their arrangement.

Everything was going well and the cold temperature was no longer a big problem for them. The various magic scrolls have circulated all over Continent Z and it was said that Continent W and Continent Y also paid attention to them.

They wanted these methods for themselves.

But so far, the higher ups were not willing to disclose the methods and only circulated it within their place.

The alchemist in Continent W, Jonas Nolan, was asked about this but he couldn't answer. Because he's not a rune master at all. However, he himself had made various type of potions that made the eyes of many people green in envy.

It could be said that these auxiliary professions were still very useful.

As for Continent Y... it could be said that they have not heard about anyone with auxiliary profession from their side. It seemed that the forging master hasn't been found but some people with decent fighting capabilities could be found.

In this way, each continent has their own way to cope up with the situation.

Oh, the last continent, Continent X, the news was a bit delayed because this continents were composed of hundreds of islands of various sizes. Thanks to that, they only knew that some islands were very miserable.

It was unknown whether they would be able to cope up with the other three continents.

At this point, almost all of the returnees have been found.

Even though every continent would put their identities a secret, but some of the famous ones were still leaked out.

For example, Peter who kept on making noises.

The higher ups didn't understand why Peter really like to challenge other people and fought so many magic beasts in full view in front of many people. But thanks to his action in the past few months, there were basically no one who didn't know that there's a powerful pure warrior named Peter.

Samuel himself was quite famous but only locally. He didn't travel far away from City A Base and his fight were mostly inside the crack.

In this way, not many people knew about her.

Dina Alden...

She was famous in her own way because she asked her hacker friend to hack into the network in the other continents. This allowed people to know her name before the website was shut down by these people.

Because they knew that the more people who became the demonic magicians, the stronger Dina would be.

Seeing that her ploy failed, Dina didn't care.

Those who practiced had already reached four digits and it was still increasing. Dina had already tasted the sweetness from taking the power from those who died and waiting for more.

But she would not kill them intentionally.

There was truly no need for that.

Those who practiced the demonic magician's way was destined to not be able to live for long. So rather than making her hand more dirty, it would be better to wait for their time to be up.

As for those who wanted to attack her because they felt that she deceived them?

Sorry, they couldn't beat her.

There were many people who paid a visit to Dina all these years and without exception, each and every single one of them were killed easily by Dina. She has reached the peak of rank 5 and was about to reach rank 6.

These little guys were only at rank 2 and at best rank 3.

How could they possibly beat her?

It's impossible.

Ruth was also nearby and her progress made Dina's eyes round. She saw for herself the speed of a genius was really ridiculous. Even though Dina knew that Ruth often went to hunt magic beasts on her own, but when she saw Ruth was able to keep up with her pace and even showed that she was about to surpass her....

Dina felt somewhat unbalanced.

This seemed to be outside the script that she was writing.

But even though Dina was annoyed by Ruth, the two women were still keeping the somewhat 'harmonious' relationship on the surface.

It seemed that the two of them didn't have any problem or anything like that.

The government was also trying to balance their relationship while madly trying to catch up with their training. By now, there were already some people who reached rank 4, but they were still far away from rank 5.

Chapter 477: Time Skip (2)

It could be said that trying to catch up with these returnees felt like a desperate act.

Because once they reached rank 4, they realized belatedly that their progress became slower and slower. It was so slow that many of them felt that it would take decades to reach the next rank.

No wonder that Dina even resorted to use that kind of method.

If she didn't, she would not be able to reach the peak of rank 5.

The two women also paid a visit to the crack a few times but only for a short period of time.

It was totally incomparable to Samuel and Riya who often went in and harvested a large amount of magic beasts. Because of these two's action that seemed like suicidal acts in the eyes of others, the two of them had long reached rank 6.

It could be said that the two of them were definitely the few with the fastest progress in Continent Z among the returnees.

They were simply training madman.

At least, in the eyes of others, it was that way.

City A Base was progressing well, so both Samuel and Riya didn't think that it was necessary for them to pay that much attention to it anymore. Mr. Jones and the others could take care of it and the two of them only needed to focus on other things.

It was worth mentioning that Sean was truly cultivated by Mr. Jones to learn business management strictly that he nearly cried.

For more than half a year, Sean has been staring at the various books that his father gave him and wanted to rebel directly.

Why did he become the successor all of the sudden?

Shouldn't it be his brother?

Sean felt that his father was really unreliable.

But under his father's oppressive power and his brother's encouragement, Sean had no other choice but to start learning. Thankfully, he still has his girlfriend to accompany him from time to time.

Otherwise, Sean felt that he really wanted to quit directly!

As for Amelia, she was busy training.

After the incident with Victoria, it could be said that Amelia had strange obsession with training and would definitely spend hours to train every single day. It was to the point that people were wondering whether she had changed person or not.

Thankfully after a few months, Amelia stopped the crazy training mode because she herself couldn't stand it.

"Do you think that if I train hard every single day, it's possible for me to be more powerful than you, Riya?" Amelia once asked after she was thoroughly exhausted.

Riya looked at Amelia and blinked her eyes. With Amelia's talent and her hard training in the past few months, Amelia's progress was by no means small. At this moment, Amelia was already at the peak of rank 3 and the only one who was better than her aside from Samuel and Riya was only Arnold.

That man had reached rank 4 some time ago.

"With your talent, you can slowly catch up. But is it really what you want?" Riya asked quietly.

Amelia pursed her lips and then looked at her hand. "I want to beat her up."

At this moment, beating Victoria has become Amelia's obsession.

After leaving City A Base, Victoria's name could be heard from time to time because she made a lot of noises. Cultivating as the demonic magician, Victoria was able to become stronger quickly.

She was using the blood of her opponents to promote herself, promoting herself to rank 3 at rapid speed.

Moreover, she didn't only target magic beasts but also other magic warriors and magicians whom she met. It could be said that Victoria almost offended everyone whom she could offend in order to advance her practice.

As for how she managed to run away, Amelia didn't know.

But it could be said that Victoria has been in various life and death's battle, which made Amelia also came out to challenge a lot of magic beasts from day to day.

With her talent, she managed to keep up with Victoria's pace.

And the price they had to pay is different.

Victoria had to keep paying with her life and it was unknown how many years were left for her to live.

With her training speed and crazy method, it was estimated that she had lost decades of her life.

While Amelia could still have a long future ahead of her with her own training methods that only helped her to practice hard but didn't hurt her foundation.

This was the difference between the two of them.

"I know." Riya also wanted to beat Victoria up. But she didn't want to go out to other cities to find Victoria specifically. After all, it was really tiring to chase after someone who has been hiding all the time.

She's lazy.

And she has other things to do.

"Is she going to be faster than me because of the technique?" Amelia asked quietly.

Riya arched her eyebrows and chuckled. "These are things that she will definitely receive because she has paid the price to obtain it. Do you really want to follow the same path as her and lose your life in the process?"

Amelia was silent and then shook her head. "No."

She wanted to live a long life. She wanted to spend her future with Arnold and then enjoyed this life.

Even if the world had changed, it would not change her dream in the slightest bit.

She still wanted to be the young miss who didn't have to worry about anything in her life and could enjoy her life to the fullest.

But the basis for this was for her to have enough strength to protect herself.

Otherwise, everything would be nothing more than pipe dream.

Amelia realized this well.

"Don't worry and take your time. As long as you practice hard, with the resources you obtain, it won't be hard to get stronger."

Chapter 478: Time Skip (3)

That was a few months prior and right now, Amelia had reached rank 4.

Even Sean looked at his sister with disbelief.

Because he was two small ranks lower than his sister and the gap was getting bigger and bigger. When he came to Samuel asking if he could beat his sister, Samuel told him clearly that it's impossible.

Amelia's talent is better than him and she trained harder than him...

Unless he experienced some kind of miracles, it would be impossible for him to surpass his sister.

Sean was desperate.

So he went back to train with his father.

He couldn't be more powerful than his older brother and sister, but he could become the manager of City A Base in the future, right?

In a way, this was actually a good thing.

The others were also training madly and they were all already at rank 3. Even Sophia, who was really lazy before, had already started training hard and somehow managed to reach rank 3.

As for Melly, she was a proper magic beast at the peak of rank 4.

With her protecting Sophia, there was no way that Sophia could get hurt.

And Sophia has a second magic beast, which was a flying lightning bird. Riya caught it and handed it over to Sophia under the other party's request when she advanced to rank 2.

Her reasoning was just one, she wanted a magic beast that could attack.

Melly is going to be a defensive magic beast, so she wanted a magic beast that could help her to attack and defeat her opponent. But this magic beast had to have different element and couldn't be too expensive to raise.

Amelia complained when she heard Sophia's words. "Aren't you asking so much for your second magic beast?"

"Well... That's what I need right now," Sophia said with embarrassment.

"Don't worry, I know a perfect magic beast for that." Riya chuckled when she heard Sophia's words and then went out to hunt for magic beast.

The next day, she came back with a rank 2 thunder bird magic beast. The magic beast was a bit small and didn't have to eat that much but its favorite was definitely lightning element magic core.

"This thunder bird can attack and the attack is very fierce. As long as your opponent is not immune to lightning element, you can basically defeat them easily," Riya explained. "And this thunder bird is relatively small and didn't eat that much. Of course, if you want him to advance faster, you need to feed him more lightning element magic core, but even if you didn't, it's fine."

"This is perfect." Sophia was really happy when she saw the lightning bird on Riya's hand. She felt that Riya is simply the best.

"It's nothing much." Riya chuckled. "Just remember to help me take Mo out from time to time."

"No problem." Sophia agreed directly.

Because Riya and Samuel often went deep into the crack through the teleportation formation that Riya set up, she couldn't really bring Mo with her. Mo's strength at the beginning was really weak and bringing him there would only send him to his own death.

But Mo needed to train.

So Riya simply came to Sophia and let her help to take care of Mo. In exchange, Mo could protect her and she also made a better protective formation for Sophia.

This would protect Sophia in case a magic beast attacked her and Melly failed to defend her.

Sophia is happy.

And taking care of Mo was nothing much for her, so she agreed very happily.

Mo was also happy.

A few months have passed ever since then and now that Sophia had reached rank 3, she planned to come to Riya to ask for suggestion for the third magic beasts. After all, a beast master could contract another beast after they advanced in rank.

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Victoria's side

The fact that Victoria's fame spread out was not concealed.

In fact, Riya had heard about Victoria a lot because she basically didn't hide her deeds. Even though she ran away after each time beating up people or taking other people's lives, but her fame lived on.

It was also because of Victoria's fame that there were many people who knew about her deeds.

And they were afraid of her.

"City J..."

Victoria looked at the city in front of her and pursed her lips.

In the past few weeks, she has been running around and busy killing people and magic beasts altogether. She basically didn't have any taboo because she would do her best to live.

The disadvantage of demonic magicians were exposed.

But Victoria didn't think much about it.

The biggest problem for her was the fact that there were many people who wanted her die just because of her practice.

Swish! Bang!

Seeing that someone had attacked, Victoria looked calm. She saw a person glaring at her with hatred and anger on his face but her face remained indifferent. Raising her hand slightly, blood red magic slashed out and killed him as he tried to get closer once more.

Thud!

The body fell down and Victoria looked at the man who had fallen in front of her indifferently.

After a few weeks of running away, in which there would be assassination to her every few hours, Victoria had gotten used to it. Besides, these people could also become her nourishment to get stronger.

Their magic was not very strong but it would be more than enough for her to train and get stronger.

"Is being a demonic magician such a bad thing?" Victoria chuckled when she saw these people.

For her, her life has always been a life and death's battle.

Facing so many people who wanted her life, Victoria felt that things would always remain this way and nothing would ever change. But she didn't care that much.

Life has always been this difficult.

But if she could make her mark in this life... isn't it all worth it?

Chapter 479: Victoria's Path

Walking towards City J Base, Victoria was thinking about the few people who have contact with her in the past.

There were many paths of a demonic path and the path that Victoria took was a path of indifference and ruthlessness. For one to truly walk down this path to the every end, they were not allowed to have any feelings in the slightest bit.

"I still have to kill you all..." Victoria murmured in a low voice.

She hadn't quit their chat group but their chat group was basically silent in the past few months. This was because it was impossible to contact each other there anymore.

But kicking Victoria out?

They didn't want to do it either.

So it was silent.

But from their chats in the past, Victoria also knew that Claire was in the east's area of Continent Z. It was in the opposite direction of City J Base's direction from City A Base.

So it was basically impossible for Victoria to look for the other party.

There were also many other classmates and others whom Victoria had contacted in the past. But none of them were as close as these five people in the group.

So if she truly wanted to walk on this path...

Only these five people could not be allowed to live.

It's cruel and ruthless.

But this is the path that she had taken.

She had to be alone and remained indifferent for her entire life. Only in this way would it be possible for her to survive and reach the highest point.

Tep.

"Stop, this is City J Base. You need identification to enter the base," the guards stopped Victoria when she wanted to enter.

City J Base was not as popular as other bases, so there were not many people queuing to enter the base. The main reason was because there were a lot of demonic magicians in City J Base. After all, even the leader herself was a demonic magician.

This made ordinary people fearful and didn't dare to enter City J Base in the slightest bit.

They would rather go to other city bases even if it was further away from theirs.

Because if they stayed here, who knew if they would suddenly be killed by these demonic magicians who wanted their heart.

People were trembling.

But seriously, they were overestimating these demonic magicians.

No demonic magicians would cause massacre of ordinary people.

Because there was no benefit for them.

Think about it clearly. People would do something because there was something to be gained from their action. If they could not get anything, why would they still continue to do it?

Unless they were stupid, they would not do it.

So these people were really stupid.

Unless they were magicians or magic warriors, then these demonic magicians would be too lazy to pay attention to them.

"Here," Victoria said and showed her ID.

She still kept her ID and Victoria was not that afraid of letting other people know that she is a demonic magician. In fact, after her action in City A Base, it would be stranger if people didn't know that she is a demonic magician, so Victoria felt that it would be better for her to just come clean.

Anyway, Victoria didn't know where they could make fake ID outside right now.

Each bases were controlled and along the way, she had passed a few city bases. Each and every single one of them required documentation or at least something that could prove their identity.

If there was none, they couldn't even enter.

And outside these bases, the situation was like wastelands with many magic beasts destroying here and there. How could it be possible for them to think about making a business of creating fake ID?

It was estimated that they would be trampled to death by these magic beasts first.

Because these magic beasts were getting stronger and it would be hard to suppress them with the weapons they used to have.

Even hot weapons might not work.

"Victoria... Jones?" The guard saw the documentation and after seeing that this person is another demonic magician, he nodded and handed the ID card back.

"You can enter the city, but if you want a place to stay, you need to work to earn the contribution point of City J Base."

"Yes, I know."

Every city base has their local contribution point. For this matter, Continent Z said that they were also helpless.

The standard of life in each city base was different and it was difficult for them to arrange the universal contribution point. Even though this matter has been put into planning, it was estimated that they would need a few more months before it could be implemented.

Besides, traveling between city bases were still impossible.

The road was not safe enough with so many magic beasts roaming around.

After taking the card back, Victoria walked into City J Base and quickly inquired about various matters.

It didn't take long for her to know that there were also people who sold out the methods for the advance cultivation for the demonic magicians.

"This method is free?" Victoria was stunned when she saw the text written on the board in City J Base.

Does the person who made the training method for Demonic Magician stupid?

This kind of thing that could be used to promote a lot of demonic magicians through their ranks were given out for free.

Doesn't it mean that there will be a lot of demonic magicians?

"There's no point in keeping it a secret. Besides, unless you can reach rank 7, you're basically not a match for Dina," a man who was sitting leisurely beside the announcement board said to Victoria lazily.

Not a match for Dina?

Victoria knew this Dina because she didn't hide her identity when she spread out the demonic magician's method. The website had also appeared a few times in the past few weeks but it was taken down as quickly as it appeared.

Well, the government were working on this matter.

"Can you help me understand the reason?"

Chapter 480: Victoria's Path (2)

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The man glanced at Victoria and chuckled. "Demonic magicians are a path that basically took over other people's practice for themselves. Since that was the case, those who made this practice will definitely left a backhand to let them control us... This is not a secret that Dina can take our lives if she wanted to and when we die, our power will be given to her."

It's not a secret?

How come she didn't know?

Victoria looked confused and saw that the man was taking out a pouch of wine. From the way it looked like, he was a drunkard who was staying beside the announcement board for some reason...

Well, he looked like a beggar if she had to say.

"Where do you know these things?"

"Almost everyone in City J Base knows this thing. There's a local forum for the people in City J Base to discuss about this matter," the man explained and then drank the wine in his hand. "And for every demonic magicians, there's basically no future for them to speak of."

No future...

Victoria pursed her lips but she still took out her phones to check it out.

To be honest, when she found out about the demonic magicians' method, she had long guessed that there had to be a price to pay. But at that time, she didn't care too much about it.

Because she knew very well that if she were to follow the ordinary path, it would be impossible for her to reach this point.

With her talent and qualification, how could it be possible for her to become powerful?

It's impossible.

And this was something that Victoria herself had known very well.

So there were only a few choices that she has in life.

One, live an ordinary life, be ordinary for the rest of her life. Through choosing this life path, Victoria knew very well that she might have a chance to a comfortable and good life, but it would be impossible for her to make a name for herself.

Secondly, took a drastic method and abandon anything about being ordinary. But there will definitely be prices for her to pay to pick this method.

Either her life would be short, life would be full of danger, or anything else.

No matter what, it would be impossible for her to become stronger quickly nor making a name for herself...

But...

'Does living an ordinary life, being forgotten in the river of history is what I want?'

This was something that Victoria herself didn't know whether she should do it or not.

Living only for the sake of living and then waiting for themselves to die.

Is there any point for this?

Many times, Victoria was questioning her own life and whether she wanted to continue this kind of life. It all seemed so pointless that she felt her life was useless.

Isn't it better to die early and be liberated from this kind of life?

That was what Victoria thought.

Because the more she lived and the more she faced with things in her life, the more she felt that she was living just for the sake of suffering.

Her parents kept on coming to provoke her and her sister kept on making trouble for her.

It was to the point that Victoria felt her patience was getting tested again and again. She didn't even know whether it would be possible for her to survive under their constant urging and attempt to use her life.

Don't they have anything better to do?

Why do they have to come and provoke her again and again?

Victoria had to say that she hated them very much.

So much that she had long wanted to kill them with her own hands. But thinking about the consequences of doing so, Victoria didn't dare to do so.

And time just passed like that.

After the world changed, they still continued to look for her and looked like they wanted to make trouble for her. Victoria had to say that she felt that her patience was constantly tested and challenged with each passing day.

Is there any point in suppressing her anger and hatred?

Is there any point in continuing to live like this?

Is there any point in living?

Victoria was really annoyed.

It would not be the first time that she faced them.

But for the sake of living a quiet life in the past, she had tolerated them and followed their instruction in what she was doing. Because she knew very well that they were controlling many parts of her life and she couldn't live without them.

For so many years, it has always been like that.

Until the world changed.

It had given her a chance to break away from her annoying family members who only knew how to use her and made her life miserable.

It was just...

They were unwilling to let her go.

The only way for her to truly break away from them was if she could have some astounding talent or ability that allowed her to get away. It was because of this that Victoria was getting obsessed with strength.

And her low talent seemed to tell her that everything she wanted was nothing more than pipe dream.

She would never be able to achieve anything.

Everything is worthless.

Victoria really felt despair with each passing day and fed up with everything in this world.

Until the website appeared in front of her.

It seemed to have opened up a completely different path for her.

Even if this path seemed to be a path that lead to an ending for her, not providing her with any future.

But...

What kind of future does she want?

A long and ordinary life?

Or a short but fulfilling life?