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Chapter 481: Victoria's Path (3)

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Victoria made her choice.

To pick the exciting life that many people might abhor her because of it.

But for Victoria, it was simply the best choice for her.

Because she couldn't see any hope or purpose in her life.

Since there was no hope, why not take the most drastic measure and create some meaning for her bleak life?

Isn't it better than waiting for her to die.

Besides, even if the path of demonic magician was to cut off their lifespan for the sake of power, what was one had to be afraid?

Everything had a price.

And every decision has a consequences.

Since she had decided to walk on this path and cut off everyone else from her life, then she would walk onto this path until the very end.

Is there any regret?

Perhaps, there was some but Victoria completely suppressed it. Because she knew that imagining needless thing would not bring her any benefit or anything like that.

By trading the possibility of living a long life to the great power that she could not obtain in her entire life, she would be able to become strong.

For Victoria, it's worth it.

But at the same time, the path of ruthlessness is a path that would make her be alone.

No one else could come into her life and be friend with her.

Because once someone came close to her and affected her life, then she would have to kill the other party to keep her from having her heart wavered.

It's difficult.

Because many people said that people couldn't live by themselves.

But if by staying with other people and communicating with them, her life would be difficult and there would be many burden in her heart, then it would be better to cut it all off.

This is the path that Victoria had chosen.

"Do you still need a future when there's a great possibility you will die in the feet of countless magic beasts every single day?" Victoria whispered in a low voice.

Staying in the bases and being protected by others did grant them chance of survival.

But is that what they wanted?

To live an ordinary life?

Many people might feel that it was good enough. Because they felt that they could see the beauty of life through their daily interactions and so on.

But not Victoria.

She could not see any of that.

All she could see was her miserable situation and the burden in her heart that she had no way to bring out in the slightest bit.

Because of that, the only thing that she could do was to take a step forward and took the initiative to cut off everything.

Cutting off everything that could destroy her life.

Only in this way would it be possible for her to move forward.

Is it ruthless?

Is it extreme?

Is it abominable?

Yes, it is.

Victoria will admit it openly that what she did was not very humane and would definitely garner hatred of countless people.

But at the same time, it is the path that she had chosen and willing to follow until the very end.

Even if this ending meant that she will die because of being counter killed by someone whom she wanted to kill.

It's a dangerous life.

But this is a life that she's more wiling to walk on rather than an ordinary life where she could only wait for others to make her life miserable.

"Hahahaha!" The man laughed out loud when he heard Victoria's words. He looked at Victoria with a bright smile on his face. "It seems that you also know that the world is really hopeless. Even if there's a chance of survival in the future, but it's only for ordinary people."

Ordinary people...

Because ordinary people would be living while being protected and simply handed over their fate to the world.

They had no chance to even try to fight because they had no ability.

To stay among the ordinary, live ordinary, and continue like this until the rest of their lives.

Isn't this how majority of people lived?

Victoria saw them and knew that as well.

But even if these ordinary people have colorful life because of their various life choices, she didn't want to have such life.

"Because if you want to influence the world's direction, you can only walk on the path of the extraordinary, bet on your life and try to walk on the path that no other people dared to walk on," the man said with a smile. "Isn't this what you're also trying to do as a demonic magician?"

Hearing this, Victoria smiled and nodded. "Yes."

She didn't want to be an ordinary person.

What was the point of being an ordinary person who only knew how to eat and wait to die?

They were just living an ordinary life.

Struggling to fulfill their daily needs, eating and drinking for their entire life.

It was not what Victoria wanted.

She hated being ordinary.

She wanted to be extraordinary.

Even if this extraordinary thing would only be for a very short period of time.

"Do you have any other dream to speak of?" The man asked again.

"Dream?" Victoria blinked her eyes and then shook her head. "If anything, I just want to create a spectacular scene and let the world know my name."

This would be the best way for Victoria.

To let the whole world knew about her and walked on an extraordinary path... even if this meant that she had to bet with her life.

Why not?

Isn't it better than remain an unknown person despite had walked on this 'extraordinary' and despicable path?

"Hahahaha!" The man laughed out loud again and then grinned. "If you truly dare to bet your life for it... you can come here."

He took out a paper and handed it to Victoria. On the paper was a map and there was one building specifically marked.

Chapter 482: Victoria's Path (4)

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"This is..." Victoria looked at the map in front of her with some suspicion.

"It's the place where you can achieve your dream," the man said without hesitation and smiled.
"Provided that you dare to do it."

Dream...

Victoria looked at the map in front of her.

To be honest, she didn't actually have any dream whatsoever.

One of the day when she found out about the demonic magician's path, especially this ruthless path, Victoria only felt that it was very suitable for her.

Because she had long wanted to destroy everything.

Everyone whom she used to have contact with, none of them could truly enter her heart. Because everyone was nothing more than annoying people whom she could not care in the slightest bit.

Her parents only wanted her to do their bidding.

Her sister was using her to gain good impression of their parents and to throw her out when there was problem.

Her friends were only there for the sake of her family behind her.

Is there anyone truly worthy of her attention?

Victoria felt that the answer is no.

There's no one.

Since that was the case, why should she not take this chance to practice on this path.

On one side, she could kill these annoying people who were around her and she had hated for a long time.

On another side, she had the chance to get the power that she had longed for a long time.

So...

She did it.

She killed everyone.

What followed was a sense of satisfaction and emptiness because she didn't know what to do for a moment. But she remembered that she still has a cousin who was closed to her, so she didn't hesitate to make a move and rushed over to kill the other party.

Unfortunately, Amelia was too strong.

So strong that it was impossible for her to kill the other party directly.

For the sake of her life, Victoria had to get out and walked out of City A Base.

She killed her way through to City J Base, killing countless magic beasts and people who wanted to take her life.

Simply because she's a demonic magician.

And now that she had come here, Victoria was thinking about figuring out a method to get stronger faster and also to make a name for herself. Because she knew very well that this was the only thing that she could do.

Waiting and cultivating her ability and strength?

Victoria didn't have such patience.

What she wanted was nothing more than to kill and kill more to pave her way upward.

"Heh, why would I not dare?" Victoria asked and then took the paper. She asked, "Who are you, Drunk Man?"

"Me?" The man sipped his drink once more and said, "If I said that the current head of City J Base is my sister, do you believe it?"

A person from the Alden Family?

Victoria had some doubts in her eyes because she knew that with Dina Alden's ability, it would not be difficult for her to provide a good living environment for her family members. However, this man was living like a beggar outside...

This...

Are you sure that you're deceiving her?

Seeing the look on Victoria's eyes, the man only laughed and waved his hand. "It doesn't matter who I am. But you can be rest assured that this place is real and you can go there to take missions... or even trade for better resources."

Victoria chuckled and nodded. "Thanks, Drunk Man."

With that, she turned around and walked in the direction that the map indicated. There was no fear in the slightest bit on her footsteps.

Since she had decided to walk on this path, Victoria knew very well that her life would be filled with danger and so on.

There would not be anyone whom she could ever confide in her path.

The only thing that she could do was to walk forward, even if this meant that she was walking straight to her end.

"Very brave or should I say... reckless." The man sipped his drink as he watched Victoria left. But there was a faint trace of appreciation in his eyes.

Because he knew that demonic magicians were walking on a taboo path that basically ignored any kind of bottom line. They were people who have no other choice but to walk on this extreme path for their so called dream.

Many of them didn't have any other options.

No, they have options.

But the other options was something that they would never take in their entire life.

Because it was not what they wanted.

Since they had dared to walk on this path, then they would continue to walk on this path bravely to the very end. This would be the best answer for their dream.

But not many demonic magicians truly dared to do it.

"Since you have decided to walk on this path that defied your fate through sacrifice, then continue to walk forward bravely... otherwise, there would not be any future for you. But from the moment you walk on this path, are you really expecting of having the so called future?"

The man laughed and drank again, not caring about other people's eyes around him.

He knew the misery of the demonic magicians the most.

For he had to walk the same path when he didn't want to.

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Tep.

Victoria reached the building indicated in the map and realized what that drunk man said when he told her that she had to dare to do it.

Because this is an arena and also the mission center.

People who came here were people who wanted to get stronger through killing other people and also to take on missions.

Victoria's eyes blazed with flames.

Since they dared to come...

Then she will dare to do it!

Chapter 483: What Do You Want the Most?

Bang!

It took Victoria some time in this forsaken place to reach the peak of rank 3.

To be honest, if Victoria told herself that she would be able to reach rank 3 in a short few months, her previous self would never believe it.

But now, she had truly reached it.

It felt like a dream.

"Victoria won," the referee said coldly while handing over a knife to her.

Victoria nodded and took the knife, walking to the fallen opponent and stabbed the knife on the man's heart. The man's eyes were filled with anger and hatred, but Victoria looked like she couldn't see any of that.

After killing who knows how many people in the past few days in this place, Victoria was already used to it.

Since they dared to bet with their lives to fight in this arena, why do you have to stare at her with such hatred?

They had to bear the consequences of losing.

Swish!

The blood gathered on the knife and then the blood essence was transferred to Victoria along with her mutters. After a few seconds, it was done and Victoria felt very comfortable.

The magic essence of fellow rank 3 demonic magicians were indeed very tasty.

It would also help her to get stronger faster.

Who didn't like this kind of thing?

"Miss Victoria, Miss Dina wants to see you?"

"Oh?" Victoria arched her eyebrows and chuckled. She said, "Lead the way."

After winning in this arena a few times and reaching the peak of rank 3, Victoria was indeed thinking of figuring out a way to meet with Dina. Because she could guess that the method that Dina spread out could only be practiced until the peak of rank 3.

Once she advanced to rank 4, she would need to figure out a different method to get stronger again.

Because Dina didn't really promote it out.

After all, Dina herself was actually only at rank 4 and she didn't dare to let this matter spread out in fear that someone else would reach rank 7 faster than her. Even if she was controlling them from the back, but she has to make sure that they would not make trouble for her.

It was not so easy for her to get stronger.

The amount of resources that demonic magicians needed were not any less than many other profession out there.

But the resources that they needed were different from others.

And this resources were also quite rare because what they needed the most to be able to become stronger was something that could not be mass produced.

They had to wait.

If they didn't wait, then it was obvious that they would suffer a lot.

After all, there were many methods that could achieve result within a short period of time as a demonic magician. But these methods would give them great hidden danger if they were not careful enough.

For example, madness.

They had already paid enough price by having their lifespan reduced through using this method.

Do they want to further sacrifice other things for the sake of power?

Some of them would think that it was worth it.

But for those who still wanted to keep their dignity intact, there was no way that they would be willing to do these things.

Victoria followed the man to Dina's place and looked around her. There were many things around her but the most important thing is that the number of people were very few and each of them gave her a sense of danger.

These were all the closest people to Dina.

Each and every single one of them were demonic magicians...

'There are so many demonic magicians in this base... it seems that this base is truly her lair.'

The higher ups had long given up on City J Base because more than 40% of the people here were demonic magicians. There were still ordinary people and so on, but many of them actually wanted to leave.

After all, they were afraid of these powerful people in City J Base.

Unfortunately, there was no one who could help them escape from City J Base yet.

They could only bury these thoughts deep in their heart and didn't dare to say anything else. The only thing they could try their best to do was to work as hard as possible so that they would be able to survive and continue living.

"Miss Dina, Miss Victoria is here to see you."

"Come in."

Victoria walked in and saw an ordinary office. It was just that the smell of blood in this office was really strong.

In the middle of the office, Dina was sitting and looked at Victoria in front of her.

There were not many people who managed to advance so quickly in their path as a demonic magician like Victoria in front of her. After all, the demonic magician's path was to give them another part to tread on and whether they could succeed or not depended on their hard work and resources in their hand.

But this Victoria was able to reach the peak of rank 3 so quickly.

Aside from her own men whom she had cultivated, there were no one else who could reach rank 3 as quickly as Victoria.

Seeing the other party and the cold aura all over her, Dina understood.

Victoria is walking the ruthless path.

This is the path that gave them the highest talent and improvement based on how ruthless they were in cutting off their connection with others and the world.

Clearly, Victoria was very extreme.

The corner of Dina's mouth curled up slightly.

She liked this kind of extreme people.

"Victoria, right?" Dina said and then asked, "I think that you have some potentials. Tell me, what do you want the most? Resources, fame, money, or something else?"

People who became demonic magicians usually have a certain desire and Dina was confident that she could use this to make a good use of these people.

Chapter 484: Deal

Victoria didn't immediately answer as she was looking at Dina in front of her.

From Dina, she could feel a faint sense of oppression that seemed to have come from the bottom of her soul.

It seemed that the person in front of her could control her life and death with one thought.

'So this is her confidence to spread out this method.'

Suppression of the soul level.

This was the kind of control and suppression that Dina had towards every demonic magician all over the world. All she needed was a thought and every single one of them would not be able to disobey her.

It was terrifying.

But at the same time, there was also limitation in this method because it could only be used for those below rank 7. Besides, if their controlled was stronger than them, they could also resist them to a certain degree.

Right now, Victoria is still far weaker than Dina.

It was not only her rank that was weaker but also her state of mind.

Many demonic magician would have their mind 'polluted' because of their practice and it affected their lives. There were many of them who would fall into madness because of this and unable to live long.

But it was their choice.

They had to live with it.

Could they turn around in the middle?

It was not impossible to change their path but there was definitely price to pay, price that many of them unwilling to take.

Because changing their path would not recover their lost lifespan and the mental damage that they had suffered. Their improvement would also be limited by their own talent, which was extremely poor for many of them.

But if they were to change their path, then they would also somewhat getting out of this control from Dina.

It was one of the methods to escape.

The problem is, it was not perfect.

Because if they truly wanted to get out from Dina's control, they should not have taken this path from the very beginning.

"Fame," Victoria replied without hesitation.

As she walked on the ruthless path, she understood very well that she would not be able to live long. Besides, she had already bore the infamy of a person from the demonic magician's path and many people disliked her.

But it's not enough.

The number of people who knew her were very limited and Victoria felt that rather than remaining an unknown person, she wanted to let her name be known by many people.

At least, before her death, she wanted her name to be recorded in history.

One way or another.

"Fame." Dina nodded with a grin. "In that case, I would like you to start doing missions for me. I guarantee that you will be famous."

"What do you want me to do?" Victoria asked.

"Be the representative of demonic magicians' path and give example to them." Dina looked at Victoria up and down and then said, "Your method of using your magic is still very crude, but your blood colored magic is indeed very suitable for this."

Many demonic magician's magics were actually similar to those ordinary magicians. But Victoria's magic was different.

For this matter, Dina herself didn't know the reason.

But she could tell that Victoria's magic was a bit special and it seemed that she was truly born for this path.

"Alright."

"This is your first mission." Dina stretched out a paper in front of her and Victoria took it.

Reading the content of the mission for her, Victoria arched her eyebrows. This method will indeed make her famous, but it would also make many other people hate her for what she did.

Not that Victoria cared that much.

She knew that there were already many people who hated her, but she didn't care about it.

They could hate her all they wanted and it would not affect her life in the slightest bit.

"Alright."

Dina smiled when she heard Victoria agreed. She had long wanted to do this, but if she were to do that, then the higher ups will definitely come knocking on her door and even used that damn Ruth to warn her again.

She didn't want to tear her face down with the higher ups yet.

So the best method was to use other people to do this mission.

Victoria appeared at this exact time, which gave her the best candidate to finish the mission.

"After you get back, I'll tell you the method to control your magic better."

"Deal."

With that, Victoria turned around and left.

She wanted to finish this missions as soon as possible and then returned to learn about how to control her magic better.

Dina watched Victoria's back and sneered. "How good would it be if every tool is as useful as this one?"

There wouldn't be any need for her to worry so much about other things.

But she had to wait for Victoria to finish the missions first.

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City A Base

Riya and Samuel were called by Mr. Jones. To be honest, Mr. Jones didn't want to call Riya at first but thinking that she was also very powerful and knew about Victoria, he chose to call her too.

After they came, he simply handed over the report that the higher ups handed to him.

"Victoria destroyed an entire city?" Riya looked at the report and was a bit surprised. She didn't expect that Victoria had grown to be so powerful that she could destroy an entire city.

"She took 3 days to destroy the city," Mr. Jones corrected.

If Victoria could destroy a city in one move, the higher ups would have long send a mission for them to pick her up and have a good talk with her. But even though she did it in the span of three days, it was still a feat to be able to destroy an entire city in such a short period of time.

"What do you want from telling this to us, Father?"

Chapter 485: Do You Love the Crack So Much?

Samuel looked at his father suspiciously. He didn't believe that his father would tell this piece of news to him without any reason whatsoever.

The two of them were planning to leave to the crack again, but Mr. Jones asked them to stay for a while because of this matter.

"I want to know, how powerful a demonic magician could be and whether you can let her be used by the higher ups," Mr. Jones said.

Samuel looked at his father.

He was sure that this matter should have been ordered by the higher ups to his father. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for his father to come and ask them this question.

"A demonic magician is still an official profession and they can reach as high as other profession," Samuel said calmly. "Of course, that's only if they have the method to advance."

There were requirements for them to advance in their rank for each profession. For example, the meditation technique, the few things they needed to do before they advanced every three ranks, and the resources.

Without these things, it would be impossible for one to advance in ranks.

"Considering that Dina Alden is the one who spread out the demonic magician's path, I believe that she should have the necessary methods to advance through ranks," Samuel said calmly.

He knew that Dina Alden is the little princess in that world.

With great family background, it would be impossible for Dina not to know about how to advance to rank 7.

But as for the future path after that, he was not sure.

After all, even Samuel had limited knowledge about the requirements for one to advance to ranks after rank 9. His family didn't tell him much in that world and only said that he would know after he reached rank 9.

Since he died when he was only rank 7... he simply never knew what they meant.

"I see." Mr. Jones nodded, not surprised.

Even though the demonic magicians seemed to be very cruel and all, but he could see that his son didn't seem to have much malice towards them. If anything, he just seemed that he dislike them but his anger and hatred was not as much as when he was facing Murin.

"As for whether he could be used by the higher ups..." Samuel didn't know much about Victoria and simply turned his head to look at Riya.

"I'm not close to Victoria and if there's anyone who might know, it'll be Amelia." Riya shrugged.

The best person to ask about this matter would be Amelia because she was closer to Victoria. To be honest, Riya herself didn't understand what Victoria was planning to do when she heard the big movements that Victoria was doing.

It seemed as if she was purposely announcing her presence in the world.

"I can't ask her." Mr. Jones shook his head.

Samuel and Riya both didn't know what to say.

"Alright, you two can go on your trip to the crack again."

Seeing their expression, Mr. Jones simply kicked these two people out. He knew very well that there was no point in keeping these two people.

Riya nodded and didn't ask Mr. Jones to truly ask Amelia.

What a joke.

That girl has been putting pressure on herself to get stronger.

It was to the point that Riya was amazed by the other party because she could persist for so long.

The two of them left and Mr. Jones heard that these two people immediately left to the crack.

Mr. Jones: "..."

Do you love the crack so much?

Then again, as long as they were killing the magic beasts, it was actually a good thing for him too, so he said nothing in the end.

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While Riya and Samuel were busy in the crack, Sophia was busy training. She didn't train as much as Amelia, but her own progress was gratifying.

And right now, Sophia had reached rank 3, but she didn't have any idea about what magic beasts she planned to contract.

However, when Sophia came to the Jones Family Residence, she found out that Samuel and Riya were out again.

"Those two are going out again?" Sophia asked helplessly. "It seems that my luck is really bad."

After the first trip when Samuel and Riya entered the crack for a month and didn't come back at all, these two people had repeated trip outside for some reasons. As for where they were going, it was obviously the crack.

Because when they came back, they would bring a lot of magic beasts' corpses to be handed over to the base to use.

Part of it would be used for the food and part of it would be sent to the research institute.

It could be said that the research institute was very happy whenever they heard that Samuel and Riya were missing.

Because they knew that after these two people returned, they would definitely bring a lot of magic beasts' corpses back.

And who will do research for these magic beasts?

It was naturally them!

Ruby was also among them and she was treated especially well by the government and Riya. The resources in her hand was definitely far more than the other researchers. Thankfully, Ruby didn't disappoint them and had come up with various research reports about various magic beasts.

She was also the one who came up with the method to extract the mana from higher ranked magic beasts's corpses.

The mana would then be used to make food with higher concentration of mana, which was used for military's food. After all, this could help magic warrior advance faster and the effect was the best for people under rank 3.

In a way, this has become the special military supplies.

Ruby's identity has also become more and more important.

But in front of them, they were nothing more than roommates and friends who used to spend time playing together for a long time.

"Yes." Amelia looked at Sophia helplessly. "They left a few days ago."

Chapter 486: Delicate Balance

"Oh..." Sophia wilted when she heard Amelia's answer.

And here she thought that she could talk with Riya about her new magic beast.

"Don't worry, I don't think that they will go for a long time this time," Amelia consoled. She heard that her brother and Riya went out for revenge this time and it shouldn't take them that long to leave this time.

In the past few months, Riya had already returned to the formation two more times and took the special magic cores there. She used them all for herself, allowing her to advance to rank 6 a few months ago.

After that, Riya didn't dare to take it anymore.

The change of the formation was not a joke and Riya didn't want to bet with her life for the resources that she didn't need that much anymore.

Instead, she was targeting the other magic beasts of rank 6 around the area and went down to hunt them with Samuel. She needed the blood of these magic beasts for her formation and then the meat would be handed over to Samuel to eat.

In this way, the two of them had advanced to rank 6 for a few months.

In the past two to three months, the two of them still maintained this state of hunting magic beasts and both of them had reached the late stage of rank 6.

To be able to reach this rank before two years have passed ever since their return from that world, it could be said that their abilities were really extraordinary.

Of course, their effort to kill magic beasts also made most magic beasts in this place extinct.

Only some rank 7 magic beasts were left.

The two of them chose not to provoke them.

Moreover, Riya and Samuel also made a discovery that amazed them.

There were no magic beasts higher than rank 7 in the crack.

“Why do you think is this?” Samuel asked during one of their usual conversation.

Riya looked at Samuel and shook her head. “I don’t know for sure but it might be because this is not the main core of the formation, so the strength of the magic beasts are not very strong.”

Not the main core?

After being educated by Riya, Samuel basically knew more about the formation and also the fact that the location of the other formations were really far away from each other.

It was more or less in the shape of arrows with triangle in each end.

They were the one in the middle.

The other end was near the place where the alchemist, Jonas Nolan, was located. The other one was located in City J’s area where Ruth and Dina were located.

Based on the fact that these two people often entered the crack, Samuel and Riya guessed that the two of them should have known about the formation and took the special magic core for themselves.

Yes, special magic core could be used by magic warrior.

Riya asked whether Samuel wanted it or not but he chose not to take it and handed it over to Riya. Because Samuel's own training meditation technique was already very fast and the magic beasts' meat that he ate so far had helped him to become stronger and also allowed his mana to increase rapidly.

The speed of progress for both his physical strength and mana were more or less equal or balanced.

For Samuel, it would be the best for him not to change this delicate balance.

Because for a magic warrior, having one stronger than the other meant that they have an obvious weakness.

Because of this, Riya used those three special magic cores for herself, which allowed her to advance faster. The only disadvantage was that she had a flower mark on her chest that was very obvious.

Thankfully, the location was hidden.

No one should be able to see it.

The two of them advanced quickly and managed to reach the late stage of rank 6 before two years have passed ever since their return. This was already very remarkable and they were already making their preparation to advance to rank 7.

Because what they needed were very different.

For this reason, Samuel specifically search for various mines in the crack and managed to find some. He would take most of them to be used to strengthen his sword and then the rest would be handed over to the researchers.

Once they have made the useful metal, he would ask Riya what parts she wanted.

It was also worth mentioning that Riya's research over various weapons had produced result. The weapons that she made for herself and the others made those researchers ashamed.

And no one could replicate it.

Because Riya was using runes and formation to make these weapons produced the special effect.

The military even ordered a lot of weapons from her.

Of course, they made the parts and Riya only needed to add the runes before handing it over back to them.

In exchange, Riya could get a lot of magic beasts' core.

Riya has become very rich in the past year.

From various dealings she made with Samuel to the other dealings she made with the higher ups, everything seemed to be giving Riya more and more resources.

Those who knew would definitely be green in envy.

But they also knew that it was impossible to repeat Riya's move.

After all, they didn't have her ability.

They could only stare with jealousy and envy, sighing that it was truly luck and ability for Riya to be able to do so much.

Though, Riya really wanted to cry if she heard their words.

Rich?

All of the money that she earned had to be spent again the next moment!

After all, she directed exchanged everything for reproduces and it would not take long for them to be consumed again and again.

So if someone said that she's rich, Riya really wanted to tell them that it was not true. She was basically investing in herself over and over again to the point that her heart was already bleeding.

A rune master truly consumed a lot of resources.

Chapter 487: Return

But no matter how much pain Riya felt in her heart when she thought that she had used up a lot of resources for herself, she would not regret her decision. After all, it is very important for her to become strong.

If spending resources could allow her to become stronger, then she's willing to do so.

Anyway, resources are dead and people are alive.

Plus, Riya had made a lot of formation plates of rank 5 and rank 6, which was more than enough to protect herself when it was necessary. To be honest, when Samuel saw the stack of rank 6 formation plate that she took out when they wanted to try killing a rank 7 magic beast, Samuel started to feel pity for the magic beast instead.

Because he was sure that Riya should put various effects in these formations.

None of the formations would be easy to deal with.

And as Samuel had expected, the two of them basically tortured the magic beast through their own methods. It was beaten up so badly that it doubted its life and felt relieved when it was killed with Samuel's sword.

Samuel also wisely didn't try to ask about the formations that Riya used to deal with the magic beast.

It was enough to see that it died in the end.

As for how many resources Riya used to kill it... he didn't ask either. After all, most of the rank 5 and rank 6 magic beasts' blood was basically taken by Riya and she used it to make various formations and formation plate.

There were thousands of them that the two of them had killed in the past few months and Samuel would not be surprised if Riya had made thousand formation plate.

The rest?

He was not sure.

Moreover, the tree that Riya asked them to plant before had matured and then Riya used some methods to make the special formation paper. This paper would be used by Riya to make rank 3 and above magic scrolls.

Unfortunately, there were not many trees and Riya said that even with the formation, she couldn't make so many magic scrolls.

Because of that, she only gave out a few magic scrolls to Samuel and her other friends.

Though, this alone was more than enough to make other people jealous.

Because these were definitely far more powerful than the other magic scrolls that Ruben made.

Speaking about Ruben, he had become a rank 3 magician under Riya's guidance. He could not follow Riya's path of going to the extreme as a rune master and still learned some magic spells. However, his side profession is undoubtedly rune master because he could already make rank 2 magic scrolls.

For rank 2 magic scrolls, Riya prepared a special ink that could be used in ordinary paper.

This ink was made after Riya asked Ruby to specifically preserve the blood of rank 2 magic beasts and see if it was possible to lower their 'corrosiveness.' Since Riya is basically Ruby's best patron, Ruby naturally prioritized Riya's request.

For this matter, the other researchers were speechless but they had nothing to say.

If there was someone who could give them a lot of high ranked magic beasts, they would definitely agree to that person's request first instead of others.

So they understood Ruby's choice.

But this also opened up the path for many rune master who were learning the rank 1 magic scrolls to learn the rank 2 magic scrolls. In this way, many people were learning the simple rank 1 and rank 2 magic scrolls.

Riya didn't have to be so busy drawing so many magic scrolls to supply countless people who needed them.

As for rank 3 and above....

Let's forget it for now.

The planting tree's matter had been relayed and for the time being, the higher ups have already opened up a large area to plant tree.

But the process might need to be delayed because of the cold temperature.

With the temperature below 0 degree Celsius, it was really difficult for them to plant trees normally. And they definitely would not use the formation they learned from Riya to protect these trees.

These formations were bought to be used for something more important.

For example, the field where they planted other foods.

After all, there was no way they would think that too much food was not good. In fact, they would rather hope that the food was too much so that they could have additional supply. Without the need to worry about food and drinks, they could focus on other things.

And with more rune master, the warm talisman and also the temperature talisman could be made in large number.

In this way, the cold temperature would not be a problem for most bases in Continent Z.

As for other continents?

Who cares?

The higher ups had no time to care for the entire world and would focus on his own problem. Considering their relationship before the earthquake happened, it was already good enough that they didn't shove weapon to each other's face.

None of them were willing to help each other if there were no benefits in hand.

Back to the topic.

The first battle with the rank 7 magic beast ended successful, which also ended in a feast for Riya and Samuel. The two of them basically roasted the rank 7 magic beast's meat after Riya took the blood away.

The skin were sent away to the research institute and the meat was eaten up by the two of them.

So when the people of the research institute found out that the rank 7 magic beast's meat has been eaten by Riya and Samuel, they were all speechless.

But who dared to scold these two people?

Even if they felt that it was such a waste by almost not leaving them anything to research on, they couldn't say anything to these two people and could only accept their fate.

sigh

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The two of them rested for a bit.

Riya saved the rank 7 magic beast's blood for the time being.

After all, she was only rank 6 and the mana required to make a rank 7 formation was too much. It was impossible for her to make a rank 7 formation with her current mana.

Aside from that, Riya also set up formation in the entire City A Base under Samuel's approval.

The formation she set up was used to defend City A Base.

Should there be a magic beasts came attacking, there were a few layers of formations that they could activate. She handed over the formation plate for the three formations on the outermost layer to Mr. Jones.

In this way, he could activate it when City A Base is in danger.

After Mr. Jones received it, he had the feeling that City A Base might as well be the safest base in the entire Continent Z.

Because no other base would set up formation like this.

But before Mr. Jones could be relieved, he heard the two people were already gone to the crack again.

Mr. Jones: "..."

He had the feeling that for these two people, the crack had already become their second home. Many other people were afraid of the danger within the crack but for Samuel and Riya, it was simply the best place for them to train and gain resources.

In fact, the main reason why Samuel asked Riya to enter the crack again was for them to take revenge.

"We have reached the late stage of rank 6, it should be possible to defeat the lich now if we cooperate with each other, right?" Samuel asked when the two people met during dinner.

To be honest, the needs for magic beasts' meat has already decreased for Samuel. Because once he reached rank 6 peak, what he needed the most was nothing more than his own understanding and the method to break through to rank 7.

There was no longer much need for him to accumulate mana and persist in his strength training so much.

But since he had made it his habit, he would not stop so quickly.

At least, not before he truly advanced to rank 7.

"Lich is still difficult to deal with because of their inexhaustible mana. Are you sure that you want to try?" Riya asked back before the two of them departed.

"Yes." Samuel chuckled. "If we succeed, wouldn't you have a dark mana heart?"

Dark mana heart is the source of power for a lich and many people coveted it. Because if they have the dark mana heart, they would be able to create a lich or even use it for other things.

For rune master, they could use it to create a puppet.

Or if they didn't want to, they could even absorb the mana heart for their own cultivation.

"Well, it's indeed interesting." Riya's eyes gleamed.

If she has a rank 7 puppet to help her in doing things, she would be more confident when going out. After all, Riya knew that there would come the time for her to meet with the one who set up the formation in the Green Planet.

At that time, if she was too weak, Riya felt that it would not be good at all.

"I'm ready to take my revenge."

"Let's go, then."

In this way, the two of them headed to the teleportation building.

It was worth mentioning that Samuel specifically set up a separate building for Riya to build a teleportation formation there. The activation method was very simple as they only needed to put a rank 5 magic beast's core to activate it.

But since there were no one else who could hunt rank 5 magic beasts aside from the three returnees, it was basically in the unused state aside from Riya and Samuel. Only these two people plus Peter in City A Base who could afford the cost.

Speaking about Peter, he also headed to the crack but because he was affiliated with Martial Arts Association, he left for a few months before coming back recently. Seeing that he had also advanced to rank 6, Samuel and Riya guessed that Peter should have stayed in the crack for a long time to hunt higher ranked magic beasts.

This was the only way for him to become stronger quickly.

But it was also a good thing.

At the very least, there would be no Peter who came to challenge Samuel again and again.

Swish!

Entering the crack, Samuel and Riya appeared in front of the cave once more. This was one of the few teleportation formations that Riya had set up in the crack. If she wanted to, they could go to other places.

Samuel looked around and asked, "Why did you choose here?"

This didn't seem to be that close to that lich?

"Let's make preparation first," Riya replied and her finger started to move, drawing the Protective Rune Circle around her and once it was done, she drew another one for Samuel.

In the past few months, she had optimized the Protective Rune Circle further. This would allow the Protective Rune Circle to protect them more thoroughly, not allowing the enemies to get closer to them in the slightest bit.

Moreover, she could also set up one that suited Samuel the best and would not hinder his movement.

After the Protective Rune Circle around Samuel was formed, it slowly turned into somewhat transparent looking runes. Even if there was some vague outlines, it would not block Samuel's vision in the slightest bit.

"Your improvement for the Protective Rune Circle is quite outrageous," Samuel commented. This was already the fifth version that Riya made for him.

"I just did it when I have free time." Riya stuck out her tongue playfully.

For her, modifying the Protective Rune Circle would not take that much time. She could do it easily as long as she had the direction about how the Protective Rune Circle would look like.

Afterwards, all she needed was to set up the runes.

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It was really simple.

Of course, for other magicians, if they were to hear Riya's words, they definitely want to vomit blood.

When did it become so easy?

For them, it was really hard to learn how to make a formation let alone modifying a formation. The word easy didn't seem to have anything to do with them in the slightest bit.

"Yes, you're really amazing." Samuel smiled warmly.

He knew that Riya modified these Protective Rune Circle to accommodate him better. After all, he was not used to seeing these runes rotating around him and block his vision. It had hindered him in his previous battle and Riya should have noticed it.

Even though Samuel's adaptation method was really strong, but there was still a sense of disobedience that Riya caught when she saw his previous battle.

"Let's walk to the lich's place. I'll recover mana along the way."

"Yes."

The two of them started walking and there were not even a single magic beast around them along the way.

The two of them were naturally the culprit.

Because they often went hunting in the crack, some areas were truly devoid of magic. These magic beasts have all been killed by Riya and Samuel when they passed by.

After all, the two of them would not be polite when they saw these magic beasts and cleaned them up.

The lesser the magic beasts were, the better it would be for humans out there.

City A Base was able to develop stably also because there were not many magic beasts that came to disturb them from time to time. The other bases would definitely have a lot of magic beasts coming from time to time, disturbing them and forcing them to focus on defending and battling to these magic beasts.

But City A Base?

It was another question whether these magic beasts could be attracted to one place.

The number of the magic beasts were simply too scarce.

Even if Murin were to use the flute of beasts to attack again, Samuel would not be worried if he were to choose this place.

Because the limitation of the flute of beast is that it needed to have a lot of magic beasts around. Otherwise, it would not work well in the slightest bit.

"The number of magic beasts have decreased sharply. If Murin is here, he must be crying." Samuel clicked his tongue, but he didn't really feel pity for these magic beasts.

"Do you hate Murin?" Riya suddenly asked.

She knew Murin, but Riya had never actually met with the other party directly in that world.

Murin's reputation in that world... was indeed not very good. The fact that he was the enemy of many people and died even earlier than Riya had already shown how many people who hated him.

But it was that world.

In this world, the only time Riya saw Murin was when he and Samuel confronted against each other.

As for the reason why Murin was hated...

Well...

"I can't say that I hate him that much but he's really annoying." Samuel sighed. He glanced at Riya and asked. "Do you know about the conspiracy that Murin made in that world?"

When she was in that world, she had heard about Murin's fall and the conspiracy of the forces behind Murin. Unfortunately, she was not able to participate in that mess and could only watch the aftermath.

"I know, but I only join in the aftermath," Riya replied with an embarrassed expression.

Could she say that she was busy with other things and completely forgot the matter of Murin?

When she remembered, it was already over.

She could only help to deal with the aftermath.

"He wants to create the world where magic beasts can live freely with humans but through the method of turning human civilization into beast's habitat." Samuel's face darkened when he thought about the cities that Murin destroyed in that world.

At that time, Samuel truly thought that Murin was crazy.

He wanted magic beasts to be treated as human beings and their rights were completely respected. In that way, he also wanted humans and magic beasts to stop fighting.

But how could it be possible?

Not mentioning the fact that most magic beasts are lower ranked magic beasts that would never be able to communicate with them. Just the fact that the resources needed by humans and magic beasts were the polar opposite had already made it impossible for them to coexist harmoniously in that way.

Magic beasts could swallow humans as their food.

And humans could also use various part of the magic beasts for their own use.

Due to this inherent conflict, it was simply impossible for the two races to exist harmoniously together.

"But I can't say that I hate him that much. At least, I know he loves his magic beasts... it's just that his way of doing things that made me disagree." Samuel shrugged. "As for why I let him go in the beginning and didn't pursue hard... it's because he couldn't destroy the world more than the earthquake and it's also a good idea to use his hand to eliminate more magic beasts."

After all, Murin is quite strong.

If Samuel could borrow his hands to let more magic beasts dead, then he would do it.

While Murin loved magic beasts, but it didn't mean that he never killed magic beasts. After all, if that was the case, it would be impossible for him and his magic beasts to grow up in the slightest bit.

They needed battle and resources to grow.

And killing magic beasts could be said to be the best and fastest way for them to grow stronger.

Killing humans?

Just the fact that majority of humans were far weaker than him at that time had told Murin that this idea was impossible.

"Besides, he didn't seem to have the plan to destroy the whole world again, so I let him be to work for free," Samuel replied calmly.

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Riya: "..."

For some reasons, Riya felt that the thoughts of the government was very similar to Samuel in this regards.

They couldn't control the returnees and if these returnees were to fight against each other, the battle would definitely be very intense.

So the government policies were to pull them into their group if they were useful and their abilities were not harmful to the environment. For example, her, Samuel, Peter, and Ruth. She didn't know if there were anyone else.

But if their abilities were a bit questionable, then their support would be more limited like Dina and Murin.

Well, Dina was an independent force.

But Murin is still backed by the Magic Association, so it would be harder for them to limit his growth.

This was not Riya's business.

Anyway, everyone was doing their best to grow stronger in their own way and Riya herself was not an exception. She also became stronger and learned many things through her own practice coupled with her runes and formation.

She was using the government and they were also using her.

It was a good thing for both sides.

"I think you also didn't make a move when you have the chance?" Samuel asked back. He remembered that Riya is also a returnee and when Murin first made trouble, she was already in City A Base.

If Riya truly wanted to, she could actually stop him.

"Well, I'm worried that he will have parasite type of magic beasts," Riya said helplessly. "You know very well that Murin can contract with more magic beasts compared to others. Even though his physical strength is weaker, but as long as his mana is sufficient, his rank will be determined by the amount of mana he has."

So if Murin is of rank 2... then he have 4 magic beasts.

At that time, Murin had only shown two magic beasts, but Riya's instinct told her that there might be the third and fourth magic beasts that Murin hadn't shown.

Murin came to Samuel in order to kill the other party.

It should be a grudge from that world that Riya was not aware of.

So Murin should have some hole cards that he was not willing to show to others and knowing Murin's ability... his best hold card would be his magic beasts. The higher the number of his magic beasts and all, the more confident he would be.

At that time, Murin didn't entangle with Samuel.

And Riya's means of long distance attack was limited.

Moreover... a parasite type of magic beasts were really troublesome.

"... I didn't think that much." Samuel froze and then frowned. "But we haven't encountered any parasite magic beasts so far during our exploration in the crack."

"That's true, but it's not something I know at that time." Riya shrugged.

She was used to be cautious and would not make a move unless she was sure. After all, she didn't have such an outrageous attack power nor extremely strong defense that could make sure that she would survive if she were to receive powerful attack.

Her best ability would be in her variety of runes and formation.

It was not very useful in front of Murin if she didn't know the details of the other party's magic beasts.

"Right..."

"Now that more than a year has passed since then, he might have 10 magic beasts by now." Riya felt helpless when she thought about this.

"You sound like you don't plan to kill him at all."

"Ah, you found out."

"It's kind of obvious."

Riya chuckled. "It couldn't be helped. I don't really want to fight him since I don't have any grudge at all. At most, I just disagreed with his views in that world but whether he would still repeat the same thing in this world is another matter. But I think you have grudge with him?"

"I do." Samuel thought for a moment and then said, "It couldn't be considered a big grudge. I just killed one of his magic beasts."

Riya: "..."

That's not big?

For a beast master, their magic beasts were basically their lifeline or even their children. Some extreme beast master would even treat their magic beasts as their wives. So seeing Samuel killed one of his magic beasts, it was not surprising that Murin wanted to kill Samuel so badly after seeing him here.

Samuel saw Riya's look and blinked his eyes. "Don't look at me like that. Peter, Ruth, Dina, and many others also killed one of his magic beasts."

Riya: "..."

Good guy!

Why did it sound like everyone will be taken revenge of by Murin in the future?

"And if I'm not wrong, one of his magic beasts was also poisoned to death by Jonas, but I'm not sure about this matter." Samuel rubbed his chin.

The coalition army basically gathered everyone they could gather and then Murin... just had the worst luck.

He encountered the geniuses from the coalition forces one after another, which made him have to sacrifice his magic beast to run away.

In the end, he was killed by a genius when the number of magic beasts around him had decreased sharply.

"Speaking about it, who killed Murin in the end?"

"A genius elemental magician named Navi," Samuel replied. "I don't know the details but only know that she's part of the Red Elemental Tower's force."

Red Elemental Tower...

Riya thought about those people and nodded helplessly. There were two tower forces in that world, the Red Elemental Tower and the Blue Elemental Tower. The two of them only accepted powerful elemental mages into their organization and it was said that there were many geniuses there.

This Navi was one of the brightest geniuses who were of similar age with them.

If Riya was not wrong, Navi had five elements but for some reasons, her talent in all five of them were really high and he could train them quickly.

So unlike Riya who suffered from mediocre because of the similar percentage, Navi was able to shine as the best five elemental mages.