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Chapter 561: The Second Day

In just a few minutes after Riya sensed her formations destroyed, the people on guard spotted countless magic beasts rushing over in City J Base's direction.

The number was even more than before and just looking at the sea of magic beasts coming over, the guards felt weak on their legs. They quickly called over the soldiers who were still busy cleaning the magic beasts' corpses to go back to their post.

Loud sirene rang loudly in City J base.

The people who were staying in the underground shelter didn't have time to go back and could only huddle back once more.

They were terrified.

If they couldn't fend off the magic beasts this time, then it was estimated that the entire City J Base would be destroyed.

This was something that many people didn't want to see in their entire life.

Drap! Drap! Drap!

"Damn! Here I thought that I would be able to eat Sophia's full course meal." Amelia felt regretful when she thought that she could not eat Sophia's cooking before departure. It was rare to be able to ask Sophia to cook for them.

After all, Sophia usually only cook for the sake of her pets and so on.

Sophia, who was following Amelia on top of Kaze, her horse like magic beast, was speechless.

"Don't think that I'm your chef, Amelia!"

"Hehehe!"

"Stop laughing!"

Seeing these two were still unserious in the face of the upcoming magic beasts, Riya could only shook her head. She had the feeling that these two people were trying to move on and the best way for them to do this was through jokes and laugh.

Because if they didn't do this, they might not be able to come out of their haze of losing their friend.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Hearing the machine gun starting, they both knew that the battle had started.

Samuel was standing on the platform, watching the magic beasts coming over calmly. He didn't make a move just yet because it was not necessary.

From the back, the girls and the others had also arrived.

"You three sure take your time," Ruben complained when he saw the others had arrived. "Come on, it's time for our battle."

"I know!"

Swish! Bang!

With that, they started fighting once more and Riya stayed on the back. Mo also joined in the fray and used his claw to kill countless magic beasts that came over.

If she's truly a magic beast, her action didn't really look that strange.

After all, Sophia was also staying on top of Kaze, ready to run away if necessary and only Akira was busy zapping a magic beast with the lightning strike from time to time.

"You want to watch the battle?" Samuel asked.

"All the formation has been broken," Riya said calmly. "Even if I want to go there, there's no way for me to go."

"All?" Samuel keenly heard Riya's words and there was chill in his heart. There were a total of 13 cracks and if all of them were destroyed... the number of magic beasts coming over this time is going to be very large.

City J Base might not be able to survive in that situation.

"Yes." Riya nodded as she looked at the magic beasts coming. "But millions of magic beasts have died under the formation yesterday, so I don't think that there will be an overwhelming number of magic beasts today."

Samuel looked at Riya with confusion.

How did Riya know so much when she was in the base and didn't pay a visit there? It was not like Samuel paid attention to Riya all the time, but he knew that activating a teleportation formation would cause mana fluctuation.

Unless Riya set up a formation to hide it.

Then he would never know.

But from what he could guess, Riya also needed to rest last night and there was no time for a night travel.

What a joke.

Even he was exhausted after fighting the Giant Rock Golems.

If he still has time to run around in the middle of the night, he will truly be a super human... or perhaps robot.

Swish!

"...How come you two still have time for a date during this time?" Dina walked past Samuel on the way to the other walls and looked at the two people speechlessly.

Samuel, who wanted to ask more, froze and he looked at Dina coldly. "If you have time to gossip, I think it's better for you to go back to your wall and protect the base."

Dina clicked her tongue. "There's no need for me to fight yet. These soldiers could handle it for the time being."

With that, Dina jumped up and landed on the platform. She ignored Samuel's group who were still fighting alongside the soldiers and instead looked at Riya beside Samuel.

Not long ago, Jonas came to her with the report about the few people around Samuel.

One of them was about Riya.

To be exact, it was about the fact that there was a 'beast tamer' coming from outside and had close relationship with Samuel.

After seeing Riya and Samuel talking while the others were fighting, she understood that their relationship should be quite special.

"Hmm, so you're the person who came yesterday night?" Dina asked and looked at Riya up and down.

She didn't recognize Riya as she had never met with the other party before. But for some reasons, when she saw Riya, she felt that the other party was really dangerous.

A beast tamer?

"Yes."

Riya looked at Dina in front of her and her eyes narrowed slightly. A demonic magician was hard to kill because they have various life saving treasure.

And for those of extremely high ranking, even a drop of blood could be used to revive them.

This made it really hard to exterminate these demonic magicians.

Thankfully, Riya realized that Dina didn't recognize her... well, in the first place, is it even possible to recognize her when she had never with the other party in that world?

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"Dina." Samuel stood in front of Riya and narrowed his eyes. "I don't think it's your business who I come with here?"

"Tsk." Dina sneered. "Seeing you so protective... this is the first time, Genius Swordsman Samuel."

Samuel's expressions didn't change even when he heard Dina used his nickname. This was the name he was famous for in that world. After all, he always fought with his sword and his strong offensive means had caused a lot of people headache.

They couldn't defend against his attack and comparing who was faster between them, the answer would be Samuel.

Fast and powerful.

That's how it is for Samuel.

"It's time for you to work, Dina." Samuel remained calm and composed in front of Dina, but his posture of standing in front of Riya never changed.

Behind Samuel, Riya blinked her eyes and looked at Samuel's back. She never thought too much about Dina's provocation. Moreover, Dina was only a rank 5 demonic magician, which was far from comparable to her.

There was no killing intent from Dina.

At most, it was provocation towards Samuel because she found the situation amusing.

So Riya didn't have much malice towards Dina or anything like that. In fact, she only felt somewhat amused.

Though, she had no intention of making a move.

Because Riya wanted to keep her identity a secret, she planned to just watch them.

But seeing Samuel stood in front of her...

For some reason, she felt warm in her heart.

Because Riya understood very well that the main reason why Samuel stepped up was because he knew that she had no plan to reveal her identity. In this way, it would be better to keep her behind and not let her do anything.

"Tsk." Dina saw Samuel like this and clicked her tongue once more.

She knew that Samuel was protective of his family members, but he would not be so excessive. Because in that kind of world, everyone knew that they had to grow up and able to protect themselves if they wanted to live.

If they overprotected someone, the other party might not be able to grow up properly and not ready to face the challenge that was about to be thrown to them.

But now...

Dina felt that Samuel didn't seem to care about this matter in the slightest bit and only cared whether he could protect the girl behind him properly.

"You should know that overprotective is not good."

"I don't need you to teach me."

Dina shrugged and then went to the other side.

Samuel watched until Dina left and sighed. "Leave her be. She just like to meddle in other people's business."

"Isn't it because people in despair could become demonic magician faster than others?" Riya replied in a low voice.

Samuel shrugged and didn't say anything.

He knew very well that those who chose the path of the demonic magicians were those with various intention. But one thing for sure, many of them became one for the sake of revenge.

They didn't care about their future whatsoever, so they didn't mind even if this meant that they would die once their time limit was up.

"It's outrageous for her to hope that the returnees could become a demonic magician."

Riya: "... " true.

All of them had reached rank 7, at least, that was what they had figured out so far, so there was no way they would try to switch their path again. Not mentioning the arduous path they had to take when they restarted their training, the future path was full of unknown things.

They have already walked on one of the paths, why should they pick another path again?

Unless they were crazy enough.

Bang!

In front of Samuel and Riya, Amelia peeked behind and grinned. She had the feeling that the time when her brother had to pay for her snack will come soon.

On the other hand, Sean was too busy with fighting that he didn't notice the commotion behind.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

All of the returnees have headed to their place yesterday. At this stage, there was no need for them to make a move because there were no other rank 7 magic beast like those Giant Rock Golems yesterday.

If there were any rank 7 magic beasts, then they would start to make a move.

Dina made her way to the platform, thinking about Riya and Samuel. She had only seen Riya's appearance for a while, but she didn't recognize the other party.

To be honest, she was thinking whether the rune master would come with Samuel.

But...

There were many famous genius rune master in that world.

She didn't even know which one was the one who came from the Green Planet. And that is if their age were even true.

After all, after reaching rank 7, their appearance would look 'harmless.'

They could also alter their appearance to be older if they wanted to through some methods.

It was fairly easy.

"...Why are you here, Peter?" Dina was still thinking when she saw Peter was already standing on the platform where she was yesterday.

"I'm here to help."

"Go to the south wall."

"No, those magicians from the Magic Association are already there." Peter shook his head quickly.

In that world, the magicians were relatively cool and so on. But in this world?

Even Peter couldn't stand these magicians from the Magic Association's performance!

Dina saw Peter's behavior and smirked. "So you don't like those magicians from the Magic Association."

"...Do you like them?" Peter countered.

"Those stupid magicians from the Magic Association will never be a true magicians." Dina snorted.

She also has magic spells, but she was definitely different from those magicians from the Magic Association. At least, the embarrassment from the magic spells that she used was only 1% of theirs.

Bang!

screech

Hearing the loud sound, the two of them looked at the distance and saw several flying magic beasts rushing over.

"Giant Dark Sparrow." Peter's face changed. "You sure attract a lot of magic beasts, Dina."

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"That is not my intention." Dina's face was also dark.

While Dina knew that taking the special magic core will definitely attract magic beast's attention, she didn't expect that they would also come to City J Base to chase after her.

Should she say that these magic beasts were very persistent?

She thought that those Giant Rock Golems were already the highest ranked magic beast that will come to chase after her. But who could tell her why there were also Giant Dark Sparrows?

And their number was not small.

"Have you used the special magic core you took?" Peter asked.

"How do you know I took the special magic cores?"

"There's no other reasons why these magic beasts will come otherwise. Didn't you also say it when I was present yesterday?"

Dina: "... " she forgot!

"I only took two, one from each formation," Dina replied and then frowned as she thought about something. The formation in that place might replenish the special magic core, but she didn't take them again afterwards because the magic beast's riot that happened was really troublesome.

But even if she didn't take it, it didn't mean that there wouldn't be someone else who took it.

If it was true that she took it...

Then these Giant Dark Sparrows and the Giant Rock Golems' appearance made more sense. Because these magic beasts were attracted by the appearance of several special magic cores and the chaos because of that formation.

As for why she didn't take more...

That's because Dina didn't understand formation.

Come on, who would understand those strangely whirly writing. Just looking at those scribble gave her headache. Dina definitely didn't want to start learning about runes or anything like that.

Those without any talent in runes would never be able to understand those runes.

"There are Giant Rock Golems coming too..." Peter looked at the distance and felt that these magic beasts were really malicious to them. From Giant Dark Sparrows and then Giant Rock Golems...

It was simply not giving them any chance to live.

"Leave that one to Samuel. I'll deal with the Giant Dark Sparrow." Dina glanced at Peter and sneered. "As for you, you should just be a meat shield honestly."

Peter: "..."

He sighed and simply jumped down to face the Giant Rock Golem. In any case, it was also true that he didn't have any other skills but to fight on the front line because he lacked any long distance attack.

Bang! Bang!

Dina ignored Peter and looked at the Giant Dark Sparrow coming towards them. Her expression turned solemn as she started to chant.

"I am the lord of the darkness. May the darkness come and form a weapon in my hand, be the strongest spear for me. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Dark Spears!"

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Several dark element spears appeared in front of Dina and then rushed towards these Giant Dark Sparrows in the distance.

Thud! Thud!

Screech!

Some Giant Dark Sparrows fell down because of Dina's attack but the rest of these Giant Dark Sparrows remained in the air. Dina could only grit her teeth and used the magic spells over and over while calling the soldiers to use the sniper rifle.

Even if the bullet could not really harm the Giant Dark Sparrow, it could provide some cover for her.

Bang!

Meanwhile, Samuel ignored those Giant Dark Sparrow and focused on the Giant Rock Golems that came to them. He was not surprised to see them and simply started to use his move once more.

Slash!

The lightning strike directly cut off the Giant Rock Golems into two.

Riya saw this and sighed. "As expected of Samuel. Your attack is really sharp and can easily deal with these Giant Rock Golems."

"You're not bad either." Samuel chuckled and then looked at these Giant Dark Sparrows with a frown. He did have some long distance attack skills, but it was not very convenient to deal with so many Giant Dark Sparrows.

After all, his powerful attacks were usually single target.

Riya seemed to see Samuel's dilemma and said, "There's no need to worry about the Giant Dark Sparrow. You just have to deal with the Giant Rock Golems."

Right after Riya finished speaking, there was the sound of arrow streaking in the air towards these Giant Dark Sparrows.

Stab! Stab! Stab!

Several arrows hit these Giant Dark Sparrows directly and they fell down from the air without any resistance.

Samuel saw this and could guess that this was Ruth making her move.

The corner of his lips curled up. "You're right. I'm not alone here."

Bang! Bang! Bang!

"Tsk." Ruth saw these Giant Dark Sparrows and felt that they were really troublesome. Even though she could kill these Giant Dark Sparrows, but if they were to come too close, City J Base will definitely fall.

There was no doubt about this.

"Continue with the firepower and ask for reinforcement."

"Ah?"

"Why are you so dazed? These Giant Dark Sparrows are all rank 7 magic beasts!" Ruth yelled.

Only the returnees could possibly deal with these Giant Dark Sparrows and others would only become nothing more than cannon fodder.

But the problem is, it was not that easy for them to deal with so many Giant Dark Sparrows.

"But, but...." The commander saw Ruth's face darkened and could only contact the higher ups as quickly as possible. To be honest, all the reinforcement that could be sent were already here and there were no one else they could send to help.

But he couldn't say this to Ruth.

It was estimated that the situation is really dangerous and if they didn't do anything, these Giant Dark Sparrows would go on a killing spree.

"Sir, we need reinforcement..."

"There's no other reinforcement coming. The last one is a small batch of soldiers from City A Base but they couldn't help fighting against rank 7 magic beasts..."

Ruth who was beside the commander, could hear the voice from the phone loud and clear.

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"No help, huh?" Ruth repeated.

She didn't seem to be surprised at all that there were no other reinforcement that Continent Z could provide.

After all, there were not that many returnees.

At least, as far as she knew, there were only a few of them.

Most of them from Continent Z were already here and busy fighting against the magic beasts. Could she hope for them to send more?

"Where's Murin?"

The last one who was not here yet was only Murin.

The higher ups said that he will come yesterday but even if they waited until night time, Murin didn't appear at all. It seemed as if he didn't want to come in the first place.

Though, Ruth would not be surprised if that was the case.

After all, this was a man who dared to wage war with the entire world in that world and then got destroyed because he was not strong enough. His magic beast were still weaker than the top figures.

If not because those who were several realms higher didn't want to bully the younger generation, he would have died long ago.

As for the specific treason, Ruth didn't know either.

All she knew was that once they reached a certain rank, they would not interfere too much with the fight of those who had much lower realm. Perhaps it was because their every move could change the fate of countless people.

After all, even a rank 7 magicians could destroy an entire city in one go...

It was terrifying.

"Murin is busy fighting the magic beasts in other areas," the commander replied cautiously.

Busy?

Ruth sneered.

She felt that this was just an excuse made by Murin and the Magic Association. But since this was what they said, then she would have to believe them, at least on the surface.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

No matter what they were all thinking, they could not stop these magic beasts from making trouble. Moreover, the number of the Giant Dark Sparrows continued to increase over and over again.

It seemed as if more and more magic beasts were released out of the crack.

'The formation is really useless.'

Riya looked at the large number of Giant Dark Sparrow and felt that she was simply wasting her time with those formations. But at the same time, if these Giant Dark Sparrows had appeared yesterday, it was estimated that they would not be able to survive either.

Because these returnees were already exhausted yesterday.

They fought with their all and the only thing they could do was to fight again and again.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The battle continued and Riya sat beside Samuel, watching the battle in the distance without any intention of making a move.

At least, that's the plan.

There were more and more Giant Dark Sparrows coming out and Riya also frowned. The number of Giant Dark Sparrows were too many and both Dina and Ruth couldn't deal with them in time.

She saw Peter jumping up and down in the distance, but he couldn't help much either.

After all, Peter also lacked long distance attack skill.

"Brother, they're coming!" Amelia yelled in panic.

"Don't worry."

Samuel saw these Giant Dark Sparrows coming over and his expression turned solemn.

Swish! Slash!

The nearest Giant Dark Sparrow was killed instantly.

There were others that was a bit further away and without using any magic spells, he could not kill them. After all, these Giant Dark Sparrows were also rank 7 magic beast.

The difference is that these Giant Dark Sparrows had weak defense, so even Ruth and Dina could deal with it.

BOOM! Rumble!

Riya turned around and saw that a Giant Dark Sparrow had fallen on a building and the soldiers were hurriedly urging their gun to shoot it down. Even if they knew that it was useless, they could not let the Giant Dark Sparrow wreck havoc in City J Base.

"Ahhh!"

The people have been evacuated in advance, but there were still soldiers around.

They were caught in the attack of the Giant Dark Sparrow as it spit out dark element balls around him, killing the few soldiers nearest to it.

Riya watched the scene and her mind went blank for a moment.

"Tsk." Samuel clicked his tongue and quickly turned around. The sword in his hand moved to the Giant Dark Sparrow on the back.

Slash!

Thankfully, the defense of these Giant Dark Sparrows were not too big. In this way, he didn't have to consume so much mana and aura to defeat it.

But the large number of Giant Dark Sparrows would still be very difficult to deal with.

"Damn it."

Now that there were no more Giant Rock Golem, there were only many Giant Dark Sparrows in front of them. Samuel started to switch his target towards these Giant Dark Sparrows, but it was hard to fight when they had to protect the base behind them.

Bang! Bang!

BOOM!

Once again, an explosion sounded in the distance.

Riya could hear the shout, cries, and curses in the distance. It was clear that these three people were all trying their best to protect City J Base behind them. The construction of the base itself took a long time and there were many people in the shelter.

Even if the shelter was safer compared to these buildings, it was still not the best.

In the end, they had to defeat these Giant Dark Sparrows first.

"Ah... it's really annoying."

Riya saw the large number of magic beasts coming over. The soldiers were distracted by these Giant Dark Sparrows that managed to bypass their line of defense and destroyed some buildings.

They couldn't do their work properly.

Riya jumped down from the platform and simply raised her hand. The Protective Rune Circle was drawn quickly, surrounding her. The next moment, she crouched down and then took out a rank 6 magic core and muttered, "Up."

Swish! Swish!

Everyone was stunned when they saw a layer of light appeared around City J Base, protecting it tightly.

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Samuel looked back and saw Riya who was still crouching on the ground. With the Protective Rune Circle around her, there wouldn't be anyone who could hurt her even if the formation was broken.

No, it seemed that this was a protective measure against people inside City J Base.

After all, no one knew if there was someone with other intentions.

This is not City A Base where all the soldiers were picked carefully and everyone would not hurt the returnee. Because they all understood that these people were the ones who had protected them so far.

But this is City J Base.

The water is mixed here and there was no guarantee that some people would not attack them when they were vulnerable.

It was frustrating, but it was also the truth.

It was also because of this that they could not put down their guard completely when they were here.

Swish!

They could see the thin layer of barrier all around City J Base. When these Giant Dark Sparrows tried to break through, they were blocked with powerful force.

screech

The angry Giant Dark Sparrows flew over. They could feel that their attack was bounced right towards them, which made them even more enraged.

And the moment they were distracted and had to retreated a bit, the attack from the other returnee had come.

Jleb!

An arrow pierced through the Giant Dark Sparrow's heart and it fell down to the ground with a loud thud.

Ruth looked at the barrier around her and her eyes flickered. Everyone was within the barrier, but their attack didn't hurt the barrier in the slightest bit as they could still attack the magic beasts outside.

This is a one way barrier.

To make this kind of formation that would allow one side to attack and the other side to defend is by no means something that could be made so easily. In that world, this kind of formation was usually used as the trump card of some guild or families.

'I didn't expect to see such a barrier again in this life.'

Ruth calmed down.

With the barrier protecting City J Base, there was no need for her to worry so much about the situation of the base behind her. This meant that she could focus on fighting against these Giant Dark Sparrows outside.

As for other lower ranked magic beasts?

They could be handed over to the soldiers.

"These... what are these...?" The commander not far from Ruth was stunned when he saw the thin layer of barrier. The barrier was not completely invisible. Instead, they could see a thin layer of glass like thing surrounding the entire City J Base.

There was a faint hue of blue on the surface, but not enough to change the color of the environment outside.

It was beautiful.

"Can't you see it? It's a formation." Ruth readied her bow and arrow once more. "A formation that completely protected the base."

Dzing! Jleb!

More Giant Dark Sparrows fell down under Ruth's attack.

The commander was silent as he looked at the formation in front of them, his mind was in a mess. Even he could guess that the rumored rune master should have come and followed Samuel to City J Base.

Among the few people who came with Samuel, one of them is the rune master.

This...

The commander sighed deeply.

He felt that the higher ups were really bold to send the rune master here.

Considering that Dina was also here and had inexplicable obsession with the strong, she would not be able to accept seeing more and more strong people around her.

But forget it.

City J Base's situation is more important.

Other people in various other bases nearby had been evacuated and this City J Base could be said to be the frontline. Their main task right now was to buy time. Otherwise, Samuel and the others would not have been sent here.

"I am the lord of the darkness. May the darkness come and form a weapon in my hand, be the strongest spear for me. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Dark Spears!"

Thud! Thud!

Several Giant Dark Sparrows fell down from the sky following Dina's magic spell. She looked at these Giant Dark Sparrows coldly and then glanced at the shield around her.

As someone who returned from that world, there was no way Dina didn't know about the formation and so on.

Even demonic magicians could also use runes, all right.

Of course, that didn't include her.

Dina didn't have any talent in this field and she didn't want to force it either. After all, Dina had fully understood that if she forced herself, what awaited her would be an extremely gruesome memorization days.

Since she has no talent, she would not pursue this matter.

But...

"So you really bring the rune master here, Samuel." Dina sneered.

The higher ups really wanted to protect City J Base.... Or it might be because there were many people behind them who were still evacuating.

The people in City J Base was basically the last batch to be evacuated should something happen. It was simply because there were still her and many other returnees here.

Now...

"I won't lose against you, b*stard!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

As these Giant Dark Sparrows fell down one by one, Samuel turned to look at Riya and saw her calm expression.

He understood that with this action, Riya had officially declared that she will stop hiding and so on. Previously, there were only a small number of people who knew Riya's identity because she made a move when they were in that crack.

But from now on, there will be many people who knew about her...

Samuel chuckled and then looked at the distance.

Since she's behind him, protecting the base, he will focus on dealing with these Giant Dark Sparrows and other magic beasts!

Being able to fight to his heart content, it's really pleasurable.

"Lightning strike!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

With the three people completely focused on offense, their attack power reached new heights.

These Giant Dark Sparrows were completely killed without being able to fight back in the slightest bit. Blow after blow rained towards them and they were killed from one of the three methods.

At the same time, the soldiers could also focus on exterminating the magic beasts without the need to worry about their safety.

Everyone fought hard.

Riya saw this scene as she watched these people fighting and took a deep breath. Through controlling the formation, she could see the entire situation of City J Base.

The battles, the magic beasts, and even the blood seeping on the ground.

'Thankfully I designed this blood formation... these magic beasts outside will be used to maintain the formation.'

When Riya saw the pile of magic beasts corpses outside, she has already started planning. Because Riya knew very well that for such a large scale formation, one of the hardest thing to provide is the power or in other words, the mana.

After all, her own mana is limited and continuing to use her own magic cores would cause her wallet to bleed too much.

So the option was to use the blood and flesh of these magic beasts that died outside the formation.

However, the formation that could use their blood and flesh directly to transform into mana was not that easy to make. If it was a small scale formation, Riya could finish it quickly. But when the scale was as big as this base... it took her half an hour to figure out the runes connection and so on before drawing it.

Otherwise, the formation would not work.

Now that she's still controlling the formation, Riya could sense that the formation was already drawing a lot of mana to maintain its operation.

But...

"It'll not last long."

The magic beasts that died outside has variety of ranks and completely uneven. It would be unrealistic to make sure that the mana they converted to would be able to last for a long time. Otherwise, Riya would not have taken out a rank 6 magic core in the beginning to start the formation.

This could ensure that even if the mana coming from these magic beasts were uneven, it would still last for some time.

'But I don't think I need to worry that much.'

Seeing more and more Giant Dark Sparrows fell because of the attack of the three returnees, Riya shook her head.

These magic beasts were not their opponents and the Giant Dark Sparrow had weak defense. Only Peter was busy cleaning up other magic beasts because these Giant Dark Sparrows were outside his attack range.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Time passed quietly.

Riya stood still on her place and no one dared to get close.

The Protective Rune Circle around her was more than enough to tell them that she was not a person whom they could handle.

And Riya didn't really need to do anything else.

The other magic beasts were eliminated by the three people.

After a while, all Giant Dark Sparrows were killed and then some Giant Rock Golems appeared, including the Giant Rock Golem's King that clearly wanted to take its children back.

But with Samuel there... the Giant Rock Golems couldn't really do anything.

The bright light of sword attack came towards the Giant Rock Golems, splitting it into two. The other Giant Rock Golems were either eliminated by Dina's dark element magic or by Samuel's sword.

Looking towards Dina's side, Riya could still hear the song sung by Dina.

Hmm, her voice sounded good.

"I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

That was a rank 5 dark magic spell.

Seeing countless magic beasts fell from this magic spell, Riya nodded to herself, not feeling it strange in the slightest bit. This was because she knew the power of this magic spell was indeed really high.

Being used by Dina, her mana caused even greater destruction.

'I should modify the magic spell to suit Ruben... well, I can do it later. It'll take some time for him to reach rank 5.'

In this way, the battle on the second day was not as fierce as the previous day. This was mostly because these people all focused on attacking.

Their opponents could never get close to them unless they actively went out of the formation.

But who would be so stupid?

Since there was already a formation here, they had to make use of it to the fullest.

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When it was evening, no more magic beasts came.

All this time, Murin didn't come in the slightest bit. It seemed that the Magic Association never thought about sending him to City J Base.

Though, it was quite reasonable if one thought about it.

After all, there were many people who hated Murin here and if he came to City J Base, he would have to face them.

No one knew what kind of destruction would take place once that happened.

And when the magic beasts decreased, the formation also flickered and then dissipated. The rest of the magic beasts were weak and didn't really need the formation to help them clean them up.

Tep.

Riya jumped up and landed on the platform once again. She looked at her friends who were still fighting and then at Samuel.

"It seems that the battle this time is not that bad."

"They managed to increase their skills, yes." Samuel nodded and then looked at Riya helplessly. "And I think you can't hide your identity anymore."

"It's fine. I'm prepared." Riya showed a reassuring smile.

It was impossible to hide her identity for the rest of her life, so Riya was prepared for the day when they found out about it.

Besides...

She had nothing to fear.

"Rune master! I want to challenge you!"

Chapter 567: Challenge

Riya: "..."

Samuel: "..."

The two of them were speechless when they heard the sudden challenge. Turning their head to the side, they saw Dina had already arrived on the edge of the platform and looked at the two of them with glare.

Riya saw Dina's expression and silently wondered whether she had done something to offend Dina in the past.

After all, Riya was sure that she really hadn't done anything.

"Are you sure you want to fight right after you have just finished fighting?" Samuel interrupted.

They have just fought all day long to clean up the magic beasts this time.

"I'm not tired yet." Dina's eyes focused on Riya.

She felt that she was really stupid for not recognizing Riya as a rune master. Even though she didn't know that Riya is a rune master, but she should have guessed that Riya is a returnee.

Because there was no way people other than returnee could possibly give her such a strong sense of danger.

She should have guessed that Riya is also another returnee.

Damn it!

Feeling annoyed, Dina wanted to challenge Riya right away.

Riya looked at Dina and then tilted her head. "Forget it. With your current attack, you can't break my defense."

She had seen Dina's battle before. When controlling the formation, she has the privilege to be able to see the situation from all areas within the formation, so she managed to see Dina's battle.

But Dina is still only a rank 5 demonic magician.

With such strength, it was impossible to break Riya's Protective Rune Circle.

"Don't look down on me." Dina's face was dark.

At this moment, Peter came and looked at Dina who was on the verge of exploding. He felt that Dina might not be able to hold back anymore and needed to vent her emotions soon or it would be bad.

"I'm rank 6, Dina," Riya said quietly.

Dina was stunned and then snorted.

She thought about the special magic core within the crack and then asked, "Do you take those special magic core?"

Riya only smiled.

She would not answer this.

Thinking about the possibility of Riya taking those special magic cores from the crack but there was no magic beast's tide in City A Base, Dina felt unbalanced once more.

Why she could take those without any disturbance but she has to face the attack of these rampaging magic beasts?

It was really unfair.

"The formation stated that there's a limit to how many times you can take it. Be it taken by humans or magic beasts who passed by, once you crossed a certain limit, you'll be trapped by the formation from the moment you touched the special magic core," Riya kindly reminded.

Dina's face was dark.

As expected.

There was a trapping formation there.

She had some uneasiness when she saw the formation, the pillar, and the special magic core in the beginning. But because she needed to get stronger faster and increase her mana quickly, Dina took her chance to take the special magic core out.

In this way, she managed to reach the peak of rank 5.

Otherwise, it would be really difficult for her to advance without consuming a lot of magic beast's blood.

And taking magic beast's blood was not that easy even for Dina.

Even if she has the experience in that world, but it was a completely different thing. Dina knew very well that it was completely impossible for her to absorb the magic beasts' blood all the time. The 'mental pollution' made it difficult for her to increase her mana quickly.

So when she saw the special magic core, she was really tempted.

It was a chance for her to increase her mana without taking magic beast's blood and it was really harmless.

As for the marking that would appear on their body, who cares about it?

"It seems that you have thorough understanding of the formation." Dina looked at Riya and narrowed her eyes. "But that didn't matter to me. What I want is for us to compete for a while."

Compete...

Riya rubbed her forehead and then pointed outside. There was a clearing where there were no magic beasts because it was either absorbed by the formation or it was destroyed by Dina's magic.

"Let's settle in one attack. If you can defeat my Protective Rune Circle with your magic, then you win."

Anyway, Riya didn't think that the magic spell from Dina could defeat her.

"You're really arrogant."

"It's called confidence."

Dina snorted. But she also knew that this condition was very favorable to her. In that world, she had destroyed countless Protective Rune Circle.

Just destroying another one would be easy, right?

"Deal."

With that, Riya nodded and glanced at Samuel and Peter.

Seeing the two of them had no objection, the two of them jumped down the platform.

Samuel looked at the two people who were walking away and then asked, "Are you not going to warn her about Riya's formation?"

"Is there any need for that?" Peter asked back. "She will not listen even if I say anything."

Samuel was silent.

Well, it seemed to be true.

Seeing the two women were getting ready to fight, he shook his head and chose to forget about it.

Considering Dina's headstrong personality, she would not listen from others.

As for Riya's defense...

Looking at the formations that could defend against those Giant Dark Sparrows perfectly, Samuel felt that it was impossible for Dina to break the defense easily.

"Ready?"

"Yes."

Dina looked at Riya and then immediately chanted, "I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

Bang!

The dark element swished towards Riya and she did nothing but to watch it. The Protective Rune Circle was still active.

And the next moment, she was completely submerged under the dark element.

Chapter 568: "..."

"It's scary..." Amelia watched from the platform and trembled when she saw the two people who fought.

She had seen Dina's attack because that Dark World's magic spell was such a big area of attack. The scene where the dark element completely swept over the field was very clear in their mind.

"You're such an annoying brother." Amelia's face was black. "There should be a way for me to learn it, right?"

It was really domineering and powerful.

Afterwards, there were also the follow up training that their brother arranged for them.

Nothing remained after Dina's attack and this was something that everyone could see very clearly.

Ruben arched his eyebrows and grinned. "Master had agreed to teach me after I reach rank 5 because this can only be done by rank 5 rune master or above."

Being looked by so many people still felt uncomfortable.

At least, not for Riya.

Her fingers were clenched to form a fist.

Below rank 5, their mana was not enough to form a complete Protective Rune Circle. And if the Protective Rune Circle was not complete, the defensive power would be full of holes and easy to be defeated.

Swish!

Dina looked at the front with some anticipation, but her expression froze when she saw the faint runes circle that had started to appear. As more part of the Protective Rune Circle could be seen, Dina frowned.

He's a magic warrior, not rune master.

It felt a bit frustrating.

Hearing this sentence, Amelia turned her head to look at Ruben, who was standing not far from them.

Compared to them, Dina's attack was not even half as powerful.

"My mana control has gotten better..." Amelia defended weakly.

She was fighting with all she got, but she couldn't even make the other party serious.

Samuel could sense that Riya was perfectly fine.

"If there's anyone who could learn among us, it would be Ruben!"

Riya: "... Did you just accidentally reveal your real reason why you want to learn.

At this moment, Dina could clearly feel that Riya was really strong. Even without her doing anything, the Protective Rune Circle alone was more than enough to protect her from her attack.

If they were not careful, they would not be able to get out of the battle alive.

Tep.

"Alright. The battle is over," Riya said with a faint smile and then walked back to the gate. She could see that there were still many soldiers looking in her direction and tried her best to ignore the gaze.

For some reasons, she had the feeling that Amelia was not being serious at all.

"She's fine."

Unless it was a sparring, they would never let their enemies finish their move if it was possible. After all, what they wanted was to win the battle at all cost because a real battle would be a battle of life and death.

This was one of the reasons why Riya gave him a requirement if he wanted to learn it.

'But running away won't solve this problem.'

Riya shook her head in amusement. "Forget it. Without any talent as rune master, you might spend a few minutes to make the Protective Rune Circle. No enemy will be willing to let you draw the formation for so long."

The dark element receded.

Riya looked at Amelia helplessly and said, "I don't think you can stand memorizing so many runes... also, your mana control is not up to standard."

"Stupid. You're not a rune master. How can you learn that Protective Rune Circle?" Sean mocked from the side.

"Uh..." Amelia tilted her head. "How long does it take for you to finish drawing the formation?"

Of course, this didn't mean that Dina was useless. When fighting against relatively weaker magic beasts, she would still be able to fight back pretty well and would help them greatly in a battle.

"Me? A few seconds are enough."

It was not something that they wanted to happen in the slightest bit.

Having fought side by side with Riya for a long time, Samuel knew very well that the Protective Rune Circle that Riya had was more than enough to protect her. He didn't know how she modified it, but it was able to block even peak rank 6 magic beast's attack.

She felt as if she was under scrutiny of many people when she approached the gate. This made her really want to run away if it was possible.

Being under the spotlight has never been pleasant.

"Will she be alright?" Sean asked with a frown. Facing that kind of attack... he was not sure that anyone would be fine. There were many magic beasts that had fallen under Dina's attack not long ago.

Rather than expecting himself to be able to learn other people's specialties, it would be better for him to focus on other things that could help him get stronger.

"You're amazing, Riya!" Amelia immediately jumped to Riya and hugged the other party. "You really need to teach me how to do it! That way, I can also pretend... I mean, I can also protect others."

When Riya mentioned that, Amelia froze and then recalled her training before. Even though Amelia and Sean were both training their mana daily, but their training didn't make much progress.

Perhaps if she had worn a mask, it would be possible to hide her identity, but Riya didn't want to hide forever. There was no point in hiding and there was nothing to hide either.

And naturally, very destructive.

It was not so easy.

It was just...

"That's not fair! I want to learn it too!" Amelia started to make trouble.

He knew very well that the Protective Rune Circle was not so easy to make when he heard his brother explained it before. So when he saw Riya used it, he only felt that it was convenient but he had no intention of learning.

Mana control?

Because it was difficult for them to accomplish what Riya said before.

She looked at her best friend speechlessly.

The others: "... " so fast?

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They all knew how complicated the Protective Rune Circle is. When Riya first showed it to them, she had explained that the Protective Rune Circle basically contained several formations functions inside.

It would be really difficult for them to guess how many formation was mixed together, but each of them complement each other.

Defense, counterattack, recovery, and so on.

With so many formations mixed together, a Protective Rune Circle usually took a long time to make. Samuel also explained to them that other people's Protective Rune Circle were usually simpler compared to the one that Riya made.

As for why...

It was because Samuel could see that Riya's Protective Rune Circle had the function of replenishing mana.

This function was not so easy to make, especially for a moving formation like the Protective Rune Circle. From what he knew, replenishing mana would disturb the mana airflow outside the formation, so they have to make sure that the mana absorbed by the Protective Rune Circle would not cause instability of the mana concentration around it.

Once the mana concentration was disturbed, then the Protective Rune Circle might fail directly.

So Samuel could say that Riya's Protective Rune Circle was really high end.

Not many people would be able to repeat what she made.

Despite the fact that the Protective Rune Circle was really complicated, Riya could finish it in seconds...

This made them really felt that the cruelty of the world.

"The difference between people is really bigger than the difference between people and dogs..."
Stephen couldn't help but complain.

woof! <Of course we're different.>

Sophia's lips twitched when she heard what Melly said. "I don't think my brother meant it that way."

woof?<What?>

Melly looked at Sophia in confusion, but Sophia only patted her dog's head.

She understood very well that Stephen was saying that the difference in their abilities with Riya was really large. It couldn't be helped.

With Riya, Samuel, and those returnees at the forefront, they completely understood that it was impossible for them to catch up with them. These people were simply the pinnacle of the geniuses in their respective field.

Just when they thought that they could surpass the other party, they would come up with others ways and crushed their pride.

"Is it really possible to draw the Protective Rune Circle in such a short period of time?" Ruben asked quietly. He was already taught the other formation by Riya and when he thought about combining those formations at the same time...

Ruben honestly didn't think that it would be possible for him to draw it within half an hour...

"Yes, it is possible." Riya nodded seriously. "When I first started, I can only finish drawing in 1 minute, so I practiced over and over again so that I can draw the Protective Rune Circle faster."

The others: "... 1 minute?"

They had the feeling that Riya was simply here to give them a blow.

Samuel heard this and coughed. "Well, Riya, I don't think that there will be many rune master who could compare with you."

He felt that he truly underestimated Riya's talent. To be able to draw so many complicated runes in one minute...

Her talent was simply monstrous.

But the biggest question was why he had never seen Riya in that world before. No matter how Samuel thought about it, he could not think of any rune master with the same features as Riya who was famous.

It was as if she was not there at all.

But from Riya's words, Samuel knew that she was indeed there.

Perhaps...

She was hiding?

"Right." Riya nodded and didn't make things difficult for the others either. "Let's go back or help cleaning up. You can technically take the magic beasts that you killed."

"Uh..."

They all looked at the pile of magic beasts that was unrecognizable with black lines on their faces.

How are they supposed to find the magic beasts they killed specifically from this pile?

It seemed that finding needles in a haystack would be a much easier task.

"Just help the soldiers to clean up and don't think too much," Samuel said. "Anyway, you can't really eat these magic beasts. Many of their species are those you can't eat unless you want to die."

Even though he was busy fighting with those Giant Dark Sparrows before, Samuel still paid attention to his siblings and friends.

He naturally saw that most of the magic beasts they fought were those that could not be eaten.

Besides, the formation had sucked out many magic beasts' corpses outside. In this way, the number of the magic beasts' corpses had decreased significantly.

"That's too bad." Amelia sighed.

"Well, let's try to find one that's still relatively intact.... I'll cook for you tonight," Sophia said with a frown.

"Deal!"

With that, Amelia jumped down and the others were stunned.

"Wait for us!"

"You're a cheater!"

"All is fair in love and war!"

Riya looked at the group that was messing around and laughed lightly. She felt that Amelia was really funny when she was not burdened with various matters.

After that, her eyes moved towards Dina, who was still standing outside. "It seems that the blow I give is not small."

"She's just too proud for her own good." Samuel shook his head and then said, "Let's go back first. You don't seem to be too comfortable here."

"Well... I'm not used with so much attention on me," Riya admitted with some embarrassment.

She was not afraid when facing those Giant Dark Sparrows and even other magic beasts. But when facing so many people who were looking in her direction, Riya felt that she was a bit nervous and uncomfortable.

"They're looking at you because of your ability and position." Samuel showed a reassuring smile. "Don't worry too much about it as you will get used to it. Of course, you can also run back to your residence to avoid their eyes."

Run back?

Riya looked at Samuel speechlessly.

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"That's an option you can take," Samuel said with a shrug.

Riya could only sigh and nodded.

Well, that was indeed an option.

"I don't know why you choose to reveal your identity when you have a choice not to do that if you're uncomfortable with the attention. But since this is your decision, I'll respect it and it's better for us to go back now," Samuel said.

"Ok." Riya nodded in agreement.

The two of them quietly left as the soldiers were still busy cleaning up the magic beasts' corpses. At least, cleaning up what remained after the battle.

That was truly a big battle and there were not much spoils that they could take from this battle.

Their biggest gain was only some Giant Dark Sparrow's corpses that were killed far away from the formation. Those nearby had all been sucked by the formation and used as mana source.

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Dina stood still on her place.

She didn't stop Riya from leaving because she understood that there was no point in stopping the other party.

The battle had already told her, loud and clear, that Riya is someone out of her league. Her skills were pathetic and she should stop having unrealistic thoughts.

It was really annoying.

Dina took a deep breath, calming herself down.

It was not like she had never lost in the past, but this was the first time she lost so completely that she felt that she's really weak. Even though the cruel path as a demonic magician should have allowed her to become much more powerful earlier than others, Dina felt that it was simply impossible for her to catch up to Riya.

'Calm down...'

Dina took a deep breath.

Her mind was stirred from the battle, but she would not let it destroy her.

And it was not like she would not have any other tricks if she continued to get stronger.

This is just a temporary setback.

"Hey, Dina~," Peter called out as he also jumped down. He had no interest to stay with Samuel and Riya, so he came down to take a look at Dina's condition.

From the moment Dina challenged Riya, he knew that she would lose.

But seeing the scene first hand was clearly very different from thinking about it before.

"What do you want?" Dina looked at Peter and frowned. To be honest, she really want to beat up this annoying man again. Whenever she saw Peter, the only thing she wanted to do was to beat him up.

Well, not physically.

With her magic, it would be easy to toss Peter around.

"If you want to spar, you should have asked me. I will definitely make a memorable battle with you," Peter complained.

"You?" Dina looked at Peter up and down. She sneered. "Your aura will not be able to defend yourself from my attack. What are you going to fight me with?"

When they were fitting before, Peter kept on avoiding her when she started to use her magic. After all, when she used the large scale magic spell, it basically spread out to cover up a wide area.

This made it difficult for the allies to retreat if they wanted to.

Thankfully, Peter was basically the only person who fought against the magic beasts in close combat. So when Dina started to use her magic, he would avoid it far away through using his own strength.

Anyway, getting away from her range was easy as long as they were not right in front of her.

"Don't be so mean. I can still fight if necessary." Peter chuckled. "Did you forget that aura can restrain magic to a certain degree?"

Dina's eyes narrowed.

Both magicians and warriors have their own advantage and disadvantage. For example, magicians were usually weak in terms of their physical strength while the warriors were usually unable to fight in a long distance battle.

But this didn't mean that they couldn't hurt each other.

Magic could restrain aura to a certain degree and vice versa.

Because of that, if the two of them were to fight a real life and death's battle, it was not known who will win in the end.

Unless necessary or they were mortal enemies, they would not usually attack their peers.

Well, demonic magicians were exception.

They often attack other magicians or magic warriors for the sake of the other party's mana.

"Even if you can restrain the attack temporarily, can you be fast enough to launch an attack?" Dina asked back.

"Your chant is long."

"I can fight without chants."

Chants were not completely necessary for those who were already higher ranked. All lower ranked magic spells could be cast instantly for Dina. Only those at higher level still required chants because she couldn't control her mana that well.

The chants, no matter how outrageous they sounded, helped to guide the mana inside their body.

It was through this method that they managed to become powerful.

Later on, they would get used to the route that the mana passed and the fluctuation that it needed for them to cast the magic spells without the need to use the chants anymore. That was when instant magic spell was born.

Of course, not everyone could use instant magic spell.

For some people, their mana control was not good enough. In order to ensure that they would not fail casting their magic spells, they chanted in full.

On the Green Planet, these chants were usually accompanied by songs...

Don't ask her why.

But Dina suspected that it was because song lyrics were easier to remember compared to those embarrassing words when said as a full sentence.

"Yes, you can, but from what I know, the instant magic spell you can use are only lower ranked magic spell~." Peter shrugged.

Dina saw this and black lines appeared on her forehead.

For some reasons, she really wanted to beat up Peter so bad that he could not continue to mock her like this.