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Chapter 581: Other Returnees (4)

Navi clicked her tongue in annoyance.

She understood very well that the continent with the largest number of returnee would definitely lead over the others. Because the more returnee there is, the more diverse the knowledge that they could achieve would be.

After all, all of them have different profession.

This rule was something that they had noticed not long ago and planed to make a good use of.

Unfortunately, there were not many returnee on their continent.

Even if they tried to look for them, if these returnees were determined not to show their specialness, it was simply impossible for them to find these people. To be able to find Ami alone had already exerted a considerable effort on their end.

Now that they wanted to look for more returnees, it might not be possible.

After all, they could guess that the number of returnees should be limited and to be able to find even one more could be of significant meaning for them.

Continent Y was different from Continent Z.

They have already finished gathering the people and restoring the communication system. Through this way, they managed to figure out most of the situation in the entire Continent Y and so on.

It was also because of this that they could be sure that there were no other returnees in the entire Continent Y.

What a joke. If there was any other returnee, they would have surfaced when the higher ups in Continent Y spread out the great benefit they were willing to offer for them. Unfortunately, there were indeed only three people.

Since that was the case, there was simply nothing that they could do but to make do with this.

So hearing that Continent Z has confirmed five returnees....

It felt really unfair.

“Even if there are a lot of returnees, they would not be as strong as us in terms of our combination,” Nalan said confidently.

As one of the strongest guardian warrior, Nalan had this confidence. He didn’t think that there would be many people who could break through his defense and then attacked Navi under his protection.

Navi looked at her brother and sneered. “Have you forgotten about Samuel?”

Nalan frowned when he heard that name.

If one had to say, the person with the strongest attack power in the entire Green Planet would be Samuel Aldrin Jones while he would be the person with the strongest defense power.

But in that world, Nalan had personally experienced what it feel to be cut by Samuel’s sword.

“I’ll figure out a way.”

Navi sneered at her cousin’s words. She knew very well that except for a few methods that they were taught in that world, they couldn’t really carve their own path forward. Because magicians and warriors’ path have been studied for so many years, yet there were not many branches that existed.

Since he had lost against Samuel in that world, Navi didn't think that her cousin would be able to think of a way to deal with Samuel again.

"Stop thinking about it and deal with this mess first. When those people want us to start clashing against the other continents, I'll have figure out a way."

The continents have long been competing with each other in various matters. From military, economy, and so on, these continents were all competing with each other to the point that it was impossible for them not to do it.

It was outrageous.

At this moment, they were all preoccupied by the magic beasts and had to fight all day long just to make sure they would not be killed.

But once they have finished cleaning up the magic beasts...

There was no doubt that there would be a lot of clashes with other continents.

Navi smirked. "Then I'll be waiting for that day. It's boring to just fight against these magic beasts."

"Tsk." Nalan clicked his tongue and moved away from his cousin.

Some people liked to compete with others more and some others liked to fight against magic beasts more. Both of them were the first as they would rather compete with others rather than fighting these endless number of magic beats.

It was too tiring.

Competing with other people were better because the rules were clear and all they had to do was to defeat the other party and then the battle would be over.

In that way, they didn't have to think too much.

But facing these magic beasts... sometimes provoking one of them meant that they were provoking the entire group.

For the two of them, it was definitely a bad idea.

Before long, they received the information about the identity of the other returnees. But for some returnees who didn't really appear in public and had limited information exposed, the information was very brief.

But this was enough.

When they saw the other party, they would be able to know more.

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Long distance away, Continent Z, Murin's side.

After they asked for help, Murin was staying with the magicians from the Magic Association and didn't rush over to help. In his opinion, there were already many other returnees over there and there was no need for him to join in the fun.

As he had expected, even rank 7 magic beast came out.

Seeing these magic beasts, Murin's eyes were green with envy.

If he could contract a rank 7 magic beast, his fighting power would skyrocketed!

Unfortunately, Murin knew that it was impossible.

He could only sign a contract with a magic beast of equal or under his rank. If the magic beasts advanced after signing the contract with him and ended up being a rank higher, he could still control it.

But if the rank was higher than 2 or more, there was a chance that the magic beast would be out of his control.

A beast master is powerful.

But it was not that powerful to the point that they could suppress a powerful magic beast that was far higher than them in their ranks.

Chapter 582: You Can Try

So after Murin heard about what happened in City J Base and the battle that ensued afterwards, he was not in a hurry to go over.

After all, Murin didn't want to fight with these magic beasts and possibly dying in advance.

He had died once.

And these b*stards were all people whom Murin hated.

Almost all of them had killed one of his babies when he was in that world and this made Murin's eyes turned red in anger. If they could be killed by the magic beasts tide this time, then he would applaud the magic beasts in turn.

As for taking revenge?

Hehehe, he was not stupid enough to fight against these returnees on his own.

Murin was not that powerful and he didn't think that he was qualified to fight against these returnees on his own. Even if he had an army of magic beasts, he would not foolishly challenge them in a fight.

"Master Murin, there's a call for you."

These magicians from the Magic Association were basically listening to Murin's order and followed him. Their task was to accompany Murin and to reduce his burden when he was traveling and possibly meeting with magic beasts out there?

"Tsk." Murin clicked his tongue when he saw that the call was from the headquarters of the Magic Association.

Aside from these low ranked magicians from the Magic Association there were only some old fogey who were annoying to deal with. If it was not for the appearance of the magic beasts, even Murin would never expect that there were actually magicians from the Magic Association who could practice in such environment.

He connected the call and saw the vice president of the Magic Association on the other side.

"Murin, the officials are asking why you didn't come to help."

"I'm not that close to City J Base," Murin replied carelessly. "Besides, I think that Samuel and the others are enough to deal with these magic beasts."

The other magicians from the Magic Association quickly dispersed when they saw that Murin was having an important call. None of them dared to challenge their vice president by eavesdropping on Murin's call.

They still valued their lives very much.

The vice president of the Magic Association sneered. "Do you think that they will buy this reason? Your position is very clear from the satellite."

He didn't know when the officials took over the control over the satellites once again. Through these things, they were able to observe the situation in the entire Continent Z.

It was just that for some places that were far away from their capital city, it was a bit more difficult to send soldiers or anything like that. Because of that, the attack of the magic beasts were fiercer and there were more casualties.

There were still soldiers over there.

But the more powerful soldiers were all stationed near Continent Z's Capital City.

And through the satellite, they would definitely pay attention to the magic beasts' tide in City J Base. The fact that Murin didn't come was definitely not a secret because they would notice it.

"How troublesome..." Murin frowned when he heard that.

If it was possible, he really didn't want to deal with these people and continued doing what he has been doing all these time.

The vice president of the Magic Association sneered once more. "You're the one who created this trouble, so you have to solve it yourself."

"You Magic Association is really arrogant." Murin narrowed his eyes. "Are you not afraid that I'll move away?"

"You can try."

You can try...

Seeing the call cut off, Murin's face was dark.

He knew very well that the vice president of the Magic Association was definitely not joking when he said that he had to solve this problem on his own. How to explain to the higher ups and the officials was another problem.

But Murin really didn't want to go to City J Base.

He had no doubt that those returnees would definitely come and try to kill him if he appeared within City J Base's vicinity.

"That b*stard is really not giving me any backing." Murin didn't like the vice president of the Magic Association very much. In fact, he didn't like this association at all because they almost didn't provide him with any protection.

If he had not paid a large amount of resources to have the vice president of the Magic Association stepped forward back then, the Magic Association might have long handed him over to the other returnees.

It was only because there were more powerful magic beasts that the officials didn't touch these returnees.

But should the problems of these magic beasts solved, Murin had no doubt that the officials would definitely come forward and deal with them.

He thought for a moment before summoning his flying magic beasts.

Forget it.

Since he didn't want to deal with those b*stard, it would be the same if he ran far away from this place.

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City J Base, Riya's side

At this moment, Riya didn't know that the battle in City J Base was being watched by countless other people out there. Moreover, other returnees were paying special attention to Continent Z.

It couldn't be helped.

There were too many returnees in Continent Z, which made them feel that it was not good. If Continent Z were to target them, they might not be able to compete with them just because there were too many returnees in Continent Z.

With a variety of abilities, it was hard for other continents to deal with them.

By now, they have basically compiled the abilities from each returnee. At least, the basic profession and the path that they have taken.

And so far, none of them walked the same path.

Even if there were some similarities with each other, their methods would be different and they each have their own methods to fight and improve themselves.

It was very remarkable.

Chapter 583: "..."

Riya knew that there were a lot of professions in that world.

But the main profession was actually only three, magicians, magic warriors, and warriors. The others were simply the branches of these main professions.

It was just that many of them have higher talent in the branches area than the main profession. Because of that, their improvement methods became varied and created a completely diverse methods.

Now, there were officially several profession.

But for rune master...

Riya could not promote her extreme profession's path because she knew that the talent requirement was simply too high.

If they wanted to become a rune master like her who completely focused on runes... Riya didn't even know whether there would be someone with such talent. After all, she was a special situation.

So for her two disciples, with one was only learning magic spell instead of runes, Riya didn't really expect them to follow her path strictly. She had seen Ruben's ability and could see that he had some talent in runes.

But asking him to focus on runes completely and forget about the magic spells was definitely impossible.

Unless she wanted to cut off his future path.

And after the magic beasts' tide, Riya was looking at the stock of the mana stones in her hand happily. With these, she would be able to make a lot of powerful formation again in the future.

"This will increase my battle effectiveness~."

Riya silently arranged for the world to slow down the time so that she could have more time to rest in this world. She wanted to make a few formation and then meditated to rest after a long battle.

If she stayed here for too long, then it was estimated that Samuel and the others would come looking for her.

"If only I can reach rank 7 and make the teleportation formation plate," Riya murmured to herself with some regret.

The real 'artifact' for a rune master was the teleportation formation plate. Because with this plate, they could basically teleport at any time unless they were under spatial lockdown or other methods that made them unable to leave.

With the teleportation formation plate, Riya knew very well that she would be able to start her treachery....*cough* smart fighting methods. She also didn't have to be afraid to fight against those magic beasts because she could run away in an instant.

There was no need to build a teleportation formation while fighting like before.

Swish! Swish!

In this way, the night passed quietly.

When it was morning, Riya woke up energized and walked out of her temporary residence. Seeing Amelia squatting in front of her door, Riya was speechless.

"It's rare to see Princess Amelia woke up so early."

"I can wake up early if I want to!" Amelia protested and recognizing the voice, she turned her head.
"Riya! Come on, the others have already started fighting."

"Huh?"

Riya looked at the sky suspiciously. It was only a quarter past 6 in the morning and they have already started fighting?

"Don't ask me, but there are magic beasts coming out this morning. There's an alarm blaring in the base around 10 minutes ago but I didn't see you coming out, so I choose to wait here," Amelia explained.

Riya: "..."

She's in her world and naturally couldn't hear when the alarm rang out outside.

Thinking about this, Riya felt a bit guilty.

It seemed that she had to set up some kind of alarm formation outside so that when there was something that happened, she would be informed even if she was inside her world. Otherwise, she would be late to come out when something happened like this.

"How many?" Riya asked as they rushed over.

"What?"

"The magic beasts."

"Ah... I don't know." Amelia scratched the back of her head. "I only know that there's an alarm for around five minutes and my brother had already gone ahead. If there's any danger, he should be able to deal with it."

Riya nodded in understanding.

Back in City A Base, Samuel was also one of the fastest responder whenever the alarm rang out. After all, the formation that Riya set up couldn't be activated so easily unless there was an emergency.

The cost to activate that formation, even if it was only once, was really high.

They wouldn't be able to bear it if they had to use a lot of magic beast's cores every single time they activated the formation.

The alarm formation was one of the few formation that they definitely couldn't use.

At least, not yet.

Before they could obtain a large number of magic beasts cores or find some other replacement to supplement the mana, setting up such formation would only consume the mana that they needed for other things.

For the sake of their own future, they definitely couldn't do this.

Thankfully, there was no need to set up such formation for the time being. There was already soldiers patrolling to monitor if there was any movement from the magic beasts outside.

As for the other security problems... that was not Riya's business.

She didn't have any plan to learn how to develop a base or anything like that.

Tep.

As they walked out, Riya could see that the soldiers were already ready on their places. However, none of them opened fire and instead looked into the distance.

Riya guessed that there shouldn't be many magic beasts coming out today.

They have already wiped out most of the magic beasts yesterday.

"Brother!" Amelia called out to her brother, who was standing on the platform. He was focusing on the open area in front of the base, seemingly looking for something.

Samuel glanced at Amelia and Riya, who came much later than the others and nodded. "There's no magic beast that required us to take action."

"Huh?"

Riya blinked her eyes and looked out.

In the distance, there were a few magic beasts coming over. Their speed was slow and their number was only a handful.

Riya: "..."

Chapter 584: Plan

Does such a small number of magic beasts required alarm?

Riya felt that the soldiers in City J Base was stimulated too much. Even if there was no immediate danger, they were still thinking about alarming everyone.

"Hey, how boring." Peter was not far from this platform. He squatted on top of the wall and looked at the few magic beasts that came from the distance. "There are too few magic beasts and they're not powerful at all. The magic beasts' tide is nothing much."

"If I'm not wrong, you're the only one who couldn't defeat any of the rank 7 magic beast," Samuel said lightly.

Peter laughed dryly.

"Well... who made them a flying magic beast?"

Considering Peter's means of attack, he couldn't even touch a single one of those flying magic beasts.

Peter wanted to sulk when he thought about this.

"Why don't you learn some methods that can allow you to attack from long distance?" Riya asked curiously.

In terms of attack range, Riya could attack and defend from various distances. She has never been worried about this kind of thing.

"Many long distance attack for warrior required tools or much more power," Peter said bitterly. "Even if I want to, I don't think it's suitable for me or my attack styles. It's better for me not to dream too much."

Riya: "..."

She had the feeling that Peter is feeling depressed right now. After all, from the moment he decided to become a warrior who relied on his fist more than any other weapon, it would be hard for him to switch to other paths.

Not to mention Peter had already reached rank 7 in that world.

If he followed this path that he had once taken, he would definitely reach rank 7 again sooner or later.

But if he switched to other paths...

Who knows whether he could reach the same height as before?

"Anyway, do you plan to deal with it?" Peter asked as he turned to look at Riya. The only two people who could deal with the higher ranked magic beasts easily were only Riya and Samuel.

Oh wait, there were also Dina and Ruth but these two people were weaker than Riya and Samuel.

To be honest, Peter didn't know how these two people trained themselves.

Any profession required a large amount of resources that was not easy to obtain, yet these two people were able to reach the height that many other people might not be able to reach in their entire life.

It was indeed astonishing.

"No need." Riya glanced to the side and saw that Ruth had already taken action. She shot down the highest ranked magic beast with her arrow and then the rest would be settled by the soldiers who were stationed nearby.

There was no need for them to take action.

"How boring." Peter yawned.

"Mhm..."

"Are you no longer worried about your identity being known?" Samuel asked another question as he walked closer.

Riya shrugged. "Even if I try to hide it, is it useful?"

Is it useful?

When this question was asked, Samuel felt that the answer would be no.

Because neither of them felt that it would be useful to hide her identity when there were already many people who knew the truth.

"Probably not?" Samuel asked back.

Riya shrugged and then said, "I'm planning to head into the crack to explore again. Are you going to follow me or not?"

Even though Riya guessed that either Ruth or Dina should have taken the special magic core that was closer to the periphery, there should be the special magic core that was located deeper underground.

This is her target.

That special magic core was a special magic core at rank 6 and if she could get it, she would be able to consolidate her ability further and possibly reach rank 7 within a year's time.

For Riya, this is a chance that she didn't want to miss.

The other formations were located far away and Riya might not have any chance to see them in her entire life.

So she would rather target the special magic core not far from City J.

"I want to go, but..." Samuel looked at his brother, sister, and friends. He knew very well that if he left them here, they might be in danger.

After all, there was no telling what Dina would do to them.

"Dina won't touch them," Peter said suddenly.

"How are you so sure?" Samuel arched his eyebrows as he looked at Peter. "Don't tell me that your relationship is really as special as rumored."

There was some rumors in that world that Dina had some unexplainable relationship with Peter. But considering one is a warrior and the other is a demonic magician, many people felt that this rumor was not reliable.

How could the two people with completely different background possibly be so close to each other?

So even if there were some rumors, it was mostly joking.

And not many people dared to discuss about this because of Dina's special identity. They were afraid that they would be killed by her if they were to look for various news about her or something like that.

"Dina is not a bad person." Peter looked at Samuel solemnly.

"A demonic magician who can kill countless people without batting an eyelids is not a bad person?" Samuel repeated.

Even though other profession might also kill each other for various reasons, but the reputation of a demonic magician was a bit too loud. It was indeed hard to believe that a demonic magician could be called a good person.

"...I'll bring the soldiers back to City A Base," Peter said slowly.

"No, it's better for them to go to a different base. City A Base is too safe," Samuel refused without hesitation.

The others: "..."

Everyone was trying to go to a safe place but here Samuel wanted them to go to a dangerous place.

Though, they understood why he said this.

Chapter 585: Plan (2)

"We do need to train and kill more magic beasts, but you don't want us to stay in City J Base because of Dina's presence, right?" Arnold interrupted from the side, guessing Samuel's purpose.

Even though they were friends, but they also have their own lives and it was impossible for Samuel to take care of them forever.

"Is she really that powerful?" Ruben asked another question that he had been wondering about.

Stephen chuckled. "I know that you're worried about us and we don't have any plan to stay here either, Samuel."

Amelia heard the others said this and immediately chirped in, "That's right, Brother, I'm no longer the weaklings that I used to be!"

She had already reached rank 4 and in fact, some of the others had also reached rank 4 while the rest were at the peak of rank 3. They only needed a chance to be able to reach rank 4 and none of them were willing to give up so easily.

Since they had decided to fight on the frontline, then they had to make sure to follow this path to the very end.

There was no way they would back down so easily.

"If you want to find a place to practice, I suggest you head to city I base not far from here," Riya said calmly. "There's a crack not far from City I Base, but not many magic beasts head there as compared to City J Base."

After running around to arrange formation on top of the cracks, Riya definitely remembered the location of the city bases.

"Dina's influence in City I Base should be negligible, right?" Sophia continued what Riya didn't say.

Riya looked at Sophia and smiled. "And I think that you will have a good time there."

The Carson Family has always wanted to take advantage of Sophia and Stephen. To be exact, he was trying hard to control these two people, making it difficult for them to do everything they wanted and had to think of their actions that would benefit the Carson Family behind them.

Sophia was more willing to listen to their words.

But how could Stephen be willing?

She had seen his eyes and how much he wanted to get away from the Carson Family, but he didn't have the ability to do so. For his sister, he might be willing to do anything.

"Then we'll go there." Amelia turned to look at Samuel.

Sean looked at these people and shrugged. "I don't really mind but I personally want to go back to City A Base."

After being brutally trained and saw the situation in City J Base, Sean was actually thinking about the base more. He knew very well that he was not suitable for training or anything like that.

Moreover, Samuel had to work hard to gather training resources for both him and his sister, which was definitely not cheap.

How many people could eat the meat of rank 6 magic beasts' almost every single day?

Sometimes, there was even rank 7 magic beasts' meat mixed in.

Sean didn't know how much his brother had to pay to be able to get these things on their table. Besides, while he liked the excitement of fighting with these magic beasts, he knew that he was not really suitable for this kind of profession.

So Sean was thinking of finding a balance between the two.

Among their group, he was undoubtedly the weakest one and Sean felt that he should just be a half magic warrior and half assistant of City A Base.

Samuel looked at Sean and said, "After you reach rank 5, I'll let you go back."

Rank 5?

Sean looked at Samuel in disbelief. "Brother! It's impossible for me to reach rank 5 anytime soon."

After reaching rank 4, they all had experienced what it felt to have their training stagnated. Even if there was little progress in their training, they knew very well that to reach rank 5 would take a long time no matter how talented they were.

"Don't think too much and just focus on your training," Samuel said calmly as he ruffled Sean's hair. He turned to look at Peter and took out a space storage scroll before tossing it to him. "I'll give you a commission to take this group to City I Base."

Peter smirked. "Sure."

Rather than trusting Peter, it would be better to make this matter a transaction one. In this way, both sides would feel relieved.

Samuel would not think of owing Peter.

And Peter would not think that he was doing a thankless thing.

"Are you two going to stay in the crack for months again?" Amelia asked with a strange look. "I don't understand what's so interesting about the crack that you're willing to live there for a long period of time."

"The crack is like a completely different world." Riya laughed and said, "And the most important thing is that there are a large amount of resources there."

Just from this magic beasts' tide alone, Riya had obtained a large amount of resources.

Thinking about her world that had gained a large amount of mana, Riya felt really happy. If this continued, she had the feeling that she would be able to make a lot of mana stones that was crucial for her training and formation making in the future.

Of course, Riya had no intention of explaining everything clearly to others.

"I know about the resources." Sophia looked outside. "And there are also a lot of resources here."

"Aside from the rank 7 magic beasts' corpses that I'll take back, I'll leave the rest for City J Base," Samuel said calmly.

The lower ranked magic beasts were not that attractive to him. Moreover, the formation that Riya made had already consumed a lot of magic beasts' corpses that was previously stacked outside.

The rest were not worth much.

"I see." Peter nodded and then asked, "Should I depart soon and when are you going to leave?"

Chapter 586: Ahh, There's Murder Here

"I'll go in a few days after the situation stabilize," Riya replied. "And the general might want to talk with me about making a formation in City J Base too."

She was sure that the large formation she showed had already attracted many people's attention. There were already many people who wanted to talk with her and if it was not because of this magic beasts' tide, it was estimated that they would have already come to greet her.

But after the crisis was over...

Riya didn't know how much trouble was waiting for her.

In any case, it would be better to run away first.

"Can you make that formation again?" Peter asked with some surprise. He knew that Riya is very capable, but that formation was definitely not easy to make.

"It's not that hard," Riya replied. "As long as the materials are in place, I can make it as many as you want."

Of course, Riya would refuse providing the materials on her own. She needed these magic beasts' corpses to turn them into mana in her world, which would turn into mana stones. These mana stones were useful items and Riya could either absorb it directly or use it to fuel her formation.

After all, there was a limit to the elements of these rank 7 magic beasts' magic cores that she had gathered so far.

The higher the rank, the fewer the number she had.

"Awesome." Peter gave thumbs up and then looked at Samuel. "When do you want me to bring them out?"

"Tomorrow," Samuel replied.

"Is it not too soon?"

"They have no business staying here."

In other words: whether they were here or not would not change the situation.

In the first place, Samuel brought them here so that they could experience the real magic beasts' tide first hand. City A Base has become too safe with Riya cleaning up most of the existing magic beasts.

The only way for him to put pressure on these brats would be through bringing them to other bases.

Because Riya's influence is limited and it was impossible for her to clean up all the magic beasts all over the world. Not even Samuel would be able to do something like that.

"Tsk, Brother, if you want to kick us out, you can say it clearly," Amelia complained and crossed her arms.

"Ehem, Mel," Arnold reminded Amelia from the back.

He knew what would happen when Amelia and Samuel fought against each other and had a headache for a long time because of that. Because Amelia was the one who kept on provoking Samuel but she was the one who ended up suffering.

"Just leave her to do whatever she wants," Sean said while yawning. "She will not die anyway."

The others: "..."

While it was true, but isn't it too harsh?

Amelia turned to look at Sean and sneered. Her hand was raised and the next moment, she swung her sword towards her younger brother.

Clang! Clang!

"Ah, there's murder here!"

"Shut up, Sean!"

"Sister, this is a domestic violence!"

"That's not how the words are used!"

Seeing these two siblings were already quarreling again so early in the morning, the others didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Amelia liked to provoke Samuel and Sean liked to provoke Amelia.

In the first case, Amelia would definitely be the one to suffer and in the second case, it could be either one.

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Seeing this scene, Arnold just rubbed his forehead.

Riya shook her head in amusement. Sometimes, she felt that Amelia had never grown up and has always been the child from before.

But at the same time, Riya actually felt that it was good.

The matter of Victoria was already over for Amelia, but it didn't mean that all of her troubles were over. After all, Riya knew that she still has her annoying family members who were waiting to bite her off...

Though, if Riya had to be honest, she didn't care too much about them.

She has the confidence that even if they came to find her, they wouldn't be able to do anything to her. And as long as they didn't provoke her, they would be able to live in peace with each other.

"Let's leave them be." Samuel looked at these two and shook his head. The only good thing about his sister is the fact that she's a heartless woman. What happened before would be easily forgotten by her.

Perhaps, not completely forgotten but accepted.

Because only in this way would it be possible for her to move on.

"It's really lively." Peter looked at the sight with some envy.

"You can call your friends over if you want to. With your abilities, you can actually cultivate a group on your own," Samuel said calmly.

"Well, I do have a brother whom I took to the Martial Arts Association, but his talent is not very good." Peter shrugged. "I'll pay a visit to him in the future when there's a chance, but for now, let's just eat something."

Samuel thought about what Peter usually ate and declined the other party's invitation. Whenever one saw what Peter ate, they would wonder how so much food could disappear at rapid speed.

Riya shook her head. "I'm going to the general first."

She wanted to talk with him about her arrangement and the fact that she wanted to leave. Before that, she had to make sure that both Ruth and Dina would be able to hold on City J Base's fort.

Otherwise, it would be a bit tricky.

After all, this matter concerned the life of countless people who depended on them to fight against the magic beasts.

Sophia and Stephen also excused themselves, but they headed to the military's side instead. There were still some lower ranked magic beasts and these two people planned to train a bit before going back.

They were not that worried about their safety since Melly could help them to block most attacks.

Chapter 587: I Know

"Do you think that you can advance faster, Sophia?" Stephen asked as the two siblings walked out of the walls along with the other people who wanted to take their chances and the military.

"Brother, you know very well that I'm not weak." Sophia chuckled as she patted Kaze whom she's riding right now. The horse neighed as it moved forward slowly but surely. "Does the Carson Family really thought about making a connection with the magic association?"

As Sophia got stronger and stronger, there were many people in the Carson Family who were jealous of her.

They hoped that they would be able to take her place and experience the 'pampering' from the family. With so much resources in her hand, Sophia had already reached the peak of rank 3 by now.

But to enter rank 4, she still needed a chance.

Samuel had already told them that advancing to rank 4 was a matter of talent and also hard work. Because it would not be easy for them to advance to rank 4 in such a short period of time.

For Amelia to be able to reach rank 4 ahead of others was the manifestation of her talent.

Not everyone would be able to be like her.

And when Sophia reached rank 4, she would be able to contract another magic beasts, which would boost her fighting power considerably.

"Grandpa is already wavering before we leave," Stephen said calmly. "But it's not that surprising, isn't it?"

With how Old Master Carson was so obsessed with power and control, there was no way he would be willing to leave any chance for the Carson Family to rise so quickly. He had already seen how Sophia advanced quickly and there were also people who were working in various different fields.

If one had to say, Old Master Carson really knew how to utilize the 'resources' in his hand, which are his descendants.

It was not an exaggeration to say that the Carson Family truly thrive in his hand.

Back then, he succeeded.

Now, there was no reason why he could not succeed.

"Well, he already inserted people into business, economy, and even military in City A Base." Sophia sighed as she leaned on Kaze, holding onto the horse's hair and said, "But the progress in the Martial Arts Association is not very good."

The Martial Arts Association was just like its name.

If one wanted to advance quickly through ranks in that association, they had to either become strong to the point that they could be depended on or they had to invest a lot of resources.

Peter's position in the association was extremely special and those who were close to him would be able to get preferential treatment.

Unfortunately, he only has one friend inside.

His other friends were also returnees who had their own power.

None of them would be willing to come to the Martial Arts Association and become his 'lackeys.'

For other people who entered the Martial Arts Association, the best thing they could do was to work hard and climbed up. Unfortunately, this is also a matter of talent and not many people would be able to do it.

"He's not willing to invest so much resources on uncertain things," Stephen said calmly. "Even though the Carson Family is big, but he's quite cautious and would invest in limited amount. In this way, even if you fail, it would not hurt the family too much."

The Carson Family is very cold blooded.

This was something that Stephen had understood from a long time ago.

As the young master of the Carson Family, he had seen too much and experienced a lot of things. Because even if he had no interest in business, he still has to take over the branch business that his father was in charge of when he was old enough.

It was tiring.

But he was able to deal with it calmly in the past.

"The world had changed and right now, power has the most say," Sophia said slowly, her eyes flashed with coldness.

Looking at the few magic beasts around, Sophia simply waved her hand and Akira, her lightning bird, would dash over to deal with these magic beasts.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The sound of lightning zapping these magic beasts could be heard and then Sophia used the space storage scroll to take the magic beasts' corpses. With Riya's indulgence, it could be said that their lives had become better and they have many tools that they never had before.

"Brother, if you don't work hard, you will be left behind," Sophia said with a smile on her face.

Stephen looked at his sister.

He knew that the matter of Victoria definitely had some impact on Sophia. While it was not as obvious as Amelia, but he could see that Sophia's determination to stand on her own had increased.

It's a good thing, but he also felt heartache.

Because he hoped that his sister could stay in the safe place for the rest of her life without the need to worry about these things.

Unfortunately, fate is not so kind.

It was simply impossible for Sophia to remain the same when the world had changed like this.

"We're going to City I Base soon." There was a smile on Stephen's face. "In the next few months, make sure that you work hard."

"I know, Brother~."

The two siblings laughed at each other and then started to work hard once more.

They knew very well that if they wanted to be able to get away from the Carson Family, they could only rely on each other.

For this, they needed power.

But they would not abandon their friends like Victoria but to walk together alongside them.

Because both Sophia and Stephen knew that it was impossible for them to go forward on their own.

Why should they give up on their sincere friends?

It was impossible for them to get so many good friends without luck.

Chapter 588: Trust

Swish! Swish!

"Fiuh." Ruben looked at the runes in front of him with satisfaction.

Unlike others who had other things to do before it was time for them to depart to City I Base, Ruben didn't really have many things to do. This is not City A Base where he had to work with Mr. Jones to manage many things but City J Base.

So he could focus on fighting and improving the runes in his hand.

Even though Riya didn't say it clearly, Ruben felt that drawing the runes and talisman would help him to concentrate, which in turn, help him to meditate longer. But he was not sure whether this was the effect of drawing runes continuously for a long period of time or it was because he had been meditating for a period of time instead.

No matter which one the answer is, it didn't seem to be important.

"Are you done, Ruben?" Sean glanced at Ruben on the side.

Since Amelia was training with Arnold while the two siblings were going out to hunt more magic beasts, Sean chose to stay with Ruben.

As for disturbing Samuel and Riya?

He didn't want to die yet.

Just seeing the way his brother looked at him, Sean had no doubt that his brother would not let him off if he disturbed the other party. This made him understand what Amelia told him before.

He didn't know how Amelia managed to guess it faster than him.

Perhaps it was women's intuition.

But no matter what it is, Sean didn't care about it too much anymore. He just wanted to keep his small life and practiced hard.

"Well, I run out of mana," Ruben said helplessly. He could only be categorized as a magician with rune master as side profession. Because if he wanted to compare with Riya, there was still a long way off before he could reach her level.

"Huh..." Sean looked at the stack of talisman in front of Ruben that was soon taken into the space storage scroll in understanding.

There were a lot of talisman that Ruben had made in the past hour while he was meditating.

"What do you want to ask?" Ruben asked and crossed his arms. There was no way Sean would stay behind waiting for him so patiently like this.

Most of the time, this brat would go somewhere and didn't even remember him.

"Well... I'm just thinking whether it's possible for you to talk to my brother about lowering the requirement." Sean scratched the back of his head. "I'm still at rank 3 and also the lowest among the team. Even you're higher than me and I'm thinking that I might not be suitable for this position."

He wanted to switch his training.

Previously, Mr. Jones had already started training Sean in business and management from time to time when he has time. After all, it was impossible for Sean to meditate all day long like Riya.

Considering that no one knew Riya had a world on her own, they just assumed that she's meditating in her room.

Magician required longer meditation than magic warriors, which was something that everyone knew very well. So When Riya stayed in her room, no one dared to disturb her in fear that they would cause trouble to her.

After all, Riya is very capable.

And if they were not careful enough, they might accidentally offend her.

"If you're not strong enough, Samuel would not be at ease letting you be by yourself," Ruben pointed it out mercilessly. "Do you really think that with your weak strength, you can stand on your own?"

"But he didn't ask Father to practice...."

"Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones are still diligently practicing when they have time at home," Ruben interrupted. "And they know very well that they can't go out to play in various places because they might be used against him."

Before the world changed, Ruben was working as both an architect and also Samuel's assistant. It was also because of this that Ruben knew more about Samuel and his family members.

They also trusted him.

"That..." Sean opened his mouth and then closed it again.

His father and mother didn't have the interest to walk around in this kind of environment and could focus on their work.

Mrs. Jones always stay in the core areas of City A Base, busy helping with some things. And there were people who were sent by Mr. Jones protecting Mrs. Jones in secret.

Mr. Jones was either on his home or going to the office. There were also many people who were protesting him around him because of his position as City A Base's leader in practice. Samuel is the leader in name but he had never truly worked much because he needed to practice.

If Samuel continued being the leader of the base, he might not be able to keep up with Riya's training speed.

This was something that all of them had noticed.

And Mr. Jones also let his son to focus on his own practice instead of these messes.

"You're still young, Sean and right now, the most important thing is to get stronger." Ruben looked at Sean thoughtfully. "Samuel said that it's not impossible for you to reach rank 4 and rank 5 even if it might be longer than the others. Of course, you still have to work hard on your own."

"You can say that to yourself. Magicians takes longer to practice because what you need the most is meditation and talent," Sean said while rolling his eyes.

"That's why I'm practicing hard," Ruben answered without hesitation.

Seeing Ruben in front of him, Sean thought about something else and slowly asked, "Have you ever thought of doing business on your own?"

With Ruben's capability, it would be easy for him to work on his own and didn't follow them.

Of course, Sean didn't mean not following them to practice but about his position as Samuel's assistant. Those works would definitely slow Ruben down from his work.

Chapter 589: Fun?

Ruben arched his eyebrows. "While I want to thank you for worrying about me, but I think that it's not necessary."

"That..."

"I like working and playing around." Ruben smirked. "Don't you think it's fun?"

Fun?

Sean: "..."

He looked at Ruben with incomprehensible expressions and shook his head. Standing up, Sean took one last glance and said, "I won't say anything else about that, but I hope that you enjoy your life. My brother wouldn't want you to stick to him just because you seem to have no other choice?"

Ruben still has the same playful smile on his face until Sean left before his expression turned serious.

He looked at the mirror and rubbed his face.

Did he look like not enjoying his life?

While he was indeed very busy every single day, Ruben felt that his life was quite fulfilling and he didn't regret his decision at all.

'The world had indeed changed, but it didn't mean that my decision from before will change.'

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On the other hand, Arnold brought Amelia away from Samuel to prevent her from angering him again.

"Why do you like to provoke your brother so much?" Arnold asked helplessly as he pulled Amelia to stop her from coming to seek death from her brother.

"Who made him so serious all the time?" Amelia said righteously and then added, "Besides, it's not fun to be so solemn all day long."

She would feel suffocated whenever she thought about the time when her brother came to discuss things with her parents back then. He suddenly became so serious and talked about the bizarre experience along with the fact that the world would change.

Ever since then, Samuel has become much more like a loner.

This made Amelia dissatisfied.

Her brother was already an annoying workaholic before and this trait has gotten worse after his return from that world.

She didn't like it.

"Samuel doesn't seem to be that serious." Arnold thought about his conversation with Samuel and felt doubts.

After all, Samuel could still joke around him and Ruben before. Oh, added with Stephen and then there would be four men talking and joking around.

Amelia looked at Arnold and rolled her eyes. "You guys only gather around when you're drinking, so of course you don't feel that it's serious. But don't you see that Brother is getting more and more alienated from the world?"

Arnold nodded thoughtfully.

This was something that actually happened to all the returnees.

Because they all have four years of memory in a completely different world, a world that was completely different and experienced much more things.

Those things were not something that they could express to others.

Even if Samuel had shared a few things to them, but there were also words that left unsaid.

No matter whether it was good or bad, he could not say it.

And this four years gap was what made these returnees had a sense of alienation with the world around them. Other people would not notice it, but those who were close to them would be able to sense the difference.

"Riya is not much better and I feel that they're bearing such a heavy weight," Amelia said solemnly. "I'm not smart, I'm not powerful, and I'm instead a bit stupid... so I just do what I can to make sure that they can still have fun."

By provoking Samuel and pestering Riya.

Amelia is not stupid, but she was indeed not very smart. She could only do things within her capabilities and hoped that it could help, no matter how little it is.

Besides, she was not exactly a reliable person either.

So when she did need help, she didn't hesitate to come to them too. Because she knew that they cared for her and she also cared for them that she dared to be so presumptuous and acted childishly around them.

It might be a bit complicated.

But that was what Amelia thought from the bottom of her heart.

"I know and I'm sure that they also know about it," Arnold said calmly.

Neither Riya or Samuel were people who had never seen the world. For them to be able to survive for years in a completely different world without anyone to confide in had already told them that these people's mental qualities were amazing.

It was also because of this that they were chosen to enter that world.

As for the specific reasons, it was not something that Arnold could think of.

"That's good." Amelia snorted. "So, next time, let's try to get more talisman from Riya~."

Arnold: "..."

He looked at Amelia helplessly, but he could guess that Riya would definitely indulge the other party and gave the talisman as Amelia requested.

For this matter, he didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Riya's indulgence was obvious.

And the person closest to Riya is definitely Amelia.

Coupled with the fact that Samuel is also a returnee and also Amelia's brother, it was obvious that Amelia's position would be a bit tricky. With Riya's identity being made known, there might be some blind people who would come to try provoking Amelia in the future.

Thinking about this, Arnold sighed.

"Don't stay too far away from me," Arnold reminded.

"Brother Arnold, I'm not a child," Amelia complained.

"I'm serious," Arnold said as he looked at Amelia earnestly. "You know very well that there might be people who would target you in the future and I'll do my best to protect you."

Amelia was stunned and then her face turned red.

To be honest, she felt that Arnold's words were bit too foul and that it sounded a bit like of a confession. Yet at the same time, Amelia also had the feeling that Arnold treated her more like a younger sister than anything else.

This made her feel a bit helpless.

She didn't want to be a sister...

Amelia took a deep breath and looked at Arnold. "Didn't you say the opposite thing in the past?"

Chapter 590: Love Brain

Arnold was stunned.

He looked at Amelia with a complicated look and said, "You remember that."

"Well, how can I forget it?" Amelia pouted.

The reasons why Arnold and Samuel knew each other was because they used to live close. But the place where they lived was not in the villa areas but instead in a remote village where Samuel, Amelia, and Sean used to come when they were teenagers.

Well, it was more like they were driven there by their parents so that they could appreciate life more.

The youngest Sean was busy playing around.

But Samuel met with Arnold and then get to know the other party.

During the school break afterwards, the others such as Stephen and Ruben would also tag along and the boys played together.

As for what they were playing about, Amelia didn't know much.

When they were about to enter university, Arnold told them that he was about to leave to a far away place.

"I'm going to go to a dangerous place and I might not be able to come back again. When I have time, I'll try to go back from time to time," Amelia said in a solemn tone, imitating Arnold's words.

Arnold rubbed his forehead. "Well, I said it to those three and not to you... But I understand what you want to tell me. Since I can stay alive for more than 10 years after that, it means that I can deal with it."

Amelia had the look of 'I don't believe it.'

She was not stupid and knew about Arnold's real profession.

Before his departure, both Stephen and Samuel tried to stop him, saying that they could help him. Unfortunately, the stubborn Arnold refused and said that he had his own opportunities and that they would meet again in the future.

Well, they did meet again.

But it was many years later and Arnold would come back from time to time.

"I can protect you now, so... can you not always avoiding me?" Arnold said slowly helplessly.

Amelia was 12 years old when Arnold said that sentence. He thought that she would have forgotten about it because it was such a long time ago.

Unfortunately, he was wrong.

She could still remember everything very clearly, including his tone when he talked with Samuel and the others.

"I never avoided you!" Amelia retorted and pouted. She felt heat on her face and turned her head away, not wanting him to see her embarrassment.

Arnold looked at Amelia's appearance and laughed lightly. He rubbed his nose and said, "After this, Samuel asks us to stay in City I Base. I'll not let those things bother you."

Amelia looked at Arnold's serious look and felt that he's really handsome. She sighed deeply and felt that even if she wanted to be angry with him, it was really useless.

Because no matter what he said, she felt that she would definitely accept him.

Ahhhh.

She's really a love brain.

"I want to go back and practice!" Amelia said without hesitation.

Seeing that Amelia had somehow become a practice maniac, Arnold had helplessness in his eyes. However, his tone was gentle and doting when he agreed on her, "Okay. Let's go and practice."

"Yes!"

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On the other hand, Riya and Samuel finished their dealings with the general in charge of City J Base. As Riya expected, their first request was for her to make the formation before she left.

Of course, she asked them to prepare the materials.

It took her the entire afternoon to finish drawing with Samuel following behind her like a loyal bodyguard.

"Why do you keep following me?" Riya asked in confused tone.

"I don't have anything else to do," Samuel replied calmly with a smile on his face. "Besides, I want to see you draw the formation."

"There's nothing to watch when you don't understand." Riya shook her head.

She knew very well that Samuel understood nothing about formation and wouldn't be able to understand these things when she draw it. It was not like Samuel couldn't start learning, but it would take a long time and wasted his time.

Unless he had a lot of free time in the future, it would be better for him not to start a side profession.

The mana fluctuation from these runes were not easy to detect unless one had a talent to be a rune master.

"I think that it's fine," Samuel said calmly. "Even if I don't understand, I can take this chance to see how it works."

"Hoo." Riya shrugged and finished drawing the runes in front of her before it completely disappeared into the wall.

Seeing the runes that could no longer be seen with the naked eyes, Samuel arched his eyebrows. If he had to say, this kind of operation was really remarkable. If he had not seen it with his own eyes, he would never believe it.

But he had to say one thing, though, Riya was right.

He would never be able to understand it unless he spent years to memorize and learned the rote of these runes. And those things definitely took a long time to learn. Moreover, for those who couldn't sense the mana fluctuation from the runes before it was activated meant that they were not suitable to be rune master.

A real rune master could see a defective runes and real runes without having to activate them.

"Is it a rank 5 magic formation?" Samuel asked.

"Yes. The materials they prepared is only enough to make rank 5 magic formation," Riya replied. "The people are quite stingy."

Samuel chuckled. "Instead of stingy, I think they just couldn't afford the price."

For the sake of the people living here, they already had to spend a lot to build the magic formation. In this way, they would have a way to defend themselves without the need to look for the returnees.

"Well, I know, so I don't really ask for anything for myself."