

## **Last Days 591**

### Chapter 591: You've Changed

Samuel arched his eyebrows and smiled faintly. "You've changed."

"Aren't you the same?"

Is he?

Samuel looked as Riya finished making the formation and took out a formation plate from her space storage scroll before handing it over to him.

"This is...?"

"You hand it over to them," Riya answered calmly. "I'm too lazy to go over and meet with the general again."

Those people just like to talk nonsense and never got to the point. Sometimes, Riya really wondered whether they knew how to talk correctly or not when they were talking in circles like that.

Samuel had a strange look on his face before he nodded. "Got it, I'll pass it over to them."

He could tell that Riya was treating him as a close friend right now. Otherwise, it would be impossible for her to trust him with so many errands like this.

But at the same time, it doesn't feel enough.

However, he didn't dare to step forward too quickly in fear that he would make mistakes and possibly push her away.

"Anything else?" Riya noticed Samuel's gaze and looked back in confusion. "You're not thinking that I'm too lazy, are you?"

From the beginning until the very end, Riya has always been too lazy to deal with the politicians. Because their words have never been the truth and instead covered with various lies and empty promises.

Only some of them truly took their words seriously.

The rest were nothing more than people who took the crowd's money for their own leisure.

Even after the world changed, it was impossible for those politicians to truly unite or anything like that. They have their own interest and so on, which was too annoying to hear.

"No, I don't like talking with them either," Samuel said calmly. "But being able to trick them and get advantage over them is very satisfying."

Riya laughed.

It was no wonder Samuel has always been said to be the black hearted businessmen by those politicians.

With the way he has been doing things, it was not an exaggeration to say that he was the one who tricked those politicians to make his own wallet fuller. If Riya was not wrong, their expression when they saw her and then saw Samuel was completely different.

"Not many people can trick those black hearted politicians," Riya said with a chuckle. "It seems that you have successfully entered their blacklist."

"If they dare to put me in blacklist, they would not be able to continue the trade that we have established," Samuel said lightly. "A true businessman can smile even when they're facing the person they hate."

Riya: "..."

She silently gave thumbs up.

If it was her, she knew very well that it would be impossible for her to smile in the face of someone whom she hated.

As Riya's minds turned, she looked at Samuel curiously. "You're not thinking of tricking them again this time, are you? They have already bleed a lot to make the formation for the people in City J Base?"

Samuel raised his finger and knocked Riya's forehead. "What are you thinking in your mind here? Of course I will not think about tricking them again at this kind of time. But if they wanted to make other trades, then I'll entertain them well."

He might be a blackhearted businessman who liked to make profit, but this didn't mean that he didn't have any heart.

Knowing the current situation of the world, it would be better for him to focus on other things. Because Samuel also didn't want the world to collapse and no one would be happy to see the death of so many people all over the world.

The world had already suffered enough and there was no need to add more of these.

"I know." Riya chuckled when she thought about what those people would think when they faced Samuel again in the future.

It seemed that the situation would be no different from usual.

No wonder she heard from Ruben that the officials prefer to look for Mr. Jones instead of Samuel. They must be worried that they would have to suffer a lot in the negotiation with Samuel.

"By the way, have you ever met with Dina and Ruth before?" Riya thought of these two people.

"Hmm? I think you have asked this question before?" Samuel tilted his head and then said, "I have met with them once or twice but didn't really talk with them. There's a martial arts competition and I think I meet these two people there."

Martial arts competition...

Riya racked her brain to think about this event before remembering what Samuel meant. She chuckled. "I heard about that martial arts competition... if I'm not wrong, all of you are rank 6 when competing, right?"

"Yeah, I think it's on our third year nearly the fourth year in that world?" Samuel tried to remember the details. "But I don't see you."

"I don't participate in that competition," Riya replied. "Those rune masters are too weak and I instead compete with their masters."

Samuel: "..."

That was indeed awesome.

He had the feeling if those arrogant geniuses knew that Riya could already compete with their masters instead of them, they would definitely feel deep unwillingness. After all, the gap between them and their master was really big.

Before Samuel could asked more question, the two of them heard the piercing sound of eagle.

\*screeech\*

Looking up, Riya narrowed her eyes. "It's Murin."

Samuel sneered. "I thought that he would not come here at all."

When he came here and unable to find any trace of Murin, Samuel guessed that the other party was unwilling to come for some reasons. After all, their relationship with each other couldn't be considered good.

They had fought against each other a lot in the past.

So much that it would not be an exaggeration to say that they wanted to kill the other party.

Now, Murin came here.

Not only Riya and Samuel, Peter, Dina, and Ruth, also noticed Murin's arrival and their expression turned to the worse.

Chapter 592: Murin's Arrival

No one liked Murin.

The fact that he had incited a magic beasts' tide in that world and then tried to do the same in this world was well known. All of them understood what Murin did and didn't agree with his decision.

But because the higher ups wants to use Murin's ability to clean up the magic beasts and so on, none of them made a move.

After all, it was true that Murin's ability was very convenient.

Riya was looking at Murin above and then said, "He's a rank 5 beast master now... so he can have 10 magic beasts."

Due to Murin's innate talent, he could contract with twice as many magic beasts as compared to other beast master. This gave him a great advantage because the feedback given by these magic beasts would allow Murin to advance through ranks faster than other beast meters.

But the drawback was that he had to feed a lo ton magic beasts.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that Murin is a poor person whose entire belongings were used to feed his pets.

Well, all professions are basically money eater.

Warriors have to buy a lot of magic beasts' meat for their own consumption.

Magicians have to find places or resources with a lot of mana to increase their training speed.

Magic warriors needed both reproduces from warrior and magician but at lesser amount each.

Rune master required a lot of raw materials to make runes.

It was the same for weapon master and alchemists who needed various raw materials.

Beast masters have to raise their magic beasts.

Necromancer have to collect countless corpses.

If one had to say, only those warriors and magicians were the simplest. Because training normally would still yield some result while the others would have to suffer a lot in gathering materials that they needed for their practice.

This is the price they needed to have in order to achieve result.

"10 magic beasts..." Samuel sneered. "If he dared to let those magic beasts come to attack us, I'll make sure none of them can come back alive."

Riya passed a glance at Samuel.

While he looked like he hated Murin so much, Riya knew very well that Samuel would not really do anything to Murin before he crossed the line. Because this world needed the returnees alive and well.

Otherwise, the battle against the magic beasts would never be so easy.

\*screech\*

The large eagle swooped down and stopped not far from Riya and Samuel. The two of them were outside City I Base as Riya had just finished drawing the outer layer of the runes on the walls.

Murin was sitting on top of the eagle and jumped down when he saw the two of them. He recognized Samuel easily and his eyes moved towards Riya.

"You're the rune master."

It was a statement instead of a question.

Riya's eyes moved towards Murin's right ear where there was an earring hanging there. She recognized it as a special kind of magic beast that could transmit sound waves and was usually used in detection.

But this magic beast was relatively weak and usually lived in the cracks.

It was not so easy to catch them.

No matter how annoying Murin is, it was also a fact that he was a qualified beast master. He loved magic beasts much more than other people and longed to build a world for them.

Well... to the point that he was a bit too extreme, though.

There were not many people who could possibly compare to him in this regards.

And the main use of that magic beast was to detect other creature's position and gave estimation to Murin. Cracks that was hard to see and so on were extremely clear for this special magic beast.

Besides...

Riya looked at Murin's arm where two bracelets lie.

Those two were also magic beasts.

"It seems that you manage to get a lot of rare magic beasts, Murin," Samuel said with a faint smile.  
"Many of them are of support."

Riya looked at Murin's left eyes and fell into silence.

This man even exchanged his own eyes with a magic beast. The magic beast in his eyes were the kind of magic beast that was very sensitive to mana fluctuation. After taking the form of his eyes, Murin gained the ability to see through other people's mana fluctuation more or less.

There were not many people who would dare to do this to their own body...

Two detection type magic beasts, each complement the other and then two hidden magic beasts for sneak attack.

From the mana fluctuation, Riya also detected that there were two more magic beasts hiding behind Murin under his clothes. They were the kind of magic beasts that would move when Murin is attacked, perfectly protecting him.

Murin truly made sure that no one would be able to kill him so easily.

"I can't possibly let myself be killed so easily this time," Murin replied calmly. "After all, I only have one life."

Riya nodded silently.

It could be said that all of them were extremely careful in their actions and deeds. Not only because this might be their last chance to live but also because they have their own goals that they had failed to fulfill.

Being granted the second chance, who would want to waste their time?

"Heh, I think that you're eager to die again." Samuel's eyes turned cold. "After all, you dared to disobey orders and didn't come to help."

"I cleaned up the magic beasts in the distance.... With your runes, can't you see whether I'm telling lies or not?" Murin asked back and his eyes moved towards Riya once more.

Riya saw Murin's movement and arched her eyebrows.

This man is hostile to her.

Why?

She had never fought against him in the past...

But it might be more because of her identity as a rune master and Murin could see the strength hidden within her because of the magic beasts.

Chapter 593: Battle Against Murin

'But shouldn't Samuel be more of a threat to Murin than me?' Riya didn't understand Murin's thoughts.

Is it because her mana fluctuation was greater than Samuel?

After all, she can be categorized as a magician while Samuel is a magic warrior. Though, Riya always refused to be called a magician because magician's image in this world is a bit....

Unbearable.

"I don't have the habit of looking through things," Riya said calmly. "Do you really think that all rune masters will use their runes without resting at all?"

She has no hobby of using runes to enhance her vision or checking the whereabouts of other people all the time. After all, it was really tiring to increase her senses all the time.

"Why did you not make those flying alarm?" Murin frowned.

Having been in that world for a long time, Murin knew the rune masters who used to fight with the magic beasts. They would definitely make the flying alarm to monitor the entire surroundings, allowing them to have the greatest chance of discovering the magic beasts' movement.

It was really fast and useful, which was something that Murin had to agree on.

He had once thought about making trouble, but the existence of these alarms were more than enough to deter him.

Rune masters were really annoying.

Even if Riya is not the rune master from that time, there was no way Murin could forget the troubles they have caused for him.

"Flying alarm?" Riya frowned and then thought of something. She looked at Murin in surprise. "I don't expect that you actually know about those. Didn't they usually make it in invisible mode?"

“I’m the one asking questions here.” Murin frowned.

“Then you should know better than anyone that those alarms couldn’t be made so easily.” Riya smiled and didn’t explain further.

Well, the main reason why she didn’t make it was because she didn’t have the magic tools in hand. Those flying alarm that Murin mentioned were jointly made by rune masters and weapon makers.

Without the main tools that had the capability of bearing those complicated runes, there was no way she could make it.

Even if Riya knew about their existence and so on, she had no way to make it without sufficient materials and tools in hand. After all, learning to become rune masters alone had already taken her a long time. There was no time for her to learn to become a weapon master.

Samuel’s eyes flickered when he heard Murin’s words.

Unlike Murin who came from a relatively lower background and then become a talented beast masters through series of ‘coincidences,’ Samuel had an extensive knowledge. His family in that world had various magic tools that they used in daily basis and he naturally knew what Murin meant.

But he never thought about asking Riya to make it.

Because he knew very well that the role of the weapon master was more important than rune master when making that flying alarm tools. Because even without rune masters, a weapon master could still make it after modifying the content inside.

Of course, the most powerful one had to be made by both a weapon master and rune master.

“Tsk.” Murin looked at Riya’s appearance and thought about those b\*stards who killed him in that world.

They would always have a confident look on their face, which was very disgusting. No matter how many times he thought about it, Murin felt that those b\*stards were very annoying.

Swish! Bang!

The next moment, Murin suddenly attacked as a magic beast appeared midair in front of them.

Samuel dodged to the side and took out his sword and slashed it forward.

Slash!

A large slash was formed on the ground while the flying magic beast behind Murin had already taken him away and there was a transparent shield formed in front of him. He was prepared from the moment he made a move to stay away from his original position.

On the other hand, Riya stood still on her place, a transparent shield was also formed in front of her.

Her physical strength was still far from Samuel and it was impossible for her to avoid such a quick attack that was made in a short distance. She knew herself well, so Riya simply ignored the attack as it triggered the formation plate that she carried with her.

While it was annoying that she would have to replenish the formation's energy, but life is far more important.

At this moment, Riya had already started to draw runes in front of her with both hands.

There was no time to delay.

So her two hands cooperated seamlessly and concrete runes were formed in front of Riya within the matter of seconds.

During this time, Samuel was being attacked by two magic beasts and rolled away while clicking his tongue.

“Two rank 6 magic beasts... it seems that I underestimated you, Murin.”

Two rank 6 magic beasts that was capable of attacking fiercely meant that Murin’s fighting power is actually quite strong. Coupled with two flying magic beasts...

This Murin seemed to be forming himself to be a moving fortress.

Murin ignored Samuel and looked at the flying magic beast that kept on attacking Riya. Upon seeing that she almost formed the complete Protective Rune Circle in such a short period of time, his expression sank.

For masters at their level, the difference between a few seconds could directly determine their lives and death.

“Attack the ground!”

\*screech\*

The flying magic beasts directly launched the attack towards the grounds below Riya, trying to stop her from forming the complete Protective Rune Circle.

Riya has been standing in one place, giving people the impression that she had to stay in one place to complete her runes.

Samuel saw this and tapped his sword. “It seems that we have to fight seriously... lightning sword slash!”

Mana surged towards Murin in the distance and he could only order the flying magic beast to drag him away.

Swish! Rumble!

#### Chapter 594: Battle Against Murin (2)

Along with the lightning that seemed to split the sky, the grounds were cracked and there were many small slashes forming on the ground.

The flying magic beast was not as powerful as Samuel, but there was no problem if it wanted to destroy the ground.

Rumble!

Dust flared up, covering up the place.

The commotion had long attracted the attention of many people but no one dared to come forwards. They all knew that if they dared to step forward, what awaited them would be nothing more than their own death.

Swish!

Seeing the chaos, a smile unconsciously formed on Murin's lips. But before it was truly formed, a voice made him unable to do so.

"What makes you think... that the runes couldn't move?" A calm female voice came from pile of dusts.

Swish!

The next moment, Riya had already moved away from her original position and was now standing not far from Samuel. Her hands hadn't stopped from the very beginning and still formed runes.

The left and right hands were forming different runes at the same time. Her left hand moved towards herself while the right hand pointed towards Murin.

Seeing that, Murin had a bad expression and quickly called out his magic beasts.

"Brilliant Frozen Strike."

Boom!

\*screech\*

Wind barrier was formed, blocking Riya's attack.

But this is only the beginning.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Within seconds, the two sides exchanged various moves. Even with the flying magic beasts entangling Riya, she didn't pay attention to it at all and the Protective Rune Circle completely protected her.

Her hand was increasing her senses, physical fitness, attack power, and so on through her left hand.

Her right hand was busy launching one attack after another.

Murin was forced to move around with his flying magic beast and his expression was not very good. Even if it was possible for him to use his other magic beasts, but he had no plan to let all of them come out.

The other two magic beasts were entangled with Samuel and tried their best to dodge his attack. But Samuel has long been known for his fast and ruthless attack, so after a while, these two magic beasts suffered some weapon attacks from time to time.

It was really miserable.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Just watching from the side, the three returnees who were watching from the wall could guess the result.

"Murin is completely defeated," Peter said with a sigh.

He was busy walking around the base, looking at how Dina has been doing all these years and wanting to know how she managed the base. The soldiers were not willing to let him know too many things, but it was good enough that they didn't stop him.

When he heard the loud screech, he instantly knew that this was at least a rank 6 flying magic beast and rushed over to the wall.

But after seeing that it was Murin...

Peter lost the interest to fight.

While Murin's deeds were well known in that world, Peter didn't like to fight with Murin. The main reason was because Murin loved to run away with his flying magic beasts, making the battle more meaningless.

As a warrior, he couldn't fly!

He could only chase after the magic beasts that Murin released and when the time was up, Murin could easily call these magic beasts back to the pet space. At that time, Murin would have already run far away with his flying magic beasts.

Peter wouldn't be able to do anything.

So when he saw that it was Murin who wanted to make some small troubles to Samuel and Riya, he chose to watch as bystander without hesitation.

"Um."

Ruth looked at the battle with some interest.

She knew that the rune master had appeared, but she didn't know the other party. Considering that she was not close to the rune master, Ruth didn't take the initiative to show her face.

Because she knew that socializing was useless.

Her skills were not in that department either, so she just watched and do what she should do. As long as they didn't bother her practice and allowed her to do what she wanted in her free time, Ruth didn't have much demand.

When she heard the loud sound of the magic beasts, she naturally came to the wall.

She has been paid to help protecting the city, so Ruth would still do the work she should do well. After all, if the city was destroyed, her life might also be in danger.

And then she saw Murin.

He was confronting two people.

Ruth recognized Samuel since he caused some fuss when he came to City J Base some time ago and also fought heroically. It was simply impossible for Ruth not to recognize him in that situation.

So she chose not to interfere.

If Murin wanted to do something, he was basically facing the two strongest people whom he could ever face.

And as Ruth could see, Murin is not their match.

While she could see that Murin was not doing his best because he only used four magic beasts from the beginning until the end, but it was not like these two people were doing their best either.

It was just...

"She's a pure rune master... it's really rare." Ruth could see the dual runes that Riya made and felt somewhat amazed.

Because Ruth knew the difference between chatting spells and drawing runes midair like that. Even the slightest bit of mistake could turn one rune to a completely different ones which could have the opposite effect.

Yet, Riya was fighting without even looking at her runes properly and even had the time to move around.

Yes, Riya didn't stay in one place.

Ruth could understand how magicians chanted while moving around, but she couldn't understand how Riya could form runes while running around.

Does the runes she made moved along with her?

It seemed unscientific.

Or there were some tricks involved that she couldn't see?

## Chapter 595: Troublesome

No matter what it is, Riya's fighting capability was clearly far above Murin.

The runes she formed with her mana alone wouldn't last long but the battle never needed her to make those runes long lasting.

Just a brief moment was more than enough for her to launch those runes and attack Murin fiercely.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

"Really troublesome..." Dina muttered under her breath.

When Samuel came to City J Base, she had long wanted to kick that man out. After all, the relationship between her and that man was far from good. The people from the demonic magician's path never had any good relationship with those from the 'righteous' factions.

It was already good enough if they didn't kill each other the moment they met.

Considering that Dina is the only person from the demonic magician's path, Samuel was already kind enough to let her be.

Perhaps, there was some influence from the government.

Samuel was somewhat closer to them.

Dina didn't know much.

When she was busy recuperating, it was her assistant, Jonas, who has been helping her to manage the affairs in the base. She was resting when Jonas ran in, telling her that a flying magic beasts suddenly came to City J Base.

No matter how unwilling she is, Dina could only make her way out to take a look.

And what she saw just made her want to scowl.

Even though Murin was hated by many people... no, he's basically hated by everyone. Because even Dina didn't plan to have any good relationship with Murin. She didn't agree with his action and will never agree with it no matter what he said.

To make a world with magic beasts...

He was too idealistic.

Since Dina came from the demonic magician's faction and was also a demonic magician herself, Murin thought that she would understand him.

Unfortunately, it was not the case.

She became a demonic magician not because it was her choice but because it was the only path that she could tread on.

Her family is a demonic magicians.

As someone born in such a family, the only path that she could take is only demonic magician. They would never allow her to practice other methods.

After coming to this world... Dina didn't want to change.

It was mainly because she didn't know other paths either. Her family would never let her have the knowledge about other paths and prevented her from switching to other paths before she reached rank 7.

But not long after she reached rank 7, the grand magic beasts' tide had arrived.

It was too late for her to do anything else.

The only thing she could do was to follow her family to fight against the magic beasts' tide until the very end.

It was a miserable ending.

Because of those experiences, Dina knew that she had no other options but to become a demonic magician once more.

But she didn't regret it.

This is what life had presented to her, which meant that becoming a demonic magician might be the most suitable path for her. So no matter how unwilling she used to be, she had completely accepted it by now.

In any case, Dina didn't like Murin.

So watching Murin being pressed back like this... Dina is happy.

Behind Dina, Jonas was waiting for her faithfully like a butler who was serving his master.

"Murin can't defeat them and... these two people are really annoying," Dina muttered under her breath.

Right now, she felt that the government's decision to use Ruth to restrain her was actually pretty good. If it was either Riya or Samuel, Dina felt that she would go crazy.

One of them has been destroying the grounds outside and had inflicted a lot of injuries on the two magic beasts. The other one was using the runes to protect herself completely and the magic beasts almost couldn't even get any closer to her.

All attacks were completely void.

Besides...

The three of them could see very clearly that Samuel and Riya were actually cooperating with each other seamlessly. It was as if the two of them had known each other for a long time and knew what they needed to do.

"Switch!" Riya suddenly yelled.

Samuel frowned, but his hand moved and the sword in his hand was directed towards the flying magic beast that attacked Riya.

He didn't seem to care about the two magic beasts that were about to attack him.

The next moment, cold temperature flashed by and the two magic beasts were restrained for a moment.

Samuel's eyes lit up and then he swung his sword.

Slash!

\*Roar!\*

Seeing this, Murin's face changed and he waved his hand. The three magic beasts immediately disappeared and he quickly checked their injuries. Seeing that it was not a fatal injury, he breathed a sigh of relief.

These two people were really ruthless.

"You really don't hold back at all," Murin complained.

"If I don't hold back, you wouldn't have the chance to bring them back to your pet space," Samuel said lightly.

There were various methods that people all over the world had developed to deal with magic beasts. The fact that these beast masters could call them into the pet space at almost all time was a problem that many people faced.

How could they be willing to face such a thing?

So they had various methods that they could use to restrain these magic beasts to prevent the beast master from calling them halfway through the battle.

But neither Samuel or Riya used it in the battle just now.

They could tell that Murin was dissatisfied with them but didn't really plan to kill them.

Because there was no killing intent.

"Tsk." Murin clicked his tongue but didn't move away from his position.

Riya had put down her hands and looked at Murin in the distance. The Protective Rune Circle around her remained intact as if nothing had happened just now.

Chapter 596: Cooperate?

"How did you get so much resources?" Murin asked before he turned to look at the three people on the wall. "And it seems that you three are in the same situation."

“Murin, don’t think that I don’t dare to fight you.” Peter narrowed his eyes.

While his ability as a warrior was not exactly suitable to fight against Murin, Peter has never been one to back down from a battle. If Murin really wanted to, then Peter would gladly accompany the other party in a hearty battle.

Of course, whether they could truly fight heartily or not was another matter.

“Do you want to die?” Dina sneered.

Ruth was silent and she only raised the bow in her hand. Her arrows were made of magic, so she didn’t really need to use physical arrows to attack. If Murin dared to try attacking her too, then she didn’t mind teaching this annoying man a lesson.

Seeing that the other three people were getting ready to attack, Murin took a deep breath and patted his magic beast to let it move away a bit.

No matter how brave he is, he would not do something so stupid like challenging five returnees at the same time. He was only a rank 5 beast masters, which was definitely at lower ranking than those two people below.

Besides, four of them have powerful long range attack.

If he truly dared to attack and make trouble... what awaited him would be nothing more than a brutal beating.

More than what he had already experienced.

“Alright, what do you want, Murin,” Samuel asked, stopping the battle that was about to ensue.

The sword in his hand trembled a bit, clearly dissatisfied with Samuel lowering down his stance. The sword had already followed Samuel from that world and faced Murin in the battle before.

Now that they were facing Murin again, the sword was eager to fight.

Because it knew how much Samuel disliked Murin.

Samuel narrowed his eyes and patted his sword with his finger, trying to calm it down. His sword has its own consciousness and the temper is really bad. But this was clearly not the suitable place for him to show how special his sword is.

Though, it could be seen that almost all of them could guess that each and every single one of them have powerful treasure that they brought from that world.

No one knew what Peter, Dina, and Riya brought back.

But no matter what it is, they had no interest to challenge these three people's bottom line just to investigate this matter.

"Those annoying people told me to cooperate with you," Murin said with disdain in his tone. It was clear that Murin never thought highly about the government and the other party was also similar to him.

They didn't like him, but they chose to use him and vice versa.

Their relationship could barely be considered as cooperative relationship where the two sides took what they need.

"How do you want to cooperate?" Dina asked and crossed her arms. "Don't tell me that you plan to let your magic beasts come to contact us? Even if you have that magic beast on your ear, it can't help you much."

They were not blind and their knowledge over magic beasts were honed in the brutal four years in a completely different world.

So when Murin came here, they naturally recognized the magic beast that hung on Murin's neck.

"No, if I let my magic beast run around, who knows whether you will kill it accidentally." Murin sneered. He knew very well that these people might not kill him, but they could easily set their eyes on his magic beasts.

The rules for beast masters were very clear.

After they had a contract with a magic beast, they couldn't contract another magic beast until they become stronger. If the contract was broken for some reasons, the two sides would suffer backlash.

Of course, if the magic beasts died, then it would not feel anything.

The problem lies in the beast master himself.

Because if the magic beasts died, then he would have to suffer damage to his own body, soul, and mind. At the same time, the power that the magic beast shared to him would also be taken away.

So when several of Murin's magic beasts died one after another, his strength plummeted sharply.

In the end, what awaited him was nothing more than death.

Murin didn't want to make such a mistake again.

The feeling of having his magic beast killed was not something that he wanted to experience again in this life.

Besides...

“The satellite internet has allowed us to communicate remotely. There’s really no need for me to use such a crude means of communication,” Murin said coldly. He turned to look at Riya. “Of course, if she plans to establish the magic communication, then I have nothing to say.”

Magic communication...

When the others heard this, their expressions changed slightly.

In that world, the technology growth was completely different from this world. They also didn’t have time to care about that kind of thing. None of them were inventors or scientists.

Their knowledge was really limited and they didn’t even know the detailed process of various technology’s development.

But it was not like there was no technology at all.

What those people used in that world was magic.

“Murin, I don’t know whether to call you smart or stupid. The magic communication required special magic tools to make and have you found the returnee who’s a weapon or tools maker?” Riya asked with some annoyance.

Even if that world has their own convenience, there was truly no need for Murin to show how stupidity, right?

Everyone knew very well that many things couldn’t be made with runes alone.

Besides...

Is there any materials that could be used to make those things?

From what Riya knew, only rank 7 or above rune masters and tool makers could possibly make it.

Chapter 597: "..."

Murin was silent.

The others... were also silent.

They silently looked at Murin with thoughtful expression. Even though no one said anything, their thinking was extremely consistent right now.

'Could it be.... Murin launched that naive and stupid rebellion because he's innately stupid?'

"You..." Murin saw their gazes and his face turned red in anger. He wanted to yell that he was not stupid but at the same time, he felt that even if he were to yell about this matter, it would not be of any use.

These people didn't really care about it.

"Rather than pointing fingers to others, why don't you tell them the formation needed to make contract with magic beasts instead of just telling it to the magic association. Are you worried that there will be someone as talented as you?" Riya asked back calmly.

She herself had already shared the basic runes and so on. If people wanted to become a rune master, they just had to start learning from what Riya had shared.

The others had also shared their knowledge one way or another.

"There's no way I'll sell those things... Don't you also know how to make it?" Murin frowned and looked at Riya.

“I know.” Riya glanced at Murin with an indifferent expression. “So, would you like me to be the one to negotiate with the government or would you like to take this matter in your hands?”

It was both threats and temptation.

Murin could sense it from within Riya’s words and took a deep breath.

No one who could survive for four years in that world would be a simple person. Moreover, the first time Riya showed herself on the surface and confronted them was when she had already reached rank 6.

At this rank, she already had many tricks that they couldn’t face so easily.

A rune master is hard to deal with.

This was mainly because they have various tricks that they could use when they were dealing with other people. The longer it took, the more formation plates that they could possibly prepare along with various other talisman and magic scrolls...

Just the picture of Riya throwing 1000 magic scrolls to fight him had already made Murin felt somewhat numb.

He didn’t dare to think about that picture.

“...I’ll tell them myself,” Murin finally said.

Samuel glanced at Riya and rubbed his face sightly. All along, Riya has been very easy going when dealing with him and the higher ups. This gave them the impression that Riya was easy to talk to and didn’t have much desire.

Or it was more like, she didn’t know the real value of the things in her hand and willing to give it out at the lower price than what they estimated it could be.

But right now, Samuel was seeing a completely different side of Riya.

The side that she would only show when she felt that she was being threatened and that someone was trying to cross the line of defense that she had drawn.

It was quite terrifying.

"I see." Riya glanced at Murin and then looked at the other three people who were watching from the walls. Her expression didn't change and still looked as impassive as ever, but the three people didn't dare to underestimate Riya.

If they dared to provoke her, she might take out something that they valued and forced them to take it out for the government.

Or she might use other means to threaten them.

'Never ever underestimate a rune master's knowledge.'

Rune master usually has extensive knowledge. Coupled with the fact that these rune masters were close to the 'mystery' of the mana and magic through runes, it was obvious that these people also have good memory.

Many people didn't want to offend rune masters for some reasons.

In that world, there were not many people who dared to offend a rune master, especially a rune master who had already reached rank 6.

Unless they themselves were already so powerful that they could ignore all kind of means from the rune master.

But their current strength...

It was definitely far from enough.

Riya had just demonstrated a little bit about what would happen to them if they dared to try offending her.

“I don’t want to be in the same place with the five of you,” Murin finally said his goal.

He felt that it would be a waste of time to cooperate together with these five people. Moreover, he didn’t trust them and didn’t want to leave his back to them.

What if they suddenly felt that he was a threat and planned to kill him silently?

Murin felt that it would be better for him to work alone before such a thing happened.

“No one really want to cooperate openly with you either,” Peter complained and then yawned. “And I myself had no interest to stay in the same place with you.”

Most of the time, they would not stay in one place either.

After all, Peter came from the Martial Arts Association while Murin came from the Magic Association.

For them to stay in one place without quarreling with each other was actually already a feat in itself.

“This mission...”

“This mission was originally an exception,” Samuel interrupted before Murin started to talk nonsense. “No one can force you to do what you don’t want to do. Or are you saying that the Magic Association can control you, Murin?”

When this question was asked, five pairs of eyes were staring at Murin intently.

They were not stupid and understood the implication behind Samuel's words.

While it didn't seem to be likely that the Magic Association could control Murin, but there might be some other secrets within the Magic Association for it to be able to influence Murin's decision.

"Of course not." Murin rolled his eyes.

Those old fogey would be dreaming if they think that they could control him.

But...

"I just don't like conflicts," Murin answered calmly.

The others: "..."

Chapter 598: Truth

Not a single one of them believed Murin's words.

They were not three years old children who could be easily fooled with such sentence. Besides, it didn't seem to be suitable for Murin's image to back down so easily.

"Forget it if you don't want to say anything." Dina raised her hand as she looked at Murin coldly. "Is there anything else that you need to tell us?"

"The cracks cleaning."

When these three words were said, everyone's expression changed slightly. Riya and Samuel had already planned to enter the crack on their own and explored it to reach the depths. But the other three never had any plan to explore the cracks on their own due to the danger presented within it.

They all knew that they couldn't be reckless and even if they have some life saving methods, not everything would be useful.

The only thing they could do was to make sure that they didn't go too deep and ready to return at any time.

"Did they say anything?" Peter frowned.

"There'll be a joint cleaning in the near future," Murin said in a low voice. "You better not try to stab me from the back."

"I can say the same to you." Dina sneered.

"I think the one who wanted to kill us is you," Peter continued.

"No matter what the government is planning to do, I don't plan to go with you," Samuel interrupted from the side. "I already have my own plans for the cracks."

Riya nodded. "Same with Samuel."

Murin shrugged when he heard their answer.

To be honest, he didn't understand why those people from the Magic Association wanted him to be the one to convey this message to these five people. But perhaps, those people already knew that these five people couldn't be controlled through normal means and only in this way would it be possible for them to listen to their words.

Murin didn't care and simply patted the magic beast under him.

"Then you better keep your words."

"Tsk."

"Is there anything else?"

In the end, Murin only said a few more words about the mission given to him by the Magic Association before leaving with his magic beast.

Seeing him flying so quickly, Dina arched her eyebrows with interest. "It seems that he's really afraid just now."

"His magic beast nearly died," Peter said and yawned. It was already night time and the sky had darkened. If it was not because Murin still has some words to say, Peter really wanted to leave first and didn't stay here any longer.

As for how he knew this matter, it was quite obvious in his eyes.

For Peter who had strong body and very sensitive to the aura of these magic beasts, he could sense that after Samuel's attack, one of the magic beast was on the verge of death. With timely treatment, it should be fine, but Murin wouldn't be happy to have his magic beast hurt so much.

The cooperation between Samuel and Riya were really good.

Peter glanced at Dina and sighed deeply.

Even if their position were of a warrior and magician respectively, it seemed that he could not hope for something like this.

"It seems that this magic beast's tide had caused the government to feel threatened," Samuel analyzed.

Well, they were afraid that these magic beasts would become crazy one day and suddenly attacked various bases at the same time. Just this one crazy attack had already made the higher ups so angry.

"The cause of this magic beasts' tide is very clear." Riya blinked her eyes.

The baby golem that was handed over to her was still within her world. It was useful and Riya also knew that the other baby golem was in Dina's hands.

Without these two baby golems, there was no way those magic beasts would suddenly become crazy and attack them. And the way these magic beasts came while rampaging had destroyed many things that stood on their paths.

"I don't think that she's willing to tell them the truth," Samuel whispered in a low voice.

From the moment they accepted the baby golem, they had agreed to hide this matter from the government.

Riya nodded.

She knew that.

And she was not stupid enough to break the agreement that they had made with Dina.

But it was also because of this that she understood that the cause of this magic beasts' tide was completely manmade. There shouldn't be any other magic beasts' tide anytime soon.

"Well, I don't care about what they're thinking and I definitely don't have any plan of sending myself to my death." Peter stretched his hand and turned around. "Anyway, if they asked me to explore deeply into the crack on my own, I'll definitely refuse."

None of them were actually under military or direct order of the government.

With their temperament, how could they be willing to stay under someone?

It was impossible.

They valued their freedom greatly and also knew that the government's words were not that valuable for them. The only reason why they were willing to listen to the higher ups' words so far was because they felt it was beneficial to them or it was convenient.

No matter what the reason is, none of them were willing to sacrifice themselves for the sake of the people.

None of them were truly selfless.

In a way, they were actually very selfish.

As they would move forward towards their own goal, with their bottom line somewhat flexible and could be adjusted in accordance to what they needed.

"I'm going back," Ruth also said and then turned around without hesitation. She did agree to help the higher ups, but she would not be willing to sacrifice herself either.

If the higher ups plan to enter the crack was to enter deep...

Then she would refuse.

No matter what, nothing is more valuable than being alive and being able to relive her life again in this world.

Chapter 599: Day before Departure

Dina laughed, not surprised by these people's words.

Everyone had their own selfish motives and the reason why she made this base was simply because it was convenient.

Is she kind enough to save people?

It's impossible.

Being a demonic magician meant that she had long abandoned her heart and compassion a long time ago. Those worthless things didn't have any value except for being thrown into the trash can.

If they were not selfish, they would have died a long time ago.

A good person died early while a bad person would last much longer.

That was what Dina believed in, so she never wanted to be a good person. There was no point to become a good person.

"Jonas, let's go back." Dina waved her hand and turned around. She would rather use this time to recover and practice rather than wasting time with Murin.

As for exploring the cracks?

Unless those b\*stards can give reasons to convince her, Dina didn't want to enter the crack again. The previous experience had told her that in the face of these powerful magic beasts, she was nothing much.

Moreover, there might be rank 7 magic beast waiting for her.

How could Dina be willing to go there in that case?

"Yes, Miss."

In this way, the returnees had gone back, leaving only Riya and Samuel outside the base.

Riya stretched her hand and with a wave of her hand, the Protective Rune Circle around her disappeared. "It seems that he didn't trust other people at all."

Well, it could be said that all of them never truly trusted others.

Being alone without anyone to confide in and then returned and having the power that was far above others, it would be a miracle if they dared to talk about it with others. Because they knew very well that it was very easy to covet their strength.

"Just leave him be." Samuel snorted. "Go back to rest and depart tomorrow."

He didn't want to stay in this base any longer and would rather go to the crack with Riya. The more they stayed here, the more he would want to beat up those useless people who only knew how to order others.

"Yes."

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The night went by quietly.

And the next day, both Riya and Samuel departed early. The others would also leave today and they gathered in front of the gate along with Peter, who was woken up by Samuel and dragged out.

"Hey, hey, you're the one asking for help, why are you dragging me out now?" Peter complained as he released himself from Samuel's grab.

"It's a transaction and not help," Samuel corrected.

"Isn't it the same?" Peter looked at Samuel blankly.

Samuel was too lazy to correct Peter as they walked out of the base.

The two of them were not close to each other, so they didn't really have anything to talk with the other party.

On the other hand, Riya handed out jade necklace to her friend and students. Well, to be exact, she handed it to all of them so that they would not feel any gap.

"Is this a formation?" Amelia asked curiously as she held the jade necklace in her hand.

"Yes." Riya nodded. "There's a rank 6 protective formation that will only activate if you encounter attack that could possibly kill you. With that formation, no attack under rank 7 can kill you."

Amelia was stunned.

The strongest people that she had met are definitely Samuel and Riya. These two people had only reached rank 6 some time ago and the others were still lagging behind them. Because it was not so easy for others to keep up with their pace.

By handing this necklace to them, it seemed to tell them that even Riya and Samuel would have trouble to kill them if they ever wanted to.

"You're really good to me, Riya~."

"Hey, hey, stop hugging me like this!"

The others saw the two girls were playing around and laughed. It has always been very lively around Amelia.

At the same time, they were thankful for Riya's gifts.

With these, they would have more confidence when staying in City I Base. As long as they didn't try to provoke other powerful people or magic beasts, they should be able to keep their lives.

"Don't worry, we will not die so easily." Amelia smiled as she released her grip on Riya. "So you have to take care of yourself when you're inside the crack too."

"Yes. If you dare to die there, I will not return Mo to you," Sophia said as she patted the tiger beside her.

\*roar\*

The white tiger, Mo, protested yet agreed at the same time.

"Teacher, I still have a lot to learn~," Ruben added coquettishly.

The others silently took a step away from Ruben when they saw him acting up again. While it was funny, but they also have goosebumps when they saw Ruben like this.

Yet this man didn't seem to realize that his action often made others really want to punch him.

"Well, I also haven't finished learning," Stephen said helplessly.

He was not that close to Riya but it was the truth that he also learned something from Riya. While this excuse didn't seem to be very good, but Riya and Samuel would understand that this was telling them that they have to protect themselves well.

Arnold and Sean didn't say anything. They only looked at Riya and the others who were messing around, sighing in their heart.

"Don't you want to add something?" Sean asked.

"Not for the time being." Arnold shook his head. "Besides, I don't think it's necessary for me to say anything right now."

Their relationship with Riya was not very close. Without Samuel and Amelia, there didn't seem to be any connection whatsoever between them and Riya.

So Arnold had no intention of interrupting these people's antics.

Sean nodded and said nothing else for he was also in the same position.

Chapter 600: Departure

"Are you ready?" Samuel saw that they had gathered outside City J Base and nodded in satisfaction.

At least, none of them were lazy.

"Yes, Brother!"

"Yes, Sam."

"In that case, you should go with Peter and after escorting them, you can do whatever you want, Peter," Samuel said while turning to look at Peter.

"I'll just follow what those people in the Martial Arts Association wants me to do," Peter replied calmly.

He had no interest to create jobs for himself to do.

Those people at the Martial Arts Association were already very annoying and Peter didn't want to add to his workload.

"Yes."

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They all bid their farewell and headed their separate ways.

It would take at least a few months before they could see each other again, but no one was sad. They believed that they would still be well and alive by the time for their next meeting.

"So, are we going straight to the crack?" Samuel asked as he and Riya walked along the ruins. The battle with the magic beasts had destroyed the landscape and Samuel didn't know when it would be possible to repair it.

With so many magic beasts coming out of the cracks, there was a limit to how many places they could possibly protect.

"Yes," Riya replied. "We're heading to the biggest crack."

"The biggest one?"

Riya nodded and thought about the previous Giant Rock Golems that they faced in City J Base. Even though the threat from these Giant Rock Golems were over, but there were still some things left that she had to clean up.

"Do you remember the Giant Rock Golems?"

"I remember." Samuel frowned. He had to say that he didn't like facing those Giant Rock Golems. Even though these Giant Rock Golems were not that strong, but it was a bit troublesome to deal with.

"These Giant Rock Golems are big and when they come out of the crack, they basically tear of the space," Riya said in helpless tone. "If nothing is done, there might be other big magic beasts like this Giant Rock Golems coming out in the near future."

To be honest, Riya didn't know how the 'gate' was able to hold on when these Giant Rock Golems came out one after another. She knew that the grounds were destroyed and the formation that she set up had become invalid.

But Riya didn't know how these Giant Rock Golems managed to successfully enlarge the cracks.

No matter what, leaving those cracks be wouldn't be wise.

Who knew what kind of magic beasts would come out next time?

Samuel froze. "Can you see the crack from the sky?"

"From what I know about our continent's technology... it should be possible to notice it?" Riya asked back with some hesitation.

She was just an ordinary person before the world was destroyed. Even after the changes of the world, Riya didn't really behave abnormally...

Uh wrong, she has some capabilities.

But this didn't mean that Riya would know what those people were doing or anything like that. If anything, Riya has been out of touch from them for a long period of time.

She naturally didn't know the information about confidential things such as the satellite and the likes.

"I guess they will also send someone to guard the crack later." Samuel rubbed his forehead. He felt that if they were to meet with the people whom the higher ups sent, the negotiation wouldn't go so smoothly.

After all, he could imagine those people wanting them to stay behind and protected the crack for whatever reasons.

It was annoying.

"They shouldn't be nearby." Riya shook her head and then said, "Besides, no matter what they asked me to do, I'll only set up a killing formation to block that crack to prevent too powerful magic beasts from coming out."

Samuel nodded when he heard that.

When the magic beasts' tide happened, Riya was also doing the same thing, blocking the entrance towards the crack so that if the magic beasts came out, they would be killed instantly. People from outside also couldn't get close because there was a barrier that blocked them from getting close.

In this way, it was actually perfect.

\*roar\*

Looking at the magic beasts roaming around, Riya arched her eyebrows. There were still some magic beasts around here.

It seemed that these cracks being open had allowed many magic beasts to come out.

"Do you want to deal with it?" Samuel asked.

"I'll leave it to you, my bodyguard," Riya answered without hesitation.

Samuel looked at Riya helplessly. "When did I become your bodyguard again?"

Besides, does someone like Riya really need his protection? From what he knew, her defense was far better than him. If she wanted to, she could probably defuse an entire nuclear bomb on her own without damaging the environment in the slightest bit.

As for him?

It would be good enough for him if he could make it explode in advance further away from their position. But he clearly wouldn't be able to protect the people around him.

It was a bit annoying if Samuel had to say.

Riya glanced at Samuel and suddenly asked, "Have you reached the point where you can create a domain?"

A domain...

It was a special state for warriors where they used their blood, aura, and their perception to lock down an area around them. This domain could only be formed in a small area around them, but it was extremely effective.

Through the domain, they could trap their enemies and kill their opponents easily, which was something that many warriors had longed to do.

But at the same time, it was extremely difficult to reach this state.

Because of the difficulties of forming a domain, not all warriors and magic warriors who reached rank 7 would be able to make it.

Samuel froze when he heard the question and turned to look at Riya with questions on his face. "When did you ever hear of me forming domain?"