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Chapter 731: Overdrawn

Overdrawn

Riya didn't know how many talisman she has used by now. Even though she did make a few more talisman on her way here, but the large number of rank 7 magic beasts truly exceeded her cognition.

'If this continued, I might end up overdrawing my own life.'

Bang!

Throwing away these rank 7 magic beasts once more, Riya could finally get close to the crack. She had collected more than enough rank 7 magic beasts' blood through the harsh battle to reach this damn crack, so she simply started drawing the necessary formation.

Swish! Swish!

Just like before, Riya multitasked and quickly completed the formation to block these rank 7 magic beasts.

Bang!

When the formation was finally activated, Riya could finally heave a sigh of relief. There were no other rank 7 magic beasts around and the weaker magic beasts could be dealt with by the other soldiers around.

They were still working at the distance and Riya could see them working quite hard.

"Thank you very much for your help, Miss Riya!" The soldiers saluted when they saw Riya walking towards them.

Riya nodded and then said, "I'm just doing my duty."

And the government will compensate her for her work today.

Riya had already strengthened that formation and even if there were a lot of rank 7 magic beasts rushing over, the second layer of formation could still block them in case the formation was broken.

"This... the higher ups wanted to know how long the formation can last?"

"Depends on the attack's intensity," Riya replied without hesitation. "If the intensity is high, 5 days are the limit. But if it's slow, it can last for a month."

One month.

The soldier's eyes lit up when he heard this answer. If the formation could truly last that long, they would not have to bother Riya too much. Anyway, if the magic beasts that came out of the crack were not rank 7 magic beasts, they could actually still deal with it themselves.

Riya could guess what they were thinking when she saw their look, but she was too lazy to explain.

Besides, the so called deal with the higher ups was not something that she could touch.

Uh... it was more like, she was too lazy to care.

"Hmm, how's the situation in Continent W?" Riya suddenly asked something. They were at the border between Continent Z and Continent W, so she wanted to know how the returnee from Continent W was doing.

If Riya was not wrong, the returnee from Continent W is Jonas Nolan, the alchemist.

An alchemist was more of a support position and from what Riya heard, he was not someone who often fought on the frontline. Even if he has some strength and managed to reach rank 6 with the medicine he made, it would be difficult for him to deal with the rank 7 magic beasts like other returnees.

Even though Riya herself should have been a logistic person too, but her own firepower was not weak, so she never positioned herself as one.

Anyway, there wouldn't be any difference even if she fought by herself.

She has her method to replenish her mana.

"Their situation is quite good." The soldier was stunned and then started to explain about Jonas Nolan.

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Not long distance away, Continent W's side

"Come on, you can do this!"

"Continue!"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Different from other places where the returnees would be standing on the forefront to fight with these rank 7 magic beasts, the returnee from Continent W never appeared at the frontline.

It was the soldiers from Continent W who worked together to deal with the magic beasts that poured out of the crack. They had set up a perimeter and used various methods to kill these magic beasts.

On the back, Jonas Nolan could be seen busy making more medicine and then delivered it to the soldiers. There were healing medicine, mana replenishing medicine, and many others.

The herbs were decreasing at rapid speed and Jonas Nolan continued to make more and more.

"The medicine is exhausted in area C!"

"We'll deliver more!"

"Mr. Jonas, you don't have to worry about us that much." The soldier was a bit nervous when he saw Jonas Nolan looked like he was about to faint.

"I'm fine." Jonas Nolan waved his hand helplessly. He knew very well that his own combat ability was relatively weak and if he were to force himself to do other things, he wouldn't be able to help them.

His current position was very good.

"Mr. Jonas..." the soldier looked at Jonas Nolan who was about to fall down worriedly.

"Don't worry, I know my limit." Jonas Nolan chuckled. No matter what, he's still a rank 6 magician and it was impossible for him to fall so easily. What he needed to do was to focus on making more medicine for the soldiers so that they could deal with the magic beasts.

He staggered back to the alchemy room and continued to make more medicine, focusing his attention on the cauldron in front of him.

With the help of this cauldron, he could make any medicine that was lower than his current rank easily. The only drawback was that it would consume more of his mana, making him very tired.

But it was worth it.

Swish! Swish!

Pouring the medicinal herbs into the cauldron, Jonas Nolan added water appropriately as he mixed the potion and poured mana inside. After some time, one batch was finished and Jonas Nolan easily repeated this process several times.

When he was done, he would take the box containing a lot of potion out of his alchemy room and meet with the soldier who was guarding him.

"Mr. Jonas, we will deliver the medicine for you!" The soldier quickly took the box over from Jonas Nolan.

"It's good." Jonas Nolan smiled.

The other soldier who saw this looked even more worried. "Mr. Jonas, you don't have to work so hard. The returnee we requested to help has arrived on the border..."

Chapter 732: Jonas Nolan

"Your request is for her to help with the crack at the border and not this one," Jonas Nolan interrupted the soldier before the other party could finish speaking.

He knew that there were two cracks in Continent W and there was no way that rune master would be willing to seal this crack too. Besides, how could the higher ups be willing to let the chance to get the rank 7 magic beasts' corpses away?

Even though only a few rank 7 magic beasts coming out of the crack, their bodies were very valuable for Continent W.

So they would rather let this crack stay open and the soldiers will fight with all they got.

Jonas Nolan's role was to help them with their resources. After all, with the large amount of medicine that he had made over the years, the overall strength of the soldiers in Continent W was actually not that bad.

He trusted that they could still deal with the magic beasts.

What he worried more was the fact that the herbs were decreasing rapidly and might not be enough later.

"But your safety is very important, Mr. Jones," the soldier said solemnly.

For the soldiers, they knew that they have to risk their lives when facing the rank 7 magic beasts. Each and every single one of them had the consciousness that they might not be able to return safely.

In Continent W, Jonas Nolan's position is very special and they couldn't afford to let anything happen to him.

Jonas Nolan looked at the soldier and smiled faintly. "Every lives are important... besides, I'm a logistic. There are many people fighting with their lives on the line out there, so all I can do is to replenish the supplies as much as possible."

For him, all he had to do was to keep himself busy and it could already help the people who were fighting on the frontline.

This is already very easy.

"That..." the soldier opened his mouth.

"Don't worry. At most, I'll sleep for the entire day when there are no longer any magic beasts coming out of the crack," Jonas Nolan said easily and then turned around to continue making more medicine.

To be honest, Jonas Nolan was among the people who have never seen the grand magic beasts' tide. These rank 7 magic beasts might as well be the strongest magic beast that he had ever seen in his entire life.

Before the grand magic beast tide in that world, Jonas Nolan met with an accident that took his life and ended his journey.

When he came to, he was already back to the Green Planet.

It took him a long time to be able to adapt to his life change once more.

'And I don't want to do nothing when there are many people who are protecting my life,' Jonas Nolan thought to himself. Because of his family background and position, Jonas Nolan has been protected by many people for his entire life.

These people would selflessly sacrifice themselves when they thought it was necessary for him.

Unfortunately, the family was attacked.

And at the last moment, Jonas Nolan failed to escape and couldn't do anything to help his family members. The few people who came were too powerful.

Now that the Green Planet was facing these magic beasts, with the highest rank being a rank 7 magic beasts, Jonas Nolan didn't want to run back. He has been protected by everyone for his entire life, so he wanted to help them as much as possible.

Only in this way would he be worthy of their protection.

At least, this is what Jonas Nolan is thinking.

Even if he knew that these people would protect him while he did nothing, but Jonas Nolan felt that his conscience wouldn't be able to withstand it if he were to do nothing when many people protected him.

'A logistic...' Jonas Nolan thought to himself as he continued to make medicine.

Our duties are to help those who bet with their lives on the frontline.

At the very least, there was no risk for him dying.

Not before these soldiers died.

And Jonas Nolan will not allow such a thing to happen.

The soldiers who fought in Continent W were very rigorous and energetic. They all believed that they would be able to face these rank 7 magic beasts and protected the continent behind them.

Jonas Nolan was naturally included among their scope of protection.

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Long disgrace away, Continent Y

Bang! Bang!

Compared to the rigorous atmosphere in Continent W, the situation in Continent Y was not very good.

There were a total of 3 cracks but because one of the returnees have been declared dead, there were only two people who were busy protecting the base. The most outrageous thing is the fact that there were still a lot of magic beasts pouring out of the third crack.

The higher ups in Continent Y were already going crazy because so many rank 7 magic beasts came out.

They wanted to deal with these magic beasts, but they were powerless to do so.

Only the two returnees were capable of dealing with these rank 7 magic beasts, but they were only guarding one base and it was basically impossible to ask them to go to other bases and help them selflessly.

For this matter, they were also helpless.

"It's endless..." Nalan snorted with annoyance.

As a guardian warrior, he was standing at the forefront and faced against these magic beasts to protect his cousin, Navi behind him. There were so many rank 7 magic beasts that Nalan felt like going crazy.

He had already reached the peak of rank 6 and could reach rank 7 as long as he finished his advancement ceremony.

But with so many magic beasts eyeing, who would have time to advance?

Navi was helping from the side, panting hard as her mana was exhausted after trying to kill so many magic beasts.

Chapter 733: Escape

"Navi, how are you?"

"Not very good." Navi sneered when she heard her cousin's question. She looked at the incoming magic beasts out there and felt like leaving right away.

Seeing so many magic beasts just made her annoyed.

They were not the type of people who would be willing to sacrifice themselves for the sake of people. In fact, neither of the two people were willing to do so. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for them to survive for such a long time.

"What's your plan?" Nalan saw Navi's expression and guessed that she was not in a good condition right now. After all, Navi's mana was limited and even though she caught some rank 7 magic beasts and tried to cook it for them to eat in order to replenish their mana, it was not that easy.

There were simply too many magic beasts around.

"Leave," Navi said simply.

There were too many magic beasts, including the rank 7 magic beasts. It would be impossible for the two of them who were only at rank 6 to be able to defeat so many rank 7 magic beasts. Even if they could defeat a few of them, the rest would come soon after and destroyed this place.

Neither Nalan or Navi would be able to get away and this was not something that they wanted in the slightest bit.

Because of this, he just wanted to leave right away.

"That's not a bad idea." Nalan looked at the large number of magic beasts in front of him and nodded. "How do you plan to explain to them?"

"Is it necessary?" Navi asked back with incomprehensible expression when she looked at Nalan as if he was asking a mentally retarded question from her.

They and Continent Y were only in cooperative relationship.

There was truly no need for them to report to each other.

"Let's go."

Seeing that Nalan agreed, Navi laughed and then waved her hand as her mana surged. Wind element moved and brought the two of them away from the base at extreme speed.

There was a wind sphere protecting them and Navi controlled it to leave from their original position.

"This wind ball is really convenient," Nalan said with satisfaction. The wind ball was a rank 6 magic spell and could only be used by rank 6 wind magician. Since Navi is a well known five elemental mage, she could use various magic from the five elements. It was very convenient and those who fought with her also knew how diverse her moves were.

When facing these rank 7 magic beasts not long ago, Navi also showed her talent to the fullest. Each and every single one of her moves could be said to be an art.

Of course...

She also concealed the chants that she had to say.

Through training, it was not impossible for mages to cast spell instantly.

And as a powerful mage, Navi naturally trained herself so that she didn't have to say those embarrassing magic spells.

Just let the people from the Magic Association bear that embarrassing image.

Because of this, when Navi shared the various magic spells she had learned to Continent Y, she would write them down and never mentioned it herself. Who would want to speak up these magic spells again after she had gotten rid of this habit through training over the years?

Anyway, Navi's image has always been very good.

She never face the social death because of these magic spells in the Green Planet. Even when facing these rank 7 magic beasts, Navi still made sure that she could control her mana well without the help of these chants.

The chants might help mages to make their mana stable and increase the magic spell's effectiveness, but it could not hide the fact that it was really embarrassing.

At least, Navi didn't really want to say those words again in her entire life.

"My mana is not much," Navi reminded. She did plan to run away from the very beginning when she saw so many rank 7 magic beasts appearing, but she didn't plan to implement it so soon.

After all, they still had to keep their act in front of the Continent Y for the sake of their cooperation.

Now that they have torn their faces completely...

It was truly unnecessary.

"Leave their range." Nalan could see that these magic beasts were half chasing after them and the rest were heading towards the base where they were located before. This showed that the two of them might have to experience a long life full of running away because of these magic beasts.

Unless they could solve that crack or all the magic beasts that chased after them have been killed.

The first one would require special methods, methods that neither of the two knew. They were guardian warrior and five elemental mages. If they had to say what their best skills were, it would be their attacking and defending skills.

Other auxiliary skills remained unknown.

"Tsk. There's a car over there. Let's use it and leave."

"Yes."

To escape from these rank 7 magic beasts, it would be better for them to use cars and continued along the road. In the past year, there are already many roads repaired in Continent Y because they were competing with Continent Z and also to make transportation easier.

But there were still not many people who traveled between cities.

Previously, there were a lot of cracks, so magic beasts could appear anywhere.

Now that the number of the cracks were limited, does it mean that the number of magic beasts that appeared would also be reduced?

There was indeed such a possibility, but it was unlikely.

After all, no one could determine how many magic beasts were there in the entire world.

Brrm!

Bang! Bang!

Not long after they used the car, Navi had to use her magic to deal with a few faster rank 7 magic beasts that came after them.

Chapter 734: Escape (2)

"It's really troublesome," Navi murmured and she collected the rank 7 magic beasts' corpses in order to cook them and replenish their mana as much as possible.

Nalan could definitely recover faster than her, so she let him drive the car while she rested on the side after cooking part of the meat and eat them. It was definitely not a good feeling to eat these rank 7 magic beasts' meat right after killing the magic beasts.

Moreover, she had to cut the bodies simply as there was no time to prepare it thoroughly.

It was annoying.

"Leave them be." Nalan could see that the people in the base were screaming and yelling at them, but his expression remained indifferent.

This was not the first time they did something like this.

Otherwise, the reputation of the two of them would not have been very bad in that world and not many people dared to get close to them.

As for how they died...

It could be said to be retribution.

They wanted to run away after leaving their 'comrades' behind, but they didn't expect that the place where they escaped to would have so many traps. The two of them ended up dying in that place without being able to do anything else.

It was quite frustrating.

Now, they were only repeating the same thing.

"I want to find a place to advance," Nalan said. Once he reached rank 7, these rank 7 magic beasts would not be his opponent anymore.

"Sure," Navi said calmly. "As long as you can let me recover, I'll protect you from the distance."

"Good."

For this matter, the two cousins still trusted each other. They knew that while the advancement ceremony at rank 6 to rank 7 is important, but it was not the most crucial point.

There was still another more important advancement ceremony.

What was the point of disturbing them through the process that was familiar with each other? They all knew that reaching rank 7 was nothing more than something that will happen sooner or later. If they really wanted to trip each other, they would have to wait for the advancement ceremony at rank 9.

That would be more worthwhile.

Of course, they would never speak about this blatantly.

But the two cousins who grew up together still has this tacit understanding.

"Hmm..." Navi was checking the internal information in the website and her expression turned subtle. "There are a total of 12 cracks and these cracks will appear in specific location related to the returnees... moreover, the magic beasts will also come out in accordance to the returnee nearest to the crack."

"Are you talking about her?" Nalan's eyes narrowed. If these cracks would only let the magic beasts come out in accordance to the returnees, then the fact that there were three cracks with countless magic beasts pouring out... is it because all three cracks were close to them or...?

"Her deaths always been very suspicious in my opinion," Navi said slowly, her eyes flashed with killing intent. "Since when are we be so kind to sacrifice ourselves to help others?"

In the face of powerful rank 7 magic beasts, they would rather run away rather than sacrificing their lives to save others.

Because if they were so meddlesome and liked to help others so much, it would have been impossible for them to live for such a long time. And this was definitely something that Navi and Nalan understood very clearly.

The two of them always placed their own lives above everything else.

They have a goal that they wanted to achieve and naturally they also have cooperation that they could do with each other. All based on the premise that the other party would not hurt them.

But if the other party dared to hurt them in the future, it was estimated that this pair of cousin who had strong tacit understanding would not hesitate to stab the dagger in their hand to the other party's heart.

They were not willing to sacrifice their lives to anyone.

But in the previous magic beast's tide, that person actually dared to sacrifice herself for the sake of the people?

The government in Continent Y believed that she had died, which also increased Navi and Nalan's status indirect. But the two of them had the feeling that it would be impossible for the other party to do this.

So they tried to track her down.

And the result was that they failed to find her.

"She's a soul magician... I think that she should be in the state of soul and didn't want to be noticed by others," Navi added calmly.

She herself is a magician. Even if she was not a soul magician, but she has deeper understanding of the soul magician compared to Nalan. So after they couldn't find that woman's corpse, she had long been suspicious of her death.

Unfortunately, there was no evidences.

"Do you think that these rank 7 magic beasts can force her to appear again?" Nalan snorted. "If she's really faking her death, isn't it making things difficult for her instead?"

He didn't believe this.

Because if she made herself disappear like this and blend with the people, what kind of benefit would she have?

The returnees have been showing off one by one because they needed the resources from the government. It was also because of this that Nalan and Navi were still willing to listen to their words until today.

They didn't want to die under the claws of these rank 7 magic beasts.

So it would be better for them not to listen to their words anymore.

"I don't know... and now, do you want to live there?" Navi asked another question.

"Ah, yes."

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Long distance away, Continent Z, the border between Continent Z and Continent W

Riya listened to the soldier's words about what Jonas Nolan was doing and then the situation on Content Y briefly and her expression turned strange.

Chapter 735: Home

Riya was not surprised by Jonas Nolan's action because she felt that there might be some returnees who could not possibly let the Green Planet be destroyed. After all, she herself didn't really want the Green Planet to be destroyed by these rank 7 magic beasts and made a move herself.

It was tiring and the reward from the government would definitely not catch up with the effort she had made.

But she will not regret it.

As for the two people from the Continent Y, Riya was not that surprised either. They could leave when the magic beasts were attacking, which meant that they didn't care at all that the government will be angry with them.

From the very beginning, only a few returnees were truly dependent on the government. Most of them were very independent and had their own set of action and plans that they were not willing to share to others.

"Not all returnees are willing to help others," Riya said helplessly.

The general who was sharing the information with Riya could only nod helplessly. This was only facing rank 7 magic beasts when they were already close to this rank, what if there were stronger magic beasts?

He couldn't imagine it.

But at the very least, this incident also allowed him to see which returnees were truly trustworthy and which returnee were white eyed wolves. For those kind of white eyed wolves, they really didn't dare to trust them too much and could only give limited trust to them.

'The good thing is that only one of the four returnees in Continent Z is a white eyed wolf.'

Even though Dina couldn't be fully trusted because of her profession as a demonic magician, but it was still better than Murin who directly went on a strike. She might not be very willing, but she still stand up in the end to help them block the crack and dealt with the rank 7 magic beasts.

From what they could see, there was a blocking method that Dina used to prevent these magic beasts from coming out of the crack.

This was good enough.

The other three people, Peter, Samuel, and Riya, were clearly 'kinder' and could be trusted more. At the very least, these three people would not stand idly when the Green Planet was in trouble and willing to lend a hand to help them.

"Yes, because of that, I would like to thank you on behalf of everyone in Continent Z," the general said solemnly.

Riya was stunned by the general's words and quickly waved her hand, refusing to accept it. "You don't have to say it like that... I'm not that kind."

"It's still a fact that you help us to defend against the magic beasts."

Help them?

Hearing this, Riya shook her head with a faint smile on her face. "I'm not helping you. I... I mean we're not that great... We're just people who want to keep our home."

Home.

No matter what, they came from the Green Planet and when they saw the Green Planet being threatened by these magic beasts, is it possible for them to stay silent and do nothing?

Perhaps some people could do it.

But not Riya.

And not some of them.

The general smiled at Riya's answer.

"Well, since this matter is solved, can I go and pay a visit to Samuel or Peter?" Riya asked slowly. She believed that Dina could handle that crack and even if there were some magic beasts escaping, Ruth would be able to handle it.

Even though she guessed that the government might end up sending Ruth back to Continent W, she would still have to stay in Continent Z for the time being. With her around, the rank 7 magic beasts would not be able to do much to City J Base.

"Yes."

With that, the helicopter was prepared once more, ready to send Riya to other place.

Riya looked in the direction where Jonas Nolan was located and thought about something. If she was not wrong, there were a total of 12 returnees, but only 11 of them have shown their appearance and one of them was declared dead.

But with the appearance of 12 cracks... she has reason to believe that it was not true.

Unfortunately, she didn't know how to prove it.

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Long distance away, on an island belonged to Continent X

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The people who were living there were looking at the soldiers who were fighting for them and silently prayed that the soldiers would be able to defend their island. They were afraid that these rank 7 magic beasts would kill them all.

Because of the broken infrastructure in this island, they had only managed to repair many things a month ago.

Before that, they couldn't even contact the outside world, which made many people desperate.

But the soldiers stationed here still knew the situation in the outside world and helped to spread out the training methods. The meditation allowed the people to practice, but they were still far away from being able to deal with the rank 7 magic beasts.

There were originally only two small cracks in this large island, which caused the people to be nervous and the soldiers to be deployed here.

But they believed that the situation will be better in the future.

It was just...

Who would have thought that after the second earthquake, there would be a big crack here. The soldiers who were stationed here were also desperate and had to call for help repeatedly.

They knew that most of the soldiers and people were staying in the main island where Pena the necromancer was located or in smaller islands where there were no magic beasts at all. But whether there would be magic beasts coming out of the sea was another question that they didn't want to think about.

Now that there was a crack here...it was simply telling them the cruel joke that there was actually the second returnee from Continent X but that person had never appeared from the beginning to the end.

Chapter 736: Leon, the Weapon Refiner

With the appearance of these rank 7 magic beasts, the returnee could either abandon them or appear and helped them.

The soldiers were originally nervous.

And then...

They found out the reason why the returnee didn't choose to admit his identity in front of the public.

"This is the last batch of the weapon I made," the man in his twenties said as he put the sword on the table. Even though the cold weapons were not that popular, but many magic warrior who were already at rank 5 were still using it. For them, it was more convenient because they could deal with the magic beasts at close distance.

Of course, they would still have to be careful when facing the rank 7 magic beasts and requested assistance with the guns.

"Thank you," the soldier said solemnly.

"It's nothing." The man smiled bitterly. "If anything, I should be the one to apologize."

He looked at the large number of rank 7 magic beasts outside and fell into silence. Even with the weapon he gave out, it was not that easy for these magic warriors to cross ranks and defeated the rank 7 magic beasts.

But he couldn't step forward on his own.

"You have done enough, Leon."

Leon is the last returnee who had never showed his ability even after more than a year coming back to the Green Planet. He didn't want anyone to know that he's a returnee and his action was even worse than Riya.

Because while Riya was still showing her specialness, Leon had completely adapted to the life of ordinary people.

If it was not because of the second earthquake, no one would have the clue that Leon is actually a returnee. He lived an ordinary life on the surface and collected materials secretly at night time to make weapons.

As for how he hid it...

Leon was a blacksmith in a small village and continued his line of work after moving to the base. But what he made most of the time was nothing more than ordinary kitchen utensil and the likes.

No one suspected him in the slightest bit.

"Haha." Leon scratched the back of his head and showed a wry smile. He glanced at the rank 7 magic beasts that came closer to them and frowned slightly.

When he found out that the earthquake happened and many magic beasts came out, he was actually quite panicked. Because he had experienced the brutal battles in that world and didn't wish for this matter to be repeated in this world in the slightest bit.

Who would want to experience the feeling of having many magic beasts chasing after them?

They want to live.

And these rank 7 magic beasts were clearly not going to give them any chance to live.

'I can't make a move myself.'

In the first earthquake, Leon could still use the weapon that he made to deal with the weak magic beasts and then hid in the periphery of the base. He collected the materials from the nearby mine and also hunted a few weaker magic beasts to train his skills.

The main reason why he didn't dare to contact others was because his own advancement speed was very slow.

His talent was actually not that bad, but he didn't learn many magic spells and since he only have one element, it was quite difficult for him to deal with the magic beasts. Moreover, he's a magician and not magic warrior.

With his body that was as weak as paper... these rank 7 magic beasts could kill him easily.

He has been designing staffs for him to use and so on.

In that world, he was a poor man who was lucky enough to have talent in weapon refining and learned under his master. But he didn't have much achievement and lived in a relatively low key manner.

After coming back... he was back to his poor village where he was nothing more than a small blacksmith, so Leon was determined to continue with his low key life and didn't attract anyone's attention.

He didn't have strong demand to get resources from the government or anything like that.

Because Leon knew that being so high profile would only bring early death.

There were so many geniuses in that world who died young because they were too high profile. Killing here and there, attraction enemies left and right, it was to the point that Leon didn't even know whether these people have brains or not to provoke everyone they met.

In short, he would never want to replicate those people's movement.

So when he could live a comfortable life while hiding his real identity, Leon liked this very much. There was no need for him to showcase his talent but at the same time, he didn't need to worry about his life that much.

This is the best.

Unfortunately, the appearance of the second earthquake told him that it was impossible. When the crack that become bigger appeared in this island, it was the same as telling them that the last returnee was staying here.

This was something that Leon found out later.

But the main reason why he chose to come forward was because he saw the rank 7 magic beasts among the magic beasts.

Leon is only at the late stage of rank 5.

It could be said that he's the slowest in terms of advancement among the returnees. After all, he didn't have any cheats that could help him to meditate faster or anything like that.

"If you don't mind me asking, why did you suddenly choose to step forward, Mr. Leon?" The general asked when he saw Leon's expression. They all knew that Leon was not the type of person who would like attention or showing off his abilities.

Why?

Leon blinked his eyes and then replied helplessly, "I don't have any lofty ideals. In fact, I want to keep hiding. But if everyone around me die because of my fear and cowardice, I'll never be able to forgive myself."

Chapter 737: Brave Person

It was a very simple reason.

The general looked at Leon in understanding and then said solemnly, "In fact, you're also a brave person, Leon."

Brave?

Leon looked at the general with incomprehensible look and shook his head. He just felt responsible as one of the returnees who came back to the Green Planet, so he was willing to make a move when these rank 7 magic beasts appeared.

But more than that... he didn't have much thoughts.

"Leon!" A woman's voice called him from the back. "You've been working for the entire night! It's time to rest!"

"Ah, I know, I know." Leon looked at the woman who came and quickly replied.

If Riya and the others were here, they would definitely recognize her. This was Claire, their friend in the same dormitory who has been staying outside for a long time. Because the location of this island was a bit far from the mainland, it was not possible for Claire to go to City A Base.

The others also didn't force her to come to them.

"Come on."

"Yes!" Leon smiled.

The general looked at these two people and shook his head. Since Leon is not exactly a frontline fighter, he didn't have any plan to let the other party fight for them. There were still some people who were of the same rank as the current Leon in Continent X even if the number was not big.

The appearance of these rank 7 magic beasts was indeed dangerous, but the weapon that Leon gave was quite timely.

And after this... they should be able to reach better cooperation with him.

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Long distance away, Continent Y, not far from where Navi and Nalan were located.

To be honest, when all 12 cracks appeared and then followed with the operation of the magic beasts's lack of appearance and the appropriate number of rank 7 magic beasts depending on the returnees around the crack, everyone could guess that all 12 returnees should have been alive.

The one who was declared before was the soul magician, Ami, from Continent Y.

There were already many people who doubted this matter with both Nalan and Navi too lazy to confirm.

Swish!

On top of a ruined base, a figure flickered and slowly formed a white figure on top of a building. She looked at the devastated base in front of her, her expression remained cold and indifferent.

With the power of these rank 7 magic beasts, it would be a miracle for any base to be able to survive. If they only face one or two, they could still use some countermeasure that had been discussed in advance to deal with them. After all, there were some props and also methods that could be used to deal with them.

Of course, sacrifice might be necessary.

For example, the formation plate from Riya, the secret methods, and so on.

In Continent Y, Nalan and Navi had also shared some method that could allow the government to deal with the rank 7 magic beasts in case it was really necessary. The premise was naturally the number of rank 7 magic beasts was limited.

If there was a large number of magic beasts coming...

Even the two of them would not be able to deal with it.

So after Nalan and Navi left the base, the people in the base were unable to deal with the magic beasts.

It didn't take long for the entire base to be destroyed and then the magic beasts left and started to chase in the direction where these two people left. Only a bunch left behind and then headed towards other bases nearby.

In such a short period of time, Continent Y had lost several bases because of these rank 7 magic beasts and even various types of bombs and even nuclear weapons have to be used. It was clear that none of them were calm and hoped to clean up the incident at the fastest speed possible.

Unfortunately, these rank 7 magic beasts were too strong to be dealt with such a method.

"There are finally a lot of deaths..." the female voice sounded ethereal yet there was a hint of greed and anticipation in her tone. It was clear that she had been waiting for such a long time even to the point of faking her own death and turning her body in the state of soul so that no one could see her.

The main reason was to follow the 'death people.'

Soul magicians were a special type of magicians who will not follow the conventional path of magician nor warrior. They were still called magician because they needed to meditate like normal magician but most of the time, these soul magician would like to collect the dead people's 'soul.'

After a magician and magic warrior's death, the mana in their bodies would slowly dissipate and the environment where they died would be filled with cold mana that was very suitable of soul magician.

So soul magician usually liked places with a lot of death.

They would prefer the corpses to be humans because their mana were gentler, but there were also many soul magician who would go to the place where many magic beasts died. With the strong sense of

territory between these magic beasts, it would not be surprising for them to compete against each other again and again.

In the past year, there were many magic beasts that came out of the crack and had faced humans. However, there hasn't been a large scale death after the first earthquake. The second earthquake brought out the rank 7 magic beasts, which were too strong for most of them.

Because of this, many bases were destroyed.

To be honest, if Nalan and Navi were to work hard together, it was not impossible for them to deal with the magic beasts.

Unfortunately, these two selfish people would never agree.

'Then, I'll take advantage of this.' Ami chuckled and then picked a place to sit down. This is time for her to advance to rank 7 and the environment was really good.

Chapter 738: Confrontation

How many people had advanced to rank 7 so far?

Ami didn't know.

But no matter what, this didn't prevent her from advancing to rank 7 at the fastest speed possible.

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Long distance away, Continent Z, Samuel's side

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The battle between Samuel and the rank 7 magic beasts lasted for some time before he was done. Murin was still nearby but Samuel always treated Murin as if the other party never existed.

For this matter, the other people were helpless and had no intention to do anything.

Anyway, the two of them didn't fight, which was already a good thing. Especially if they consider the fact that Samuel and Murin disliked each other very badly. Just the fact that the two of them didn't kill each other was already very good.

Bang!

As the last rank 7 magic beast was cleaned up, Samuel glanced at the people from the Magic Association that was supervising the situation. Even though he was a bit tired but the number of magic beasts had decreased and there was no need for him to work so hard anymore.

"Can I ask about the situation in other places?" Samuel asked. He had sent a message to his father, but Mr. Jones was also busy with City A Base's situation. He didn't have time to care about other places for the time being.

"Ah yes. What do you want to ask, Mr. Samuel?" The man from the Magic Association quickly replied.

"What are you going to do with the cracks?" Samuel asked straightforwardly.

Some of the other cracks were closed down some time ago and Samuel also knew about this. They couldn't close it down with normal methods because there were not many materials that couldn't be broken by the rank 7 magic beasts, but it was not impossible to use formation or other means.

So far, Riya had closed down three cracks and Dina was guarding one crack.

The other crack was taken care by the people from the Martial Arts Association not long ago and with Peter staying nearby, they didn't have to worry that much. He could deal with these people by himself.

If there were anyone who wanted to make a fuss there, Peter could easily beat them up.

Ruth should be sent to Continent W soon because of her delicate position.

As for Murin?

Considering that he had refused to deal with the rank 7 magic beasts not long ago, his relationship with the Magic Association seemed to deteriorate. But Samuel didn't know the specific details.

Besides, the adults world had long taught him that even if they didn't like each other, if they could cooperate because of profit or other things, it would not be impossible for them to reach a deal together.

Only in this way would it be possible for them to survive.

"This crack will belong to the Magic Association from now on," the man from the Magic Association replied with some embarrassment.

Belong to the Magic Association? When Samuel heard this, he narrowed his eyes and then asked, "Does the Magic Association has such a bit authority?"

Previously, there were so many cracks and even if the association wanted to take over them, the government were too lazy to care. After all, there were too many cracks that they could use and losing one would not matter that much.

The magic beasts that came out were also weak and there were no rank 7 magic beasts that could directly destroy the entire base if they were not careful enough.

But now it's different.

There were only 12 cracks all over the world and if the Magic Association wanted to take over this crack, they would have to reach an agreement with Continent Z's government.

Would they give up such a thing so easily?

Samuel highly doubted it.

Unless they were stupid.

"We have reached an agreement with the government, Mr. Samuel," the man from the Magic Association replied.

"My question now is... can the Magic Association really retain the crack and protect the people here? The magic beasts that might come out of the crack is by no means weak," Samuel said seriously.

"This..."

"We didn't need you to worry about us, Mr. Samuel," a second man from the Magic Association came towards Samuel and smiled arrogantly. "The leader is already very powerful and these rank 7 magic beasts are not their opponents."

"Oh?" Samuel arched his eyebrows.

He really wanted to see why the people from the Magic Association were really confident. They seemed to be sure that they could deal with the rank 7 magic beasts here.

Thinking about it, Samuel sneered. "In that case, there shouldn't be any need to call me here in the first place, isn't it?"

"That..." the two man from the Magic Association were silent. They seemed to have accidentally said something they shouldn't.

This... they wouldn't be punished, right?

Just as the two parties were about to continue arguing, they heard the sound of helicopter from the distance and Samuel raised his head. He couldn't see the people inside from this direction, but he had the feeling that he knew who it is.

Even though the helicopter could still be used after the earthquake, the fuel was a bit expensive. Not to mention, there were also some flying rank 7 magic beasts that might appear from time to time.

In that situation, it was not that easy for them to use the helicopter and some people would only use it during emergency or when it was absolutely necessary.

From what Samuel had heard, there were only two helicopters deployed so far.

One was to bring him here.

And the other one was to bring Riya to the border of Continent W and Continent Z.

'Has Riya finished her task?'

When Samuel thought about this, the corner of his lips curled up slightly. He believed that she would be able to handle those rank 7 magic beasts and come back quickly.

As the helicopter stopped, a familiar figure jumped down and the smile on Samuel's face became even brighter.

Chapter 739: Turin Family

"We're finally here," Riya muttered as she jumped down the helicopter. To be honest, she felt a bit tired when she thought about those magic beasts that she encountered along the way.

The ground road was much safer before the second earthquake because there were a lot of people maintaining it but the air route was still very dangerous. This made Riya start thinking that she might have to make something that could ensure their safety.

But the protective flying devices were not that easy to make.

It was really troublesome.

"Riya," Samuel called out.

"Sam," Riya replied with a smile and then looked at the man from the Magic Association nearby. She arched her eyebrows and then looked at the crack. "It seems that they have no plan to close down this crack."

From the vigilance that the man from the Magic Association had shown, Riya could guess this much. The perception for a rank 7 magician was definitely very high and it was hard to hide one's emotion in front of them.

Samuel nodded with a shrug. "The Magic Association wants to take care of it."

"Can they?" Riya asked her biggest doubt. Even though the rank 7 magic beasts that came out of the cracks so far were the weakened version, if they hadn't reached rank 6, it would be hard to deal with these magic beasts.

"You don't have to question our qualification, Miss Riya. You're not the only strongest person in the entire world," a voice interrupted from the side.

The two people turned their head and saw that there were a group of people from the Magic Association and their eyes narrowed slightly. This was because they could see that the person leading them was already in his fifties and from the aura that he exuded, he was already at the middle stage of rank 6.

For someone who was not a returnee, this rank was definitely very high.

As for whether he could advance to rank 7 in the future or not, that was not a question that they needed to consider.

"Is that so?" Samuel had a businesslike smile on his face. "May I know who am I talking with?"

"This is Mr. Mireya Tarun from the Magic Association. He's one of the two deputy leaders of the Magic Association and he's qualified to make such decision." Someone else from the from the Magic Association explained.

Tarun?

Riya's eyes flickered and she moved her eyes to look at the few people who followed behind Mr. Mireya. Upon seeing the familiar face, her eyes darkened slightly.

"I can see that Mr. Mireya looks quite powerful." Samuel still has the same smile on his face. "Does the Magic Association confident that they can deal with the rank 7 magic beasts coming out of this crack?"

"Naturally." Mr. Mireya let out a faint laugh. "We can't possibly let go of such good resources, right?"

"Indeed." Samuel chuckled. "But I hope the Magic Association will not mind if I were to take the loot that I have obtained before?"

Before these Magic Association did anything, he was the one who defended the crack and Samuel's request was reasonable. After all, no one would be willing to work without obtaining anything.

"Of course." Mr. Mireya nodded generously.

"That's good."

With that, Samuel walked to the side and simply collected the magic beasts' corpses that he had killed.

The Magic Association would also kill a lot of magic beast, but all of the rank 7 magic beasts belonged to Samuel. He was not polite at all and when he saw that the magic beasts died from swords' attack, he will take them.

Samuel was very familiar with his attacking method and will not take the wrong corpses.

Mr. Mireya continued to watch from the side with a faint smile on his face. No one knew what he was thinking from his still expression.

Riya looked at the man and then looked away.

She really didn't like these businessmen and politician who always say one thing but meant another thing. Their lives were so complicated that Riya felt that her small brain would not be able to handle it.

Isn't it better to live upright and not have small minds every single time?

It was too tiring.

"Brother, are you going to let him take all of the rank 7 magic beasts' corpses?" The middle aged woman who was following Mr. Mireya asked with dissatisfied tone. It was clear that she wanted to get these magic beasts' corpses for their own uses.

After all, the resources from a rank 7 magic beasts was completely different from those of lower ranks.

The government's official website had already explained this matter thoroughly.

"Shut up." Mr. Mireya looked at his sister coldly.

"Tsk," the woman sneered.

"If you're not satisfied, you can go back to your husband."

Hearing this, the woman didn't say anything else and only looked at the magic beasts' corpses on the ground with longing. She turned her head and when she saw Riya, her eyes flashed with disgust.

Training and mana would improve one's appearance and physical condition.

This naturally also apply to Riya.

But in the first place, Riya's appearance didn't change that much as she was too lazy to care about it. Aside from wearing a magician's robe that she had modified to protect herself, those who knew her would definitely recognize her.

So when the woman turned her head and saw Riya, she naturally knew who she is.

"Why is she here?" The woman asked coldly.

"I don't know." Mr. Mireya looked at Riya but the other people from the Magic Association didn't seem to know either. After all, Riya didn't really publicize the fact that she's a rune master so loudly.

Riya didn't have the interest to tell the entire world about this matter.

And the helicopter driver came from the military. Every soldier knew the confidentiality rules, so they would not expose Riya's identity unless she's the one who said it first.

Chapter 740: Turin Family (2)

"She couldn't be part of the army, right?" The woman asked with suspiciousness. While it was not impossible for Riya to join the army, but she felt that it was unlikely.

After all, the last time she saw Riya, the other party was nothing more than a poor student in the university.

The earthquake that happened caused everyone to separate, so she naturally didn't know what Riya experienced. Her husband and daughter also didn't tell much about the situation in City A Base.

"Whether I'm part of the army or not, I don't think it's your business, Mrs. Taylor," Riya said calmly.

To be honest, Riya felt that coming here was truly bad luck. Who would have thought that Mrs. Taylor's family would be related with the Magic Association and has such a high position.

'It seems that the Tarun's family should have connection with magic for a long time. Otherwise, it'll be difficult for them to a rise so quickly even with the help of the resources from the Magic Association.'

It was troublesome.

Riya didn't have any plan to watch over these people in the beginning because she was already busy enough with her own life. Who would have thought that when they see each other again, she would find out that the Tarun Family had such a big connection.

It seemed that the Magic Association could rise so quickly has some inseparable relationship with the Tarun Family.

In that case...Why is Mrs. Taylor a waste?

Just looking at the two people in front of her, Riya could see that while Mr. Mireya was already at rank 6, Mrs. Taylor was at rank 2 and from the violent mana fluctuation, it was obvious that she only managed to reach this rank through relying on medicine and various methods that could increase her rank forcefully.

With such foundation, Riya felt that it would be a miracle for Mrs. Taylor to go beyond rank 3 in the future unless she retrained herself.

But with her talent, it seemed to be difficult.

"You...."

"Marin!" Mireya stopped his sister who wanted to go crazy. This was not their territory and the Magic Association would not tolerate them making a fuss out of nothing.

"Tsk." Mrs. Taylor snorted and then looked away.

At this moment, Samuel had finished collection the rank 7 magic beasts' corpses that he had killed and looked at the scene. He narrowed his eyes slightly. "It seems that you like to bring your family members along during official business, Mr. Mireya."

Mireya snorted and then said, "I need to make sure that my family members are not weak. Isn't it the best to let one's family members strong too?"

"Indeed."

"The leader of the Magic Association would like to discuss other things with you, Mr. Samuel." Mireya looked at Samuel and then smiled faintly. "There are still business to be talked about."

"There's no need. If you would like to discuss business, it's better to talk with the government. After all, you're staying in the Capital City and lived a prosperous life, aren't you?" Samuel replied as he walked towards Riya.

From the way these two people talked with each other, it was obvious that Samuel didn't have favorable impression of the Magic Association.

Now that he knew Mrs. Taylor was also here, their impression in Samuel's heart had worsened even further.

It seemed that it would be best for them not to have any connection with each other in the future.

Tsk, he should talk about this with his father.

"Are you sure about it, Mr. Samuel? The Magic Association can show you our sincerity," Mireya asked slowly.

"As much as I would like to do business and earn more pocket money, but I don't think it's necessary." Samuel glanced at Mireya calmly. "The power that the Magic Association can actually use is limited and most of the resources I need can't be found by you."

"That's a pity." Mireya sighed.

"If there's nothing else, I would like to go first."

After that, Samuel nodded and then held Riya's hand as the two of them went to the helicopter. Riya arched her eyebrows at Samuel's gesture, but she didn't reject him. After all, the two of them were in a relationship and it's normal for them to be close to each other.

She was just not used to Samuel showing off his affection aboveboard like this.

"Shameless," Mrs. Taylor muttered when she saw this scene and then thought about her daughter, Ciera, who was still in City A Base. She still kept her daughter's contact and knew about some things that happened in City A Base during this period of time, but Riya was living in the core area because of her relationship with Amelia while Ciera was staying outside.

There was not much information that could be shared by her daughter with her, which made Mrs. Taylor annoyed.

But she left it be.

The main focus is her own son, Cero, who has become the key training focus for the family. Once her son become a rank 7 magician like those famous returnees, she would be able to hold her head high and didn't need to worry so much about anything else.

His talent is indeed a bit special.

"Do you know her?" Mr. Mireya asked.

He could see that the relationship between Samuel and Riya was a bit special and the concern that Samuel showed when he was in front of Riya was real. That protectiveness... it should be a lover.

What a surprise.

The blackhearted businessman who was famous for making a lot of storm back then was actually in a relationship with a young woman. And from the way it looked like, he was treating her specially.

"She's my husband's first daughter." Mrs. Taylor snorted. "I don't understand why the family wants me to marry that man in the first place when he already has a daughter. If it's not because he's very handsome back then, I would have never agreed."