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Chapter 751: Not the Right Time

Because there were not many people of lightning element and if Amelia made a move against Old Master Carson with this element, he will directly know that it was her.

Normally speaking, Amelia was not that afraid of others knowing that she made trouble.

After all, Amelia had done that for such a long time.

As the young miss of the Jones Family, there were many people who wanted to take advantage of her and often made trouble for her. Naturally Amelia would not be the good tempered young miss but will fight back!

She will make sure they paid for their action so that they would not dare to slight her in the slightest bit.

"Do you understand now?" Arnold poked Amelia's cheek tenderly. "If you provoke the Carson Family, they might make trouble with your father. While such trouble is nothing in the eyes of Mr. Jones, but this is not the right time."

Not the right time?

Amelia glanced outside of the gate where many people were still working to move the magic beasts' corpses and pursed her lips. The formation had been deactivated because it cost so much magic cores to

activate and even though City A Base is rich, it wouldn't be able to withstand this kind of extravagant consumption.

Other city bases didn't have such mechanism like City A Base and had to use human lives to block these magic beasts' waves.

In a way, City A Base is actually very lucky.

The existence of two returnees who stayed in the same city was something that many people envied.

How many returnees are there in the whole world?

In the beginning, not many people could answer this question because the planet was so big and vast. It was impossible for them to find out everything when they were living so far away.

But now...

They have the answer.

It's only 12.

And in three city bases, 2 returnees lived there and protected the city base.

How could they not be jealous?

It was estimated that after this magic beasts' tide, there will be a lot of troubles awaiting those returnees and the officials, especially Continent Z's official.

Because there were a total of 5 returnees in Continent Z alone.

Moreover, Ruth probably had to be returned to Continent W or they wouldn't be able to handle the magic beasts from the crack that belonged to her.

Continent W will no longer tolerate Continent Z holding her back.

They needed her.

Lending Riya to help them block the crack was only a temporary measure to calm them down because Continent Z couldn't send Ruth back before the situation subsided. But it wouldn't be long before Ruth had to be returned to Continent W.

To be honest, Arnold could only get to hear this because of Ruben and Mr. Jones. The two people trusted him and allowed him to participate in the meeting to give his opinion.

But he felt really uncomfortable.

Because he could tell that in the eyes of these officials, these returnees seemed more like an object rather than a person with their own free will. Their life was already arranged by the officials and it looked as if they couldn't do anything nor were they allowed to voice out their own opinion.

It was really...

No matter how uncomfortable he is, Arnold could see that not all returnees have the same status.

They have their own way of survival.

And Ruth was an ordinary person.

She was not like Samuel who has a powerful family backing him and probably more similar to Riya and Peter.

She had no backing.

Riya could stay strong on her own because she had the capability to do so. No other returnees would be able to be like her, going around the crack like taking a stroll and harvested a lot of magic beasts' corpses on her own.

It was just like a walk in the park for her.

And it was also this qualification that made others not dare to offend her so easily.

Her various runes, magic scrolls, and talismans were hard to deal with. They have benefited greatly from her and established a cooperative relationship.

Since Riya is also not that greedy of a person, their relationship with the officials were relatively harmonious.

But Arnold heard that the officials were resentful because she was too close to Samuel.

After all, Samuel was known to be a black hearted businessman...

He had taken a lot of benefits and advantage from many other people during this period of time, earning the profit as a businessman.

Peter chose to associate with the Martial Arts Association, which allowed him to have a backing on his own. While he had to show his value to the association for them to provide him with resources, but it was a worthwhile deal for him.

After all, what Peter needed the most was a team to support him.

Right now, the Martial Arts Association has given him enough, allowing him to walk around Continent Z freely with his team and fought countless magic beasts to his heart content.

Free and unrestrained.

Even his backing had to consider his strength when dealing with him, thus giving him a certain degree of freedom.

Unfortunately, not everyone could be like them, achieving their own freedom.

Ruth was one of them.

So later on, there would only be one returnee in City J.

And from what Arnold had heard, Continent Y's situation was even worse... those returnees might not even be willing to work for Continent Y anymore.

Unfortunately, Arnold didn't know much about it.

Because Ruben only said that Continent Z's official received Continent Y's distress signal. But since they were also overwhelmed with so many magic beasts, they couldn't exactly respond to them.

Samuel and Riya were also busy to deal with the magic beasts from other cracks.

They really have no time to deal with other continent's problem.

At least, for the time being.

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"Uh..." Amelia nodded with frown and allowed Arnold to keep pulling her towards the gate.

She had heard about her father mentioning this matter before, but she never paid attention too deeply.

After all, Amelia was not interested in politics and so on.

So while Arnold was quite clear about the situation outside, Amelia only has superficial knowledge.

"They're there." Arnold sighed but didn't try to explain to Amelia. He knew that this little girl never had any interest in these things. Otherwise, Mr. Jones would not have passed Amelia directly when he talked about his successor and only talked about between Samuel and Sean.

Though, from the way it looked like, neither of these two people wanted to succeed him.

For this matter, Arnold felt a bit of pity for Mr. Jones.

After all, this meant he had to wait for the next generation.

But eh... since they had started practicing and become stronger, their lifespan would naturally increase too. In this way, there would be no problem for Mr. Jones to stay in this position for another 30 years or so.

There would be enough time for the next generation to grow up.

The premise is that the Green Planet would still exist and not being destroyed in the middle because of various matters.

"Sophia!"

Stephen and Sophia were already standing by the gate. They had conflict with the Carson Family early on and then decided to head to the gate early.

This was to prevent the Carson Family from trying to trip them further.

"Brother, after this, we'll stay far away from City A Base?" Sophia asked with her voice quivered slightly, trying hard to restrain her uneasiness.

Because she didn't really want to be separated from her close friends.

After the world changed, Sophia has been together with Riya, Amelia, and Ruby. Even though they were not always together, they still spent a long time with each other from time to time.

But if she left City A Base...

Will she be like Claire whom hadn't been heard for a long time?

The last time they heard from Claire, she only reported that she's safe and that she's living well. They didn't know the rest because the other party didn't say anything to them.

"Don't worry, I'm sure that you will be able to return to City A Base soon," Stephen said solemnly.

He could guess that based on Samuel and Riya's personality, the two of them might not take this lying down after they heard about it. It was just that he wanted to use this chance to explore the outside world.

They have heard many things about what happened in other bases and Stephen wanted to take a look himself.

His sister will follow along so that she could learn more about the outside world.

She has been protected too tightly as the young miss of the Carson Family.

"Really?" Sophia was pleasantly surprised.

"It'll only take a few months at most," Stephen made a promise. He also didn't want them to leave that long.

Sophia looked at her brother doubtfully, but Stephen didn't explain to his younger sister. There was no need to tell her that it would only take a few months for a powerful family to fall in the hands of Samuel.

When that man was serious, he could destroy a business empire even when he didn't have the full control of the Jones Family.

Now that he was basically the one in charge of City A Base....

Stephen believed that he could do it faster if he wanted to.

And even if he didn't want to, Stephen would not say anything and accepted it. After all, Carson Family did make contribution and some things were not that easy to solve.

"Sophia!"

Hearing the familiar call, Sophia turned her head and was pleasantly surprised to see Amelia and Arnold coming over. "Amelia!"

"Tsk, are you trying to leave without telling anything to us?" Amelia asked with annoyed and then hugged Sophia tightly. She spent most of her time during this period of time with Sophia and thinking about their temporary separation soon, she felt really unwilling.

If possible, Amelia really wanted to spend more time with Sophia.

"Ah... I don't know what to say to you," Sophia said honestly and then added with some embarrassment. "Besides, I'm not entirely sure that I'll leave for long."

"Really?"

"That's what my brother told me." Sophia turned to look at Stephen.

Arnold had already arrived and he arched his eyebrows. "I didn't expect you to be so capable now, Stephen."

"I have made some plans on my own," Stephen admitted calmly and raised his fist forward. "But I wouldn't mind some helpers."

Bump!

Arnold bumped his fist to Stephen and shook his head. "No way, I don't have that much capability. If you really want someone to help you, you should have waited until he returned."

"No... I don't want to make a big scene." Stephen shook his head. "The Magic Association is already on the move and they might want to target City A Base too... so you have to be careful."

Magic Association?

Thinking about the fact that City A Base had a bad relationship with the Magic Association, Arnold's expression turned a bit strange and then he said, "I got it."

He could guess that the Carson Family has some relationship with the Magic Association and Stephen heard about it.

But in that case...

How troublesome.

Internal fighting?

"How are you going to go?" Amelia finally asked another question.

"I'm going to use my Castle Turtle," Sophia replied cheerfully. "Riya is really amazing. She had just selected this magic beast for me but I can already use it for my escape."

Amelia was stunned for a moment and nodded thoughtfully.

Even though Sophia looked like an ignorant girl, the two of them knew very well that Riya might have long expected something like this to happen, which was why she quickly prepared the Castle Turtle for Sophia.

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In this way, if something happened when she was not present, Sophia would not be so embarrassed and could still respond in time.

Riya is really amazing.

How did she possibly guess about this?

After all, Riya was so busy with various matters that it was impossible to pay attention to their affairs all the time. Yet she seemed to be able to guess that the matter of the Carson Family might not end well for Stephen and Sophia, thus allowing them to prepare for a way out in advance.

With the Castle Turtle, it didn't seem to matter where they live now.

"Have you prepared enough resources?" Amelia asked another question. The place where they lived is important, but the resources were also important.

Moreover, Sophia is a beast tamer, so she would need to spend a lot of resources to nurture her magic beasts to make sure that they could grow stronger. Around City A Base, hunting magic beasts would be much safer because the strong magic beasts had been eliminated by Samuel and Riya.

But if they were to leave far away, it might be harder for them to get the resources they needed.

"Don't worry, there's more than enough that my brother prepared for me," Sophia replied with a grin.

Stephen is far more comprehensive and attentive than her, so he had already prepared everything. While Sophia was actually still hesitant whether to leave or not, Stephen had already prepared everything the two of them might need.

While Stephen would not voluntarily leave City A Base, he set the condition so that when Old Master Carson wanted to force them to do something, he was ready.

He wouldn't take the initiative, he would not let himself be taken advantaged off.

"That's great." Amelia breathed a sigh of relief. She looked at Sophia with a complicated look and then started to exhort the other party, making sure that she would pay attention to her well being when they were outside.

Sophia listened patiently.

Even if she knew these things by heart, it was Amelia's care that made her moved and there was also a bitter smile on her lips.

She really didn't want to make the other party worry.

"It seems that you have prepared everything." Arnold patted Stephen's shoulder and sighed.

"Thanks to the space storage scrolls," Stephen admitted calmly.

In his heart, he was extremely thankful for Riya to spread out the space storage scroll everywhere, improving many people's living condition. Even though the poor still couldn't really afford the space storage scroll, they didn't really need it in the first place.

After all, a backpack would be enough for them.

But those who were more well off could still spare their contribution points to buy space storage scroll, allowing them to travel far without the need to worry. Moreover, it's easier to save things through the space storage scrolls than to store them at home.

"The price for the first rank space storage scroll had dropped and the second rank space storage scroll is more popular now." Arnold sighed when he thought about it.

The officials definitely made a lot of money from these space storage scrolls.

Just thinking about the fact that Riya could monopolize everything made his scalp numb. Because the need for space storage scroll has gotten more and more massive as time increased.

Thankfully, Riya taught the methods to make these space storage scrolls so other rune masters could learn it.

But the rank 2 space storage scrolls were still very limited.

Only a few people could possibly learn it during this period of time.

"Do you want a few more?" Arnold asked. He still has some spare space storage scrolls.

"No need. I bought enough for us." Stephen shook his head. "And don't you need to save up for your marriage? Getting into the Jones Family wouldn't be so easy."

Arnold: "..."

He rolled his eyes at his bad friend and clicked his tongue.

"I'll prepare my own marriage funds myself. You don't have to worry so much about me. It's better to worry about whether you will survive out there or not. You're a magician and she's a beast master, so you need someone to help you block the attack."

"Her magic beasts are relatively strong and in the worst case scenario, we'll stay inside the Castle Turtle," Stephen explained.

"How about weapon?"

"The mana gun is more popular but it's restricted to be used within the military, so I can't get it."

One had to say that the weapon enthusiast in the military was much stronger than Riya. After all, she could only modify ordinary weapon, but once she gave the general idea and the sample to them... they had created several variations.

By now, there were many weapons that used various magic cores as their energy, saving them from having to produce bullets and so on.

However, it was still not that easy to produce them and getting magic cores were not that easy. They have to hunt the magic beasts and then made the weapon that could harvest the energy within the core to perfection.

So far, the machine they used still has a lot of losses in the conversion.

Even when using the runes that Riya handed over, the progress was not that fast. It would still take some time for things to fully improve.

"I have one and..."

"Keep it for yourself." Stephen quickly raised his hand. "You have a lot of enemies back in the days and if they come here to make trouble with you, you need to be prepared."

"They wouldn't be able to beat me now." Arnold scowled, but he still kept the weapon away.

Anyway, he knew Stephen's temperament best.

Since the other party said that he didn't need it, then he really didn't need one.

"Do you really not want to wait until those two returns?" Arnold pointed in the direction of Continent Z's Capital City. "They would be quite angry if they found out that you have left."

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"I know, but I don't want to stay there any longer." Stephen shook his head when he thought about Old Master Carson.

The Carson Family might look glorious on the surface, but they were actually full of rotten thoughts. The unity of the family was built on the fact that Old Master Carson was holding each and every single one of them on the leash.

Their weaknesses were firmly held in Old Master Carson's hand.

And over time, they got used to it and will listen to his words unconditionally without even considering whether it was right or wrong.

It was such environment that caused his father to be unable to fight back and finally stayed in the Carson Family. He would not blame his father, but he couldn't be like his father either.

Stephen still wanted to see the world outside.

He also wanted to become strong, and for this, he didn't mind doing some things that many other people might never dare to do in their entire life.

It was for this reason that Stephen was very confident in coming out of City A Base.

"Alright. Do you have any specific destination you want to go?" Arnold asked.

"I'm going to try to see if I can find our mother's parents," Stephen replied as he looked at Amelia and Sophia, who were still on the side. It seemed that Amelia has a lot to say to Sophia, so he continued, "We've been separated for a long time and I want to see if they're doing fine."

Their mother died a long time ago.

In a way, it was actually a blessing because they didn't have to face this cruel world and see the cruelty of the Carson Family.

Stephen knew how much his mother cared for his father, but he was really too weak.

Without the Carson Family, it was impossible for him to stand on his own and it was also because of this that their family was like this.

Perhaps, it was his luck to be able to stay outside the Carson Family and was not influenced as much.

"Ah..." Arnold nodded.

"Do you want to find your family?" Stephen suddenly asked. From what he knew, Arnold's brother might be alive. After all, Arnold's meeting with Yer in City I Base was not exactly a secret.

As for Arnold's parents... Stephen highly doubted that Arnold would be willing to see them even if they were still alive.

Because it was those parents who pushed their own children to become mercenary to be able to support themselves. There was no need to mention just how bad it is for them to be pushed to the border when they were still young.

"Even though we're brothers, we hadn't seen each other for a long time after our parents' separation." Arnold shook his head.

The family was broken up and there was really no reason for them to see each other. In fact, they did contact each other for a while when they were young but later on, their parents made them unable to contact each other.

Back then, Arnold didn't tell Amelia the details, but in truth, their parents didn't simply ignore the two siblings.

They were the ones who made the two of them pick this life path.

Because if they were to choose ordinary professions, they would never be able to pay back their parents' debt.

"I have no idea where he is now and even before the world changed, he had almost never contacted me," Arnold replied.

So if he saw his brother again, the first thing he did would be to beat up that b*stard first.

"He might be at the border," Stephen speculated and then patted Arnold's shoulder. "Well, if you need help, the others will also be there."

"Speak for yourself."

"Hahaha."

The two of them laughed lightly and then they saw Ruben rushing over. It seemed that he had finished his work and was now running to see them.

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"So I'm not late." Ruben grinned when he saw the two of them and raised his hand. "I thought that you will leave right away, Stephen."

"I'm thinking of doing that, but this man is too fast."

Bang!

Ruben gave a punch on Arnold's stomach and sneered. "If you dare to die out there, I'll make sure to call some magicians from the Magic Association to bombard the place where you die."

Stephen: "... do you want to disgust me even after my death?"

"Pfft!" On the other hand, Arnold laughed out loud and held his stomach on the side, feeling that Ruben really knew how to liven up the situation.

"I thought that you have become more stable after learning under Riya and become an honest man, it turns out that I was wrong," Stephen lamented.

"Those magicians from the Magic Association are hardworking people," Ruben said with a grin. "As long as you paid them enough resources, they're still willing to move around as you ordered."

After all, many magicians from the Magic Association were actually poor. For them to be able to earn enough food and resources, they were willing to do various odd jobs.

Ruben is not poor as he had been working in City A Base for such a long time.

Moreover, the runes he made could be sold for a considerable price, especially since his rank is higher than majority of rune masters in this world thanks to Riya's teaching. So his contribution points and resources were plentiful.

If Ruben really wanted to, he could really made the arrangement to call these magicians from the Magic Association to bombard a place.

It was easy.

"You're really..." Stephen looked at his friend speechlessly and then muttered, "Then I have to make sure I died later than you so that you won't have a chance to call those magicians from the Magic Association."

"You can call them on my burial place too," Ruben added.

Stephen: "... are you not afraid of disgusting yourself to death?"

Chapter 755: It's A Deal

Arnold was snickering on the side, trying his best to hold back his laughter.

Whenever Ruben came up with some new antics, the others would definitely be made speechless by him.

Moreover, this man was shameless enough.

"Being Riya's student really didn't make you better," Stephen finally said and then promised, "Then it's a deal."

Ruben grinned and then waved his hand. "I have to be a good boy in front of my master, but in front of my friends, why should I hold myself back?"

He behaved himself around Riya because he wanted his master to teach him more. Moreover, if he dared to make trouble, Riya could easily hand over a stack of books and he could already imagine how torturous his days would be.

Back then, he nearly didn't have any time to sleep at all because Riya shoved a lot of books about magic and runes to him.

While they were useful, but she also set a time limit for him.

He could only squeeze his time to learn these things, making sure that he learned everything to the fullest.

If he couldn't pass Riya's test, he would be punished to learn more.

So Ruben had to be a good student.

At that time, his mind was filled with countless runes memorization and so on... how could he have time to mess around with the others?

He had to rush back and finish his work, making him exhausted every day.

In City I Base, he still had some time to make fun of his friends from time to time, but it was only occasionally.

"Repeat it again, Ruben." Amelia was holding her phone with her eyes shining. She wanted to record it for Riya to hear, letting her know how much of a troublemaker her student actually was.

Ruben was stunned and quickly took a step back. "When did you finish talking with Sophia?"

He didn't even notice it!

It seemed that he had to increase his own training too in the future so that he would not be easily ambushed by warriors and magic warriors. After all, as a magician, his skills were still far lower than Riya and his body was also weaker than other warriors and magic warriors.

If they were to sneak attack him, Ruben couldn't guarantee that he wouldn't get hurt.

Tsk, he had to prepare enough defensive runes next.

This was included in the books that Riya gave to him, but those runes were more complicated, so he hadn't succeeded making the passive activation runes.

"Ruby is here and talking with Sophia, so I come here," Amelia replied and then shook her phone in front of Ruben. "Come on, say it again! I want to show it to Riya!"

"No! I have already lost face so many times in front of you because of your devil brother! I won't let you show it in front of Riya!"

"Hey, come back here! Don't use your runes if you dare, Ruben!"

"I won't listen to you, la la la!"

"Ruben!"

Seeing the two of them chasing each other like elementary school students, the other two were speechless. Even though Arnold liked to tease Amelia too, he preferred to see her looking shy rather than angry like this.

Though, seeing her look so lively is still very good.

"Well, your sister should be ready to go soon." Arnold shook his head, feeling that the heavy atmosphere from before really couldn't be maintained. With Ruben around, it seemed that making sure they were serious all the time would be an impossible feat to achieve.

"Ah, yes." Stephen saw Ruby and Sophia were talking with each other and smiled. "We'll return in the future."

His words were more like a promise.

Arnold only smiled and didn't say anything more.

It was enough.

"I almost missed your departure!" At this moment, Ruby was looking at Sophia angrily. She was usually locked up in the laboratory, especially after her research was approved and she could get a place for her own.

Her professor was also happy for her and Ruby sincerely thanked her professor for his selfless cultivation over the years.

There were not many people like Professor Brown who was willing to teach his student wholeheartedly without asking for anything in return. Thanks to his teaching and guidance, Ruby was able to succeed in her research.

As thanks, she also listed him as the secondary researchers.

After all, it was also because of his help that Ruby was able to truly obtain her research result and be valued by many people.

She couldn't be an ungrateful person.

Recently, she had also achieved some results in her research and planned to show it off in the research conference. If there were no magic beasts' tide, it should happen soon, but now it might be postponed a bit.

Many bases would be busy because they had to repair their bases and so on.

"How did you find out that I'm leaving today?" Sophia asked guiltily. She didn't tell Ruby about this because she didn't know what to say to her friend when they met.

Now that she saw Ruby in front of her...

She just felt even more guilty.

"I took a break and heard about the Carson Family's breakup, so I guessed that it might be you and Stephen," Ruby replied.

In the Carson Family, only Stephen seemed to be willing to go against Old Master Carson. The other member of the Carson Family was very docile and looked like a lamb ready to be slaughtered, yet they were still stepping forward towards the guillotine.

Ruby really couldn't comprehend these people.

And she didn't usually bother with it.

As long as it didn't bother her research, why should she pay so much attention to that?

She was not so idle.

"You're right." Sophia looked helpless. "Don't worry, I will definitely live well when we're outside. You don't have to worry so much about me and just focus on your research."

Chapter 756: Ruby's Lecture 'Attack'

Seeing the look on Sophia's face, Ruby was silent for a moment.

The two of them were roommates back in the university, so they naturally knew each other well. From the moment they basically lived together, they knew the bad habits of the other party and various other details that they might not even tell others.

It was also because of this that Ruby knew that Sophia had changed.

This girl was the party girls that many people liked back then and only knew how to have fun.

Coupled with the backing of the Carson Family behind her, Sophia always liked to play around. Ruby even got exasperated whenever she was disturbed in the middle of the night because of Sophia's game and so on.

But that girl was now thinking about how to live properly and well.

The change of the world had also changed them all.

Even though they were all living well under the protection of the powerful returnees and the city bases in overall, it couldn't be denied that they have changed.

They were no longer the young and impulsive youths back then.

"I think I trust Melly more than trusting you," Ruby said solemnly. "And you have to remember that the magic beasts' booklet had to be memorized. They have just increased the number to add the few magic beasts that had only appeared recently. Their names are..."

Sophia was frozen stiff.

"Stop! Stop! Ruby, I don't want to hear more lecture!" Sophia wailed when she heard the familiar lecture from Ruby.

One of the reasons why she didn't like going back to the dormitory in the past was because she really didn't want to be lectured by Ruby. This girl could pull out professional knowledge from who knows where and sprouted it all in front of her methodically all of the sudden.

It would make Sophia wonder how Ruby managed her brain to be able to remember so many things like this.

At least, she herself would feel overwhelmed!

"Because you don't usually listen, so I have already recorded everything I want to say and send it to your phone." Ruby looked at Sophia sternly. "Remember to listen to it and I'll also message your brother to remind you."

Sophia almost collapsed when she heard this.

She stiffly turned to look at her brother and saw him gave a wry smile as he was checking his phone.

It was obvious that Ruby's message had arrived.

Sophia closed her eyes and could only promised, "I'll listen to what you have to say on the way."

"Good." Ruby smiled sincerely and then added, "Make sure you live well when you go out there. Even if you're only with your brother, you still have to eat healthily and not play around like you used to be..."

"Ruby! Are you my mother?!"

Amelia laughed out loud when she saw Sophia finally couldn't handle it anymore. Because Ruby spent most of her time in the laboratory and usually already had her fill of knowledge with her colleagues, she could restrain herself from instructing them solemnly with her usual lectures.

But now that Sophia was about to leave City A Base...

Ruby would not miss this chance to give the 'last lecture' before they went their separate ways.

"We can still chat in the group. The technology made it possible and the researchers have been doing well in this regards," Amelia quickly said when she saw Sophia was glaring at her with resentment.

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No one would withstand Ruby's brutal lecture attack.

Not even Riya.

Just look at how Riya would also try to change the conversation when Ruby was about to start her lecture's mode.

Even Claire, who was currently far away from them, would not be able to withstand facing Ruby's fierce lectures.

"Alright." Ruby could only stop and then looked at the time. "My break time is over. Amelia, don't forget to come to my project's presentation. I'll give you the invitation and if it's broadcasted live, I'll send you the invitation, Sophia."

"Huh? What kind of project?" Sophia was intrigued when she heard Ruby's words.

"You will know later." Ruby was tight lipped about her project due to the confidential document that she had to sign before.

"Tsk. So secretive." Sophia rolled her eyes but didn't ask any further.

There were also some projects that her brother couldn't tell her in the past and Sophia understood that it might involve some other things that was not convenient to tell outsiders.

Besides, Sophia usually wouldn't understand anything that Ruby said because many of them were... extremely scientific and couldn't be comprehended by normal humans.

Well, at least she couldn't understand.

The language that Ruby used sounded like a heavenly language in her ears.

She could understand each word separately but when they were combined together, she would feel as if she was listening to a scripture of ancient language.

In other words: she understood nothing.

"I'll definitely come." Amelia grinned. "If my brother and Riya had time, I'll also invite them along."

She couldn't make the promise for Samuel and Riya. Those two people were so busy and the matter of these magic beasts might cause them to be busier during this period of time.

But Amelia could always ask them.

"That's good." Ruby smiled.

The girls chatted a bit more before Ruby scurried away because she would be late to go back. If she was late, there would be bodyguards hurrying her to go back.

"Becoming a scientific researcher didn't seem to be that easy," Sophia said with emotions. Seeing how busy Ruby is and the fact that she had to be accompanied by bodyguards when she came out, she felt that her work shouldn't be so easy.

"She likes it," Amelia said with a shrug.

Even when they were in the university, Ruby often stayed in the laboratory and asked for permission to do experiments and so on.

They already knew about this and since she's working hard in the field that she liked, everyone supported her silently.

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"Yes." Sophia chuckled.

It should be the live that Ruby really wanted.

'How about yourself?'

Thinking that she would have to walk out of City A Base to unknown destination and possibly also face a lot of dangers out there, Sophia felt somewhat at loss for a moment.

But the next moment, she composed herself.

"Take care, Mel."

"You too, Soph."

The two girls gave a final parting hugs and then the two siblings left City A Base. Amelia, Ruben, and Arnold were standing beside the gate, watching the two people left amidst the other people who were busy cleaning up the magic beasts.

"Would they be fine to leave during this period of time?" Amelia suddenly asked.

"If you're worried about the magic beasts' matter, then you don't have to. Riya had already sealed the two cracks near City A Base and the number of cracks are limited. From now on, it's impossible for these magic beasts to appear just anywhere all over the Green Planet," Ruben explained calmly.

"Huh? Then how can they practice?" Amelia was stunned.

"Even though the magic beasts will not appear again in various areas, those who had appeared before might have already formed their nest." Ruben pursed his lips.

Continent Z is really big and there were many places that the officials couldn't reach. Who knows how many of such 'nest' has been formed all over the world.

Various ecosystem related to the magic beasts have been formed and there were many types of magic beasts living around it.

Ruben had learned that the officials planned to send soldiers to survey it some time ago.

But with the appearance of the second earthquake and various rank 7 returnees... it seemed that this would be impossible to do. He didn't know whether they would cancel the plan altogether or to do it later on after the returnees have made the arrangement.

Anyway, with only 12 cracks all over the world... it should be easier for the officials to handle it now, right?

Ruben was not entirely sure.

After all, the number of people who managed to survive from the magic beasts were limited and many of them died in the violent magic beasts tide over and over again. So many of them didn't manage to survive and the military and officials' control over some areas were a bit weaker.

It hadn't improved much because they focused on the nearby areas.

Even if there were also military stationed there, the situation was not very optimistic and magic beasts could grow more rampant.

Moreover...

Ruben knew very well that the situation in other continents were also not very good right now, especially with so many magic beasts coming. Some returnees even blatantly split up from the officials, tearing off the peaceful facade that they had maintained in the past year or two.

It was really...

"Oh..." Amelia nodded absentmindedly.

"Alright, I have to go back to work. Miss Amelia, please don't stay close to the magicians from the Magic Association for the time being," Ruben reminded. Mr. Jones was dissatisfied with the magicians from the Magic Association because of their higher ups' behavior.

Many magicians from the Magic Association were innocent, but it would be better if they didn't have any emotional entanglement with these people.

"Huh? I have never been close to them!" Amelia said righteously and then frowned. "What did they do again?"

The magicians from the Magic Association were doing their job well not long ago when dealing with the magic beasts. After all, Amelia could still hear their powerful magic spells even from a distance.

To be honest Amelia sometimes wondered if the magic beasts' aesthetic matched these magicians from the Magic Association.

Otherwise, why are these magic beasts not be disgusted to death first?

Isn't it unpleasant to watch the magicians from the Magic Association sang strange tune and then danced around on the battlefield...?

"It's nothing much, Miss Amelia."

"Don't call me Miss! It sounds strange!"

"Hahaha!"

Ruben laughed out loud and ran away while Amelia puffed her cheek in anger. She didn't understand why Ruben was so bad today! Ahh, he kept on making her really angry.

"Let's help them to clean up and then took our share of magic beasts," Arnold said, stopping Amelia from sulking more.

"You're smiling, aren't you?" Amelia narrowed her eyes dangerously.

"How could it be?" Arnold refuted but there was a hint of smile in his eyes when he looked at Amelia in front of him.

She's so cute and adorable.

How could he not want to treasure and care for her?

"You're definitely laughing at me!" Amelia was annoyed and stormed off to the officers. Hmph, she will ignore him for an hour today...

Uh, is it a bit too long?

Then half an hour...

"I'll apologize, then princess Mel?" Arnold asked in gentle and coaxing tone.

Seeing his handsome face up close, Amelia puffed her cheek and turned to look at the side while thinking in her mind, '5 minutes would be enough.'

The red ears made Arnold felt a bit itchy, but they were in public. Putting aside the matter of public decency, Amelia is still angry at him, so he would have to coax her before he could hug the girl.

The officer who was in charge of the tally today: "..."

Brother, can't you come forward and stop flirting over there?

He felt that he was incredibly unlucky.

Not only did he have to face strong magic beasts today, he also have to be fed with dog food during his work.

It's really unlucky.

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Samuel and Riya's side

Because of the magic beasts' problem, neither Samuel or Riya had heard anything from City A Base.

After all, they had to focus on their work and Mr. Jones would not contact either one of the two of them unless it was absolutely necessary.

He still has this knowledge.

Besides, both of them were currently resting in the helicopter and was waiting for the pilot to bring them back to City A Base.

Chapter 758: Sensing

"...Hmm?" Riya opened her eyes with a frown, silently sensing the air and her eyes were a few shades colder. "There's another rank 7."

The Green Planet's mana was thinner and any disturbance, even if it was on the other side of the world, was very obvious for those who have reached rank 7. So when Riya woke up from her meditation and sensed the mana fluctuation, she could more or less guessed what had caused it.

Should she be glad that it was not a batch of rank 7 magic beasts' tide again or should she be annoyed because someone had faked their own death and causing trouble on the other side of the world?

"The soul magician," Samuel responded. "Would you like to contact her?"

"Since she had faked her death so thoroughly and Continent Y is in a mess, I don't think it's a good idea," Riya replied.

"How do you know Continent Y is in a mess?"

"The mana fluctuation." Riya gazed outside the window and her eyes flickered. "For rune masters, we're extremely sensitive to mana fluctuation and I can sense the movement of those rank 7 magic beasts. A single magic beast would mean nothing but a large number of them... it's a bit too obvious."

Samuel nodded and then frowned. "Almost everyone are rushing to reach rank 7. At this point, the first requirement has been fulfilled."

"It wouldn't be opened so easily." Riya shook her head. "We still need to gather in that island first. The twelfth returnee has been found?"

"Yes. I received the information while you're resting." Samuel also rested, but he had more contact with the officials and other people, so when he was also meditating, they sent a message to his phone.

In this way, he could see the information right after he finished his meditation.

"Who?"

"Leon, a villager from Continent X. He has been living in a small village and hide his presence until the second earthquake. By now, Continent X is asking for help because he almost couldn't hold on," Samuel replied with a hint of pity.

Previously, there was only one returnee from Continent X, which his Pena. Knowing that this man is a necromancer, Samuel didn't have a good impression of the other party, but this name was also unfamiliar to him.

Many people in that world was more well known with their title instead of their real name.

Especially those who came from unknown background or have some reasons why they wanted to hide their identity.

Samuel himself had no such interest and would rather appear bluntly and aboveboard. He had no interest to play intrigue game and those who dared to offend him would just be eliminated easily.

His goal in that world was simply to get stronger and stronger.

He had to time to play around with various tricks.

Thanks to this, he was extremely famous and almost no one didn't know his name. It had some benefit because he could easily find the other returnee who came to that world and returned. But at the same time, he was lacking in some basic knowledge about life.

After all, he never had to worry about food and drinks aside from the time when he went to the wildness for training and exploration.

"Continent X..." Riya repeated and nodded with a complicated expression. "Continent X is a continent consisted of countless small islands and it's hard for the officials there to manage all the islands at the same time."

They could only focus on the bigger islands and the smaller islands were partially ignored.

After all, they had to focus their firepower.

Now that the cracks only remained two in Continent X, perhaps they could restore other island's facilities and so on to protect the people. Slowly but surely, they could also clean up the magic beasts and provided safe bases in these islands.

But the two islands were Leon and Pena were located might be the real hell.

"Now they can focus but Pena has basically killed every living creature who come to the island where he was staying," Samuel said with a dark face.

Now that Pena had advanced to rank 7 and had such a large army under his command, Samuel knew very well that it wouldn't be easy for them to deal with him even if they wanted to.

Even before then, Pena has always been cautious.

He should have modified his own body so that it would not die so easily.

All necromancer has this ability and they were cautious enough to make sure that they would not die so easily.

Just like their army, undying.

"...He killed the people?" Riya was stunned.

Every returnee has their own set of conduct. She and Samuel belonged to the type who would not hurt other people unless it was in self defense. After all, they have no interest to kill other people around them.

Dina was the type to spread her own way to others and took benefit in it as Demonic Magician.

Murin was the type to ignore other people's problem and focused on himself and his own magic beasts. He didn't have interest to kill ordinary people, but he would also cause chaos and made the magic beasts went on a rampage.

This has happened before.

And now this Pena....

He killed ordinary people?

"Yes." Samuel sighed and felt that the necromancer was really bold. He dared to make the entire world as his enemy and he picked the most perfect moment to announce this to the entire world.

With the second earthquake happening and the message that came to the mind of everyone who had advanced to rank 7... who would want to deal with Pena right now?

As long as Pena didn't try to leave his island, it was estimated that Continent X will ignore him and let him monopolize the crack that existed in his place.

The crack is their source of resources, allowing them to grow stronger much faster than others.

Chapter 759: Seal

"It's really troublesome. Do you want to deal with him?" Riya suddenly asked.

Samuel arched his eyebrows. "Do you have a way to kill a necromancer?"

"Yes."

"Really?"

From what Samuel knew, killing a necromancer was not easy and there were not many records of people doing it in that world. He thought that Riya would only know the general methods.

"Yes." Riya looked at Samuel and smiled faintly. "It's not like I haven't killed one before."

After she advanced to rank 7, there was a necromancer who made trouble and the association released mission to deal with him. Since Riya had just advanced to rank 7 and the missions's reward was very tempting, she decided to go.

Who made Rune master's profession be such a big money spender?

She could make money easily but her money also flow out as quickly.

The batch of money was not even hot in her hand before she had to hand it over to others.

Just thinking about this made Riya felt heartache.

She also wanted to be a rich woman!

Unfortunately, her profession made it impossible for her to do that. So any mission that could give her a large amount of money but was not that dangerous were taken by Riya without hesitation.

This necromancer was killing a lot of people, turning them into his own soldiers and thus making people didn't dare to come any closer.

Most profession wouldn't be able to handle necromancer on their own.

Because they definitely couldn't last as long as the necromancer and would end up dying in his hand and be turned into his own army.

No one wanted to experience such a thing.

So not many profession dared to face against a necromancer.

A rune master was one of the few professions who could face necromancer without losing their grounds.

"How did you kill him before?" Samuel asked curiously. This time, he was really tempted to know more about Riya's story. He himself had faced off against necromancer but killing them completely was still difficult.

"It's just a battle of who had more resources." Riya scratched her cheek, somewhat embarrassed. "I basically overwhelmed him with my own resources and then sealed his magic, thus he become extremely weak and could be killed."

"Seal?"

"Yes, there are also sealing runes but this kind of runes are not very popular because it's complicated and took a long time." Riya reached out her hand and drew in the air to form the runes. Soon, there was a circle like thing on the size of her palm.

It didn't even take more than 10 seconds for her to draw the sealing runes.

"This is...?"

"This is the simplest sealing runes that existed and it can only seal the magic of a rank 1 magician," Riya replied and then pushed her finger lightly in Samuel's direction. Considering his rank, this small seal wouldn't be of any effect on him, so she used this gesture to ask whether he wanted to try.

Samuel looked at the seal with interest and then stretched his hand.

Tep.

As the seal was placed, Samuel sense his mana seemed to be about to be trapped by something. But he released his own coercion and the feeling disappeared almost immediately.

"This kind of seal is useless for you, but I can make rank 7 sealing runes," Riya replied with a cheerful smile.

Samuel's expression froze.

He looked at the front and seeing that there was a barrier there, he was relieved. He was sure that if words come out about this matter, Riya might be targeted by other returnees. Especially those magicians who relied on mana.

Because if Riya ever sealed their abilities, they would not be any different from ordinary people.

Who could stand it?

This is such a bug!

Had to stop her!

"Don't worry, it's not that easy to do it." Riya shook her head. "Even if it's me, I have to draw the runes for more than a full minute before it can work and for people at such high rank, you can't really expect them to let you draw runes quietly for such a long time while doing nothing."

Samuel nodded. "But there are still some methods that could delay them."

"That's what I did back then. I trapped the necromancer for a long time and then sealed his magic away. Without any magic, his undying army will turn into bones once again and couldn't get up and I can kill him directly," Riya explained calmly.

For people who had returned from that world, killing people were not uncommon. Many situations in that world could easily force people who used to be kind and law abiding to become an outlaw and a murderer easily.

In the battle for resources, how many people would use despicable means in order to achieve their result?

Riya had seen too many and she had no interest to see more.

Too many tragedies and dramas have been staged in front of her, making her numb and often wondered how people could preserved in such a complicated world.

"I see." Samuel nodded in understanding after hearing Riya's description. "It doesn't seem to be that easy."

"This is just the rune master ways to deal with a necromancer. If I don't want to deal with them, I can always run away. My teleportation formation is easy to use," Riya replied with a bright smile.

Her escape methods have been proven to be extremely useful and had duped many people in that world.

For this matter, Riya is extremely proud of it.

Samuel shook his head in amusement and then remembered something and asked, "How come I have never heard of your name before in that world?"

He was famous, Peter was also famous, Murin was even more so, Dina is the princess of the Demonic Magician's Lord, so she was also extremely famous. Ruth herself also made a name for herself and Samuel had heard about her.

Chapter 760: Discussing the Past

Pena was not very famous but there were indeed not many necromancers in the areas where he located, so Samuel was not entirely sure.

That world was so vast, even bigger than the Green Planet.

He might have heard Pena's name but maybe not too because Samuel didn't really like those necromancer who were often hiding behind their army and hid their figures.

Leon, Navi, Nalan, and Ami have all made their own names among the younger generation and Samuel felt that their names were somewhat familiar. Of course, he had to go over and asked to confirm it if he wanted to be sure.

But considering that they were from other continents, Samuel would not brazenly asked for information openly.

If he did that, he was sure that they would kick him out without hesitation.

"This..." Riya looked at Samuel with some hesitation and then said, "Maybe it's because I'm hiding my appearance?"

If Riya had to say, she was not completely nameless in that world. But she didn't usually leave the Rune Master Association after she managed to join because there were so many resources and knowledge there.

She didn't even need to go out and look for resources but could directly use her points to buy things. Of course, she will still come out from time to time, but she spent most of her time in the association.

If she had to say, she had spent at least an entire year inside the rune master association alone.

That was basically a quarter of her entire time in that world.

Considering that her first year was filled with her running around to get enough resources and gaining the chance to become a magician or a warrior, Riya felt that if she ever get famous, it was definitely not during her fledging period.

She was nothing more than a small figure who was unknown in the first two years.

It was only later on when she gained some strength that she had become a bit more famous.

But Riya had no interest to show off.

She had already watched many novels where the protagonist was either provoking trouble or being provoked. Thankfully, she has no such aura and her journey was relatively smooth sailing, allowing her to become a rank 7 rune master after nearly four years of staying in that world.

She live well and didn't cause any dramas or provoke trouble during that period of time.

As for the people whom she met...

"...Do you have a name that's recognized in public?" Samuel couldn't help but ask when he saw Riya's guilty expression.

His mind was turning as he tried to remember the famous rune masters in that era. Even though there were indeed people who specialized as rune master, many of them were still recognized as magicians.

After all, most people would not bother to pay attention to the differences.

There were only three mainstream of profession named magicians, magic warriors, and warriors.

The other small professions were naturally incorporated into these three main professions.

"Hmm..." Riya looked at her robe and tilted her head. She had specifically asked Peter... I mean, the Martial Arts Association behind Peter to design this robe to be quite similar to what she usually wore in her previous life.

But she didn't usually wear the hood because it was too troublesome.

She had no interest to hide her appearance all day long either, so she didn't usually wear the hood.

The robe was purple and blue in color, looking extremely good but not that eye catching. At most, it could be called elegant.

At least, that was how it is in Riya's opinion.

She liked this color anyway.

"Maybe something like this?" Riya pulled the hood from behind and wore it. After that, she took out a mask from her space and wore it. The mask was similar to that of white medical mask and would cover her lower half of her face.

She raised her head and her blue eyes were staring straight in Samuel's direction.

This was her usual appearance that she used when she was traveling in that world. Because many magicians often wore robes of various color when they were traveling, her appearance didn't exactly attract attention.

As for the mask...

This was because some of their magic spells were really embarrassing and they hadn't learned the formal ones.

So when the children were still in the period of transition, they would cover up their faces.

Otherwise, it would be a large scale of social deaths!

"Hmm..." Samuel looked at Riya with a troubled look.

There were too many other magicians who dressed similarly with Riya and he couldn't even remember whether he had seen someone like her before or not. This made him feel troubled.

He couldn't remember when he had seen her before.

"Are you trying to remember if you have seen me before?" Riya was amused when she saw Samuel's appearance.

"Yes."

"Don't bother. We have never met face to face in that world."

Her status and Samuel's status was vastly different, making it near impossible for her to approach him blatantly back then.

And Riya had no intention of contacting Samuel in that world.

Well, she didn't even recognize him!

Forgive her, but Samuel really looked very different when he was in that world. Riya was not that close to Samuel before the end of the world started and the two has more interaction together.

"Alright." Samuel could only nod.

In terms of recognizing others, Riya should be able to know him better than him recognizing Riya. After all, he was indeed quite famous and if Riya had met him, she should remember.

"But perhaps we passed by each other? There are various magic disguise technique in that world," Riya said in tentative tone.

"Disguise magic?" Samuel thought for a moment before saying, "It's light elemental magic and only some people with special affinity with illusion can learn it. I don't have light element and I can't disguise myself."