

## **Last Days 771**

Chapter 771: Nalan and Navi (3)

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Series of magic spells were thrown away without caring for the mana consumption. Navi is a powerful five elemental magicians.

She has much more mana compared to many other magicians due to her elements. But at the same time, she also spent more time to practice various magic spells of these elements.

The best method for five elemental magicians was to use combination magic spell.

The more elements that a combination magic spells used, the more powerful it could be. Naturally, it was not that simple and there were also some rules that they have to follow.

But Navi is a natural genius in this field.

"Mud trap!"

The earth turned into mud and countless magic beasts were trapped inside. They couldn't step forward and was drowned, especially those with smaller sizes.

Navi's expression remained cold as she continued to use her elements.

"Fire tempered steel and earth walls."

Swoosh!

The originally broken walls had long been demolished but now Navi simply built more walls and protected the inside of the building very well. The walls were much stronger than before, preventing these magic beasts from getting closer.

Bang!

\*roar!\*

The magic beasts trapped outside were smashing the walls with various attacks and there were even magical attacks.

Seeing their means, Navi knew that there were many rank 7 magic beasts mixed in.

Her situation is very dangerous right now.

"Nalan, damn you!"

She could sense the mana fluctuation from Nalan and knew that he was still in critical condition, so Navi calmed down. This was not the first time she faced danger and in that world, she could never rely on others for her life.

How many selfless people were there in the magic world?

Many of them were nothing more than selfish b\*stards who will do everything for money and power.

For the sake of their own strength, they were willing to do many things that crossed their own moral bottom line. Betrayal and backstabbing was extremely common, so Navi always had to rely on herself to be able to survive.

Relying on others will never get her anywhere.

This was the brutal truth that was carved into her flesh and bones after years of fighting in that world.

Swish! Bang!

Navi saw these magic beasts were getting closer and simply mobilized her mana once again. She didn't have lightning, dark, and light elements, but she could still use other elements to fight against these magic beasts without losing her grounds.

Her expression remained calm even when several rank 7 magic beasts came forward.

In fact, no returnees would ever show fear in front of the magic beasts.

They have already seen a far more terrifying scene where they were pushed into the brink of despair, unable to do anything.

So just a few rank 7 magic beasts were nothing to them.

At most, they would overdraw their life force to gather enough mana to fight back against these magic beasts.

"The world is round, earth supplemented with water, blooming with vitality and kept the world intact, the sun shine and burned the ground, providing the energy for the metals to change its form and return to earth," Navi chanted, her voice was light and there was a hint of urgency. But more than anything else, her eyes were flickering with ruthless glint.

\*roar!\*

Boom!

"Elemental explosion," Navi smiled.

The moment these rank 7 magic beasts managed to break through the walls that Navi had set up, what greeted them was five different elements rushing towards them and annihilated them in almost an instant.

None of them were able to fight back.

Fire element, water element, wind element, metal element, and earth elements.

These were the five elements that Navi mastered and perfectly controlled. No matter what it is, she could do it and the five elements had long become her limbs extension.

Under the combination attack of the five elements, not even the rank 7 magic beasts could withstand the terrifying power.

\*roarrrr!\*

The magic beasts roared unwillingly as their bodies were destroyed into smithereens.

With power far greater than nuclear bombs, half of the city around them were destroyed as the magic expanded into a large scale, killing countless magic beasts around them in an instant.

BOOM!

Such a large movements were definitely impossible to hide.

But Navi didn't care too much.

There were too many rank 7 magic beasts coming closer to her and she could only used up almost all of her mana to push them back.

\*cough\* \*pant\* \*pant\*

Feeling the weakness on her limbs, Navi snorted and then wiped the blood around her mouth. This move basically consumed a lot of mana and normally speaking, weak magicians couldn't use it.

Even Navi would feel the huge burden that her body had to withstand when she used the five elements combination magic.

Since most magicians have relatively weaker bodies, it was set that the number of combination magic that she could use was limited to three elements before she reached rank 7. Otherwise, her body wouldn't be able to withstand the backlash and might end up pushing her to the abyss early.

Navi didn't want to die.

So she naturally listened to the elders' words and never used too many elements on daily basis.

This was done to protect herself.

\*cough\*

"Damn."

Navi looked at the rank 7 magic beasts that was rushing over from the distance and couldn't lift her hand anymore.

The only way to save herself would be to burn her soul...

But if she did that, Navi knew that there wouldn't be any chance for her to reach the peak anymore.

Because once one's soul was severely damaged, there was no way that it could recover again.

Navi is unwilling.

Even if there was the slightest bit of change, she didn't want to give up.

She knew very well that her cousin would not be willing to protect her forever, so she had to fight hard on her own.

Bang!

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As Navi held the rank 7 magic cores from the dead rank 7 magic beasts around her, these rank 7 magic beasts already rushed over.

The combination magic was really strong.

Countless magic beasts died in that big explosion and only those who were far away could survive.

But there were simply so many magic beasts coming out of the cracks.

During the period of time when Nalan and Navi were both running away, the magic beasts were not idle and kept on pouring out of the cracks.

Otherwise, it was impossible for the officials to use the nuclear bombs to clear out most of the magic beasts during this period of time.

They would not be willing to use such a weapon of mass destruction.

But it was because they couldn't see any hope when these rank 7 magic beasts came out and destroyed the bases that they directly used it.

Nalan and Navi had seen it.

It was not enough.

More and more magic beasts came pouring out of the crack as if mocking their efforts. It seemed as if no matter how many times they killed the magic beasts, more will pour out of the crack and kill them all.

It was frustrating.

Bang!

Seeing the rank 7 magic beasts was blocked in front of her, Navi raised her head and saw Nalan coming out, a large shield was erected in front of him. This large shield is his soul treasure, brought from that world and had been used for a long period of time.

It was also the magic weapon with the strongest defense in the entire world.

Nalan's profession, Guardian Warrior, was naturally dependent on the fact that he was strong enough. Even though it was called as warrior, Nalan knew that his profession was actually closer to magic warrior because he could still use some mana.

But most of the time, he would use the aura.

"You look really embarrassed, my cousin," Nalan said in lively tone. There was a sense of relaxation and happiness from his tone. Even when he was about to face countless rank 7 magic beasts that was chasing after them, he didn't seem to be panicked in the slightest bit.

Instead, it seemed as if he was reborn.

Yes, he had already reached rank 7 again and Nalan could feel that his entire body seemed to be full of power. For them, the process of advancement to rank 7 was what would be dangerous but once they have advanced, then they would feel very comfortable and could even use their abilities to the fullest.

Any moves would be much stronger when they had advanced to rank 7.

For Nalan, coming back to rank 7 was like a dream come true.

Ever since he came back to this world, he had to follow his original goal and worked conscientiously as the Guardian Warrior. His main weapon is his shield and most of the moves he learned were all to defend himself.

It was not like he couldn't learn other paths.

But by the time he has that qualification, he had already reached rank 4 in that world and it was too late to switch to other paths. He had also gotten used to train his body to become like a shield.

Strong and sturdy.

To stand on the frontline and protected everyone around him.

To be honest, the main reason why Nalan chose to become a Guardian Warrior was because he would not die so easily. Even if he was being beaten up by others, they wouldn't be able to kill him.

As long as he continued to increase his defense, wouldn't he eventually reached the point where no matter how people hit, he would not be injured?

This is his goal.

Because of that, he didn't change his path even after he had the chance to do so and continued his path as the Guardian Warrior.

Navi was once worried for him.

After all, Nalan's personality was not exactly someone who liked to protect others. He's also a selfish person like her and would care for his life more than everyone else around him.

When they were in danger, he would definitely prioritize saving his own life.

Navi knew this very well.

And Nalan also has great understanding of himself, which was why he also wanted to change his path in the beginning.

If he was such a selfless person, he would not have abandoned the base and continued to fight against those rank 7 magic beasts and other magic beasts instead of leaving them to be killed by the magic beasts.

He didn't have such overwhelming compassion.

And the people whom he truly cared for?

He had none.

His family members were cold blooded and had always wanted to return to the main family because of various reasons. Ever since he was young, Nalan had known that he was nothing more than an additional burden in the eyes of his parents and an annoying sibling in the eyes of his siblings and cousins.

They didn't like him.

Of course, there were also some people whom he didn't have much interaction with.

The family behind him was a bit big and there were relatives everywhere.

Navi was one of them whose connection was extremely far away and they didn't have much connection here.

It was thanks to their faint connection that they could cooperate together.

Be it in that world or in this world after their return, the two of them continued their cooperation.

"Tsk, you're so happy." Navi snorted but the corner of her lips curled up into a faint smile. Her cousin is getting stronger and naturally Navi also felt happy.

Because this meant that she would be safer and they could deal with these rank 7 magic beasts on their own.

Previously, it was so hard to kill even a single rank 7 magic beasts.

But after reaching rank 7, it would be much easier.

"Of course~."

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Nalan chuckled.

Being able to reach rank 7 again, how long he had been waiting for this?

After reaching rank 7 in that world and then dying because of countless magic beasts... Nalan had to say that he felt extremely aggrieved. He didn't want to have the strength that he had cultivated for so long to be gone in an instant.

The bitterness of practice that he had endured for four years disappeared into nothingness.

Every single day was filled with nothing but training, but all of his result was gone after his death.

He felt annoyed.

But what could he do?

Being able to live again after dying is already very good and he gained the chance to build his strength from the very beginning. This time, he didn't have to take the long path but could directly take the shortcut to reach rank 7.

The method succeeded.

But there were still many annoying things along the way that Nalan had to face.

"Deal with these rank 7 magic beasts," Navi said as she stared to collect the magic cores that was dropped from these magic beasts. Even though she had destroyed countless magic beasts' corpses into nothingness, their magic cores remained.

It could be said that a magic beast's magic cores were extremely durable.

Destroying these things were not so easy.

But it was good for them.

Because this meant that they could deal with the magic beasts as they wished without the need to worry that the magic cores would be destroyed because of their violent attacks. After all, it was because of these magic cores that many of them hunted these magic beasts.

At least, the main bottom line when dealing with magic beasts were to hope that they could get the magic cores.

It was not that common to use magic to the point that the magic beasts' corpses didn't even remain.

What Navi did just now was basically overkill.

"I have the highest defense and not the highest attack," Nalan reminded. Even if he could block these rank 7 magic beasts, dealing with them would not be so easy.

"Anyway, block them until I can recover my mana," Navi replied as she took these rank 7 magic beasts' magic cores.

Nalan rolled his eyes, but he still put Navi into his protection circle and then the two of them moved to collect the various magic cores that these magic beasts' dropped.

Even though Nalan still found it difficult to deal with the rank 7 magic beasts, he could still deal with the weaker magic beasts easily.

Anyway, only the rank 7 magic beasts were left behind.

They were being pushed away by Nalan's shield and then beaten until they were bruised, but it was not so easy to kill them.

"Anyway, what takes you so long? I noticed the pattern had appeared a long time ago and the mana fluctuation had stabilized, but you only come out at the last moment." Navi is a genius magician even in that world, so she was extremely sensitive to mana fluctuation.

When she sensed that something was wrong, Navi felt that Nalan might have encountered some problems.

But she has no capabilities to help him.

These rank 7 magic beasts were of higher ranks than her and that destructive move was basically the highest rank of magic spells that Navi could use.

It directly dealt with the large number of magic beasts, but it also depleted most of Navi's mana.

Based on her condition, she estimated that Nalan had to protect her for a few hours before she could start using her mana again.

It was a bit troublesome.

"There's a message after I advanced to rank 7," Nalan replied honestly. "After there are more than half of the returnees reached rank 7, the passage to the other world will slowly be opened in advance."

"What did you say?"

A passage to the other world?

Navi looked at Nalan in shock and then she asked, "Then, can we go back to that world?"

Even though they have only been living in that world for four years, it would be a lie if Navi said that she had no one whom she cared for in that world. There were many friends, comrades, and even family members.

But the entire world was destroyed at that moment and nothing was left behind.

The magic beasts' tide completely destroyed the entire world, leaving nothing.

It was very tragic.

"No." Nalan shook his head and he saw Navi's eyes dimming. "Perhaps there'll be a chance to enter other worlds, but you should know very well that controlling time and space is only something that someone who specialized in the law of time and space could do. This is a special kind of magic that not many people learned in their entire life."

Because the two of them were cousins and also shared a lot of hardship together, they naturally shared a lot of information.

This allowed Nalan to have enough understanding about magic from Navi and Navi understanding many things about aura and warriors from Nalan.

Of course, they had no intention of changing their paths.

Just enough knowledge so that they would be able to deal with their opponent when they appeared in the future.

"Then, what kind of passage?" Navi asked, trying to calm down.

"I don't know."

"...HUH?"

Navi looked at her cousin and was really itching to have her mana recover right at this very moment. She wanted to beat up her cousin's head to see what was in his mind.

Didn't he say that the passage to the other world will be opened after there were more than half of the returnee advanced to rank 7?

She didn't believe that this earthquake wouldn't be enough to let more people advance to rank 7!

Otherwise, those returnees were all useless!

"Well, I don't understand many things because it mentioned something like the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation and I have zero understanding of these things."

Chapter 774: Chase

Navi: "..."

World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation?

Since Riya and Samuel had already mentioned about this World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation in the past, this matter had actually spread among the higher ups and silently transmitted to other returnees.

However, most of them didn't have much understanding about formation and runes.

What a joke.

Only the rune master would spend their time studying about the runes and formation all day long.

Even if they were to see the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation right in front of them, they wouldn't be able to recognize it nor understanding what it used for.

Riya gave them a general explanation.

That this world is merging with a completely different world, which contained a lot of magic beasts. The first earthquake that happened was the result of this World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation activation.

After that...

Well, the second earthquake happened and they didn't even know whether it was related to the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation.

In any case, this was not a good thing.

Their Green Planet was forced to accept the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation's activation and the mana basically filled every corner of the world. This was one of the reasons why there were so many magic beasts on the Green Planet.

"So, can we really go to other worlds?" Navi thought about another matter.

"Not yet..." Nalan thought about the message in his mind and frowned. "It said that only when the world is ready could it be possible for the passage to be opened in advance. Otherwise, the passage will open automatically after three years of our return to this world."

Navi also frowned, but her hands didn't stop collecting the magic cores from the ground.

"Do you want to go?"

"I don't want to."

Nalan sneered when he thought about the dangerous world that he had faced before. Even though the thoughts of going to another world and possibly collected a large amount of resources sounded tempting, but he felt that this was definitely a big pit.

The world they entered back then was already very dangerous and it was only because of their background family that they managed to survive.

But this time, they would directly enter as an outsider.

No.

Nalan refused such a thing.

They would have no support, no backing, no resources, nothing to start with. Everything had to start from scratch again and there was basically nothing that they could do but to work hard in order to get everything.

In the past year to two, they have been working a lot in Continent Y and it was already difficult enough.

Now, they have to work and so on...

"I have already memorized the paths to reach rank 8 and rank 9. Even though the methods to reach rank 10 is fragmented, I believe that I can still advance safely even if I stay in the Green Planet," Nalan said calmly. "Before I reach rank 10, I'm not going to go to other worlds."

What a joke.

If they needed resources, they could just hunt some rank 7 magic beasts in the cracks and then explored the world over there. There was no need to go to a completely different world that was far more dangerous than the crack world.

He believed that all of them had already obtained enough information for them to advance to rank 10.

After all, Nalan recognized some of the returnees came from an influential family.

How could it be possible for them not to have the inheritance passed down?

So even if the knowledge was somewhat fragmented, the clear paths for them to advance to rank 8, 9, and 10 should be given to them clearly.

In this way, what they needed the most is nothing more than resources.

Resources that will allow them to advance as quickly as possible.

Even if resources might be rare, but it was not impossible to obtain enough resources through exploring the cracks and so on. Because of this, Nalan felt that it was unnecessary for them to take big risk to explore a completely different world and possibly dying there.

It would be stupid.

"...You're right." Navi also calmed down.

She was thinking about the possibility of obtaining some valuable treasures in the different world, but the crack is also a different world, isn't it?

She didn't believe they couldn't get any resources from the crack.

There was no need to challenge a much more difficult world and simply head towards the relatively easy crack and search for resources there.

"Advance to rank 7 faster and then we'll enter the crack. It's impossible to rely on the officials again after this incident and they wouldn't trust us. It's better to rely on ourselves," Nalan advised.

"I know. I'll definitely reach rank 7 as soon as possible," Navi replied with determination.

Nothing could stop her from advancing to rank 7 in this life!

Nalan looked at Navi's action and nodded in satisfaction. His path made him focus more on defense and it was difficult to kill opponent of the same ranks as his. So he usually rely on Navi a lot.

Because Navi is like a glass cannon.

Weak physically but her magic attack... hehehe.

In this way, the pair of cousins were able to make their own arrangement.

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Continent Z, Capital City

The officials had already heard about what happened in Continent Y some time ago.

After all, their crisis was easily averted with so many returnees working together. Even though Murin's action basically angered them, but they couldn't really do anything with him.

Murin escaped to the sea of the magic beasts one way or another.

Even if they wanted to look for him, they had to think about how to fight the rank 7 magic beasts around him first.

Moreover, it was estimated that Murin would reach rank 7 soon enough.

The pattern in the sky seemed to be telling them that these returnees had reached the 'peak' of their original strength.

Chapter 775: Chase (2)

The officials were not stupid.

If they couldn't get the information from one returnee, then they would approach the second returnee and dig various information from them. Some specific information was indeed only known to one returnee, but if they were only asking about some general information, there was no problem in asking other returnees about it.

One of them was the fact that most of these returnees used to be rank 7 before they came back to this world after their 'deaths.'

So reaching rank 7 seemed to be something that would definitely happen for these returnees and it was nothing special.

The officials were already prepared.

The moment these patterns appeared one by one in the sky, they understood that these returnees should have reached the peak of their previous strength and will slowly improve on their own.

As for whether they knew the path forward...

These returnees never said anything.

For this matter, they somehow managed to have a tacit understanding not to say anything about the paths above rank 7.

"Continent Y has already started using the nuclear bombs. Various bases have been destroyed along with countless magic beasts," an official said with heavy tone.

If their returnees were like those three returnees in Continent Y, there was no doubt that their fate would not be any better than Continent Y.

It was only because their returnees were willing to fight and sealed the cracks that they were able to sit here calmly and discussed about this matter instead of worrying about whether they should abandon these bases and used the nuclear weapon like Continent Y.

"Continent X is also considering to use the nuclear weapon, but they have decided not to... and Continent W is urging us to return Ruth as soon as possible," the other official continued with a sigh.

Well, the four continents were still busy fighting covertly.

But the appearance of the second earthquake and countless rank 7 magic beasts out there did make them realize that this was indeed not the time for them to fight.

"We have no time to deal with Continent Y's request for help. While it's true that leaving things be might be bad for the overall situation of the Green Planet, but Continent Y is too far away." The official with higher power shook his head.

He didn't want to send any of their returnees to Continent Y and possibly have to risk their lives.

Because the action of the returnees from Continent Y had already caused many rank 7 magic beasts to come out of the cracks.

No one tried to block them.

And at this moment, sending any of these returnees were the same as sending them to their death.

Who knows how many rank 7 magic beasts would greet them the moment they arrived in Continent Y?

Anyway, the official didn't want any returnee from Continent Z to face these things.

"Let's discuss the cracks first. The military will first focus on the crack under the Martial Arts Association and will work together with them to create a military base around the crack. While the crack is a potential danger, it can also provide with a lot of opportunities..."

Previously, they have been trying to set up bases around the cracks for easier exploration. But the problem was that there were simply too many cracks for them to pay attention to and they didn't have enough manpower if they have to focus on one of the cracks.

So they could only station some military to explore the crack.

But now that there were only 12 cracks all over the world and 5 of them were in Continent Z, they could start to implement this matter.

Two cracks were sealed by Riya, one crack was taken care by Dina, one crack was guarded by Peter and the Martial Arts Association, while the last one was taken by the Magic Association.

The Magic Association had already promised to split the resources they obtained from the crack.

And the officials didn't have such a good impression for the Magic Association for several reasons.

One of them was naturally because of their strong persistence in trying to obtain the crack and the rights to explore it.

It was inexplicable.

This made them certain that the cracks might be a bit different from the previous cracks that appeared all over the world.

Even though they hadn't explored it yet, they already had this premonition.

"Also, Riya and Samuel raised a very important matter... there are also other rank 7 magic beasts that have grown up on Continent Z's land and they're trying to deal with them," the official said with a solemn expression. "I want to send more military to try exploring the borders. The bases further away are more scattered and it wouldn't do us any good to let these magic beasts to grow up..."

In this way, the officials were busy formulating countless plans.

They chose to ignore Murin's action for the time being, but it was obvious that they would not consider him if there was any benefit either.

As for Riya and Samuel...

Even though one of them was a real black hearted businessman that had caused them heart attack for a long time, these two were considered good children in their eyes.

At least, they were good enough to be willing to help when it was necessary.

As for the fact that they were being taken advantaged off in daily basis...

They chose to turn a blind eyes to it.

"When they come back, let's give them a reward..."

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Riya and Samuel's side

At this moment, Riya and Samuel didn't know anything because they were busy following those corpse eater flying magic beasts and trying to find their nest.

If they were to know what the officials were thinking, they might feel that it was a bit strange.

Because they didn't do it for any reward.

No, it was more like that these corpse eater flying magic beasts were already a big enough reward for them.

Chapter 776: Agreement

After all, the main reason why Riya and Samuel were willing to hunt down the corpse eater flying magic beasts were because of the corpse eater flying magic beast's blood that was useful for Riya.

Samuel?

He just wanted to accompany his girlfriend and didn't really need the corpse eater flying magic beast's blood.

The body couldn't be eaten, so he would just take some of them and handed them to the researchers after coming back to City A Base later. He was sure that these researchers would be very happy to have more research materials.

"It's a good thing that the satellites are still working normally," Riya muttered as she looked at the map in Samuel's phone.

The information was transmitted directly to his phone and Riya was too lazy to open hers, so she simply leaned against Samuel's body and looked at the map that he was showing.

There was also another navigation handed over to the pilot.

"The researchers have made suitable communication devices just in case and it's working well," Samuel replied calmly.

He had known about these things even before the world changed, but his father told him that the higher ups had no intention to promote it in the beginning.

Because it was too expensive.

But after the world changed, they had no other choice but to use it directly in order to maintain the communication line all over the world. Otherwise, what awaited them would be nothing more than a dark world where they couldn't even communicate with others properly.

At that time, the large areas of Continent Z might be occupied by countless magic beasts without them knowing.

If it was not the magic beasts, other people from other continents could also make a move and possibly take advantage of the situation.

Either way, they couldn't accept it happening.

"Um." Riya nodded.

She didn't understand these things either, but it was good that they could use it to follow the traces of those corpse eater flying magic beasts. After all, neither Riya or Samuel were that good in terms of tracking flying magic beast.

"We're near..." Samuel looked outside and his expression turned solemn.

The helicopter was extremely fast, allowing them to traverse several kilometers in a matter of minutes. But when he finally saw the situation outside, Samuel still felt that it would be better not to take a look.

It was ruins and magic beasts.

All over the place, all Samuel could see was nothing more than devastated ruins that had been trampled over and over again by these corpse eater flying magic beasts.

The situation was far from good.

"This place is an empty zone without any bases," Riya suddenly said as she looked at the map in front of her. Her expression was not very good. "Continent Z is too vast and some areas without supervision is simply the best breeding grounds for these magic beasts."

Because the magic beasts didn't have to compete with humans and could directly use the place as their breeding grounds, allowing their development to continue without being hindered in the slightest bit.

The two earthquakes had changed the Green Planet too much.

Seeing this scene, Riya felt inexplicably sad.

So many corpse eater flying magic beasts could be found here, meaning that there was definitely a lot of corpses in this area. Be it humans or even magic beasts, Riya didn't know, but there had to be a lot of deaths in the past.

Otherwise, these corpse eater flying magic beasts would not have chosen this place for them to develop.

"Then I'll deal with these corpse eater flying magic beasts first." Riya looked at these corpse eater flying magic beasts and only wanted to go down and deal with them first.

Aside from wanting their blood, Riya also didn't want these corpse eater flying magic beasts to grow up too quickly and possibly dominate the Green Planet's territory. Especially if it was on the Continent Z.

"I know you can fly, but I don't think it's a good idea to waste your mana." Samuel pointed at the Protective Rune Circle around Riya.

He didn't know how Riya modified it, but even if he were to stand beside Riya, the Protective Rune Circle will not attack him. Samuel had long heard that modifying an existing formation was not that easy.

But for Riya...

Samuel felt that no formation could pose any problem for her to modify it as she wishes.

She's freely expressing her imagination through these formations.

"Ah, right." Riya pursed her lips. She had already recovered most of her mana, but controlling the Protective Rune Circle to bring her flying around would still consume more mana. If she wanted to deal with these corpse eater flying magic beasts, it would be better for her not to waste her mana unnecessarily.

"Let's stop on top of a building and then we'll start hunting." Samuel pointed at a relatively intact building in the distance. While it was not that high, but the higher grounds could still give them some advantage in the battle.

Riya calculated the few runes in her mind and nodded in agreement.

"Do you want to call for backup?" The pilot received Samuel's order and asked as he directed the helicopter to the specific position.

"Unnecessary."

The two of them were enough to deal with these corpse eater flying magic beasts this time.

Samuel thought for a moment and then said, "If anything, let Peter arrange for the Martial Arts Association to explore more areas to clean up the magic beasts."

From what he knew, Peter has been exploring various areas to deal with countless magic beasts in the past year. It was also because of this that Peter didn't stay in City J Base after the magic beasts' tide but disappeared far away.

Well, he was busy fighting with various magic beasts.

But he should have missed this area.

Otherwise, these corpse eater flying magic beasts wouldn't have the chance to grow up so rapidly and expand wildly.

Chapter 777: Fighting Together

"Yes!" The pilot could only agree and planned on contacting the higher ups after they come down.

Swish!

The helicopter moved quickly and Riya calculated the number of these corpse eater flying magic beasts outside. She glanced at Samuel and asked, "If I were to destroy the entire city, the official will not blame me, right?"

"I thought that you want to preserve these corpse eater flying magic beast's bodies." Samuel arched his eyebrows.

"Yes, I will preserve them, so the method I used will be a bit different."

Samuel looked at Riya's expression and then nodded. "I'll talk to them even if they wanted to talk with you. There's no human being living in this area that you need to concern yourself about."

He had already asked about this matter to the officials, wondering if there were any human being staying behind. Though, Samuel actually highly doubted that there could be anyone living among the corpse eater flying magic beasts in this area.

But he still asked for the officials to confirm it.

Because Samuel knew that when he started to fight, he would not have any time to care about whether there were any human beings or not.

"Great. Then this city is handed over to me and the next city is handed over to you," Riya said without hesitation.

"Such a clear division?"

"There are so many corpse eater flying magic beasts that they spanned the areas close to 2 cities. As a rank 7, it should not be a problem for you to destroy an entire city," Riya said without hesitation.

Samuel looked at Riya quietly and then said, "You have to remember that not all profession is capable of doing something like this."

He could already see the soldier was frozen in fear when he heard their conversation. A city spanned dozens of kilometers away and for them to destroy it in an instant... it was definitely not something that most people wanted to see.

When rank 6 magicians were desperate, they were actually also capable of destroying half of a city, though.

But the price they had to pay was a bit too big.

For those who had reached rank 7, it was not impossible to destroy an entire city on their own, but the price was not small.

They had to use up their entire mana.

And some newly advanced magician and magic warriors didn't even have the capability to destroy the entire city.

"But you can, right?" Riya tilted her head in confusion. With Samuel's strength, she didn't believe that he wouldn't be able to destroy an entire city. It should have been pretty easy since he was really capable.

Well, it was more like...

Riya didn't believe that these returnees didn't have the capability to destroy an entire city after reaching rank 7.

Because that message seemed to be telling her that the people chosen to go to the magic world were specifically selected. And each of them had great potential and ability, allowing them to reach rank 7 in just four years.

Riya knew very well that people without enough ability or talent or luck would never be able to achieve this result.

So she was somewhat confident.

Well, confident in all of the returnees' abilities.

"Well, yes." Samuel looked at Riya helplessly and then patted her hand. "Let's go out and deal with these corpse eater flying magic beasts."

There was no need for them to flaunt their real fighting capabilities.

He felt somewhat embarrassed.

After all, there were many other geniuses who were much better than them in that world at that time. Otherwise, there would not be such a grand battle that involved many youths.

"Ok."

Riya jumped out and saw the large number of corpse eater flying magic beasts around.

"Screech!"

These corpse eater flying magic beasts seemed to realize their existence and rushed over.

Swish!

Riya injected mana to her Protective Rune Circle and expanded its size, completely covering up Samuel and also the helicopter and the pilot behind her within the outer layer.

Of course, there was still an inner layer around Riya's body.

Samuel didn't move from his position and stood calmly beside Riya.

He believed in her ability.

"Water... Snow..." Riya muttered in a low voice and her hand started to draw countless runes both on the left and right side. She didn't seem to be paying attention to other things and simply supplied her mana.

But beside her, Samuel sensed the temperature was dropping.

He could guess that Riya should be using the water and ice element.

'Ice element...'

Samuel's eyes flickered and he glanced at the pilot who was still sitting in the helicopter stiffly. Well, at least with the pilot's behavior, he would not be implicated by Riya's magic.

So he moved his eyes away and simply looked in Riya's direction.

She was completely focused, drawing the runes from both left and right hands, a completely different runes yet her hands never stopped. It seemed as if she knew them by heart.

"Screech!"

Countless corpse eater flying magic beasts were trying to forcefully break in, but the Protective Rune Circle blocked their paths. Those that wanted to attack was directly killed in the counterattack from Riya.

It was such a perfect defense.

Riya was completely focused in drawing the runes and her speed was extremely fast.

In just a few seconds, Samuel could see blue colored runes drawn in front of Riya and then he heard her spoke out, "Icy Snow Frozen Wind."

Swoosh!

The next moment, Samuel sensed the violent mana fluctuation followed by the strong wind spreading out from Riya's direction. He and the areas under the Protective Rune Circle was completely protected, but the areas outside were directly attacked in such a brutal way.

Cold wind blew and these corpse eater flying magic beasts didn't even have time to scream before their entire body was frozen into ice sculpture.

The grounds were covered in snow and frost, turning the previously devastating ruins into a beautiful ice world.

All in a few seconds.

Chapter 778: Being a Single Dog is Miserable

"It's beautiful, isn't it?" Riya turned her head and looked at Samuel with a bright smile on her face, her eyes were sparkling like a child who was showing off her favorite toys to her friend.

Samuel looked at the scenery around him and hummed in a low voice.

Riya's magic... could be extremely beautiful.

Even though most people might be afraid of what Riya might do when she was angry, but Samuel felt that the girl in front of her is really beautiful.

She's just like an excited child, but this energetic sight made his mood better too.

So Samuel has a smile on his face and hummed. "It's very beautiful."

Riya blinked her eyes, not realizing that Samuel was basically staring on her face directly instead of looking at the scenes out there.

"I'm going to collect these corpse eater flying magic beasts~."

Samuel saw Riya's energetic appearance and smiled faintly, "I'll help you."

"Yeah!"

Only the pilot was left behind, looking at the extreme scene around him. The entire ruined city was covered in ice.

For the first time, he understood why Riya and Samuel seemed to be taking the phrase 'destroying an entire city' so lightly. Because when they reached rank 7, this was something that they could do.

It was no wonder that rank 7 corpse eater flying magic beasts were also so hard to deal with.

If it was not for Riya and Samuel's cooperation before, they might have long died in advance.

'But... such a powerful magic skills, your focus is on whether it's beautiful?' The pilot's lips twitched.

He had the feeling that as long as he was still Samuel and Riya's pilots, he would be forced to eat a lot of dog food.

Being a single dog is really miserable.

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City A Base, Amelia and Arnold's side

While Riya and Samuel were busy with their attempts to clean up these corpse eater flying magic beasts, the others didn't know much about it. After all, dealing with the rank 7 magic beasts that came out of the cracks were their main priority.

Since both Riya and Samuel hadn't returned, they simply guessed that these two were busy with rank 7 magic beasts out there.

It was not known how the situation in the crack is.

But as long as there were no rank 7 magic beasts coming to City A Base, it was actually a good thing.

Mr. Jones was not in a hurry and busy with various meeting all days, so Amelia was not worried. She even took her time to relax and play with Arnold.

Some people explored the areas around City A Base, trying to find some magic beasts to hunt and kill. They felt that it was necessary for them to go out and try their luck. There were not many magic beasts before because the people in City A Base were too capable.

They cleared out the areas, making it extremely save.

It was good for the ordinary people but those who wanted to practice will have to travel further distance if they wanted to practice.

Now that there were more magic beasts, they decided that they should go and fight against these magic beasts. Anyway, if they could hunt the magic beasts, they would be able to get resources.

In the past, the best way for them to get resources would be to enter the crack.

But who would dare to enter the crack?

They were afraid that they would die!

Some of the braver ones followed the military into the crack to hunt some magic beasts. Even if they were only picking up the scraps, but it was still much better than staying outside where it was so clean.

Unfortunately, this condition only apply to City A Base.

Other city bases were not so lucky.

They could indeed get resources more easily but at the same time, they had to risk their lives more than the people in City A Base.

"It's so empty..." Amelia looked at the street in front of her with blank look. She thought that she could rest and enjoy some time together with Arnold, but seeing the somewhat empty city, she felt a bit restless.

Because this meant that there were many people who were busy to hunt magic beasts but she was instead staying here...

Amelia felt a bit guilty.

"There's no need to compete with them." Arnold shook his head. "The military and the returnees are doing a good job in protecting City A Base, but other people also need to grow. Give them this chance and I'm sure that they'll be happier."

Amelia heard Arnold's words and nodded somewhat absentmindedly.

She just felt that walking around in this situation didn't seem to be very pleasant.

But if she was asked to go out and hunt magic beasts, Amelia also didn't want it.

"If you don't want to go shopping, how about if we visit your brother?" Arnold asked.

The brother he meant this time was naturally Amelia's younger brother, Sean, who was busy in the hospital. He didn't know what that young man was thinking to run to the hospital all day long.

Oh, he might be there because he wanted to spend his time together with his girlfriend.

There was nothing wrong with this, though.

"No need." Amelia rolled her eyes.

Who would want to find Sean?

That brat has been showing off his love life to her all the time, making her itching to beat him up.

The two of them had nearly demolished their living room last night and her mother's scolding was still fresh in her mind.

She didn't want to make trouble and got scolded for the second time.

Once is enough.

"Alright. Then we'll just walk around and see if they need some help," Arnold said dotingly.

Even if their elements were not suitable for construction, it was not like they couldn't help at all.

"Yes~."

At this time, a voice called from the side.

"Arnold? Is that you?"

Chapter 779: Nicholas

Amelia heard someone calling Arnold and turned her head, looking towards the gate with some curiosity. She saw a group of people entering City A Base from the gate that they had passed by and each of these people were wearing full equipment.

They didn't look like soldiers but more like mercenaries.

Their dresses and attitude was more casual, yet there was a hint of danger that Amelia could feel when she saw them.

Arnold looked at the group of people in surprise. "Nicholas?"

"So you're in City A Base." The man at the front nodded with a grin. He had similar appearance to Arnold, but he seemed to haven't been taking care of his appearance. His hair was messy and his beard was barely trimmed.

But even this appearance couldn't hide the similarities between the two people's countenance, especially their eyes.

Arnold looked at the other party silently, took a step forward, and punched him on the stomach.

Bang!

\*cough\*

"Nicholas!"

The other people were stunned when they saw this and were about to attack but Nicholas raised his hand to stop them from making a move. He looked at his brother speechlessly and said, "Is this how you greet your brother after not seeing each other for years?"

"You disappeared for a long time and didn't even contact me, how do you think I should greet you?" Arnold replied in a cold tone and then he patted Nicholas's back.

"Ahaha... I forgot."

"Forgot or you can't?"

Nicholas shrugged, not refuting this matter in the slightest bit. He didn't have the intention of contacting Arnold again after they separated on that border because he knew that it wouldn't be easy for his brother to regain an ordinary life again.

They have been under their father or mother's debt for so many years and working hard as mercenaries could be said to be their only way out.

Arnold was finally able to leave the border...

And Nicholas didn't want to keep reminding his brother about the miserable days of the past again. Besides, he could take care of himself and didn't need other people's help, so he chose to stop contacting his brother and see how things were going on.

Later on, he seemed to have forgotten about it.

Nicholas didn't want to bother his brother with his own affair.

Before he could even settle his own problem, the earthquake happened and then these magic beasts appearing, turning the entire world upside down. Thankfully, he still have more than enough supplies to protect himself, but he didn't know how the outside world is

He could only slowly making his way to various bases one by one.

His team members chose to follow him just because he's their leader.

And they didn't really have any other place to go. Many of them were people who didn't have any family members anymore or they were in similar situation like Nicholas and Arnold whose family members have long abandoned them.

While other mercenaries might have their own family members, Nicholas basically gathered people who were desperate and have nowhere to go.

They were not afraid of anything.

What they wanted was simply a chance to live a better life, a chance that was given to them when they followed him on the border.

With these magic beasts around, it was not so easy to find a safe place.

So they simply moved from one base to another, trying to make a living or simply spent their time to wander around and figure out the situation outside.

"Forget it." Arnold shook his head. He couldn't control his brother and he had no intention to do so either. The two of them have their own lives, a completely different lives that might not even cross path with each other. "Are you going to find a place to live?"

"That's the plan." Nicholas nodded and then shrugged. "But this place is too safe."

For mercenaries like them, it was not a good idea to find a place that was too secure and safe. Because their main capability wouldn't be of much use here and they wouldn't feel comfortable in the long run.

How could he possibly give up on the dangerous style of life that he had worked on for such a long time?

He couldn't.

And he also didn't want to.

"It's a good thing for the base to be save for ordinary people," Arnold replied and then asked, "Have you been doing well?"

"I'm doing very well right now." Nicholas glanced at Amelia who was standing close to Arnold and added in teasing tone, "And I can see that you're also doing very well, Brother."

Back on the border, he couldn't really imagine his brother starting a relationship with others because they were living a rather desperate life. He didn't even think that it would be possible for them to settle down when they were basically betting their lives every single day.

Nicholas himself thought that he would live this kind of life forever.

But...

His brother looks so happy.

Arnold had a gentle expression and his edge seemed to have been smoothed out. Even though Nichola was not entirely sure that his brother had completely changed, but he knew that this was a good thing for the other party.

There was no need for him to worry about his brother's future anymore and worry that his brother would be alone.

Hmm...

In fact, it might be his brother's turn to worry about him.

"This is your sister in law, Amelia Melissa Jones. Amelia, this is my brother, Nicholas Ramsey."

"Hello."

"Sister in law." Nicholas chuckled. "Well, I still have to trade some things. Even though this base is not the best place for me to stay, it's very prosperous and it's easy to get everything I need."

Everything he need?

"Do you want some space storage scroll?" Arnold suddenly asked. If there was anything that was hard to obtain from other bases but could be easily found in City A Base, it would be space storage scrolls.

Chapter 780: Nicholas (2)

"Yes, how do you know?" Nicholas looked genuinely surprised.

Space storage scrolls have become extremely common in the past few months.

The main reason was because Riya had already spread the knowledge to make the space storage scrolls to many people, allowing them to make it as long as they have enough skills.

Since there were many other rune masters who have already started practicing, the rat 1 space storage scroll could be said to have become extremely popular.

Many people could easily buy it.

Naturally, Riya didn't bother to make them herself and there were many other lower ranked rune masters who made it.

Even Ruben could easily make one.

This has become a common equipment for most people, especially those who wanted to hunt magic beasts. After all, it was very easy for them to carry things if they had a space storage scroll.

"You can actually buy it from a few other bases around here, but since you used to come from the border, you might find it in short supply there," Arnold replied with a shrug. "And the best product in City A Base is only space storage scroll and grains."

Yes, grains.

Thanks to the formation that Riya made along with their own people's hard work, the grains had been harvested twice and the large amount of food was more than enough to make Mr. Jones laughed.

If it was not because of the magic beasts' problem, Mr. Jones would not have so much headache in City A Base lately.

After all, the most pressing matter: the problem of food, has been solved to a certain degree.

He didn't have to worry about this matter.

The magic beasts were mostly cleaned up in this area with the cooperation of the military and the others. But the second earthquake just caused them to face more magic beasts.

Thankfully, it seemed that they wouldn't have to face those rank 7 magic beasts anytime soon.

The premise is that the returnees were able to guard the crack well.

It has been some time, but neither Riya or Samuel had returned yet.

"I heard that the best space storage scroll is produced in City A Base," Nicholas probed.

Arnold shook his head. "The quality is guaranteed to be good or the officials will never agree to sell them in the first place. But it's also true that the rank of the person who made the space storage scroll is higher in City A Base. I can't tell you more, so you can stop trying to dig information from me, Nicholas."

Even if Nicholas is his brother, Arnold couldn't tell the confidential matters in City A Base to the other party. After all, these were important things that Arnold had sworn not to leak out.

"Alright, alright, I can see that you have important position in this city, Arnold."

"If you want to settle down, I can help."

"No, no, no, I won't trouble you with this little thing."

For Nicholas, staying in City A Base was not very good.

The two brothers didn't talk with each other for long because they didn't have much to talk about. Even though they hadn't seen each other for a while, after confirming that the other party was still alive, then everything is good.

So after talking about their recent situation and their future plan, the two siblings went on their separate ways.

Amelia looked at Nicholas's departing back and said, "I thought that you'll want to ask him about those people from City I Base."

She had completely forgotten their names, but she knew that there were some people who knew about Nicholas and Arnold in City I Base when they were staying there for a while.

"There's no need." Arnold shook his head. "He's already a warrior and his rank is by no means low. If the remnants of those gangs try to find him, they're the one who will suffer in the end."

This was something that he noticed when he punched Nicholas just now.

The muscle's density and the explosive power beneath Nicholas's seemingly harmless appearance told Arnold that Nicholas has been working hard in the past year or two. He also has good talent and it seemed that he has his own goal to work so hard.

Those people were nothing more than small figures that Arnold couldn't remember clearly either.

While he would not underestimate his opponents, he wanted to trust his brother more.

Since his brother didn't seem to have any problem and had become strong, Arnold didn't think it was necessary to mention these things.

"You don't plan to remind him?"

"He knows that there are a lot of people targeting him," Arnold said calmly. "That's why he's going to the Capital City."

"Huh?" Amelia was confused.

Seeing the woman's look, Arnold felt that Amelia was really cute. She might be the pampered young miss of the Jones Family and Arnold always felt that it would not matter even if she stayed like that for the rest of her life.

Because her arrogant and willful behavior actually suited him very much.

He wanted to see her smile all the time in front of him.

"The Capital City is filled with many powerful people and the laws are also much stricter. If he stays there, he should be able to do well," Arnold explained.

Amelia tilted her head, not understanding about this matter.

"Forget it. Let's go find some interesting things to buy in the market!"

There was naturally a market in City A Base.

Though, it was nothing more than rows of stalls that the people rented to sell their belongings. When there was something interesting, Amelia would not hesitate to buy it.

"I didn't expect that there are still some jades here." Amelia looked at the jade bracelet in her emotionality.

Riya needed these, so Amelia decided to just trade some things with this jade. After all, their value has been lowered again and again many times.

"What a stupid pampered woman," a curse came from the side while Amelia was still admiring the bracelet.