

Last Days 831

Chapter 831: Ruby's Research (2)

"Yes, it's good." Arnold smiled back.

Life is short and they should work hard to achieve their goal instead of wasting their time, doing nothing until the rest of their lives.

After all, youth is about trying on various new things and experimenting with whatever interests them.

So what if it didn't work?

They could try again and again with other methods that they could think of.

Right now, they were working hard for the sake of themselves and the people around them. They couldn't afford to fail, but it didn't mean that they couldn't enjoy their lives.

After all, living so hard all the time will be difficult.

A balanced life of both hard work and enjoyment should be the best.

It was just that this would not be so easy. After all, many people had to work hard in order to achieve a good life because if they didn't work hard enough, the income they made would not be enough to stuff their teeth.

It was the same for both Samuel and Riya.

They were so busy that they barely had enough time to take care of themselves. Now that they have enough time, it was fine to have some fun here.

Anyway, Samuel was happy to see Riya playing happily with his sister.

"Alright, it's time for Ruby's turn."

When they saw Ruby stood up, the two women tacitly agreed to stop playing around with each other and focused on Ruby. Even if they might not be able to understand everything that Ruby said...

But at least, they had to listen.

Ruby smiled as she went to the stage and started to explain her research's result. "...There are a lot of dark element magic beasts, but among them, their magic cores have special properties that could absorb other magic and mana. I found this phenomenon interesting and had already conducted experiments....."

...Aside from the magic cores, there are also many other body parts that are worth paying attention to. For example, the tendons and then..."

Riya and Amelia: "..."

As expected of Ruby!

They couldn't understand anything.

The two of them had a bitter smile on their face but they still listened. Anyway, they usually would run away when Ruby started her preaching lecturing mode because they couldn't understand.

Today, they were here to support Ruby.

So they will support her.

"...In conclusion, this material could hold mana comparable to a fifth rank magician and then it can be drawn out for other uses. The extraction speed is still relatively longer, requiring 2 full seconds to be fully drawn out, so improvement in this aspect is necessary...."

The research conference would not go into details into her every experiments. After all, there were many people who wanted to give presentation and it would be impossible for each of them to go into such details.

There was not enough time.

"Any question?"

"I have a statement to make." A young man stood up. "The research result presented by Ruby is not written by herself. It obviously belongs to Professor Dit!"

"Bullsh**t!" A young man stood up and yelled back. "Ruby did it all by herself!"

"No, Professor Dit also has the same materials in his hand and it has gone through verification process." The young man retorted back.

If it was not because Ruby's presentation was so fast and concise, they would be able to wait for the people to return and showed the result of the verification. He believed that his professor will be able to go back soon.

"No, Ruby did everything by herself and there's also the research log. You don't think that the security in City A Base is not good, are you?" The young man glared at the person who spoke. "Just because you come from the Capital City, it doesn't mean that you're better than us!"

"What do you mean..."

The two people quarreled while Ruby frowned.

Professor Dit.

It was such a familiar name that made some people recalled the day when they entered the crack and had to face with many magic beasts. Because they wanted to do research about the crack, some researchers were stuffed into the exploration team.

These researchers were all weak people who couldn't withstand being stimulated and they wanted to be on the frontline?

How ridiculous.

Yet, the proposal was passed and the soldiers had to protect these researchers.

Among them, Ruby and Professor Dit were present.

For Ruby, she had the confidence to enter because she had the necklace that Riya gave to her along with the fact that Riya was also there. With Riya's strength, it would be a miracle if these magic beasts could bypass her defense and got closer to the researchers.

It was also because of this that Ruby dared to step forward.

But how about the others?

They were underestimating themselves.

Even after Riya and Samuel warned about the formation's danger, there was a research assistant from Professor Dit who came forward and triggered the formation.

The end result?

They were being chased by the magic beasts for who knows how long.

Without Riya and Samuel's presence, it was estimated that the entire team would be wiped out at that exact moment.

After that incident, Professor Dit was kicked out of City A Base and sent back to the Capitol City. This proud man has always said that he came from the Capital City and has the superiority that belonged to someone who came from a better place.

He thought that he's better than the researchers in City A Base.

There was already a conflict between Professor Dit and Professor Brown in the laboratory before.

This is the second time.

Ruby's eyes flashed with irritation when she looked at these two people and saw Professor Dit stood up with a confident smile on his face.

He had failed once, so he made sure that he came prepared this time.

Because he knew that this woman's research was really good and useful, so he had been targeting her.

Now, it's time.

Chapter 832: Confrontation

"It's my mistake that allows you to be able to see my research result. You have submitted the research paper, but it can still be withdrawn." Professor Dit smiled warmly. "If you admit your mistake and withdraw it, I'll not pursue this matter."

"...How arrogant." Amelia, who was sitting on the second floor, didn't expect that there would be someone who dared to scheme against Ruby right in front of their eyes.

Did he think that everyone is blind?

"Ruby will never do this." Riya's eyes were also filled with chills.

She hadn't been feeling good when she heard that Sophia was kicked out of City A Base because of the Carson Family. Even though Sophia told her implicitly that this was something her brother had planned early on, she still felt annoyed for not realizing what had happened to Sophia.

And now, someone dared to bully Ruby right in front of her.

If she did nothing, then she wouldn't be Riya.

"Calm down, Ruby is calm and should be prepared for this," Samuel said, stopping Riya, who was about to launch her runes and formation towards Professor Dit.

He was basically the only person who could possibly stop Riya.

Because her strength is very strong and there were not many people who could possibly compete with her.

On the other side, Arnold also stood up and blocked Amelia who wanted to jump down.

This height was indeed nothing for a magic warrior rank 5 like them, but it would be better for them not to attract the people's attention.

"Huh?" Riya snorted.

After this conference is over, if that Professor Dit was still alive, she will cut off a layer of skin from him once more.

It was really annoying to have this kind of man coveting Ruby's research all the time.

"Professor Dit, your words are really laughable. What makes you think that my research is yours? Does your previous attempt to steal my result hadn't made you give up?" Ruby spat out, tearing open the previous wound that Professor Dit wanted to hide.

Professor Dit's expression twisted for a moment and then he sneered, ignoring the surprised look of other researchers around him.

"What are you talking about? I have never done that and you can't slander me without evidences."

"What you're doing right now is also a slander, Professor Dit." Ruby walked closer to the edge and looked down at Professor Dit who was standing there. Her expression was extremely cold and indifferent.

After entering workplace, Ruby understood very well that there were people who wanted to gain something without doing anything.

These people would take advantage of other people.

They could even steal their result.

So Ruby has always been very careful in her conduct and research, making sure that she kept everything logged in order to make sure that she would not suffer in the hands of others.

Who would have thought that Professor Dit hadn't given up yet?

He still wanted to take her research result as his own.

How shameless.

Does he really think that no one would be able to see the truth just because of his words?

"I have evidences. The research result in my hand is also more complete and it's something I have been working on for a long time with my students." Professor Dit raised his chin proudly.

His assistant came with a laptop and borrowed the second projector to show the research result that he had written before.

And then, it was shown on the screen.

"As you can see, the transmission is better, the capacity is larger, and then..." Professor Dit proudly explained that his research result is definitely far more mature than Ruby, giving a much reliable impression.

Besides, research has always been very rigorous and people would always look towards the better one.

For Professor Dit's result that could be said to be extremely dazzling, it was estimated that many people's attention had already been hooked.

Ruby looked at the table and sneered, her expression remained impassive. Even though some people seemed to agree with Professor Dit, but she didn't seem to be able to see it in the slightest bit.

"Ruby looks really scary right now," Amelia said as she swallowed her saliva.

"She's not the kind of person who could be easily bullied by others," Riya said as she slowly calmed down.

It was then she remembered the live experience of the sixth of them.

Riya and Ruby were the poorest among them because the two of them were not favored in their family. Riya's family members have divorced and basically didn't want to take care of her, so she was living alone. Ruby's parents came from relatively poor area and it was only because of scholarship that Ruby was able to enter the university.

Otherwise, her parents would not even let her go.

This was also the reason why Ruby always studied hard and everyone joked that she was the most studious one in their group. So while they would escape from Ruby's lecture, none of them would disturb her when she was studying.

Because they all understood that studying is the means for Ruby to create a better future for herself.

Riya herself also studied a lot when she was younger but not as much as Ruby. Because of the law, her parents still have to pay for child's support, which allowed her to have enough pocket money for her project.

Otherwise, she would not have succeeded in making that program with her team and then sold it to Samuel's company.

They all split the money, which was a few millions.

It was quite a lot for them.

At least, they didn't have to worry about their future lives for a short period of time.

'If she can escape from that family, how could she not escape from Professor Dit's calculation?'

Riya calmed down.

But even though so, she still raised her finger and completed some runes very easily.

Samuel saw the runes entered Professor Dit's body, but there didn't seem to be anything wrong with him.

Chapter 833: Amazing

This time, he didn't stop Riya.

After all, he could guess that Riya should let Ruby deal with Professor Dit herself. And what she did was to vent her anger for her friend in her own way.

It would not hinder Ruby's movement.

"What did you use?"

"Karma type runes," Riya replied calmly. "But only the bad side."

Karma usually goes both types. When people do good things, they would be repaid with kindness too and when they did bad things, they would be repaid with bad things.

But the runes that Riya gave...

It only gave out the bad ones.

She was not kind enough to let Professor Dit be lucky with the good luck from doing good deeds even though she highly doubted that he would ever do something good. But just in case because she didn't know personally.

Never ever leave any chance for their enemies.

Professor Dit might not be her enemies, but he had been making trouble for Ruby several times and Riya couldn't stand him anymore.

"...That's a very convenient runes," Samuel muttered.

With this rune, Professor Dit's future life will definitely be very miserable. After all, just because he did something bad, he would suffer bad luck...

And Riya didn't have to do anything either.

"It's not that simple because it used the power of the rules." Riya chuckled. "But as long as the power of the rule is not used to do bad things, it should be fine."

Once they reached rank 7, the rules' existence could be sensed slowly but surely. Unfortunately, many magicians would fail to grasp the understanding of these rules, thus blocking their path forward. No matter how much mana they gathered into their body, there was a limit to their body.

They had to figure out a path that would allow them to advance.

And the rules provided them with this chance as long as they could grasp enough understanding.

Samuel's eyes narrowed. "Can you make this rune before rank 7?"

The power of the rule should not be blocked by the amount of mana. Because what they used was the power of the world... a higher existence than the mana itself.

It was something that many people would not have the chance to touch in their entire life.

"Yes," Riya admitted calmly.

The power of the rule was something that she grasped in her previous life... or it was more like in that world.

Before her inevitable death, she came to understand the runes were nothing more than the extension and manifestation of the rules and mana combined together. It was also because of this that people who could learn runes were extremely rare.

Because only people who have strong affinity towards the world's rules would be able to understand these runes.

And Riya was obviously one of them.

Normally speaking, people with great understanding of the rules would have slower time in advancement. Their talent was biased towards the rules' understanding and not in their mana training and meditation.

It was also because of this that Riya took a long time to start her practice.

But once she reached rank 7, she was immediately exposed to various rules and runes of the world. This greatly increased her understanding of the rules and the path that she was about to take.

Every path has its advantage and disadvantage.

Being exposed to so many rules, Riya had to understand more than one rule in order to advance as a rune master.

Because a proper runes and formation above rank 7 would definitely contain more than one rune. And in the midst of this all, her own attack power and comprehensive strength would not increase so much.

Without runes, her power would not even be as strong as ordinary mages and warrior.

So she had to be able to draw those densely complicated runes and infused the world law into them in a split second.

Many battles ended in just a moment.

How could they have time to wait for these rune masters to finish drawing their runes in the air?

It was also because of this that many people who pursued the extreme of rune masters path fell in the middle. There was no shortcut like the magicians who could do 'instant magic spell' as long as they reached a certain point in their strength and mana control.

Instead, rune masters' runes and formation will only become more and more complicated and hard to draw.

The path forward is difficult.

Riya had never heard of any extreme rune masters who walked on this path ever reaching the peak.

But this didn't mean that she will give up.

Since she had chosen this path... then she will walk on it until the very end.

And the power of the rules was something based on understanding instead of her personal strength. It was also because of this that even when she was only rank 1 rune master, Riya could already use this special rune and used it against her father and his wife.

She knew the power of this rune.

And she limited the strength to make it non fatal.

Because if she borrowed the power of the rule to kill people without her being strong enough, she would experience backlash instead.

If she truly wanted to kill people with the power of the rule, she had to wait until she's strong enough.

Rank 7...

It's only the beginning.

"Amazing," Samuel muttered and his eyes flashed.

He felt that his wife is really good in all aspects. Even when she was still so weak, but if she could already use the power of the law at that time...

It was estimated that anyone who tried to kill Riya will definitely suffer badly.

Even if she was weak, her means was not something that ordinary people could withstand.

This was one of the reasons why the returnees were trying not to kill each other and will only beat each other.

Once pushed to the end...they wouldn't know what kind of freakish life saving methods or revenge that these people would have planned.

Chapter 834: Report

All returnees were basically people with the best potential all over the Green Planet. This was something that the message when they reached rank 7 had confirmed.

He, she, or even it sent them to that world.

And all 12 people were selected carefully.

"If you have to fight to your death... you have to use up various methods," Riya said lightly, not wanting to expose more.

She believed that Samuel himself also has his own life saving methods that will be activated when he was near death or even upon his death.

As for what it is, Riya didn't know.

She wouldn't ask either.

This was a secret that everyone hid in their hearts and will never tell anyone, no matter who it is. After all, this was their trump card to make sure that those who dared to harm them would not escape unscathed.

The returnees were more or less of the same ranks.

So if they dared to kill each other, the backup prepared by them would definitely be enough to harm the other party who hurt them fiercely.

With all of them being the best in their field, even if it was only relative to the entire Green Planet, it was more than enough for people to pay attention. A genius who hadn't grown up is nothing, but a genius who had already grown up is the most difficult one to deal with.

They have better talent and had reached the height that most people would never be able to reach in their entire life.

How could it be easy to deal with them?

"That's true." Samuel nodded and then stopped asking about this matter. He looked at the people below and saw that Ruby had stepped forward.

It's starting.

"You keep saying that your research result is better than mine, but can you show the process of the experiments from the beginning?" Ruby asked calmly and then took out a remote.

The research institute has the latest technology and had been equipped with so many useful things. Even though Ruby is only Professor Brown's assistant, she also has her own research and Professor Brown was kind enough to let her apply for more.

He was really kind and allowed his student to be creative.

Perhaps, some of them were really talented like Ruby.

But the others were relatively average and their result was not particularly remarkable. Still, the little invention that they made might be useful in the future.

After all, it was all about learning and Professor Brown will not deprive them of their chance to study and learn various new things.

"Of course! We have the report!" Professor Dit sneered.

He naturally came prepared this time and would never give Ruby any chance to turn over. The humiliation that he suffered from his failed scheme back then... he will make Ruby pay it all back!

At this moment, Professor Dit never thought that it was his fault.

The other party was only defending her result and it was obvious that she would never be willing to hand over her research to other people, especially someone like Professor Dit who was not worthy of his title.

"Coincidentally, I also have it."

"In that case, let's compare them." The staff quickly stopped these two people from clashing against each other brutally. They didn't want a fight to break out in this place.

Professor Dit handed over his report and it was shown through the second projector. On the other hand, Ruby simply took out everything that she had prepared in case someone tried to steal her research's result for the second time.

To be honest, Ruby felt somewhat irritable.

She had been working well in the laboratory and everything has been going well. There were not many people who like to trouble others because everyone was focused on achieving result for the sake of the better future.

But Professor Dit had to appear at this very moment.

How annoying.

"See? Everything has been written here and I can say for sure that I have the complete evidences of my work. Moreover, the result is extremely better," Professor Dit said proudly.

After getting the research's experiment example from his assistant whom he asked to help stealing, he sent it to his own team. They worked day and night in order to improve the data and then showed the calculation result.

Because Ruby had only finished this research last week, they had to work overtime in order to make it in time for this research conference.

Otherwise, it would be too late.

Moreover, they had to depart from the Capital City to City A Base for this to have more impact as Professor Dit wanted to see Ruby fall in person.

So they didn't really have time to conduct more experiments.

"Outrageous!" Professor Brown frowned when he saw the data that they presented.

On the other hand, Ruby's lips curled up slightly and she showed the video that she had prepared. It was the experiment process that she had done, including the data that she had written while experimenting.

She also put the tables that she wrote.

The number was similar.

But there were differences.

Because the number in Professor Dit's report was too 'beautiful.'

"What outrageous? This is what I have written..."

"The numbers are different," Ruby interrupted Professor Dit because she was too lazy to listen to his quarrel until the end. At the end of the day, they were only barking around because they failed to take this shortcut to success.

How ridiculous.

Even when people were working for the sake of the better future, all these people cared for is their personal fame and accomplishment... and this had to be built based on other people's hard work.

What are they if they were not parasites?

"Moreover, how can you achieve such a good number in experiments. Don't you know the difference between theoretical possibility and real result? This is all the theoretical possibility that we calculated in advance!" Professor Brown added with frown.

Chapter 835: Theoretical Possibility

Theoretical possibility?

During research, there will be control group and also calculation that was done in the most optimal state. After all, it was the goal that they wanted to achieve and based on the best possible state, they would calculate the possible result.*

It should have been impossible to achieve the same result during the experiment as what was calculated because many times, their experiment's environment could not reach the ideal state.

Perhaps, the most advanced research institute could do that.

But right now... these things almost didn't exist and many places have been destroyed. Even though the government had been funding these researches, it was impossible for them to give everything.

They had to focus on the people's livelihood more than these research.

Yes, it's important.

But if the people couldn't even live, what's the use of these research's result?

In that situation, it was close to impossible to achieve the best result based on the theoretical calculation.

"We have the best equipment in the research institute and naturally, the result is also the best!" Professor Dit argued.

The equipment in the Capital City was naturally far better than the equipment in City A Base.

This is something that Professor Dit believed in.

"In that case, do you have temperature compression..." Ruby stated series of equipment that she had used for experiments. City A Base was extremely prosperous because of Samuel and Riya's action of eliminating many magic beasts.

Moreover, they also didn't have to worry about food in the slightest bit because the field has been restored.

Other bases were not as lucky as them.

The Capital City was fine because they had bought those fences and formation from Riya, but many other bases had to buy the food from other bases such as City A Base and the Capital City.

This caused the gap between the bases to get wider and wider.

Right now, the situation didn't seem to be obvious.

But when Professor Dit heard the equipment that Ruby used, his expression was blank.

He was not the best professor in the entire Capital City, so while he had heard of those equipment, he didn't have the qualification to use it. There were many others who could use it but they didn't come here and only connected through the live broadcast.

After all, this is a research conference that was held among several bases, not only City A Base and the Capital City.

There were many people who couldn't come in person and had to use the video call or live broadcast in order to connect. They also have their own research that they wanted to present and this will definitely take some time.

So the research conference was arranged to be held for 7 days.

Today is for City A Base and the Capital City to present their research result, showing off their 'superiority' above other bases.

"...What are those equipments?" Amelia had a blank expression when she listened to Ruby listed off so many strange equipment's name that she had never heard in her entire life.

This made her doubt her now intelligence.

Was she so behind in terms of information?

Amelia was confused.

Samuel chuckled when he saw his sister's blank look. "Most of them are common equipments that are used by researchers in the past. There are only some new ones that have been made. Since you're not in the biology related department, you might not have heard of it before."

Arnold also nodded leisurely. "Don't worry about it. As long as the others understand, it's enough."

Amelia: "... you're just short of pointing at me and saying that I'm stupid, right?"

She rolled her eyes in indignation and turned to look at Riya with puppy eyes. But upon seeing the look on Riya's eyes, she immediately turned around and stifled her laugh.

"Don't laugh!" Riya gritted her teeth.

When Ruby started to mention those things, Riya was also confused and even wondered what kind of fairy equipment is that.

Each and every single one of them has strange names.

There were even equipment that used people's name... it should be the founder or someone who made great contribution.

In any case, Riya had no relationship to biology in the past.

So when she heard Ruby starting her 'lecture mode' and spat out so many equipment's name, Riya only felt that she was listening to a heavenly script.

"I thought that with your intelligence, you will be able to know these things, Riya," Amelia teased with a smile.

"No." Riya shook her head. "I don't major in biology and I haven't entered the laboratory for more than six years..."

There was no more laboratory class in her last semester because she only needed to write her paper. She had already finished the experiments' part because of the project in her seventh semester.

So the last semester was more or less just Riya lazing around.

And after being thrown into that world for four years... all of her knowledge has been returned to the teacher.

She didn't even remember many things and definitely couldn't replicate what she did in the past anymore. Since she also continued to focus on runes and formation, she didn't have time to study computer and many other things that she used to learn.

"...I forgot that you spent four years over there." Amelia shook her head helplessly and patted Riya's shoulder.

Riya shrugged and then said, "But it's good that Ruby's equipment are very good."

Arnold and Samuel looked at the two people silently.

It was not just good.

The equipment of the researchers in City A Base is basically the best in the entire world right now. Because no other people would be able to support the consumption of these researchers when doing their experiments.

Only City A Base still has the leisure to do this because of the great improvement that City A Base had thanks to Riya and Samuel who have been working hard over the years.

Chapter 836: Reasons

"Will it be bad if the treatment got exposed to the whole world?" Arnold asked quietly.

People were not afraid of being poor but they were afraid of comparison.

If everyone was also poor and all, then they would not feel anything. But if their neighbor who used to be in the same situation as them ended up becoming the richest man... it would be difficult for them not to feel the gap.

And the current situation was similar.

City A Base has much better treatment compared to many other bases, allowing these researchers to focus on their work and experiment without the need to worry about anything else.

While people in other bases were still struggling to make ends meet.

Even though the bases treated them well, but they were lacking in the equipment and so on.

Because the bases couldn't give it to them.

They were too 'poor.'

But City A Base could give these researchers almost whatever equipment they wanted since they have excess money. Riya donated a lot of food that she didn't need anymore to them, which was then used by City A Base for other things.

Of course, Riya also got other things as compensation.

It could be said that Samuel was the one who fought the hardest to get benefit for Riya, including handing her various interesting new invention from the research institute.

"It's fine." Samuel shook his head. "At most, we'll extend recruitment for the researchers to move to City A Base and then negotiate some compensation with their bases. There's still a lot of grains stored in City A Base that can be moved."

The plant's growth cycle was shortened with the help of the formation that Riya set up. So after expansion and cultivation, City A Base basically had too much grain. The grain that was collected before the world changed was basically used to trade for various resources for City A Base.

His father was really good at this and Samuel let him be.

He had no time to care about those things.

"Good then." Arnold nodded.

Since Samuel said that it was fine, then he didn't have to worry and just watch. Anyway, he didn't know much about the research institute because his work was not related to it.

If anything, he cared more about going out and fighting against the magic beasts.

In the hall, Professor Dit's expression was very bad. "What are you talking about? How could it be possible for us to have it..."

"Everyone here used those equipment and the data are obtained through the use of these equipment. As you can see..." Ruby showed the video of them using the equipment. There was also Professor Brown there, accompanying his students to help them if necessary.

"That doesn't prove..."

"If even these equipment couldn't get the theoretical best result, how is it possible for you to achieve these result. Unless it's not the real result." Professor Brown's face was dark as he looked at Professor Dit.

He knew that this professor was unhappy with them, especially after the incident in the laboratory back then.

But he never expected that he would try to take his student's research.

And this was done more than once!

This made Professor Brown so angry.

"Don't slander..."

"Prove it. Since you can get this result, don't you have the sample?" Ruby asked as she took out the samples she had prepared in her space storage scroll.

When Ruby used the space storage scroll, other researchers who were watching through the video calls showed the look of envy.

Because many of them couldn't afford the space storage scrolls.

Only people in the Capital City and City A Base could get them and handed the excess to the research institute for them to use.

As for them?

Hehehe, it was already good enough if they could get enough room for their research. Thankfully, they didn't have any worry about food and so on because the bases still tried their best to make sure that their needs were fulfilled.

"That..." Professor Dit frowned.

How could he forget about this?

He turned to look at his student and assistant nearby, but they were all shaking their head with pale face.

When they took the copy of the result, they could only take pictures before they had to leave again. Moreover, Ruby would never leave any sample outside and only keep it within her space storage scroll.

This kind of thing was basically carried by Ruby almost everywhere.

Anyway, she didn't leave the research institute in the slightest bit, so there was no need to worry about it being found by others because of some reasons.

"Can you, if you can't, you should be the one to stop slandering...."

"No, it can't be! I'm the one who's right..."

Upon seeing Professor Dit's face, everyone understood that he didn't have any samples and only these research report.

In other case, it might be fraud.

"Liar!"

"Take them out!"

"No! You can't do this..."

Ruby watched coldly as Professor Dit was taken out and she rubbed her forehead in annoyance. Having someone like this watching over them all the time was really suffocating.

If possible, Ruby didn't want to see him anymore.

"Plagiarism is a serious violation of the research' code," Professor Brown said slowly. "He'll not be able to do any research anymore and possibly even be jailed."

"Is it useful to go to jail at this period of time?" Ruby asked back, her tone sounded helpless.

Some people might even want to go to jail because they could get a place to sleep, food, and drinks when they were in jail. If they were outside, they would just be homeless people who didn't have anything.

After all, in many bases, there were too many people who couldn't afford a living.

They were afraid of going out and meet those magic beasts.

But they were not capable enough to do most works.

So they ended up becoming a homeless and jobless people.

Chapter 837: Reasons (2)

It was also because of this that City A Base simply kicked people who didn't want to work in the slightest bit out of the base.

They didn't have time to care for people who didn't even want to work for themselves.

"He's a proud person," Professor Brown said with a smile.

Ruby was stunned for a moment before she nodded in understanding.

After the farce with Professor Dit and his assistants who made trouble, Ruby continued her presentation calmly.

The other assistant professor under Professor Dit also went up and started their presentation. Their result might not be as outstanding as Ruby, but it would be quite useful for various things in daily lives in the future.

The presentation was paused in the afternoon for lunch break.

At this time, Ruby went up to see Amelia and Riya.

"You're superb, Ruby! But can I not come to see again next time?" Amelia asked with sheepish grin.

She almost fell asleep after Ruby's turn because she couldn't understand these researchers' words.

It was already good enough for her not to fall asleep in the middle and persist until the very end.

Ruby chuckled when she heard that and said, "It's fine. I'll still listen the rest of the research conference, but you might have something else to do later. What do you think of what I made?"

"It's good." Amelia could only say that.

Ruby rolled her eyes when she heard Amelia's answer.

As expected, she shouldn't expect anything from this pampered young miss. Amelia truly didn't know anything and couldn't be depended on.

She turned her head to look at Riya.

While Riya didn't have the same professional knowledge as her, it should be possible for her to understand more about the importance of the mana storage materials that she researched.

"Up to rank 5 energy is pretty good, but you might want to increase the storage or let the team design one that could store more than one of these," Riya said. "While it seems that the mana is a lot, it's not even enough to activate the formation outside. Moreover, there are more than enough methods that could be used to extract the mana directly from the magic core."

"Yes, through the runes. However, if there were no rune masters, it'll be difficult for us to keep it. And with this, I can store the mana from several lower ranked magic cores..."

When Riya heard what Ruby said, she understood.

The main use of the materials and equipment that Ruby designed and researched was to extract the mana from lower ranked magic cores faster. After all, if they have to ask the rune master to draw one by one, it would be very tiring.

Right now, most people were only rank 1 rune masters and there were more than enough people who were training.

So they would not lack materials.

But as time passed and these people's ranks become higher and higher, how could they be willing to use the lower ranked magic cores all the time?

Besides, the materials that Ruby used could also be charged by humans' mana directly. In this way, it could ensure sustainable development even when the magic beasts no longer existed in the future.

"You're amazing, Ruby." Riya chuckled.

Ruby smiled brightly.

After that, Riya gave a few other suggestions and even left behind some runes drawings that might be useful for her.

Of course, the ranks of the runes were not that high, only between rank two to rank three.

"You can contact Ruben for help directly. He can already make those runes and this can be regarded as practice for him," Riya finally said.

"Got it."

Pfft.

Amelia laughed out loud on the side. "I feel that Ruben will be very 'happy' because his teacher is giving him more work. Riya, tell the truth, why do you and Samuel really love to exploit Ruben?"

One of them was teaching Ruben so many runes and even gave countless tasks for him to make various magic scrolls. The variety of the magic scrolls alone gave Amelia a scare, especially when Ruben introduced it with dark circles under his eyes.

After all the work as rune master, Ruben still has to work as Samuel's assistant to help with various management and so on.

Lastly, he was also a magician and had to train his magic skills.

When Amelia heard the things that Ruben had to do, she even looked up at him. This man is truly a time management master.

Aside from the fact that he had permanent dark circles around his eyes, he was really amazing. Thankfully, he's a magician and his body had been strengthened to a certain degree so the dark circles were not so obvious unless he had just pulled an all-nighter.

"...He's the one who wants to learn." Riya shrugged. "I never told him to learn instantly and instead let him arrange his own time."

To be honest, Ruben's talent as rune master was not that high. It was still pretty good compared to most people, but it was definitely far from the level of a genius. Thankfully, he still have some talent or he would need even more time to learn it.

But Ruben is very hardworking and Riya basically gave him all that he needed to learn in the early stage easily.

As long as he could memorize and replicate those runes, he would definitely get an early lead as rune masters.

It was through this way that Ruben was able to gain the lead above the other rune masters from the Capital City.

He has a generous teacher.

As for how good her teaching is... well, it was acceptable.

Riya couldn't really boast how good her teaching is because she basically let Ruben learn by himself after throwing the teaching materials. Stephen was even worse because she only told him the magic spells and the mana fluctuation before kicking him out.

She barely taught them personally.

"...They're all not human being," Amelia muttered.

Amelia felt that everyone around her was simply not a human being.

Chapter 838: Meeting

Her brother loves to train with Riya and had long reached rank 7 far ahead from others. Arnold was also training hard and was still ahead of her even though her talent was very good and she improved quickly. Ruby was able to research many useful things and presumably would become the pillar in the research's world.

And now there was also Ruben who could do so many things and didn't seem to be tired from running around everyday.

Riya didn't need to be said as Amelia had never seen Riya didn't work hard to meditate and made a lot of magic scrolls and other things.

How about the others?

Thinking about Sophia and Stephen who didn't seem to be that bad, Amelia was silent for a moment.

Why does it seem that she's the worst among them all?

Especially because she's also the laziest one...

Cough

Riya rolled her eyes and knocked on Amelia's forehead. "Stop thinking too much and just live your own life. How others want to do it is not our business."

Whether they wanted to be strong, waste their own time, or other things, it was not something they had to concern themselves about.

Living was already very difficult and they only needed to focus on their own lives without the need to worry about other people.

Or rather, they would not meddle in other people's business.

"Ouch! You're not others," Amelia complained.

Riya chuckled and shook her head. "Forget it."

Samuel saw these two people playing around and felt that they were really idle. He felt his phone vibrated and checked it. Seeing that it was a message from his father, he sighed deeply.

"Riya, there's another mission."

"Huh?"

Riya was stunned.

They have just finished dealing with those magic beasts and now there was another mission?

She felt that the world was full of malice right now.

"Did something happen again?"

It couldn't be those magic beasts run out of the cracks, right?

There were already a total of 7 rank 7 returnees and the rest should be already at rank 6. Even at the lowest, they would be rank 5 along with many other people who were also training in their respective profession.

If there were many magic beasts around, these people could step forward from the very beginning and deal with them without the need for Riya to come.

"No, there's a meeting."

Riya: "..."

Meeting?

She stood up speechlessly. "Why do I have to participate in the meeting? You know my talent in negotiation and business is not very good."

Even though City A Base had never mistreated her, it was Samuel who usually fought for more and pushed the government to give more resources for them. Through this method, Samuel could earn the difference and Riya could also get the resources that she needed.

It was a good cooperation for both of them.

"Yes, but there are some things that only rune master could do, so we need you to attend," Samuel replied.

Riya is the highest ranked rune master in the entire Green Planet.

If they wanted to do this right, she had to be the one to step forward instead of other people.

Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to finish the meeting.

Riya sighed deeply and could only nod her head. It seemed that her dream of taking more break before it was time to depart to the crack was gone.

'Once the meeting is over, I'll just head over to the crack.'

She didn't want to be involved in various political schemes or something like that.

It would be too tiring.

Her poor brain really couldn't withstand being bombarded with this kind of thing and Riya also didn't want to be so tired.

It's better for her to just go out and fight with those magic beasts.

At least, she didn't have to deal with annoying schemes or something like that when she was busy fighting.

"I hope they wouldn't ask for anything excessive," Riya muttered as she walked out with Samuel.

"They wouldn't dare." Samuel sneered.

If those people dared to ask for anything excessive from them, he would teach them a lesson they would never forget in their entire life. It was absolutely impossible for him to let the two of them be taken advantaged of by other people, especially those government.

Aside from Mr. A whom he knew could be trusted, many others were a bit annoying.

He didn't want to have any dealings with them.

The two of them walked out of the private room and Ruby sighed. "It seems that we can't spend much time together."

Ruby herself rarely had break time after she arranged her schedule in the research institute. She would be busy with various research from morning to night time, making use of her time to the limit.

Besides, she didn't want to give up without seeing the result from her research.

This resulted in her spending most of her time in the laboratory.

On the other hand, Riya was too busy going far away from City A Base to deal with stronger magic beasts. The magic beasts around this area could no longer satisfy her and it was basically impossible for them to restrain her.

Only if the magic beasts' number all over the world decreased would it be possible for the Green Planet to be safer.

So no one had any reason to stop Riya.

In the end, the girls didn't have much time to gather together with each other anymore. They could only see each other from time to time, each time only spending a short few minutes to hours.

"Don't worry, there will be chance to meet with each other again in the future," Amelia consoled Ruby.

"I'm not that sad." Ruby was amused. "Knowing you all doing well outside is good enough."

Everyone had their own lives to live.

They could gather from time to time but most of the time, they would be busy doing other things and so on.

Chapter 839: Ruby's Family

Amelia chuckled.

The two girls chatted with each other until it was time for the presentation again. Ruby went to her teacher and her colleagues while Amelia slipped out with Arnold accompanying her.

"Are you not going to stay and watch the next presentation?" Arnold asked in teasing tone.

Amelia rolled her eyes. "I'm not stupid enough to stay behind and watch over those things when I can't even understand any of them."

It would be a waste of time.

For them right now, they should seize the time and trained themselves so that they could get stronger and stronger

Otherwise, when the magic beasts came, they would be unprepared and ended up putting themselves in danger. None of them would want something like this.

So they had to train hard.

"Let's go." Arnold smiled.

"Yes!"

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While Amelia and Arnold left, Ruby was staying behind in the research institute and listened to the presentation from other people with interest. Many of them presented ideas that she could never think of in her entire life.

Even though she had no intention of stealing other people's hard work, they could still learn from each other.

Because only by breaking through one's limitation and learned many other things would it be possible for them to grow stronger and have more knowledge. Limiting themselves to the small topic would lead them nowhere.

"It's really great."

When the presentation was done for the day, Ruby sighed to herself.

She still felt dissatisfied.

There were so many things that she had learned in a single day that she hoped that she could stay and listen for more.

Unfortunately, the researchers were tired.

And there would still be other presentation tomorrow, so they should curb their curiosity for the time being.

"Miss Ruby, there are people outside who claimed to be your family members and want to see you," a security guard said.

Family members?

Ruby was stunned when she heard that and her expression turned a bit strange. Ever since the earthquake happened more than a year ago, Ruby had never heard from her so called family members anymore. After all, everyone was busy 'fleeing' for their lives and seemed not to care about other people.

She did try to inquire about her parents.

But seeing that they were living well in City A Base and didn't seem to be thinking of finding her, Ruby chose not to go to them.

Besides, Ruby could still remember the conflicts she had with her family members in the past.

She wanted to study.

For that, she worked hard until she could get scholarship and attended the university without the need to burden her family members.

But some of the relatives were still unwilling.

They felt that Ruby was not worthy.

And that the money should have been used to make their lives better instead of being used in such a place.

Because of this, she almost wanted to run away from home.

And the relationship between her and her parents were not very good, which made Ruby spent most of her time in the dormitory instead of coming back home. She didn't want to see them if possible.

"Can I see what they look like?" Ruby asked.

"Yes."

She was given a tablet and could see her parent and siblings were there. They looked like they had the right to come here and acted so arrogant.

Ruby's fingers clenched to form a fist.

All of her hard work was not for them to claim it as theirs and trampled on what she had been working on for so many years.

"Is it really the children's duty to take care of their parents?" Ruby whispered in a low voice and took a deep breath.

She didn't want to see them, but she knew that she had to.

And the moment she appeared in front of these people, Ruby heard her mother's scolding as she had expected.

"You unfilial girl! You have been living well in the past few months and you have never even told us anything about this! If it's not because of"

Even her father was giving her the look of reproach.

Ruby looked at her parents, who looked so indignant and asked, "When you first come here, why did you not try to look for me?"

Ruby's mother paused for a moment and then snorted. "Don't try to change the conversation! It's not important..."

"It's important!" Ruby raised her voice and looked at her parents with a look of disappointment. "You have been living well and never thought of finding me. Now, you suddenly look for me, what do you actually want to do?"

If this was in the past, Ruby would never dare to confront her parents head on because she was afraid that they would make things difficult for her.

But now...

She didn't want to listen to their words all the time and could only be forced to obey their arrangement.

"We try to look for you..."

"No, you don't." Ruby looked at her father. "Don't try to distort the facts. I have evidences that you don't care about my life and death... with you doing that, do you really expect me to be obedient to you?"

"You..."

Bang!

The guard stopped Ruby's father from hurting her.

Seeing the cold and indifferent look on Ruby's face, Ruby's father's expression changed. "No, you can't do this! You're our daughter and it's your obligation to care for us..."

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After enough scolding, Ruby glanced over at her guard and said, "I'll transfer living expense to them every month, a total of 100 contribution points. That's all and there's nothing more."

"Ruby!"

"I have fulfilled my obligation as a daughter to you with this. Isn't this what you want when you come here?" Ruby asked back and then walked out without hesitation.

Anyway, she couldn't fight with force and there were more than enough guards in the research institute. It was good that these people would listen to her words and would block her so called family members from causing more troubles for her.

Chapter 840: Ruby's Family (2)

Screams and yells could be heard from outside.

Ruby stood beside the window, watching the guards tossed them out and there was no emotional fluctuation in her heart.

Perhaps compared to her friends, she was the one with the coldest and cruelest heart.

Because once someone dared to offend her, then she would never be willing to let them get close to her in the slightest bit. But she will not try to make trouble for them first because such a thing was really unnecessary.

It was just...

She didn't want to be dragged down by her uncaring family members who only cared for profit and would push her down when things become difficult.

This action might look cold blooded.

But Ruby didn't want to have any interaction with her family members anymore.

She will fulfill her obligation to provide for them, but that would be all.

She had no interest in deepening the relationship or destroying the already fragile relationship either.

"They wouldn't be able to come here anymore." Ruben came in while holding his phone. After the meeting with Samuel and the others, he received message from Ruby, asking for help.

The guards and the staffs in the research institute wouldn't be able to completely restrain her greedy family members, so she had to look for someone else who could possibly do this. And Ruben's name came to her mind, especially after Amelia joked about him some time ago.

He's really capable.

And it was also because of this that Ruby trusted the other party.

"Thank you very much," Ruby said sincerely.

She didn't actually have that much power and everything came from her status as researcher and friends of Amelia and Riya. Because she didn't want to lag behind them so much, she had to work hard on the field that she's good at and also liked very much.

If she was asked to follow them as a magician, magic warrior, or the likes, Ruby was absolutely sure that she wouldn't be able to catch up with them.

She was really bad at sports.

And when she meditated, Ruby took an extremely long time to be able to detect the mana's presence.

Through these things, Ruby was sure that her own talent was actually not very good and it would take her a long time to catch up with the others.

So she chose to focus on research.

In the first place, she liked doing research so much that she didn't have many friends around her. Because they felt that they couldn't talk with her and from time to time, she would forget that those people couldn't understand what she was talking about and continued to talk about her research result.

Before she knew it, she was often alone.

It was only after university that she met with Sophia, who was a proud young miss from the Carson Family and made trouble.

Well, her first impression of the other party was how lazy she is.

But Sophia could be said to be the first person who would still accompany her and tried to listen to her 'lecture' even if she ended up falling asleep in the middle.

Through Sophia, Ruby was able to meet with Amelia, Riya, and the other two.

And now, she could meet with many other powerful and capable people.

Ruby felt that she's really lucky.

So she will work even harder and create more useful things for the sake of their future.

"It's nothing much." Ruben chuckled. "And my teacher told me that you have some runes I need to make?"

"Ah, right. Here you go."

"Hmm, it's not that difficult, but it'll cost a lot of mana, so I can't make them all at the same time. How about if I make them based on priority?"

"Sure, can you tell me how do you plan to arrange it?"

Without the need to worry about her family members anymore, Ruby started her working mode and discussed the runes matter with Ruben.

He was also patiently explaining the runes to Ruby.

After all, he was also a rune master in his side profession while his main profession is a magician.

In this conversation, Ruben also managed to know what Ruby was planning to make.

This made him very interested.

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Samuel and Riya's side

The two people left the research institute and headed to Mr. Jones' office. To be honest, Samuel had already explained to his father that they wouldn't be working today, but it seemed that there was an emergency.

Otherwise, Mr. Jones wouldn't interrupt them.

After all, he himself knew that he should let the two of them spend more time with each other so that they could cultivate a better relationship.

Besides, being a light bulb didn't seem to be a good idea.

"Father," Samuel called out when he came into his father's office. There was only his father's assistant there. "Where's my father?"

"Mr. Jones is in the conference hall."

Samuel nodded and held Riya's hand as he brought her to the conference room not far from his father's office. Through his senses, he could already sense that there were a lot of people there.

Some people from the military and officials came here.

They should have arrived along with the researchers who came from the Capital City some time ago.

Knock! Knock!

"Father."

"Samuel, Riya, you two are here." Mr. Jones looked relieved when he saw the two of them.

They were basically the real backbone of the entire City A Base and without them, Mr. Jones wouldn't be able to do anything.

"Is there anything wrong?" Samuel asked with frown.

"There are request from Continent W and Continent Y. The one from Continent W requested for the returnees to cooperate together and explore the crack on their side. Their returnees are not very convenient in terms of blocking the attack," Mr. Jones said euphemistically.

In fact, it was not really a secret that the returnee from Continent W were an alchemist and an archer magic warrior.