

Last Days 871

Chapter 871: Potion

Ruth's eyes flickered.

For a moment, she was remembering the scenes before her death... the day when she had basically lost all hope and couldn't escape.

When she woke up and found herself back on the Green Planet, Ruth felt at loss.

On one side, there was joy for being able to live.

But on the other side, there was sadness.

Because she wouldn't be able to meet with the comrades whom she had encountered in that world anymore.

Four years in that world...

How could it be possible for her not to have any connection with the people there?

She has friends, family members, teachers, and even students.

But at the end, none of them survived from the grand magic beasts tide and was swallowed up.

"Sister Ruth?" Jonas Nolan noticed Ruth's sudden mood swing and felt confused.

He didn't seem to be doing anything just now.

“Sorry, I just remembered something.” Ruth shook her head and then asked, “Have you made enough potions?”

“Yes. There are mana recovery potion, healing potion, and there are even some potions that can give buffs. I think you’re familiar with them.” Jonas Nolan handed over the stack of potion and put them on the table. “And your favorite should be this range potion that could increase your arm strength temporarily and increase your vision, which is very useful for archers.”

To be honest, the potions were quite similar to things that existed in RPG game in terms of naming. But the so called buffs that they gave was somewhat different from the game. Because they could sense the difference in their body after using these potions.

There was specific strengthening potions such as the one that Jonas Nolan mentioned.

It was indeed Ruth’s favorite.

Because as an archer, what she needed was to have more strength and more distance to kill the enemies before they could get close to her. It was not like Ruth couldn’t fight in close combat, but her strength in close combat was relatively weaker.

In emergency, she could still response in time.

But it was not very good.

“Thank you, little brother,” Ruth said politely and then checked the potion.

Jonas Nolan saw Ruth’s action but said nothing.

After all, the returnees were all people who have experienced countless life and death’s experience. At the same time, they were living their life for the second time and naturally treasure their live more.

Something like potion that they had to swallow and eat had to be inspected before they ate it.

Even if most of them were not very knowledgeable about poison and herbs, they should be able to identify whether the potion was harmless for them or not before using it. Only in this way would it be possible for them to feel reassured.

“Is there any specific potion that you want me to make? The materials on the Green Planet is limited, though, so I can’t make the precious potion,” Jonas Nolan offered.

He didn’t have much strength in battle.

Even though Jonas Nolan had more than enough methods to protect himself when necessary, his own fighting experience was relatively low. Even though he’s basically a magician, there were only a handful of magic spells that he had learned.

One had to say that he was extremely dedicated to alchemy.

So much that his strength in other areas could only be considered poor.

But this might be the reason why he was the one selected as one of the returnees.

Because his path as an alchemist was extremely pure and thus, he would be able to advance faster in this path.

If it was other people who were frequently distracted by combat and so on, they wouldn’t be able to reach the same height as Jonas Nolan even if they were given a lifetime.

“No need. Focus on the potion needed for the exploration,” Ruth reminded kindly.

Samuel and Riya will arrive soon, so it would be better for Jonas Nolan to use the remaining materials to make potion that they might need in the crack. After all, the previous magic beasts’ tide had already wiped up most of Jonas Nolan’s stocks and supplies.

“Ah... Okay.” Jonas Nolan smiled brightly and then trotted back.

Seeing the young man’s back, Ruth shook her head and for a moment remembered her disciple in that world. He was as young as Jonas Nolan and also a very energetic young man.

Just like her, he was an archer magic warrior.

But because he was weaker, he died earlier than her and she could only watch as the magic beasts climbed up to his platform and dragged him down. No matter how many arrows she shot, she couldn’t help him.

Ruth took a deep breath and moved her eyes away.

Remembering these things would not be able to change the past.

She’s still alive.

And what she could do was to look forward and live her life to the fullest while making sure that the Green Planet will not suffer the same fate.

The message that she received upon reaching rank 7 told her the bitter fate that awaited the Green Planet if they were to do nothing.

She wouldn’t let it happen.

She had already lost her home once and lost everyone around her.

Now...

There was still time and she will work hard to make sure it would not happen again.

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Continent W, Samuel and Riya's side.

The helicopter was specially approved to enter Continent W's territory.

To be honest, the so called territory was almost useless by now because there were simply too many magic beasts roaming around.

These magic beasts would not care whether it was territory of Continent W or Continent Z.

They only knew that if there were any food, they would rush over without hesitation and ate the food that was available for them.

It could be said that they were moving completely based on instinct.

"They're there." Riya noticed Ruth. Since she had seen the other party back in City J Base, she could easily recognize her.

Chapter 872: Continent W

Besides, magicians usually detect other people's identity through their mana signature.

It was also because of this that once they have met once, it would be difficult for the other party to hide their presence from magicians.

Some people knew the method of restraining their breath or something similar, though.

This could help them to hide their presence to a certain degree.

But many of these methods had become useless upon reaching rank 7.

“It’s been a while.” Ruth came forward and greeted the two people politely. They have met back in City J Base, but at that time, Ruth didn’t have much position to talk with them nor did she have any intention of interacting with them.

After all, she didn’t think it was necessary.

But now that these two people were here to help Continent W in dealing with the crack, appropriate politeness would be necessary.

“It’s been a while.” Samuel nodded back.

Riya looked at the two people before her eyes moved towards Jonas Nolan. There was a flash of surprise in her eyes. “Jonas Kayak Haruki?”

“Huh?” Jonas Nolan was stunned.

Their first name in this world and that world was the same, but their middle name and last name might be different. It was also because of this that many of them didn’t really recognize each other in the beginning.

Because there were either too many people with similar names.

Or they were not entirely sure that it would be the same person.

“I haven’t used that name for a long time... how did you know... wait, you can’t be Sister Rei, right?” Jonas Nolan thought for a moment before his eyes widened.

The Haruki Family was destroyed because of some reasons and it was just a small family in that world. Not many people would pay attention to it and Jonas Nolan himself had to change his surname to his mother family in that world.

But it was not a big problem.

His mother's family was a big and rich family, so Jonas Nolan was able to live well until the magic beasts' tide happened and basically destroyed everything.

Since he didn't use this name for a long time, Jonas Nolan didn't react for a while.

"Ah, right." Riya looked at the young man and then laughed. "I didn't expect that Jonas Nolan would be that brat."

"...Don't call me brat!" Jonas Nolan complained.

He refused to be called a brat again!

In the Green Planet, he also has a rich and loving family, making his life relatively comfortable. It was also because so many people cared for him that he was trying his best to protect them as much as possible.

Jonas Nolan didn't want to see anyone around him die again.

But looking at Riya in front of him, he also felt complicated.

Because when the two of them met each other, it was during their early stage of their arrival in that world.

He had only started to learn the basic as an alchemist while Riya was newly accepted in the academy.

The two of them met by coincidence.

And they didn't have much interaction because not long afterwards, the Haruki Family was destroyed and Jonas Nolan took refuge to his mother's family. His mother's family lived in a completely different city, so he never had the chance to see Riya again.

"You still look young, little brother Jonas," Riya continued with a smile.

Jonas Nolan had a deadpan look and rolled his eyes in annoyance. "But you actually tell me a fake name..."

"Rei is my nickname because there are some people who wants me to die in that world," Riya replied with a shrug. "And because it sounds similar to a man's name, I can avoid being harassed by some people who didn't have any eyes."

Thankfully, many magicians often wore robe and as long as she lowered her voice slightly, it would sound neutral.

In this way, she could hide her identity.

Jonas Nolan nodded in understanding. "Anyway, I'll rely on you, Sister Riya~."

Riya rolled her eyes. "Did you forget that I'm also of support force?"

"... But I heard you're also quite strong in close combat."

"No, where did you hear that rumor?"

Seeing the two people getting along well, Ruth's expression was a bit strange. She didn't expect that these two people had actually met each other in that world before.

Glancing at Samuel's expression, Ruth chuckled. "You can interrupt them if you want to."

“No, I want to hear,” Samuel replied.

The returnees rarely talked about their life experience when they were in that world. So aside from those who were famous and were widely talked about, the others’ life experience was more or less covered up.

Riya was included among the latter.

No returnee were familiar with her name and no famous rune master goes by the name of Riya.

As for the Rei that Riya mentioned...

There was no rune master goes by tat name either.

She might have used a completely different name when she was in that world for some reason.

‘Did she get chased by others?’

Thinking that Riya was one of the few returnees who died without seeing the grand magic beast tide, Samuel frowned slightly.

It was not known which one of them were luckier.

Those who died before the grand magic beasts’ tide or those who died during the grand magic beasts’ tide.

The former never had the chance to see the world’s destruction nor did they see their friends and comrades’ death. But at the same time, they were also facing many people who chased after them for some reason.

Because with their strength before their death, it was a bit difficult for them to die through an accident.

The most likely one would be for them to be murdered by others.

And this way of death... didn't seem to be that pleasant.

But dying in the hands of those magic beasts were not exactly the most pleasant matter either.

Chapter 874: Battle

Bang!

Hearing the explosion from inside, Riya's expression didn't change in the slightest bit. It was more like, she had already expected this to happen from the very beginning.

In their previous exploration, there were no rank 7 magic beasts when they first entered.

It was mostly because there were only one person who came.

But what if four returnees came at the same time?

These rank 7 magic beasts suddenly became active as if they were facing the most delicious food in the world and would pounce at the fastest speed possible.

Swish! Bang!

As she came in, the attack launched was bounced back and Riya looked at the commotion in front of her in surprise.

They were in a valley with a lot of rank 7 magic beasts rushing in. The valley seemed to be very big because it look like grassland if it was not for those mountains in the distance that they could see.

Right now, Samuel was fighting with these rank 7 magic beasts.

The swords were moving at rapid speed following by the crackling sound of the lightning.

Riya's eyes flickered and her fingers moved as she jumped to the side, avoiding the attack of these rank 7 magic beasts. Being a rank 7, her speed and agility had been enhanced greatly through her formation.

It was definitely still far from the best, but it was still very good.

"Explosion," Riya muttered in a low voice and several light headed towards these rank 7 magic beasts before exploding right after encountering them.

roar

These rank 7 magic beasts were attacked and they were enraged.

Behind Riya was Ruth who came in and directly drew her bow and arrow. Her eyes narrowed when she saw a large number of rank 7 magic beasts in front of her. "It seems that we can't avoid fighting today."

Swish! Swish! Jleb! Jleb!

roar

Several rank 7 magic beasts were directly hit.

With both Riya and Ruth were using magic arrows and the likes to deal with these rank 7 magic beasts, the two of them were also busy 'running away' from the main battlefield and avoid being hit by Samuel.

No way.

Who made his magic spell so destructive and basically covered a wide range of area?

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Several rank 7 magic beasts fell down and after nearly an hour, the areas were more or less cleaned up.

This number of rank 7 magic beasts were not much of a challenge for either one of them.

“It’s done.” Samuel looked at the pile of rank 7 magic beasts’ corpses on the side and said, “There are still more in the distance, but the others from Continent W’s side can come in first for their work.”

“I’ll call them.” Ruth nodded.

Because Jonas Nolan was not exactly a combat personnel, he was asked to stay behind and not come here. In this way, even if the magic beasts they had to face were powerful, Jonas Nolan would be safe and sound.

There would not be any danger to his life.

Riya stepped over the pile of corpses and said quietly, “The number is far less than what I have faced in the crack before.”

She fought for a long time when she was in the crack back then. The number of rank 7 magic beasts and even weaker magic beasts were numerous. It took her a long time and the battle was far more fierce than this battle.

It could be said that the three of them were still very relaxed.

If anything...

It was actually quite boring.

“It’s the same for me too.” Samuel patted his sword that was about to make trouble again and shook his head. “I think this is because this is Jonas Nolan’s place and his current rank is a bit weaker.”

Jonas Nolan’s rank?

Riya glanced at Jonas Nolan who walked in while being accompanied by the soldiers and nodded thoughtfully.

In terms of ranks, Jonas Nolan was indeed far from comparable to many other returnees and so on. Moreover, it was obvious that Jonas Nolan was not very eager to increase his ranks in the past year or two.

He was more focused on creating various alchemy’s potions for the sake of his own family and continent.

Besides...

His talent was indeed a bit lower, so he had to use alchemy to support his cultivation.

This was something that Riya had already known because of her meeting with Jonas Nolan in that world. The two of them both didn’t have good talents, but they came from a completely different family background.

Even though Jonas Nolan’s talent could only be said to be bad, he had a good family.

They were willing to pay a huge price in order to help Jonas Nolan to become magician and all. Besides, it was also through this method that they found out about Jonas Nolan’s talent in alchemy and allowed him to become an extremely powerful alchemist.

On the other hand, Riya came from an ordinary family background.

Or it could even be said that her family background was basically nonexistent and it was through her own hard work that she was able to be accepted into the academy and eventually be exposed to runes and formation.

Afterwards, Riya learned various runes and formation, becoming rune master.

“He’ll have to work harder if he wants to advance,” Riya muttered and then looked around. “I’m going to walk around.”

Since this is Jonas Nolan’s place, then there might be some things in this place that could help him to increase his talent.

But even if there were none, Riya would not be bothered.

After all, even with her current talent, she could reach her current rank. At rank 7, their original talent would not play much role anymore.

“I’ll stay here.”

“Ok.”

Samuel patted his sword that was about to fly out again and took a deep breath. “If you keep doing this, I’ll not let you come out.”

Chapter 875: Within the Crack

Buzz!

The sword was protesting!

It wanted to look around for treasure.

“This is not the place for you to make trouble.” Samuel’s face darkened.

Ever since his sword got better after obtaining some resources and treasures from the crack, it had become more active. And it has gotten even harder for Samuel to restrain his sword from making trouble.

Now that they were in a new crack, the sword just wanted to fly around and find some suitable materials to fix itself.

After all, being brought through time and space...

It just wanted to recover and reached its peak once more.

When Ruth and Jonas Nolan came over, they saw Samuel was holding his sword tightly and lightning sparks from the sword.

“Don’t destroy the herbs!” Jonas Nolan felt heartbroken when he saw the condition of the valley. From the moment he stepped inside, he could feel that the entire valley was filled with mana far more than the Green Planet.

This made him want to stay here for a long period of time.

After all, with his talent, it was basically difficult for him to advance through ranks. If he could practice in the place like this, he would be able to advance through ranks much faster than usual.

And with so much herbs around...

This is paradise for Jonas Nolan.

The only problem was those rank 7 magic beasts that existed on the distance, but the other returnees would be able to deal with them smoothly. If it was weaker magic beasts, the soldiers who followed Jonas Nolan could still fight with the potions that he gave to them.

There were plenty of potions that Jonas Nolan had made over the years and many of them were not replicable by most alchemist.

Because they were using his special recipe.

But the effect was still similar and it was not poisonous because he simply optimized the potions based on the existing herbs.

“There’s no time to care about the herbs when fighting, Jonas,” Ruth said calmly. She didn’t care that much about these herbs because she had seen that many of them were common herbs.

The rare ones would be harder to find.

“That’s easy for you to say.” Jonas Nolan glared in resentment.

“They’re common herbs and...”

“With the current situation of the Green Planet, it’s not that easy to cultivate herbs. The priority is to cultivate various food and so on,” Jonas Nolan interrupted.

If it was so easy for him to ask the officials to cultivate herbs for him, would he want to enter the crack?

The officials did put importance on him and were willing to pay and helped him to a certain degree. But there was a limit to how much the officials were willing to give to him.

So Jonas Nolan had to open up the land himself.

And it was through his own pocket that he could get more resources.

Because alchemists were basically a bottomless pit!

Just thinking about how many herbs that he had to cultivate and collect, Jonas Nolan already felt heartbroken.

If it was not because of his family members' support, he would have long quit.

It was so freaking expensive!

"Sorry, I don't know that," Ruth said with a shrug.

Jonas Nolan rolled his eyes.

For other returnees, the importance of herbs and resources like this were not as high as him. After all, Jonas Nolan was the one who needed herbs the most and it was also because of this that he felt that it would be a pity to destroy the herbs.

"Samuel, Riya, can you two not destroy the land when you fight the magic beasts later?" Jonas Nolan asked solemnly.

Samuel had already tossed the rank 7 magic beasts' corpses to his space storage scroll when he heard Jonas Nolan's words. He arched his eyebrows and looked at the young man in the distance.

"It's not that easy."

"There are many herbs in this valley... even the most common grass is more valuable than the one in the Green Planet. Didn't you reach an agreement that you can get resources?" Jonas Nolan asked irritably.

Samuel: "...?"

Did the officials not tell him that the herbs would all belong to him and what he and Riya took would be other resources?

After all, the two of them didn't have much fixation towards herbs and so on. They didn't need it as much as Jonas Nolan and even if they got it, they couldn't exert the highest function of these herbs.

"No, they all belong to you," Riya said in amusement. "And don't you know how difficult it is to fight without disturbing the land?"

These rank 7 magic beasts would not care whether they were trampling on any kind of herbs and if they started to care, their action would be restricted.

Riya had already restricted herself a lot when fighting on the Green Planet and it was only in the crack did she feel freer. There was no need for her to restrain herself here and it made her feel happy.

This made her realize that she really need to go from the Green Planet.

Otherwise, she might feel suffocated by having to hide her abilities all the time.

"Eh..." Jonas Nolan was stunned and glanced at the soldiers who followed behind him. Seeing their evasive look, he understood that they fought for his benefits and asked for the full herbs distribution.

Considering that this crack should belong to him...

The amount of herbs inside the crack should be overwhelming.

Yet, Samuel and Riya agreed to give it up, so the officials should make some concession in other matters.

"This..." Jonas Nolan pursed his lips.

Being so valued by the continent made him feel somewhat at loss. He had never been trusted so much by other people aside from his family members. Not in that world nor in this world before.

But now, the negotiation that clearly favored him greatly made Jonas Nolan somewhat at loss.

Chapter 876: Within the Crack (2)

“They have great expectation of you, Jonas Nolan,” Ruth said from the side, interrupting Jonas Nolan’s thoughts.

As someone who was older and had experienced the society longer than the brat, Ruth was very clear about why the officials did this. A person like her who didn’t have much demand and a person like Jonas Nolan who didn’t have much experience in society were indeed much easier to control.

What they needed to do was to buy their hearts.

Through various means that would not really harm their core interest.

Just sacrificing some resources percentage would be nothing for them.

After all, Riya and Samuel would only stay in this crack for a short period of time at most and there was no way they would lose a lot.

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Isn’t what Jonas Nolan gained also theirs?

And with this move, Jonas Nolan would be grateful to the continent and more willing to serve them.

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Ruth realized what they were doing almost instantly because she had seen similar routines several times in the past. Those people at high above are only giving out the things that they didn't really need.

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Then again, not everyone could stand at the top because managing these people were not that easy to do.

"I know." Jonas Nolan smiled. "And I'll make sure to work hard. There are a lot of familiar herbs here and my task is to gather them all."

All?

Ruth silently looked at the vast valley and fell into silence.

She had the feeling that she would die out of boredom before Jonas Nolan could finish gathering all the necessary herbs in this valley.

Even if the soldiers were to work together with Jonas Nolan, they couldn't work as efficiently as him because they were not that familiar with herbs and this will definitely take more time.

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The soldiers were stunned when they saw Riya fly in the sky.

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Chapter 877: Within the Crack (3)

Controlling one's movement in the air could be said to be extremely difficult and Ruth didn't think that it would be possible for her to do it in a short period of time.

At the very least, it took her a long time in that world to even learn how to stabilize herself.

"If you can't even do it, why do you look so nonchalant like that?" Jonas Nolan sneered at Ruth's nonchalantness.

Ruth rolled her eyes. "Can you even fly?"

Jonas Nolan was silent.

"At least, I still has the qualification to be able to fly in the future while you don't even have the qualification."

An arrow was stabbed on Jonas Nolan's heart.

Samuel saw these two people bickering with each other and was speechless. But at the same time, it was a good thing that the two of them were still so relaxed at this time.

If they panicked, then he would start to wonder whether they were also returnees like him or not.

The soldiers: "...?"

What do you mean that it's a good thing that they were still relaxed?

Right now, the soldiers were already on the verge of being angry because of their attitude. There were several flying rank 7 magic beasts up there, waiting to eat them, but they were here bickering.

Of course, that was if the soldiers could focus on them.

Most of their attention was focused on Riya, who was flying above right now. The captain had a thoughtful look.

Among the people who came here this time, he was the only one who received the message about the fact that the rune master could fly. This image was captured in the satellite and some people were doubtful.

Aside from Murin, who had a flying magic beasts, no other returnees were reported to be able to fly before.

As for Murin?

They already knew that he was a bit special.

Because even if he was capable of flying his fighting power was not that powerful. It was only trouble to deal with him because there were several magic beasts around him who will fight on his behalf.

Murin himself was not that strong.

Without his magic beasts, he was basically nothing.

But since he's a beast master, there was nothing wrong with him focusing on nurturing his magic beasts. The feedback he received through the contract was already more than enough to protect himself to a certain degree.

Bang!

At this moment, Riya had already encountered with these rank 7 flying magic beasts above. She looked at their movement that was mostly based on instinct but could still reach her easily and her eyes narrowed.

It didn't seem that these rank 7 flying magic beasts were controlled.

Yet, they were definitely being influenced because they wouldn't be here otherwise. There was no reason why these rank 7 flying magic beasts had to kill them, right?

'Don't tell me that there are some kind of lame drama of hatred between humans and magic beasts...'

Riya's lips twitched as her mind wandered.

But her hands were not idle as she continued to draw one runes after another, hitting these rank 7 flying magic beasts with various magic runes that had been modified to act like magic spells.

Swish! Bang!

Lightly moving to the side, Riya saw the attack of the rank 7 flying magic beasts that used the sharp wind element and felt danger for a moment.

The corner of her lips curled up slightly.

While it's dangerous, but isn't it more fun this way?

Raising her hand, Riya poured out more mana and then drew more runes in the air. The fighting between rune master has always been a silent fight.

Different from those magicians who would shout out the name of their magic spells even when they could already do instant magic spell, the rune master usually didn't bother speaking their 'magic spell.'

What a joke.

There were several runes that they used in a single time and it was only on some occasions would it be possible for her to speak the name of the formation that she created. At that time, it was already similar to the ordinary magic spells that could be found outside.

And speaking the name was actually quite cool.

But in a rapid battle like this, Riya had no time to shout out their names.

She could only move away at the fastest speed possible so that she would not be hit by the attack from these rank 7 flying magic beasts.

Swish! Bang!

Various elements clashed in the air, creating spectacle for those who watched.

Seeing Riya's movement, Samuel arched his eyebrows and smiled faintly. Even though Riya is a magician, her agility and strength was already comparable to that of a magic warrior at rank 6.

It seemed that the runes that Riya made to strengthen her physique was really good.

If she relied on training alone....

For some reasons, Riya's body recovery and improvement was really slow. Without enough talent, she could only toil around to train for a long period of time and there would not be any result whatsoever.

That was the first time he saw someone whose physique could be so bad.

No wonder Riya didn't want to take the path of a warrior nor magic warrior before she encountered the path of a rune master.

“...Rune master is magician, right?” Jonas Nolan was dumbfounded when he saw Riya’s battle from below.

Seeing her narrowly escaped from various elemental attack of these rank 7 flying magic beasts, he felt that his knowledge was being refreshed once again.

“...Have you never seen some magician who are also good at close combat?” Ruth asked back speechlessly.

“... No?”

“What have you been doing in the past four years in that world?”

Jonas Nolan: “...”

Sister, would you believe me if I say that I was learning alchemy almost all the time?

“Get out of the way.” Samuel suddenly drew his sword and slashed towards the ground in front of him.

Boom!

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Boom!

Rocks and gravels flew up following Samuel’s movement and then they heard the roaring of the magic beasts.

Their eyes swiftly moved towards the location where they heard the commotion.

Amidst the dust that covered one's eyes, they could faintly see the silhouette of a large ball magic beast rushing over. It climbed up from the ground and something approached them before Samuel stepped forward with the sword in his hand, blocking the sudden attack.

Bang!

"What the hell is that?"

"It's a rank 7 ground ball magic beast," Ruth said as she moved away, recognizing the magic beast that attacked them and pursed her lips.

This is troublesome.

A rank 7 ground ball magic beast was known for its high defense and also the annoying escape technique. Among many magic beasts in that world, this was one of the few that was hated by the people.

Because the rank 7 ground ball magic beast often destroyed farm fields.

It was their hobby.

And many people who had worked hard to tile the ground and planted the crops were definitely very angry.

They needed to eat but these rank 7 ground ball magic beasts just had to come forward and made trouble.

How could they not be angry?

Unfortunately, most farmers were weaker.

They couldn't reach rank 7 without enough resources and many of them were not capable enough. Otherwise, they would have picked other work instead of being a farmer who was busy working on the field.

So they could only file a commission.

The price they could give was not high, but the corpse of a rank 7 ground ball magic beast was still very valuable.

Because their high defense meant that their skin could be used for armor.

"Get away from here!"

Swish! Bang!

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast rolled over and nearly crashed on them, but it was blocked and deflected to the side, rolling on the ground even further.

Ruth breathed a sigh of relief.

At the critical moment, she used her arrow to deflect the rolling movement of the rank 7 ground ball magic beast to avoid hitting them and the soldiers behind her. After all, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast's main attack method was to roll on the ground and crashed on them.

It was very annoying.

Jonas Nolan's eyes were red when he saw this.

"No! The herbs! Damn you!" Jonas Nolan cursed.

It was rare for him to see so many herbs in the same place, but this rank 7 ground ball magic beast was instead busy destroying these herbs.

How could he accept it?

Jonas Nolan sneered and took out a few potions. He handed it over to Ruth. "Help me deal with that rank 7 ground ball magic beast."

For a farmer, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast was the most hated magic beast among many other magic beasts in that world. There were also a few other pests that were equally annoying, but in terms of destructive power, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast definitely ranked among top 3!

How unlucky is he to see a rank 7 ground ball magic beast here?

"There's no need." Ruth shook her head. Just now, she used an arrow, but she knew very well that her attack was not enough to pierce through the defense of this rank 7 ground ball magic beast.

'Even after reaching rank 7, my attack power is still not strong enough.'

An archer should have strong penetrating power, but Ruth could sense that her arrows lacked it all.

She looked at her hand thoughtfully and felt that she should do something to help herself. At the very least, Ruth didn't want to stay at the bottom for the rest of her life but to have a strong point for herself.

Otherwise, it would be difficult for her to survive.

Rather than becoming a jack of all trades but master of none, she should focus on one aspect.

Swish! Bang!

At this moment, Riya was still fighting against the large batch of rank 7 flying magic beasts on the sky. She noticed the movement on the ground and frowned.

‘Eye of sight.’

Increasing her sight temporarily, Riya saw the rank 7 ground ball magic beast and understood why there was such a commotion below. This rank 7 ground ball magic beast was really hard to deal with because of their high defense.

Speaking of high defense...

Why does the magic beasts they encountered one after another all had strong defense?

The stronger magic beasts were coming out one after another and Riya sighed to herself.

It was outrageous.

These magic beasts could only be dealt with by Samuel.

Otherwise, other people’s attack wouldn’t be able to break through their defense and cause their injury.

Or rather...

Even if they could attack these magic beasts, their attacks would be ineffective.

Swish! Bang!

Moving slightly to the side, Riya avoided the attack of these rank 7 flying magic beasts and her eyes narrowed slightly. The Protective Rune Circle at rank 7 was modified further to allow her to fight in close range without exhausting the Protective Rune Circle’s mana.

When she was at lower ranks, it was harder to compress the Protective Rune Circle to let it only activate when the attack was about to hit her.

There was a certain distance around her where the attack that she could narrowly avoided will still activate the protective mechanism.

This is pure waste of mana.

Unfortunately, even with her high control of mana, Riya was still not able to modify the lower ranked Protective Rune Circle to be more effective unless she increased the mana consumption. In that case, her Protective Rune Circle would need mana infusion from time to time.

That would be a hassle and Riya might not have enough mana to spare to maintain the Protective Rune Circle when she was busy fighting against these magic beasts.

So she rejected the notion.

Screech

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Screech

Following the scream of the rank 7 flying magic beasts, the air seemed to crack and Riya swiftly controlled the Protective Rune Circle to bring herself further away.

“Ah... it’s even stronger.” Riya looked at these rank 7 flying magic beasts with interest.

There were several species gathered together.

These rank 7 flying magic beasts didn't usually gather together, yet they didn't look like they were controlled by something.

It was actually quite remarkable in a way.

Swish!

Seeing these rank 7 flying magic beasts gathered in a formation, Riya's eyes narrowed even further.

Who is it?

Who could let so many different rank 7 flying magic beasts gather and work together without her noticing how they control them?

No, not control but influence.

Still... it was not something that most people of the same rank or even slightly higher could possibly do.

For them to be so unnoticed...

Rank 9 or even above?

Riya didn't know.

Swish!

These rank 7 flying magic beasts would not give her any time to think and Riya could only continue to draw the runes in the air.

What followed next was the elemental clash between the two of them.

Boom! Boom!

The sky was red and several rank 7 flying magic beasts fell down after being hit by the large scale attack. Even Riya's Protective Rune Circle had to block out most of the waves so that she would not be affected.

These rank 7 flying magic beasts were not weak.

Thankfully, Riya was still able to handle them.

"Get back from here," Ruth warned the soldiers behind her and her eyebrows furrowed. These magic beasts were really powerful and it was not the time for these soldiers to be brave and charged forward.

She didn't want to end up with a pile of corpses behind her.

"Yes!"

"Jonas."

"I know." Jonas Nolan took out a batch of potion that could increase their defense temporarily and handed them over to the soldiers, letting them distribute it. He had prepared variety of potion, ready to be used as long as it was necessary.

Swish! Bang!

The explosion from these rank 7 flying magic beasts above didn't affect Samuel's battle with the rank 7 ground ball magic beast. After the rank 7 ground ball magic beast rolled away and failed to hit the soldier, Samuel chased after it with his sword drawn.

Clang!

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast rolled over once again, using its back to block Samuel's attack and roared in anger.

It was not happy to be attacked by Samuel.

"Tsk." Samuel clicked his tongue.

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast's back was the strongest part of the defense. Even if he has the highest attack power, it was still difficult for him to break through the opponent's defense in one go.

Unless he attacked with full power, but the rank 7 ground ball magic beast will definitely not give him the chance to prepare.

roar!

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast rolled away and Samuel chased with his sword. Lightning converged and with loud sizzling sound, it directly covered the entire area with lightning strikes.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Even the rank 7 flying magic beasts above them quickly stayed away.

They didn't want to be hit by Samuel's large scale move, but when Riya saw their movements, she conveniently raised her hand and attacked.

In this way, she blocked their escape road and forcing them to choose between being hit by Samuel's attack or her attack.

Screech

It was chaotic.

These rank 7 flying magic beasts were hitting each other, trying to escape from the attack's range, but the more they tried, the worse it got and they ended up hitting each other again and again.

The soldiers who were watching from below were somewhat bewildered.

Many of them had already reached rank 5 after rigorous training and so on. But if one had to say, their overall strength was still relatively lower. The battle between Riya and these rank 7 flying magic beasts was extremely fast.

She drew one rune in one second and then these rank 7 flying magic beasts had to scatter around.

Coupled with their extremely fast speed, it was difficult for the soldiers to catch these people's movements with three eyes and knew what they were doing.

All they knew was that these rank 7 flying magic beasts were being hit badly by Riya and many of them fell down.

They would not take these corpses.

After all, it has been agreed upon from the very beginning that the magic beasts would belong to whoever defeated it. The others would not step forward and break this kind of agreement on their own.

Slash!

On the side, Samuel was hitting the rank 7 ground ball magic beast and blood had long seeped out.

roar!

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast couldn't understand the human in front of it.

Samuel's normal attack could barely give him a scratch.

But once Samuel combined his attack with mana and aura... the rank 7 ground ball magic beast could only roll around to avoid the attack.

This made the rank 7 ground ball magic beast extremely aggrieved.

"You want to run away now?" Samuel saw the rank 7 ground ball magic beast's movement and sneered. "Do you think it's so easy?"

roar!

Slash!

The elements converged in Samuel's sword and rushed over towards the rank 7 ground ball magic beast. It rolled to the side only to find that the attack would still hit it.

In desperation, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast suddenly sank to the ground.

Samuel frowned.

"Watch out, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast can also dig the ground."

But the rank 7 ground ball magic beast would not usually use this move unless they were facing opponents stronger than them. Because the rank 7 ground ball magic beast couldn't stay underground for a long time unless they wanted to die from lack of oxygen.

"Over there!"

BOOM!

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BOOM!

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast climbed up in an instant and the soldiers immediately scattered away.

Ruth saw the rank 7 ground ball magic beast near her and her eyes flashed with murderous intent. This rank 7 ground ball magic beast was really annoying.

“Piercing arrow,” Ruth muttered in a low voice and her mana poured into the arrow as the temperature dropped.

Jonas Nolan, who was not far behind Ruth, immediately took a few steps back when he sensed this. He naturally knew that Ruth was extremely angry right now and wanted to kill the rank 7 ground ball magic beast immediately.

When a woman is angry, don't go and provoke them.

This was something that Jonas Nolan knew very well.

Because the consequences were terrible!

Swoosh! Jleb!

roar!

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast had just moved and then an arrow hits one of its eyes. It immediately roared and wailed in pain, rolling on the ground and tried to stay further away from the person who dared to hit it.

If one didn't know better, this scene looked more comedic than dangerous.

Even Jonas Nolan looked at the twisting rank 7 ground ball magic beast and his lips twitched.

How do he say this?

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast's images are really bad.

"Hmph." Ruth snorted.

She naturally didn't have the capability of breaking the rank 7 ground ball magic beast's defense. After all, this damn magic beast's defense was really strong and if she forced it, she wouldn't be able to hurt it.

But why should she attack the strongest point of this damn rank 7 ground ball magic beast?

It was only natural for her to attack the weak point of the rank 7 ground ball magic beast.

An archer has an extremely strong accuracy, so Ruth was used to try finding these magic beasts' weak point. There were also times when the magic beast's weak point was impossible to hit, which sometimes made her feel a bit irritable.

Right now, this was good enough.

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast was not strong enough to cover up its eyes all the time.

"Sister Ruth is amazing!" Jonas Nolan cheered happily from behind.

Ruth silently turned around and looked at the young man who looked more like a cheerleader right now.

“...What are you doing, Jonas Nolan?”

“I’m cheering for you.” Jonas Nolan smiled brightly. “Your accuracy is very good, Sister Ruth! The rank 7 ground ball magic beast is moving at rapid speed, but you can still hit it.”

“Mhm.” Ruth only hummed in a low voice, not explaining her action to Jonas Nolan.

Her strong point was actually her rapid attacks and also her accurate. The strength was still limited and Ruth planned to increase her arrows’ penetrating power.

Because for a stronger magic beasts, their weak point’s defense was still not weak.

If her strength was not strong enough, even if she could hit these magic beasts’ weak point, she wouldn’t be able to defeat them.

“Can you kill it, Sister Ruth?” Jonas Nolan asked as he pointed at the rank 7 ground ball magic beast with his chin.

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast was rolling around and Samuel was chasing after it. From the way it looked like, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast was already extremely weak and it would be easy to deal with it.

“No,” Ruth replied with a frown.

Because the rank 7 ground ball magic beast’s brain was a bit further on the back and if she wanted to kill it, she had to deal with the various weak point of this rank 7 ground ball magic beast.

The brain was out of the question.

Her arrows were not long enough and the penetrating power was not strong enough. Unless she could increase the strong power in a short period of time, it would be dreaming for her to wish that she could kill the rank 7 ground ball magic beast.

“Hmm... what if you apply poison on your arrows?” Jonas Nolan asked with a smirk.

Ruth immediately turned her head.

Seeing the young man smiling with an innocent look, she understood that this young man was definitely far from the way he looked like. Since he’s an alchemist who could create various potions that helped them in the battle, he could also make poisons.

After all, with his understanding of the herbs and their properties, he just had to change the composition and what he made would change from useful potion to poison.

It was very easy.

The difficulties lie in how to administer the poison to the magic beasts without harming them. The soldiers around knew about Jonas Nolan’s ability, which was why the officials were wary of him in the beginning.

They didn’t dare to let Jonas Nolan be so powerful because they were afraid that he would become a double edged sword.

No returnees were easy to deal with.

Even if Ruth and Jonas Nolan looked somewhat easy to get along with.

But if other people really treated them as ordinary people, what awaited them was nothing more than being calculated against.

Ruth arched her eyebrows. “Condition?”

“Help me to gather some materials that are more difficult to obtain,” Jonas Nolan said without hesitation.

The soldiers' abilities were limited and other returnees were too hard to deal with. People like Samuel and Riya would not agree so easily to him because he couldn't give much benefit to them.

Giving poison to Samuel?

He will just hack his opponent with sword and there would be no more entanglement.

Give it to someone like Murin?

Jonas Nolan felt that he would be humanity sinner if he dared to do that.

So after some calculation, Ruth seemed to be the most suitable one.

Bang!

As the two of them were talking, the rank 7 ground ball magic beast was thrown nearby, the body was split into two and blood splashed out.

roar