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Chapter 881: Within the Crack (7)

The rank 7 ground ball magic beast was struggling to make its final attack and Samuel had already arrived and gave the last knife.

Slash!

The sword cleanly cut through the rank 7 ground ball magic beast.

Ruth saw this and arched her eyebrows.

Even with her special bow, she couldn't make such a move and killed the rank 7 ground ball magic beast so easily.

It was really.

Splash!

Blood splashed out and Samuel frowned as he walked away. He tapped the dead rank 7 ground ball magic beast's body and put it into the space storage scroll without hesitation. If the rank 7 ground ball magic beast continued to stay outside, the blood would only spill the ground and it was such a waste.

He still remembered that Riya liked to collect rank 7 magic beasts' blood for her formation and so on.

Raising his head, he saw that the number of rank 7 flying magic beasts had decreased a lot. It seemed that the large scale moves he used still affect Riya as she used it to kill more rank 7 flying magic beasts when she had the chance.

It was a good thing.

Samuel nodded to himself in his heart with satisfaction.

It looked like the two of them were cooperating without even communicating with each other, but the end result was still very satisfying.

“Is it done?” Jonas Nolan asked and then his expressions dropped when he saw the devastating situation of the ground after the rank 7 ground ball magic beast’s battle with Samuel.

He had just asked them not to destroy the grounds and now this....

Jonas Nolan felt heartbroken.

So many herbs!

Ahhh...

Seeing the young man was about to cry, Samuel shook his head and understood that Jonas Nolan should have put a lot of importance to the herbs from the crack this time. As for what he was planning to make, Samuel didn’t know and didn’t have the interest to figure it out either.

After all, this was not his business.

“Time to work,” the captain said to the soldiers who started moving and gathered the herbs while exploring the place. Without the rank 7 ground ball magic beast that threatened them not long ago, it was relatively safer for them.

As for those rank 7 flying magic beasts above....

With Riya containing them, they didn’t have to worry that much.

Samuel and Ruth would also make a move when it was necessary if these rank 7 flying magic beasts ever came down and so on.

“You’re not planning on helping her?” Jonas Nolan could only push his attention elsewhere or he would definitely cry. Several valuable herbs were destroyed due to that rank 7 ground ball magic beast rolling around not long ago.

This made him hate the rank 7 ground ball magic beast even more than before.

“She doesn’t need my help,” Samuel said lazily. If Riya needed his help, she would not shy away and will definitely asked. But these rank 7 flying magic beasts were weakened to a certain degree.

Moreover, he could see that Riya was using them to practice.

Her speed and control over her body movement in the air had gotten even better.

Perhaps, she would become more all rounder in the future.

Thinking about it, Samuel’s lips curled up slightly. The stronger Riya meant her safety would be more guaranteed.

But at the same time, it also meant that he had to train harder.

He didn’t want to be left behind by his wife.

It wouldn’t be fun.

“Oh.” Jonas Nolan nodded and then he looked at the few fallen rank 7 flying magic beasts’ corpses on the side. He didn’t have that much understanding about biology and so on, but he could tell that the mana contained within these rank 7 flying magic beasts were still overwhelming.

While they were weakened... the amount of mana in their bodies didn't seem to have much difference ordinary rank 7 magic beasts.

"Rather than standing here, you can gather the herbs now, Jonas." Samuel glanced at Jonas Nolan and reminded, "We won't be staying here for long."

Their plan was only to stay in the crack until the passage for them to leave the Green Planet was opened. Of course, they would not leave for a long period of time but only for a while in order to practice.

Because practicing on the Green Planet was not very effective.

And they needed more challenges.

Not even these rank 7 flying magic beasts could pose any challenge to them and Samuel could see that Riya was still relatively relaxed. While she didn't hold back at all, she didn't seem to be in a hurry.

"Oh, right." Jonas Nolan quickly scurried to the side. He saw a very valuable plant nearby and planned to pick it up first before any other magic beast could take it.

Samuel saw Jonas Nolan left and retracted his gaze away.

There was a rank 7 ground ball magic beast not long ago and there might be other magic beast nearby. The earth element silently spread out, detecting if there were any other rank 7 ground ball magic beast underground.

Some weaker magic beasts were directly killed as Samuel was busy looking at the ground.

"Don't kill the plants," Ruth's voice came from behind.

"Hmm?"

“I can sense your earth element,” Ruth said slowly. She herself has earth element too, so when Samuel used the earth element to scan the ground, she felt the faint magic fluctuation.

Both of them were magic warriors and have good mana control.

When two people have the same element, they would usually notice when the other party was using their magic.

This time was no exception.

Moreover, Samuel’s earth magic was not particularly strong because he focused on fire and lightning element.

“I can still differentiate between magic beasts and plants, Miss Ruth,” Samuel said politely.

Ruth nodded and then walked to the side to follow behind Jonas Nolan. Her task when she came here was also to protect Jonas Nolan.

This brat’s fighting ability was really bad.

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To be honest, Ruth sometimes wondered how Jonas Nolan managed to become rank 7 with such poor fighting awareness.

He seemed to have been living under the protection of his family for his entire life.

No matter whether it was in this world or in that world, it was the same.

Swoosh! Bang!

Seeing a rank 7 flying magic beasts rushing towards them, Ruth immediately drew her bow and shot it down.

screech

The rank 7 flying magic beast was unconvinced and tried to move once more, but something stabbed it from below and the magic beast fell to the ground.

Ruth raised her head and saw that Riya was still busy dealing with the rest of the rank 7 flying magic beasts. There were only a few left and soon, she would finish the battle and return to clean up the mess.

“Thankfully you’re here, Sister Ruth.” Jonas Nolan looked relieved when he saw the fallen rank 7 flying magic beasts in the distance.

“It’s Riya who killed it.”

“But you’re the one who protected me.” Jonas Nolan grinned.

Ruth rolled her eyes and asked bluntly, “How did you protect yourself when you’re alone? Does your family members always protect you wherever you go?”

“Of course not!” Jonas Nolan retorted immediately.

How could his family member be so idle that they could follow him everywhere?

They also have things that they had things that they had to do.

“But your awareness is really low,” Ruth said with a frown. Among the returnees whom she had met so far, Jonas Nolan was definitely the one with the worst battle awareness. Even when there were people around him, he didn’t put up his guard and seemed to be defenseless.

Back in City J Base, Dina has always been on guard against other people. She might look relaxed, but the subtle movements and body language conveyed that she was actually on high alert.

If there were anyone who made unnecessary move, Dina would attack without hesitation.

This was the state of someone who had been on the battlefield for a long period of time and had to defend against the people there.

Ruth herself had fought on the so called battlefield for the sake of resources and also fighting against countless magic beasts. When they were in the wilderness, there were many magic beasts that might kill them if they were not careful.

So everyone needed to have strong awareness.

Otherwise, what awaited them would be nothing more than their own demise.

But Jonas Nolan was the opposite of what the people whom Ruth had met before. Even Samuel and Riya were still on guard. Samuel was obvious because of his position while Riya was a rune master who usually didn't fight much on the frontline.

Yet, the two of them were obviously battle hardened.

"I'm not letting down my guard completely in front of strangers," Jonas Nolan explained with a frown. "It's only because I trust you that I'm more relaxed, Sister Ruth."

He had seen how Ruth is with his own eyes.

Even though she still has her own calculation or so on, but she was not someone who would hurt other people easily. It was also because of this that Jonas Nolan knew that he could trust the other party.

"Heh." Ruth sneered.

Trust her?

They have only met for a short period of time and Ruth didn't believe Jonas Nolan's words in the slightest bit.

If it was so easy to trust other people, how could there be so many betrayals and murder killing in that world?

She had seen too much.

Is this Jonas Nolan too naive?

Ruth didn't know, but she had no interest to figure it out either.

"Be more careful. There might be other rank 7 magic beasts aside from those rank 7 flying magic beasts."

After that, Ruth moved to the side and simply watched Riya's battle. There were only one or two rank 7 flying magic beasts left on the sky and the rest had turned into corpses and fell to the ground.

The battle was extremely fast.

Jonas Nolan shrugged helplessly and then crouched down to pick the herbs from the ground. Thankfully, this area was not affected by the battle before. But there were too many areas that were destroyed and many herbs couldn't be used anymore.

Thinking about this, Jonas Nolan sighed.

Next time they wanted to fight those magic beasts, they should stay far away from this place.

Thud!

A rank 7 flying magic beast was thrown not far away and Riya also landed on the ground, still looking very energetic. There was not even a drop of blood on her robe and she still looked clean.

“It’s done,” Riya said while stretching her hand. “There are a few more magic beasts in the distance. Do you want to hunt them down?”

When she was flying, Riya could see the situation in the entire area clearly. Even though it was impossible for her to pay so much attention when she was fighting against these rank 7 flying magic beasts, she still noticed some groups of magic beasts that were approaching the valley.

Considering that Jonas Nolan was worried about them destroying the valley, wouldn’t it be good for them to chase after the magic beasts instead?

Anyway, it was not that difficult for both of them.

Samuel arched his eyebrows. “How’s your mana?”

Even if these rank 7 flying magic beasts were a bit weaker, Riya still consumed quite a lot of her mana when fighting against these magic beasts. If they were to go out and chase after the other magic beasts in the distance, would Riya be able to hold on?

“Don’t worry, by the time we’re near the magic beasts, my mana would have mostly recovered,” Riya replied with a smile.

Her mana recovery was not that bad and the Protective Rune Circle could still operate without her infusing more mana.

In this way, she could completely focus on recovering her mana without the need to worry about her being attacked all of the sudden.

Chapter 883: Beautiful

Samuel thought for a moment before glancing over to Jonas Nolan and Ruth on the side. He naturally wanted to go and see if those magic beasts were also of rank 7.

If they were, then he didn't mind killing a few.

Those rank 7 magic beasts that couldn't be eaten had long been handed over to his father for him to use for City A Base. Riya herself had her own use of those magic beasts' corpses and Samuel never asked.

Anyway, it was not his business.

His way of training and Riya's way of training were different. It was impossible to generalize the two of them nor for them to be the same.

"We can stay here and there are no other rank 7 flying magic beasts nearby, right?" Jonas Nolan waved his hand.

"As far as I can see, there are none," Riya replied.

She stayed in the air long enough to monitor the surrounding situations, so she could see that there were no other rank 7 flying magic beasts nearby. Of course, if they were in the mountain ranges in the distance, it would take at least a few minutes for them to fly over here and Riya couldn't see them.

"Then you can go. Just deal with those rank 7 magic beasts... as many as you can," Jonas Nolan added after a moment.

Since these two people were eager to fight, then Jonas Nolan would not stop them from going. Anyway, the one who will benefit in the end is him.

There were indeed some alchemy that required the body parts of rank 7 magic beasts, but the number of recipes were not a lot. Jonas Nolan himself was not used to use these rank 7 magic beasts' blood or other body parts.

Moreover, he hadn't even reached rank 7...

Using these materials rashly would only waste them.

And when he reached rank 7, he would be able to deal with these rank 7 magic beasts on his own.

"Ok, then."

Riya and Samuel didn't hesitate any longer and left to explore the crack. If there were other rank 7 flying magic beasts, they would return immediately.

"Is it fine this way?" The captain looked worried when he saw the two people leaving. At this moment, he felt that these two returnees were really unreliable.

They brought them over to help with guarding them, but what would they do if these two people left?

Protect Jonas Nolan on their own?

The soldiers were worried.

Jonas Nolan shook his head. "They can definitely arrive in time if there are rank 7 magic beasts nearby."

"Huh?"

But Jonas Nolan was too lazy to explain and was busy digging the herbs nearby. He had noticed this herb from a long time ago and felt that this entire place was full of treasure, which made him want to stay here for a long period of time.

Ahh, so many good herbs!

Ruth saw the captain's confusion and her eyes moved to the ground where the blood from the rank 7 magic beasts had been drawn into circle.

She didn't know when Riya did it.

But during the time when they were talking, she sensed the mana moved for a moment and saw that a formation has been built here.

As for what kind of formation it is...

It should be either protection kind of formation or even the teleportation formation.

After all, Riya was famous for her teleportation formation when they were in City J Base. She had heard about how Riya blocked the cracks at such a high speed.

No one else could compare with her in terms of moving around like that.

And not many people dared to compete with the rune master in terms of speed.

Because these people basically cheated!

"Focus on getting more herbs."

"Yes!"

Ruth looked at the herbs that the soldiers collected and only recognized some of them. After all, she herself had used some herbs in order to treat her injuries and so on, so she has some basic knowledge.

But compared to the professional Jonas Nolan, it was definitely far from enough.

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In the distance, Riya and Samuel moved in relaxed pace and paid attention to their surroundings.

No matter what, they were still 'hired' to protect the people here.

Even if they were allowed to roam around in order to find some treasure and resources, they should have a limit to what they were doing and not do anything excessively.

At the very least, pay attention to the proportion.

"This place is beautiful," Riya murmured.

It would have been better if there were no magic beasts that will attack them at all times around here.

For a moment, Riya thought about Murin.

She knew very well that the main reason why Murin become enemies with the entire world at that time was because he said that humans and magic beasts could coexist. It was humans who was at fault and that they shouldn't have killed the magic beasts.

Otherwise, the two races could definitely live well together.

When Riya heard Murin's statement back then, she was not very optimistic because she knew very well that the magic beasts basically ate other creatures in order to advance in their ranks.

Be it humans or other magic beasts, they were basically omnivorous.

So Murin's proposal was met with a lot of hate.

Though, Riya didn't know the details because she and Murin were located in different regions. She herself was busy with other things when Murin was hunted down and his magic beasts were killed one by one.

"The valley should be one of the most beautiful place in the crack," Samuel added from the side. "Those precious herbs need suitable place to grow."

Riya nodded in agreement.

In a way, they were actually taking advantage of Jonas Nolan.

Without him, such a beautiful place wouldn't have existed.

"Shall we take longer walk?"

"It would be a good idea, but..."

Roar!

Swish! Bang!

Chapter 884: Cleaning Up

A magic beast jumped out and several earth spikes were thrown in their direction.

Samuel swiftly avoided to the side and his eyes narrowed slightly. "These rank 7 magic beasts have started to use more of their magic element."

The weakened magic beasts were relatively stupid and their attacks were usually a miss. Even if they used their magic and mana, there seemed to be a limit to what they could use before.

On the Green Planet, it was obvious that the mana concentration was lower than the crack.

These magic beasts were not used to it and couldn't use their full strength, resulting in humans being able to fight back as much as they wanted to.

Unfortunately, the end result was not always good.

There were still some people who failed to kill these magic beasts for some reasons and a large number of magic beasts were still roaming all over the Green Planet. The strength of these magic beasts also ranged from low to high.

Some of them were rank 7 magic beasts.

They couldn't be defeated easily.

In the previous crack, Riya and Samuel could still handle the magic beasts and the number of rank 7 magic beasts they met was extremely few. Magic beasts lower than rank 7 didn't have that much ability to use their magic elements.

Even if the bodies of these magic beasts were strong, but as long as one knew how to deal with the, they could still win.

So Riya and Samuel only had trouble when a large number of magic beasts poured over.

After all, their own stamina was limited.

No one could fight for days without being tired and the two of them had to maintain high concentration. Otherwise, even a weak magic beast could kill them if they were not careful enough.

This was how it is.

Now that their opponents were rank 7 magic beasts, the magic that these magic beasts used had increased. There were more and more variety, which made their already difficult battle even more difficult.

Thankfully, they were also at rank 7.

“Yes, earth element,” Riya said with a frown. If it was wind element, it would have been easier to deal with them.

“I’ll restrict their use of magic,” Samuel said with a smile.

Riya arched her eyebrows and nodded.

No matter what, magic was also using the mana from within their body and the mana in the air.

Mana is a form of energy.

And the energy in the air was limited, so if Samuel were to use the earth element in large scale, it was possible to limit this rank 7 magic beasts from using earth element.

Swish! Bang!

roar

The rank 7 magic beasts roared and then drilled to the ground as several spikes appeared on the ground, preventing the two of them from getting closer.

Riya lightly stepped on the ground and flew up.

Peng!

An earth spike appeared on the place where she was standing before. Had she stayed behind, she would have been pierced through by the earth spike and probably heavily injured.

On the side, Samuel swung his sword to the ground and the earth element around his legs solidified, nullifying the attack from the rank 7 magic beasts.

'It's quite strong.'

Samuel's eyes flickered.

This was basically the strongest rank 7 magic beasts that he had encountered so far. At least, in terms of magic control and all, this rank 7 magic beasts didn't seem to have been weakened much.

But still....

Samuel moved to the side and then swung his sword once more.

roar

The rank 7 magic beasts climbed up, part of his body was chopped up and there was a big gash on the ground.

Lightning crackled, but it was directly absorbed to the ground.

The earth element was basically the only element that could face the lightning element without much fear. They could block fire and lightning, so Samuel didn't really like meeting earth magic warrior.

Well, earth elemental magic beasts were also included.

“Don’t use lightning element,” Riya reminded helplessly when she saw Samuel was using the lightning element once again.

“I know,” Samuel replied.

Unlike Riya who had all elements, Samuel only have four elements. But his proficiency in these elements were definitely far above Riya.

After all, Riya didn’t have deep research or anything like that in her elements.

There were too many to focus on.

Swish!

Wind element immediately soared and cut through the earth element barrier that the rank 7 magic beasts erected.

At the same time, ice element spread out from behind, freezing the rank 7 magic beasts.

roar

The rank 7 magic beasts roared unwillingly as the next moment Samuel used fire element and cut through its body into two.

“It’s done,” Samuel said lightly.

“Hmm, it’s not that strong, but the use of the elements are more interesting than before.” Riya landed on the ground and looked at the rank 7 magic beasts curiously.

“These magic beasts gained better elemental control after the second earthquake. This is not that obvious when these rank 7 magic beasts come out of the crack, but in the crack, they’re stronger,” Samuel said.

He also found that these rank 7 magic beasts were stronger when he was in the crack before.

But they were still far from being able to defeat either of them.

Buzz!

The sword also buzzed, seemingly in agreement with Samuel.

Seeing the sword was trying to increase his presence once more, Riya felt rather amused. “Your sword loves to move around.”

“It can’t be helped.” Samuel patted his sword to let it stay quiet.

After getting the resources it needed, the sword has been prancing around, which made Samuel itchy.

He really wanted to beat this sword up.

Unfortunately, he couldn’t possibly do that and could only use his mana to warn and suppress the sword.

Thankfully, the sword would only act up when they were outside combat.

Otherwise, Samuel would have to throw this precious sword away and didn’t dare to use it anymore.

Chapter 885: Competition

“How about if we compete to deal with these rank 7 magic beasts?” Riya asked.

The two of them originally agreed to spar against each other, but there hasn't been time for them before.

Now that they were here, how about competing in different matters instead?

Samuel arched his eyebrows and smirked. "Bring it on."

They looked at the group of rank 7 magic beasts running over and swiftly moved around. One to the left and the other to the right.

What followed next was the rapid explosion and roaring of these rank 7 magic beasts that were being abused to death.

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In the distance, Ruth and Jonas Nolan could still see the elemental explosion in the distance.

After digging the herbs for a while, Jonas Nolan stayed on the back to sort out the herbs that the soldiers collected. While these soldiers had been taught how to identify the herbs that Jonas Nolan wanted to find, but their sorting ability was not very good.

There were even some herbs that they placed wrong.

Well, he could only do it himself.

"The battle is really fierce." Ruth looked at the distance and her eyes flickered slightly. She had been waiting here and basically watched over Jonas Nolan.

The soldiers scattered around the areas, looking for herbs and other samples would be brought back. If there were other weaker magic beasts, they would deal with it on their own and didn't disturb these four people.

After all, it would be too embarrassing to ask for help if they couldn't even deal with ordinary magic beasts.

These were not rank 7 magic beasts that they couldn't defeat with their current strength.

"Do you want to fight?" Jonas Nolan asked nonchalantly while drying the herbs with expectation visible on his face.

Rather than fighting, Jonas Nolan was already imagining the scene of himself making various potions. These herbs made him really happy and Jonas Nolan wanted to stay here for the rest of his life.

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Well, at least, for a much longer time.

And if he could explore deeper in this valley, he might be able to find some other valuable herbs.

Some of these herbs could be directly used as potions and a small part will be reserved for cultivation and transplantation. After all, he wanted to ensure stable production of potions.

Ruth had already told them about what would happen in a year's time.

So he should also be prepared.

As an alchemist, his fighting ability was far from top notch, so he could only focus to make sure that he had enough materials in hand.

In this way, he would be able to help other people to fight the magic beasts.

“Well... I have to train and I don’t plan to stay here,” Ruth answered honestly. This was something she has been thinking about and seeing Samuel and Riya were so unrestrained and even admitted openly that they were going out of the Green Planet, Ruth really hoped that she could be like them.

Openly stated what she wanted and also get out to deal with those magic beasts.

Instead of staying on the back and just wait for them to appear later.

Jonas Nolan stopped his action and turned his head with some hesitation. “In that case, how about if you apply to leave?”

“I know,” Ruth whispered softly.

The problem is, the Continent W might not agree to her request so easily. She had only arrived in Continent W for a short period of time and it was impossible for them to release her.

After all, for them to be able to bring Ruth over to Continent W, they already had to pay a lot.

They didn’t want to lose her right after she arrived in Continent W.

But she also didn’t want to be here.

So it would be better for her to figure out a way to negotiate some terms with them. That way, she would not be a puppet controlled by others for the rest of her life.

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After a few hours, Samuel and Riya returned, still looked as clean as when they departed.

However, Riya looked annoyed.

“I should be stupid to agree to compete with you,” Riya grumbled.

She had long known that Samuel’s attack power was simply off the charts and as a rune master, it was basically impossible for Riya to compare with Samuel in this regards.

But when the two of them were facing those magic beasts, she miraculously forgot and agreed to compete with Samuel.

Just thinking about it made Riya annoyed.

Their bet was not that big, just a simple meal.

Still, Riya felt that she should have never relaxed her guard when she was around Samuel. This man was also a black bellied person.

Tsk.

Samuel chuckled. “Don’t forget our agreement~.”

“Don’t be so smug.” Riya narrowed her eyes. “Next time, we’ll compete in different matters.”

She didn’t want to lose.

Hearing this, Samuel only smiled and didn’t take it to heart.

When they were fighting just now, he used a large scale attack, directly killing a lot of rank 7 magic beasts. This move was what naturally allowed him to win in the bet with Riya.

And the one who lose had to cook food for the winner.

Samuel knew Riya's cooking skills very well.

That was...

Well, there was nothing to expect.

In the dormitory during the early days of this disaster, Samuel could remember clearly that the food that Riya made was bland. He had to add some seasoning himself if he wanted to eat well.

Even Amelia could only say that she could barely eat the food cooked by Riya.

It was really...

Not something one would have much expectation of.

"You want to compete in how many rank 7 magic beasts you can kill in a long period of time?" Samuel asked.

In terms of strong firepower from the beginning until the end, Riya had to be ranked among the top. The Protective Rune Circle she made were able to replenish itself.

Not to mention, Riya had countless magic scrolls.

In a battle of attrition...

She's definitely the champion.

Chapter 886: Pampering

Well, Samuel selectively chose not to think too much about the other returnees to compare. There were also others who were good at war of attrition, but he had to say that Riya was definitely among the top between them.

After all, even he was not as good as Riya in a prolonged and protracted war.

It would be very tiring for him to maintain the same state in a battle for a long period of time.

“No.” Riya rolled her eyes.

Samuel can kill a lot of these magic beasts in an instant. Why should she compete with him in this regards?

She’s not that stupid.

“Then...”

“How about if we just compete in how many people you can support.” Riya sneered.

Upon hearing this, Samuel was stunned and then looked at Riya helplessly. As a pure magic warrior who was focused on attack, Samuel was definitely not someone who could support others in battle.

Just thinking about it, Samuel chose to give up.

“That’s not possible...”

“Heh.”

The two of them reached the place where Jonas Nolan was drying the herbs and Riya nodded when she saw it. She didn’t recognize most of them, but she could guess that they should be quite valuable for Jonas Nolan to treat these herbs so specifically like this.

After all, his excellence was already known to many people.

“You’re back.” Jonas Nolan smiled in response.

“...It seems that you will take a long time.” Samuel saw the range of these soldiers and narrowed his eyes. Considering the vastness of the valley, it would definitely take a long time for them to sweep over the entire area.

“It couldn’t be helped. Not all of these herbs are easy to pick and I have to select them carefully,” Jonas Nolan replied helplessly.

It was not like he didn’t want to hurry since he didn’t want to stay here for a long time. Practicing here was indeed a good thing, but there were too many rank 7 magic beasts around and Jonas Nolan didn’t want to trouble others all the time.

He would rather wait until the continent had build a relatively safer base in this valley and then stayed here all the time.

Before that, it would be better to wait outside.

“I see.”

“I’ll try to be faster. Are you planning to go around to look for resources?”

“Yes.”

“Then, good luck.” Jonas Nolan smiled.

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It took Samuel and Riya three days to travel all around the valley before they stopped going further. The areas afterwards were mountain range and neither of the two wanted to travel such a long distance without reason.

Besides, they could sense that there was almost nothing over there but some magic beasts roaming around.

It was so barren.

“Even the mana concentration is lower...”

So after they took a quick look, the two of them left the place and didn't plan to return anymore.

They had the feeling that to make the 12 cracks, all mana and resources were basically concentrated in these 12 places. Other places could still be traversed, but it would be very barren and lacked many vital resources that they would need.

If they had a lot of free time, it was not impossible to go there and check.

But since they were rushing and had other things they were planning to do, none of them were willing to stay here for a long period of time.

And after they returned on the fourth day after a quick walk around, they found that the atmosphere was tense.

“Is there anything wrong?” Riya asked as she walked forward.

She had sensed the runes she left behind and it was not disturbed, so there shouldn't be any magic beasts' attack. If there was any attack, she would have long teleported over directly with her teleportation formation instead of waiting in the distance.

After all, they had been 'paid' to do this job.

The resources here were mostly useful for Jonas Nolan, but Riya and Samuel had obtained some other resources that they could use. Moreover, they killed a lot of rank 7 magic beasts along the way, allowing themselves to get more resources.

Riya used most of it to replenish her world with more mana while Samuel was sorting out part of it to be given to his father and the rest were used for his own food.

Anyway, the two of them were satisfied with this trip.

“I’m planning to head into the other crack and would like your help to let me pass through the formation, Miss Riya,” Ruth said solemnly.

She had managed to negotiate with the officials to allow her to enter the crack for a period of time before she departed to the other world. In return, she gave almost all of the resources she had gathered over the years in City J Base.

After all, Continent Z had never restricted her from getting resources on her own.

They would not stop her when she entered the crack either and through that method, Ruth was able to collect a lot of resources.

Most of them had been used when she advanced to rank 7 some time ago.

But the rest were still quite a lot.

The officials were quite satisfied with it and agreed to release her.

“Ok.” Riya nodded readily and then glanced at Samuel. Bringing another person with her would be a waste of mana and Samuel still had to stay here to protect Jonas Nolan because that was their original mission when coming here.

“You go.” Samuel was amused when he saw Riya’s expression. “Go back early.”

“I’ll probably stay there for a while,” Riya replied with a grin and then swiftly rushed out of the crack before Samuel could respond.

Seeing her playful look, Samuel arched his eyebrows and strongly suspect that it was his sister who taught Riya like this.

Tsk, that sister of his is really...

“You’re really pampering them,” Jonas Nolan commented when he saw this scene.

Chapter 887: Only by Living can You have Hope for the Future

“She’s my girlfriend,” Samuel replied proudly.

Upon hearing this, the soldiers all looked to the side and pretended that they heard nothing. The affairs of these returnees were not something that they could concern themselves with.

Though, if they had to say, this melon was indeed quite interesting.

There were only 12 returnees who came back from that world and each of them were bringing a lot of knowledge and information that people in their current time didn’t have. It was difficult for these returnees to have normal relationship.

At least, that was what most of them were thinking.

Because these people have some kind of obsession to get stronger and would train and collect resources to the point that some people wonder whether they were crazy. Their pursuit of power had made some people sigh.

But only people who were ambitious enough would be able to become stronger.

“Huh?” Jonas Nolan was surprised and then he laughed. “Then you two match each other well.”

Samuel smiled with satisfaction when he heard that. “You have good eyes, Kid.”

Jonas Nolan should be the youngest among their batch of returnees. Because when he first entered that world, he was barely 18 years old and right now, he was only 20. This is a few years younger than Riya and even much younger Samuel.

So in their eyes, Jonas Nolan is probably like a kid.

“Of course~.” Jonas Nolan laughed and then focused on the herbs in front of him again.

Samuel saw that the brat was already busy again, so he didn't bother with the other party and instead focus on resting.

Since Riya and Ruth were going to that other crack, the two of them might not be able to come back anytime soon. During this period of time, Samuel planned on resting and waited for them to go back.

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Through using the teleportation formation, Riya teleported directly to the crack.

Ruth looked around, not surprised that Riya had set up a teleportation formation here. The two continents should have reached an agreement and allowed her to do as she pleased.

Moreover, if either side needed help, it would be possible to send more people through the teleportation formation.

“Follow my steps.”

Riya walked over towards the crack with familiarity and didn't seem to feel anything about the formation there.

In fact, Ruth herself couldn't really sense the formation's existence.

Without Riya's guidance, it would be impossible for her to find it.

Swish!

The two of them entered the crack and was directly greeted by wind blades. Both reacted accordingly, avoiding to the side and looked at their opponent.

At the same time, Riya glanced around and arched her eyebrows slightly when she saw that they were located in the forest. It seemed that all of them have different terrains and even if there were some people who were the same, it would not be here.

Perhaps the people from the other continents?

Riya was not entirely sure.

Swish! Jleb!

The arrows were directly pierced on the rank 7 magic beasts at the front while Riya moved to the side and avoided the attack of the other rank 7 magic beasts in front of her. She had to say that these rank 7 magic beasts were quite annoying.

Since they were in the forest, the rank 7 magic beasts were not that strong in defense, but they have strong agility and also quite strong in terms of concealment. At least, some of them were.

Moving her body to the side, Riya directly escaped to the distance and watched as Ruth fought against these magic beasts.

She could see that Ruth was getting faster in her attack.

But her accuracy never dropped in the slightest bit.

'Is this the strength of a powerful archer?' Riya looked over curiously. It was rare to see an archer making a move since Riya didn't really have that many friends. And archers were not exactly the most popular profession.

There were not many people who wanted to take over this profession because of the restriction that came with it.

Anyway, most of them were not very good at close combat.

But seeing Ruth agilely avoided these rank 7 magic beasts' attack while still using her bow and arrows from a distance, Riya nodded in approval.

Ruth is pretty strong.

At the very least, she knew very well that no returnees were weak.

'If Ruth can help the Green Planet in the future, the safety of the people here will be more guaranteed.' Riya was thinking to herself.

She will naturally not rely on other people too much when it was time for the battle in the future, but it would be reassuring to see that other continents were not directly preset to the ground and unable to do anything. At the very least, they would have hope for the future.

In this way, the pressure would not always be on Continent Z.

Thinking about this, Riya couldn't help but smile slightly.

Bang!

As the last rank 7 magic beasts fell down, Ruth heaved a sigh of relief and look dot the side where Riya was watching the battle with great interest. It was obvious that she had no intention to come forward and helped.

But a battle of such intensity was just right for Ruth.

“Thank you,” Ruth said.

“I’m not doing it for you.” Riya shook her head and jumped down from the tree. “But this terrain is quite interesting.”

“I used to practice in the forest,” Ruth replied with a smile. She looked at the environment here and her eyes were a bit lost for a moment. The days in that world flashed by her eyes and for a moment, Ruth didn’t know whether she should feel that it was a good thing for her to be alive or not.

Because she seemed to miss those people again.

“Train well. Only by living can you have hope for the future,” Riya said from the side.

Chapter 888: The Message

Ruth blinked her eyes and then smiled.

That’s right.

“Is that why your best move is to run away?” Ruth asked teasingly.

When Riya heard this, her expression collapsed. “That’s called strategic retreat!”

Even though it was actually running away, please don't say it that way!

She didn't want to be looked at as deserter...

Forget it.

There didn't seem to be any difference whatsoever.

Riya could only sigh and then spread her hands. "What can I do, I value my life greatly and didn't want to die so easily."

Ruth rolled her eyes. "I don't think any of us are willing to seek death, so your statement isn't very convincing."

"That..." Riya struggled and then gave up. She didn't even know how she could convince others about her behavior. Anyway, it was indeed the truth that she designed the teleportation formation's battle style in order to ensure that she could escape at any time when necessary.

For Riya, her life is very valuable and she didn't want to take unnecessary risk.

Because if she were to die, then there would be nothing more to talk about the future. Anyway, she will only take risk when she had a certain degree of victory.

Otherwise, it would be nothing more than reckless move.

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Ruth suppressed her laughter and then said, "I'll be here for the time being. Do you want to stay with me?"

“Forget it, I’ll just explore the areas and see if I can find something valuable,” Riya replied without hesitation.

She was not close with Ruth and even if the other party was not a bad person, there was no need for her to spend so much time with the other party. After all, the two of them didn’t have that much foundation of trust.

Riya knew that she would not attack the other party.

But what about Ruth?

She didn’t know.

Ruth nodded when she heard Riya’s words. “Then, let’s gather here again in five days.”

Five days?

Riya arched her eyebrows in surprise. “Are you sure that you will be done in such a short period of time?”

While Riya herself also spent around six days to clean up the crack that belonged to her, most of the time was spent on practicing. After all, rune master was not exactly a profession that fought on the frontline.

Uh wrong...

That only applied to traditional rune master.

Since Riya often soloed her mission and went on her own to fight those magic beasts, she was more of an allrounder than anything else.

No matter what, it was not like she couldn’t fight.

She often stayed on the frontline too.

“Yes, it’s enough.” Ruth smiled.

She had only managed to bargain some time with the officials and Ruth knew very well that they would not be willing to give her so much convenience. If the passage was not opened by the time she finished her training, she would have to work for them for a period of time.

Though, based on her instinct, Ruth felt that it would be unnecessary.

She would not tell this to them, though.

“Ok.”

In this way, Riya and Ruth went their separate ways and explored the forest. Riya moved around and sighed to herself.

Sometimes, she felt amazed how the crack was able to produce such a well crafted world. It was completely different from the time when the cracks were nothing more than tunnels on the ground that was gloomy and hard to travel around.

Riya herself felt that this crack has evolved so much.

Seeing the fruits on the tree, Riya picked some of them and recognized them as the species from that world.

‘Is the crack somehow connected to that world?’

The two worlds were very different and Riya couldn’t think that the crack has some connection with it.

Because that world should have been destroyed by the grand magic beasts' tide.

Riya never had the chance to see it, but she had heard about it from Samuel and other returnees. Their eyes when they talked about that incident was filled with deep unwillingness.

They had worked hard for a long time, but they still failed to protect that planet.

What awaited them was nothing more than destruction.

Now that the Green Planet might experience the same thing...

Even if they have a shorter time in order to practice and get stronger, they would not give up so easily and will work hard to protect their homeland.

They have lost it once.

So they didn't want to lose it for the second time.

Swish!

Moving around in the forest, Riya looked at the rank 7 magic beasts in the distance and after thinking for a moment, she chose to avoid it. She had no interest in fighting right now and just wanted to collect some resources.

These rank 7 magic beasts could be left for Ruth to deal with.

Anyway, that woman's strength was by no means weak and she should be able to deal with these magic beasts on her own.

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Five days passed by quietly.

Just when Riya was waiting near the entrance of the crack while looking at the lush forest in front of her, a message appeared in her mind.

It was not words but an image.

The image of an island and stone formation on top of a flat hill.

In the middle of the stone formation were silver colored lines, intertwining each other in beautiful pattern. The image was really beautiful and Riya also recognized the silver colored lines as runes.

It was a teleportation formation.

Moreover, this was a very special teleportation formation that Riya was not able to make yet.

She had only seen it in her teacher's note.

An ancient teleportation formation, which was said to be able to teleport between worlds and it was also extremely stable. It was said that this teleportation formation was first built in order to let people migrate.

Riya looked at the image in her mind and knew that it was time for them to go.

Chapter 889: The Message (2)

Swish!

Ruth returned and from her expression, Riya knew that the other party should have received the message too.

“Shall we go?” Riya asked.

If Ruth didn't want to go, then she would have to leave the other party inside and then solved the formation outside. After all, she had no intention to stay in this crack any longer.

Of course, she would have to provide explanation to the higher ups...

Damn, it was so troublesome.

Thinking about various things that she had to do, Riya felt that these people who were used to various formalities were awesome in their own way. She definitely couldn't be like them.

“Yes.” Ruth nodded.

Hearing Ruth's answer, Riya threw away the various things that she might have to do if the other party refused.

The two of them went out of the crack and then headed over to Jonas Nolan's crack.

To be exact, Riya went on her own because Ruth had to meet with some people there. She found that Jonas Nolan and Samuel had already come out of the crack and currently waiting for her.

Jonas Nolan waved his hand in friendly manner. “I have to go now. Good luck to you two~.”

“You should take care too.” Samuel nodded at Jonas Nolan, who waved his hand nonchalantly.

Riya arched her eyebrows. “Your relationship increased leaps and bounds after only five days?”

She could see that the two of them had inexplicably gotten closer after five days. Even if it was not to the level where they could trust each other, but it was somewhat closer to that of friends.

“Jonas Nolan is a smart kid,” Samuel replied with a shrug.

And that kid has been praising his relationship with Riya several times, which pleased Samuel greatly.

Of course, he had no plan to tell Riya about this.

The few soldiers who watched Samuel being coaxed by Jonas Nolan who praised how well matched these two people were: “...”

Heh, men.

They were definitely not sour because of the inexplicable dog food.

Definitely not.

“Oh well, the island is in Continent X, so we might have to come back and talk with Uncle first,” Riya said helplessly.

The image showed the surrounding of the island very clearly and the fact that it was not far from where the other cracks showed that it was in Continent X. Due to diplomatic problems, they couldn't depart immediately.

But it shouldn't take that much time.

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Samuel and Riya went back to City A Base and within a day's time, the higher ups had already finished their negotiation.

The main reason was because they couldn't stop these returnees even if they wanted to.

Rather than making trouble with these people, it would be better to let them leave directly through the teleportation formation instead of making trouble on the Green Planet.

Anyway, Continent Y had enough of the three returnees.

Riya didn't know the details anymore, but she heard that the three of them refused to cooperate with the officials and nearly fought against each other. The tension was high and none of the three returnees were willing to leave the Green Planet.

This made the situation really bad.

"The returnee from Continent X, Leon, will come and greet us. The island where he's located is nearby and it's said that he will help in case it's necessary," Samuel said when they were on the plane.

The distance between Continent Z and Continent X was a bit far, so they took the plane instead of the helicopter.

Though, the two of them would have preferred using helicopter instead.

Because they would be able to look outside if it was helicopter instead of the plane.

Thankfully, there were not many flying magic beasts around this area because it had been cleaned over by them all forcefully some time ago.

Peter and Dina were also going to Continent X, but they took different plane because their location was far away from each other. Dina was not far from the crack while Peter was still on the beach.

These locations were far away from Riya and there were no teleportation formation nearby.

So Continent Z could only prepare more airplane to transport these returnees to Continent X.

Riya didn't know what the higher ups would feel, though.

All the returnees from Continent Z wanted to leave the Green Planet and they couldn't do anything but to support them.

Once they left, it would be up to them to protect Continent Z.

Hopefully, there wouldn't be any emergency.

"Leon?" Riya repeated and then frowned. "I have never met him before."

Not all returnees knew each other and her meeting Jonas Nolan was only a coincidence. She didn't even know the other returnees aside from hearing about their reputation and deeds in that world.

Meeting personally?

There was no chance for them to meet in that world and Riya didn't have much expectation either.

After all, Riya knew very well that these returnees all have their own lives.

"I have seen him." Samuel thought for a moment and then said, "He's a good and relatively simple person. His fighting strength is not very strong, but his mana control is one of the best aside from you. Of course, his best achievements are his weapons that he refined."

In that world, Samuel had already met with Leon.

The two of them were not that close to each other, but they knew the other party's characters to a certain degree.

In a way, Samuel knew that Leon is quite good.

At least, he didn't have to worry about himself wanting to kill the other party just like when he saw Murin.

"Ok." Riya nodded.

The plane landed and the two of them went down.

To be honest, Riya felt that Continent Z was treating them too well. Almost their every requests would be fulfilled, so she also left behind a lot of things to Mr. Jones and it was up to him whether he wanted to donate it to the continent or to use it to negotiate some terms.

Anyway, she believed that he would know the proportions.

Chapter 890: Continent X

"Welcome to Continent X," a soldier came forward and greeted Samuel and Riya. "There's no airport in the designated island and everyone had to travel by ship. It has been prepared and we're just waiting for the other returnees to arrive."

"Has the other arrived?"

"Mr. Peter and Ms. Dina has already arrived. The two of them are staying inside with Mr. Leon."

"Ok."

Samuel and Riya followed behind the soldier and walked closer to the waiting room. Even though it was called waiting room, it was actually a beach view villa with a lot of soldiers protecting the place.

From the way it looked like, Leon has a very important position in Continent X.

“So much for hiding his identity for a long time,” Riya murmured.

Samuel also nodded helplessly.

The two of them knew that Leon has been hiding his identity for a long time before the second earthquake forced him to appear in front of everyone and announced the fact that he's the returnees.

Moreover, Leon was not able to fight freely on the frontline.

It was the soldiers who had to step forward and used the powerful weapon he gave them to fight against the magic beasts.

“Mr. Samuel and Ms. Riya from Continent Z are here.”

“Hey, Samuel, Riya, you two are here!” Peter energetically jumped up from the sofa and waved his hand energetically.

Seeing Peter, the two of them nodded politely.

Riya's eyes couldn't help but fall on Peter's clothes and her lips twitched slightly. She could see that he was wearing the clothes that had been specifically designed for him underneath, but what was with that bright red jacket?

It was really eye catching...

“It's been a while, Peter.” Samuel nodded and he could sense that Peter was getting stronger after advancing to rank 7. It seemed that his training over the years were not for nothing.

“Hey, hey~.” Peter laughed.

On the side, Dina nodded politely at the two of them and then focused her attention back to her phone. She didn’t have much interest in socializing, especially when the other party were also fellow returnees.

Having met with these two people back in City J Base, Dina felt that it would be better to stay away from them.

She didn’t want to be suspected of wanting to take their mana.

Tsk.

Even if they were the only magician and magic warriors left on the entire Green Planet, Dina would never dare to scheme against them. Just from the fact that she had suffered a lot in the past because of them, she didn’t really want to cause more trouble for herself.

It was already good enough that they would not bother with each other.

Anything more would be very troublesome.

“Hello, I’m Leon,” A young man stepped forward and introduced himself politely.

He had bright red hair and his face showed his youthful countenance. The aura around him was weaker, but it was really stable.

Riya looked at the young man and smiled politely. “Hello, I’m Riya.”

“Samuel,” Samuel replied and then arched his eyebrows. “You always slack off in terms of advancing your own rank.”

“...Can you please not open up my black history upon meeting again, Sam?” Leon couldn’t help but complain when he heard Samuel’s words.

“Your rank is too low.”

Leon smiled helplessly.

He also knew about this, but he never had any plan to make big splashes like Samuel and the others. If it was not because the higher ups told him that the returnees who had reached rank 7 would receive a message...

It was estimated that he would reject the higher ups’ request for him to come here and would rather stay in his small village.

“I’ll catch up soon enough. It should be possible for me to reach rank 7 within a year’s time,” Leon said peacefully and then added, “Do you need me to prepare some weapons for you?”

“No, I have my own weapon.” Samuel shook his head.

In that world, Leon had helped Samuel to prepare weapons to fight. Of course, Samuel paid for those weapons and didn’t get it for free.

But it was also because of this that the two of them knew each other.

“Ok.”

“How’s the crack?” Samuel remembered something and asked.

“I didn’t dare to go in and the soldiers are protecting the place tightly,” Leon replied. “I will try to go inside after reaching mid rank 6 so that I have more strength to protect myself. Before that, I better stay behind and not hope too much.”

Samuel nodded.

Riya glanced in the direction where the crack was located and then moved her eyes away. She looked on the second floor and her eyes flickered slightly.

There was a familiar presence there.

But, is it...?

“My girlfriend is upstairs and it’s not convenient for her to meet you,” Leon admitted frankly when he saw Riya seemed to be interested in the person upstairs.

He knew that upon reaching rank 7, their perception would increase rapidly and it was basically impossible for Leon to hide the fact that there was someone over there. It would be better to be honest and then prevent them from meeting with his girlfriend directly.

After all, her strength was not even as strong as him.

“...You look for an ordinary person to be your girlfriend?” Dina’s expression was a bit strange when she looked at Leon.

The person upstairs had some strength, but it was really weak in her perception.

At most... rank 4?

Someone with such strength could even attract Leon’s attention?

“A relationship didn’t have to look at their strength,” Leon said with a smile, but the look in his eyes were a bit dangerous.

Even though he was not Dina's opponent right now, it might not be the same when he deployed all of the weapons he had prepared for himself.

At least, Dina wouldn't be able to kill him easily even if she wanted to.

Happy New Year everyone~ <3