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Chapter 931: Their Pasts (4)

BANG!

Being pushed back, Samuel raised his head and saw a slime like creature was standing in front of him.

It was moving slowly, but the pressure it exerted was by no means any less than the rank 8 magic beast that he had faced before. It was obvious that this creature was at least rank 8.

Samuel's expression twitched.

Buzz!

It had warned that there was a rank 8 magic beast, but Samuel was not listening!

Now look at this!

The sword was furious and wanted to jump out to make trouble, but Samuel restrained the sword.

He didn't know whether the room has been breached or it was because of some other reason that there was a rank 8 magic beast inside the room. But no matter which one it is, he had to deal with this slime as fast as possible.

Splash!

The slime moved and Samuel quickly avoided it to the side while calculating the opponent's speed and power. He had to say that this rank 8 slime was really powerful and not something that he could possibly deal easily.

Damn it.

Samuel clicked his tongue and then quickly drew his sword.

Slash!

The sword cut through the slime, but it was uninjured and returned back to normal. Any physical attack would not have any effect on slime like magic beasts and only magic could possibly harm them.

It was also because of this that many warriors hated the slime very much.

Because they couldn't attack it unless their aura was of higher rank than the slime. If they were of the same rank or lower, then their aura would be useless and they had no other choice but to run away.

So when facing slime like magic beasts, only magicians and magic warriors could stay behind.

Samuel had experience facing the slime, but he still wanted to try using physical attacks.

The result?

There was no surprise.

Seeing the slime was wiggling around and then splashed out a lot of water, Samuel nimbly avoided it while calculating what magic spells would be useful. He couldn't just run away and wanted to try out dealing with this rank 8 slime.

Because for some reasons, Samuel felt that the appearance of this rank 8 magic beast was a bit odd.

"I'll be the channel of thunder, transmitting the power of lightning and projecting it towards my enemy... the great lightning spear!"

Boom! Crackle!

Lightning converged, turning into the strongest attack power as Samuels struck down the slime once again. His speed and strength surpassed the slime, so it was not a problem to hit it.

As for whether the hit would be effective or not, it would remain to be seen.

Buzz!

The slime suddenly stopped moving and the next moment, it turned into a puddle of water with only a ball like thing stayed in the middle of the puddle.

Samuel glanced at it and instantly recognized it as a magic tool.

This was a magic tool that could be used to stimulate and replicate other people or magic beasts. This magic tool was quite expensive and was commonly used for practice in their family for the younger generation.

Reason?

Because this tool was a bit weak against lightning and for those of higher ranks, they only needed to use their lightning magic spells to deal with it.

Once they did, they would be able temporarily disable the mechanism.

Samuel paused.

He picked the tool up and his expression was a bit strange.

“It’s a test?”

Only someone from their family would use lightning element as their first countermeasure. Because lightning element was considered rare and there were not many people who could possibly use it.

Moreover, the lock had to use their family’s blood and mana to open.

The defense mechanism was really high.

If other people were to face the rank 8 magic beast... many of them would choose to run away.

Besides, Samuel knew that this tool was designed to give out magic beast at one rank higher than the opponent. Because only in this way would it be possible for them to train.

He could also use it to practice later.

Putting aside his doubts, Samuel made his way inside and looked at the thing inside.

He froze.

“A video stone?”

It was another magic tool but the use was for recording.

With doubts in his heart, Samuel infused his mana into the recording stone and watched over the video in front of him. Seeing his father’s appearance and then the explanation about various things, Samuel was dumbfounded.

He was silent, listening to his father’s words from the beginning until the end.

How could he possibly know... the truth would be like this?

His fingers clenched into a fist, testament to his uncomfortable emotions.

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Long distance away, Ruth's location

Jleb! Thud!

Another magic beast had fallen down and Ruth looked at the magic beast with an indifferent look. She had been fighting with a lot of magic beasts along the way as she slowly made her way back to the familiar location.

Even if she wanted to say familiar... to be honest, the world had changed so much that it didn't look that familiar anymore.

But she still chose the same direction that would lead her to the place where she used to be.

Ruth didn't come from any powerful background.

In fact, her background was one of the lowest one among the returnees as she was a village girl.

Perhaps, not that much different from Riya and Peter as they didn't have any access to magic and other various practice. They had to work hard on their own, looking for methods to start their practice and becoming a magician or other professions.

The village she used to stay was close to a city, so Ruth looked for the city first.

Once she found it, she headed in the direction where the village used to be.

But...

Ruth looked at the different part of the forest in front of her and pursed her lips.

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The village was gone.

It was in the literal senses.

Even though there were still some items that indicated there used to be fields and houses over here, there were many trees and other plants growing on the place. Years have passed and after the land was left unattended, nature took its course and filled the place.

It was devastating.

Yet, it was also expected.

If there were no one who survived, who would have time to pay attention to these things and possibly take care of these places?

Despite knowing that, it was impossible for Ruth not to feel disappointed.

She came running here, crossing several rivers and valleys.

Knowing that they were back to Afirer Kingdom, there were some unrealistic hope brewing in her heart and now, Ruth realized that there was simply no hope.

It was obvious that nothing would remain here.

The people whom she used to know were also people who could not possibly protect themselves when the grand magic beasts' tide happened.

'Where should I go now?'

For a moment, Ruth felt at loss before her gaze refocused. When she came to this world, her main goal was to practice and not to figure out the past. They have no knowledge that they would enter the same world they used to be.

So how could they possibly think about figuring out what had happened after their death in the past?

It was nothing more than a momentary thought.

Now, she still has the Green Planet that will experience the same thing as this world, so she had to work hard to get stronger.

Swish!

Moving across the forest once more, Ruth made her way towards the other locations without hesitation.

Forest is basically her second home when she was in this world before. She was used to live in the forest and this time, she would try to deal with the magic beasts and got enough resources for her to advance to rank 8.

The methods that she had learned before were enough.

She just had to train step by step to become stronger.

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Bang!

In the distance, Peter was rummaging through the ruins.

To be honest, Peter didn't really want to do this either, but he didn't have much practice method and resources above rank 7. Because of his background and the fact that he was poor, he often had to 'steal' other people's knowledge secretly.

Otherwise, it would have been impossible for him to learn those children magic spells and contributed them to the Green Planet.

The effects was a bit...

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There was no need to mention the embarrassment during that period of time anymore.

Peter didn't want to recall it either.

Anyway, when he saw those people's gaze when they read what he had written, Peter felt that he was so embarrassed that he wanted to dig his toes into the ground and never resurfaced again in his life.

Ahhh...

The only thing he should be thankful of was the fact that he's a warrior.

So even if he told them that he had heard of some magic spells and could write it down, they would never suspect that he was using it himself.

After all, he didn't even have mana.

How could he use magic spells?

After advancing to rank 7, Peter could already sense the mana, but he had no plan to use it. Because he knew very well that his body has been trained and it was basically impossible for him to fuse it with mana.

Otherwise, he would have to spend a long time practicing the mana meditation and so on.

His body's balance would be thrown off if he tried to introduce mana into his body.

So Peter didn't try to be greedy.

The only thing he was greedy off was various practice methods from various places. The problem is, Peter didn't know how true these practices were.

"Well, just bring them back home..."

For magician and magic warrior's practices that he found, he could only bring it back and let the expert judge for themselves. Anyway, he had no plan on practicing it and only brought it for the sake of the Green Planet.

For the warrior's practice, he could still judge whether it was really useful or not.

There were many low level warrior's practice that he found but many of these magic scrolls had been damaged.

Judging from the extent of the damage, some of them were damaged by the battle, which he assumed to be the grand magic beasts. The others were damaged with time and the paper had worn off.

Mana is indeed useful.

But it was not omnipotent.

When the mana slowly dissipated from the magic scroll, the magic scroll would lose its effectiveness.

At that time, what awaited them would be nothing more than scraps that couldn't be used.

Peter felt some pity for these magic scrolls, but he also knew that it was impossible for him to take advantage of this all the time.

It was already good enough that he could get some.

“Now, I better start practicing.”

After getting a relatively good magic scroll, Peter planned to practice in the forest first and kill some magic beasts. He didn't know what the others were doing, but he hoped that they were also doing well like him.

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Riya's side

Riya was rushing over to Afirer Kingdom's Capital City.

To be honest, the first time she came to this world, she was not living in the capital city but in a small village not far from the capital city.

She had no parents, no relatives, no one to rely on.

It took her some time to be able to gain enough funds to go to the academy and started learning about magic and so on.

Through the entrance test, she knew that her magic talent was not high.

But she was not discouraged.

Being able to come to this magical world, Riya would try whatever it took in order to be able to learn magic and all.

Chapter 933: Space Lock

Riya had to say that sometimes hard work paid off because she managed to become a powerful rune master.

In the beginning, how many people were not optimistic about her?

But she proved with her actions that she could still win.

In this way, she managed to climb up and become someone not many people dared to offend in their entire life...

Or well...

At least, within the rune master association.

After all, Riya didn't really bother making a name for herself like the other geniuses who were so famous that it was impossible not to hear their names.

Riya didn't have much interest to become famous or anything like that.

"Another city destroyed..." Riya looked at the destroyed city, feeling somewhat unbearable as she stopped and entered the ruins.

Along the way, she had already seen several ruins and Riya had to say that seeing such a thing still made her feel sad.

Because she had seen them at the time of their glory and it was definitely far better than the current look.

Everything has been destroyed.

Riya sighed as she looked through the ruins, trying to find some magic scrolls and checked their contents one by one. These belonged to various families that used to thrive and was so powerful that no one dared to offend them.

But now, these magic scrolls were basically unowned.

Riya looked at these things and pursed her lips, keeping them inside one space storage scroll after checking the content. She didn't have much knowledge of some topics, so she put them in the second space storage scroll. While those that she understood and knew that it was correct were put on the first space storage scroll.

While she didn't plan to use these, she could donate them.

In a way, this could be said to let their inheritance continue to be practiced by people.

But the one who practiced it wouldn't be the people in Afirer Kingdom but someone from a completely different world.

"Sorry, I might not have your permission, but the people behind me needs it more," Riya whispered in a low voice.

She never thought about getting these things in the first place. Only after seeing the ruined city did she think about something like this and after knowing that this is Afirer Kingdom, she knew that she was familiar with most of their practices and technique.

It couldn't be said that she knew how to practice them.

But many magic spells and meditation names were extremely famous. Some people were even dedicated in analyzing these magic spells and meditation in order to be able to counter the people who practiced it.

Riya also listened to those things when she had time.

Because her fellow senior and juniors also loved to listen to this kind of thing.

This helped them to understand magic more and various theories about magic and mana could also be implemented for runes.

In a way, they were also learning and adapting what they had learned.

Riya was among them.

And since she was the only one who pursued extreme rune master's path among the teacher's students, Riya had a completely different way of utilizing mana and magic spells compared to the others.

Even though it was not particularly remarkable in the beginning, but she eventually surpassed them.

As Riya collected the magic scrolls, she sighed.

Ever since knowing that this is Afirer Kingdom, she kept on reminiscing about her past in this world.

"Is it impossible to lock away those memories?" Riya murmured to herself.

When she found herself back to her 'first live' and saw her step mother, all she could feel is anger.

Anger for the request that woman dared to ask her.

She didn't give birth to her and instead destroyed her family, yet she asked for her kidney in such nonchalant tone as if it should have been hers.

If it was not because Riya was back to the modern world, she would have long killed that woman.

After that, she seemed to realize that she was actually really back.

Instead of falling into memories of her first life like what she thought in the beginning.

Illusion magic existed.

Even though illusion was not very popular because its power was limited and most magicians have powerful soul due to their meditation, there were still some people who learned this kind of magic.

After all, it could be used against warriors.

Warriors have strong body, but their practice was very different from magicians, so they were usually weaker to illusion.

There were naturally some exception, but Riya never truly paid attention to it.

After all, she didn't learn any illusion and didn't have any interest in it either.

Her soul was strong since she learned meditation and could barely be considered as magician. Though, her real profession is rune master but most people would still categorized rune master under magicians.

In this world, Riya didn't mind.

On the Green Planet...

Riya really hoped that they could separate these two professions because she felt really embarrassed.

Those magicians were using the magic spells that she would never use in her entire life...

It was really embarrassing.

But perhaps, for the sake of power, many people would not care about their so called face anymore.

"I have tried not to remember these things..." Riya sighed as she ran in the forest once more, rushing over to the north where Afirer Kingdom's Capital City was located.

On the Green Planet, Riya buried her feelings and emotions of this world.

Because she knew that no matter what she thought, she wouldn't be able to see them again.

And when she learned about the grand magic beasts' tide from other returnees... she could guess that none of them would be able to survive.

Her senior, juniors, and even her master were all rune masters who loved using teleportation formation.

But what if they encountered space lock?

Just like at the moment of her death... she couldn't use teleportation formation because the space was locked and sealed.

Chapter 934: Afirer Kingdom's Capital City

Every magic has its countermeasure.

It just depends on whether they could learn it or not.

Riya had long known that magic is not omnipotent and various magic spells had other magic spells that could counter them. And the magic spells that countered them could be countered by other magic spells.

It was simply an endless cycle.

So no matter how strong she is, one should not feel arrogant.

Because someone else might have learned magic spells that could perfectly counter them or something like that.

When they faced such an opponent, what awaited them would be nothing more than their own death.

Riya knew it very well.

It was also because of this that she prepared a lot of countermeasure in case the teleportation formation couldn't be used. But when she had to face several opponents that were of higher ranks than her and were attacking fiercely, everything she had were consumed at rapid speed.

She knew that she couldn't survive.

So at the very last moment, the only thing she could do was something that every magician could do.

Exploding their own mana heart and destroyed their enemies along with their own death.

It could be said to be the most violent counterattack that any magician could ever made in their entire life. At the cost of their own life, they killed the enemies who were nearby and if their enemies were not strong enough, they would not be able to survive this explosion.

Mana is a kind of energy.

So describing how the explosion looked like... it was probably something like the nuclear explosion or something similar to it.

Riya was not entirely sure.

She had never seen other people exploding their mana heart and what she knew was when she herself did it.

What she felt was nothing but pain and the blinding light that surrounded her.

After that, she left.

Swish!

Seeing a few magic beasts along the way, Riya narrowed her eyes. She was actually hoping that she could reach the capital city without encountering any magic beasts along the way.

"I don't really want to fight, so can you leave on your own?" Riya asked earnestly, not really expecting them to understand.

Roar

Well, these magic beasts were not smart enough.

Swish! Bang!

What followed was a few explosion and these magic beasts fell to the ground. Riya tossed their bodies into her world, turning them into mana that nourished her world and kept the magic cores.

Seeing that one of them was a non elemental magic core, Riya was satisfied.

Non elemental magic cores were actually quite hard to obtain.

Because many magic beasts had their own innate magic element and would train their mana and magic in accordance to that element. Some of them that didn't have any element in the early stage could also absorb elemental type of mana after they grew up.

In this way, their magic core would not remain as non elemental magic core.

It would turn to whatever element they chose.

Swish! Bang!

Riya easily dealt with the magic beasts along the way.

Perhaps it was her luck or something else, but she didn't encounter any rank 8 magic beast along the way.

This made Riya wonder if there were not many rank 8 magic beast in this world.

'Is the one at the gate coincidence or the stronger magic beasts are all outside Afirer Kingdom?'

Riya was thinking as she made her way.

Being alone and had no one to talk to, her mind became extremely active and Riya was thinking about various things.

This world was really big and Afirer Kingdom was only one kingdom among many others.

As for how many kingdoms are there....

Sorry, Riya didn't know.

She didn't specifically learn geography when she was still in this world and only knew bits and pieces from what she heard from others. Perhaps Samuel would know about it more because of his family's background and the study he received.

Before she became rune master, Riya was busy working to support herself and to save money to learn magic and so on.

After she became rune master, Riya was busy learning various knowledges about runes and so on that she often forgot about other things.

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Otherwise, her misconception that Samuel fixed about talent would remain that way until the very end.

Well, it was a bit embarrassing.

Thankfully, Riya is not exactly magic theories teacher and only taught runes to others. For magic spells and so on, she only wrote down the chants and let them practice by themselves.

She's not a magician!

Riya still refused to be called magician when she was on the Green Planet.

Just thinking about the image of magicians there... Riya felt that she would never ever be willing to be called a magician.

Anyway, the world is really vast.

Afirer Kingdom alone was extremely big and people usually traveled through the teleportation formation. Because if they were to use ordinary transportation to come forward, they might take weeks to arrive to their destination.

That is if their rank was high enough.

For ordinary people, it would take years to travel from one end of Afirer Kingdom to the other end.

And so far, Riya couldn't see any rank 8 magic beast.

It was actually a bit strange.

Tep.

Finally, Riya arrived at Afirer Kingdom's Capital City.

The Capital City was such a big city before, but now, all Riya could see was the extremely large ruins.

Magic fluctuation remained and Riya guessed that there were still a lot of magic tools remaining.

But these had become ownerless.

Riya pursed her lips and then stepped in.

The buildings had long fallen and the bustling street was filled with nothing but rocks. The large castle in the middle of the capital city was now nothing more than pile of rocks in messy shapes.

Everything had changed.

Everything has been destroyed.

Everything was washed away in the passage of history, turning into nothing but a piece of history.

Chapter 935: Rune Master Association

Riya stared at the ruins of the castle in the distance.

Afirer Kingdom has monarchy system with king and queen. But if one had to say, every city was somewhat independent on their own.

The distance between each city was far away.

Even if they could use the teleportation formation to go from one city to another quickly, not everyone were willing to waste the mana stone. After all, the longer the distance, the more mana they would need to consume.

And no one would be stupid enough to use their own mana to activate the teleportation formation.

After all, the mana required would be too large.

They would end up exhausting their own mana first if they wanted to travel for a long distance.

Back then, Riya had already almost killing herself when she used the teleportation plate to bring herself and the others further away from the rank 8 magic beasts' attack range. Thankfully, she set up restriction on herself so that she would not use up more than the current amount of mana.

As the result, they ended up teleporting nearby, though.

Thinking about that, Riya felt a bit embarrassed.

She was really not very good at using the random teleportation formation plate.

'Maybe I can try to improve this... but randomly teleporting didn't seem to be that convenient either. What if I can control the direction to a certain degree...' Riya was thinking in her mind.

The random teleportation could indeed save lives at the critical moment.

While it would still be hindered by the space lock or something like that, but she didn't have to set up teleportation formation in the destination.

This will usually cost more mana.

But if she could perfect the technique...

Riya thought for a moment before pushing the thoughts away and walked into the Capital City of Afirer Kingdom.

She could think about this later.

For now, there was something more important that she had to do.

Even though most buildings had long turned into ruins, Riya could still faintly remember how it used to be when this place was still filled with its former glory.

It was not a very pleasant thing to compare it, though.

Riya sighed in her mind.

She stopped in front of a building.

The building was half ruined and half standing.

“The rune master Association,” Riya whispered in a low voice.

The four years she spent in this world, in Afirer Kingdom, she spent most of it in this building. Because her master is here to teach them and she could easily obtain a lot of resources through trading with the points she earned after handing over the completed formation plate or magic scrolls.

The Rune master Association will sell the completed formation plate and magic scrolls to others.

They have their own way to earn profit.

So no matter how much they spent to get those materials, they would definitely earn more.

Riya was too lazy to go out on her own to look for the materials.

Because buying it herself might mean that she ended up getting scammed and paid higher than its original price. She had to refer to the price in the association and after some time, she gave up trying to buy the materials outside.

Most of the materials would be bought from the Rune master Association.

And some rare materials would either be collected personally or she could buy it at some auctions.

Because some materials were rare.

Thanks to this, Riya spent most of her time inside the Rune master Association and had no intention of leaving the place in the slightest bit. She only made some trip occasionally and the rest of the time were spent here.

And it was not lonely either.

Because she had her master and his other disciples accompanying her.

“Haha... no wonder I was resistant of staying in my world for a long time,” Riya whispered to herself.

Perhaps, it was because she had once experienced what the loneliness felt when she was still in this world. Her master and her senior and junior brother and sisters were there when she was here, so she would not be lonely.

But if she stayed in that world alone...

She would truly be alone.

So even if she was so pissed off with her family members, she still chose to stay outside and played with Amelia and the others.

Even if she didn't spend that much time, she would still choose to be outside.

Perhaps, the root cause was actually from here.

Riya tried to smile, yet the corner of her mouth couldn't be raised.

It seemed as if something was blocking her movements.

Something that should have been so easy become so difficult at this time.

She pursed her lips slightly.

Her eyes moved towards the building as she walked inside. For a moment, she tried to distract herself by thinking that other people might be doing the same thing.

Entering their most familiar place.

As for what they saw...

Isn't it the same ruins that basically destroyed everything and leaving nothing.

Riya looked at the familiar desk in front of him and then glanced to the side. The ruined part was the warehouse area where the treasures were usually located. Most of the materials for making magic scrolls and so on were also placed there.

Right now, it was completely destroyed and the materials would have long been buried under the ruins.

Considering that it was not protected by mana, Riya even wondered whether it would have been destroyed by now.

After all, she didn't know how much time has passed.

The time frame between this world and the Green Planet was not the same. The teleportation formation had guaranteed that they would have three years in this world at most, but who knows how much the real time difference between the two world is.

She moved her eyes to the other side.

The Rune master Association is a large building that looked smaller on the outside, but it used formation in the inside, allowing them to live in a spacious area.

Chapter 936: Riya Past

The rule of space and time was really complicated.

Even after reaching rank 7, Riya couldn't say that she understood those laws. There were still many things that she didn't know. These laws were what the rune masters used to contract the Rune Master Association.

Just staying here would help many people increase their understanding and perception of laws.

It was also because of this that the Rune Master Association was extremely popular for a period of time.

At least, until there were other methods that they could use to practice.

And the Rune Master Association also started to charge people who wanted to stay here for a long time.

"Unless you're a rune master, you can't stay in the Rune Master Association's building for a long period of time."

Riya could still remember that some people were complaining when she first came to the Rune Master Association. Because they felt that this privilege should be given to others who were more talented in understanding laws and so on.

But the rune masters refused to budge.

They were the one who created this place for the rune masters, so why are those magicians have to get involved?

Riya could still remember the childish debate at that time.

It was really lively.

But looking at the place that had turned into ruins and those things remained as nothing more than her memory... Riya could only restrain herself and tried hard not to think too much about it.

Because if she did, she might not be able to restrain her emotions anymore.

Even so...

From the moment Riya realized that this is Afirer Kingdom and seeing so many familiar places and all, the memory that had started to move inside her mind couldn't be stopped anymore.

Various familiar pictures, scenes, and even stories appeared in her mind one after another as if trying to let her remember everything.

The memory she thought she had long forgotten just resurfaced unconsciously.

How much she missed this world...

Riya didn't know.

She didn't stop and moved towards the other building.

Seeing the door heading to her and the other apprentice's room, Riya's expression was a bit complicated.

From all places, these places were the few things that still remained intact after such a long period of time.

And here Riya thought that it would have been destroyed.

She actually hoped that it could be destroyed instead.

So much time has passed ever since then, even though it was only slightly more than two years for her who was staying on the Green Planet, but so much time has passed in Afirer Kingdom.

Riya slowly raised her hand and pushed the door open.

Kreak!

The door was no longer in good condition.

In normal time, it would have long been repaired with magic. Moreover, with the magic protection in this world, most things would remain the same way even after such a long time has passed.

Yet, this door almost could be said to malfunction.

Just how much time has passed?

And how much destruction has this world actually experienced before?

Riya's fingers trembled slightly as she slowly pushed the door open, revealing a relatively empty room.

It's her room.

The room where she stayed when she still lived in this world.

Rune master was not used to put things behind and most of the time, they would put their entire belonging inside the space storage scrolls. Riya was also the same, so when she died, she basically also lost everything she has.

Their room was nothing more than a place for them to rest when they were tired.

So she was not surprised to see it empty.

“But it’s really clean...”

Riya didn’t have the habit of cleaning up her room and usually only used her cleaning magic. Because she felt that it was a waste of time and magic simply made everything easy and convenient.

After such a long time has passed... how could it remain so clean?

Riya’s eyes trembled as she looked at one side where a small tool was staying there. She knew that thing.

It’s the toy that her senior sister loved to make.

Her lively senior sister is also a rune master but she has the side profession of a weapon refiner. But her talent was actually not that high and everything she made could only be used for various lifestyle matters.

Their other senior and juniors often teased her for that.

And the best one that she could make was this toy... a toy that could preserve a room’s state for a long period of time.

Riya slowly stretched her hand tapped the toy.

It was slightly warm.

But from the worn out appearance of the toy, Riya knew that it wouldn’t last much longer and the magic had almost run out.

“Did you use up another powerful magic cores to make your toy again?” Riya whispered. “Be careful that Master will reprimand you again.”

After that, Riya closed her eyes.

How could she forget these days?

She remembered each and every single one of them as it had already carved marks into her heart.

Her life in Afirer Kingdom was far from easy, but it was extremely fulfilling.

With so many people who genuinely cared for her and treated her as a family member.

She missed them all...

Riya looked at the room and slowly closed it, not wanting to be reminded of everything. But as she turned to look at the side, she saw the doors that headed to her senior and junior's room.

They were all living in the same area with their rooms beside each other. Of course, they would not visit each other for no reason if they have nothing to do.

Riya also has no intention of entering her senior and juniors' room.

Even after their death, Riya felt that it would be better to leave it be.

‘Where did they die...?’

Even though Riya didn't want to think about it, she couldn't help but ask herself the question she had tried to avoid for a long period of time.

Chapter 937: Riya Past (2)

Her death happened just short a few days before the grand magic beasts' tide. She didn't even know if her master and senior and juniors were aware of her death because there were a lot of fights that happened every single day.

When she self destructed... it meant that not even her corpse would be left behind.

Riya's eyes flickered as she moved along, trying not to think too much about that day. Because if she did, she would clearly remember that bone shattering pain that seemed to spread all over her body.

Mana heart is their source of energy.

Just imagine a nuclear explosion, but it happened within one's body. Or strapping bombs all over one's body and then exploded it.

While the action seemed stupid, but the pain was something like that.

It spread all over her body before she lost her consciousness.

The feeling of her entire body shattering made Riya didn't want to recall it anymore.

After the pain, it was endless darkness and at some unknown point of time, she was back to her first life.

Not wanting to sink herself in her memory, Riya continued to walk until she reached a familiar door.

"My teacher's room..."

Riya looked at her teacher's study room, the office room that she often visited when she was in this world.

To be honest, for her to be accepted as her master's disciple was a matter of coincidence.

He saw her talent as rune master in the class and decided to take her in.

Since she had no one else and he had a rather good reputation, Riya agreed and followed her master. That was when she met with his other disciples and they helped her to get started in her path as rune master.

Within a year, she had surpassed the other disciples in the matter of runes and formation, especially because she was following the path of extreme rune master instead of a magician.

Thinking about their expression when her master said that her skills as rune masters were already better than them, Riya smiled unconsciously.

Her stern senior brother nodded at her, giving her congratulation. "I know you can do it, Junior Sister."

Her lively senior sister looked sad as if she was about to cry. "Not again.... Why are you so fast, Junior Sister? Now I will be punished by master!"

Her ambitious senior brother snorted. "I'll surpass you again!"

Her cute junior sister would look at her with adoration. "Senior Sister, you're amazing!"

"Ah..."

Riya rubbed her eyes, trying hard not to recall those days anymore.

Whenever she thought that she would never be able to see them again, Riya would feel earth shattering pain in her heart. Because she knew very well that in the four years in this world, these people were already like her real family members.

Even though they didn't really spend that much time together because everyone had the same dream of reaching the peak, they would still interact with each other from time to time.

It was a harmonious relationship.

Riya missed it.

She missed everyone and actually hoped from the bottom of her heart that they could still be alive.

But how could it be?

It's impossible.

Riya knew rationality that they should not have survived and it would be impossible for her to meet them again.

But emotionally, her heart was unwilling to accept it and kept on aching so badly.

Having such a loving 'family' only to lose it all...

Perhaps if she had never been to Afirer Kingdom again, Riya would simply bury this matter deep in her heart and never mention it again in her entire life. But now, everything was forcefully brought up.

Riya looked at the door and pursed her lips.

No matter what, she wanted to know.

Whether she stepped forward or leave right now, Riya felt that she would have regrets, so it's better to satisfy her curiosity.

Even if it meant that she might shatter her own heart.

Kreak.

The door was already half broken and it seemed old as Riya pushed inside. She looked at the door and a bitter smile appeared on the corner of her lips.

This door has been broken even long before her death.

The reason is because their master has always been too absorbed in his work and often neglected his surroundings.

In order to make sure that he could still hear someone coming in, he left the door like this.

At least, this is what their master said to them.

But her stern senior brother told her that the real reason is because the person who broke the door is their master's lover.

Of course, after he said that, he was chased by their master all over the association.

Riya could still remember how her senior brother turned into a pig head after being chased by their Master and then got beaten up.

In his words: don't spread rumors.

As for how true it is, Riya didn't know.

She was more inclined to think that this is the truth, though.

Because she saw that her master was embarrassed and didn't dare to say it.

Everything was really lively.

So full of life and hope.

And the arrival of the grand magic beasts destroyed everything.

Riya lowered her eyes slightly as she walked inside.

The room remained the same as she remembered it used to be. A desk, bookshelf filled with books and other strange items, strange items piled up on the corner, and the grand chair. There was a lamp placed on the table and a stack of books.

It looked clean.

Riya glanced at the walls and noticed that the formation remained intact.

"...How did I manage to enter, then?" Riya asked in confusion.

Her body should be different and since her body is different, her mana should have some differences, right?

Was the rule of the time and space allowed her to have the same body when she came from the Green Planet?

In that case, why did they have to start training from the beginning again?

Chapter 938: Recording Stones

Riya didn't understand.

There were some nagging questions on the back of her head that she could not understand so far.

In fact, there were a lot of questions left unanswered.

No one was here to answer their confusion.

They could only tread forward and try to figure it out with their limited knowledge and ability.

Riya herself didn't know much.

To be honest, when she received the message at first, Riya was confused. She was the first person to advance to rank 7 on the Green Planet, so she was also the first person to receive this message.

And that message had clearly told her that they were all people who had been selected specifically.

Why them?

Are there no other people?

If it was only because of their talent, Riya felt that whoever chose them should have selected other people.

Because many of them have flexible moral bottom line.

Would they be willing to work with all they got in order to protect the Green Planet?

Riya knew that she would because she didn't want to see the Green Planet be destroyed. Even though she couldn't possibly do it for the sake of the whole world because she was not that selfless, she still has many important people on the Green Planet.

They might not be her blood relatives, but they were people whom she hoped to be able to stay alive and well for a long time.

But how about others?

From what she had heard about them, many of them didn't look like people who would be willing to protect the Green Planet.

Those who had seen the grand magic beasts' tide might still be moved to a certain degree.

But it was not impossible for them to prepare a backup escape plan.

Because if they didn't treat the Green Planet as their important homeland, it was very likely for them to leave without hesitation when it was possible.

At that time, is it even possible to force them to protect the Green Planet?

Unless they were willing, it was difficult to force a powerful magicians and others to move in accordance of their wills.

'Forcing others...'

Riya thought about the slave marks.

Slavery existed at some point of time in Afirer Kingdom, but it was abolished later on after the kingdom entered peaceful era. In the past, wars happened between various small kingdoms and those who lost would become the prisoners.

At that time, the slave marks were invented.

It was actually nothing more than runes restraint that would prevent them from using mana and aura. The level of the runes would adjust to the prisoners' rank, preventing them from escaping.

And the strongest that this slave marks could restrain was up to rank 7.

Any higher, the restraint would weaken.

But since they would be unable to practice after being given the slave marks, it was practically impossible for anyone under rank 8 to be freed of this rune.

Because of its effect and impact, everyone was not allowed to learn and passed down the slave marks.

It was banned worldwide.

Some people still tried to dig the historical grounds, trying to find out about it.

If they were found, they would be punished heavily and so far, not many people dared to do something like that.

This could be a way to control others.

But it was full of limitations.

Perhaps, there would be other ways to make them have to fight those magic beasts, but Riya was actually quite doubtful about it. After all, she didn't think that these returnees would be willing to be forced by others.

This was all for the future.

There was no point for her thinking so much.

Her main attention should have been on the formation in the study room that kept it intact and also prevent outsiders from entering.

Is she... not considered an outsider?

Riya was confused.

“Master, you recorded our mana or soul... if you do record our soul, how did you do that?” Riya asked in a low voice, seemingly asking someone yet she was the only person here.

As expected, this felt as if she was talking to herself.

Walking into the study room, Riya took a deep breath. She had the faint feeling that her master might have known something.

Otherwise, it would have been impossible for him to set the permission for her to enter.

Because her body is different.

The only thing that remained the same is her soul.

As for her mana...

Riya was not entirely sure.

Her mana signature might have been different because this is a completely different body and different world.

She was conflicted, but Riya chose to stop thinking about it.

There was no point in thinking too much.

She walked to her master's desk and then walked straight to the bookshelf behind it. There were many things here, but the most important thing was the box that her master had kept for a long time.

Riya remembered that her master said to her that this is a very important box and that only when the situation is important could they open it.

"It's still here..."

Riya actually thought that her master will use the thing inside the box.

Because he said that it was for an emergency.

And the fact that the grand magic beast tide happened... isn't that an emergency?

While confused, she still followed the operation that her master told her about how to open the box. Infusing mana and then blood...

Riya hesitantly cut a wound and dropped the blood and she saw the box opened.

Riya: "..."

So how did her blood could become the marks?

Or did her body remain the same when she came to this world?

This speculation was somewhat outrageous and Riya felt that if this was the case, she would have two parents and so on.

Pushing the thoughts away, Riya opened the box.

When she saw the content, Riya was stunned.

It was not some kind of weapons or scrolls but instead a total of 8 recording stones with one of them far bigger than the others.

Chapter 939: I Don't Regret it

"Ah..."

Riya took a deep breath.

Knowing this would not change anything.

Perhaps her master wanted to tell her this to give some comfort for her.

Because the separation is really painful.

"It's really not fair, Master." Riya lowered her head and paused the recording stone, tears streamed down from her eyes.

She had been holding back ever since she found her room not long ago.

Seeing what her senior sister left behind to her made Riya remember the days when she was still playing around with them.

Because of their master's special treatment to her, his other personal disciples all came forward and showed kindness to her. None of them were really jealous nor would make things difficult to her.

Even if they were somewhat envious of her talent, they just use it to motivate themselves to work harder.

Their relationship was really good.

Every single day was filled with laughter and smiles.

Magician would mediate for a long period of time but because they were still young, they also spend most of their times with each other, playing together and spending their time with each other for various reasons.

None of them would stay secluded in their rooms all the time.

"If you have known the truth for a long time, why did you never stop them?" Riya cried out, pouring out her emotions.

Why give her so much of this time limited affection when he knew that she would have to leave and that the ending of the world was near?

Leaving her behind with so many beautiful memories yet also a bitter ending of the people whom she cared for.

Her master knew very well what would happen.

But he still contacted her, taught her well, and even let his disciples become just like family members for her.

For Riya, who has been living as an orphan on the Green Planet for so many years, this unconditional affection truly touched her. Because she felt that there were not many people who were willing to show her so much kindness like this.

No matter where or when...

Yet, it was all time limited.

Would it be better for her to never experience it or for her to experience it even though it's only for a short period of time?

Riya didn't know.

"I have never been a person who craved for affection, so why is it hurting so much?" Riya whispered in a low voice after crying her heart out.

She has gotten used to live on her own.

With parents on the Green Planet who never cared for her well being and let her live her life freely, Riya never thought that she would ever obtain any family affection. After her so called 'death' after being angered by her stepmother, Riya treated her life in this world as her second life.

She's also an orphan here.

But at the very least, she didn't have to engage in worthless drama with the so called family members and could live her to the fullest.

So Riya enjoyed her life in this world.

It's difficult in the beginning.

After all, Riya knew very well that her background was extremely poor. Moreover, she also has to work hard for her own future. With no one to rely on and a fascinating world, the four years in this world could be said to be extremely fulfilling.

She worked hard from the very beginning.

Her master appreciated her talent and Riya also worked hard because she wanted to become strong.

The care that her master gave to her, the comfortable relationship with her senior and juniors...

Each and every single piece of memory resurfaced in Riya's mind.

She was once so happy.

This world is more dangerous and most of her time was spent on pursuing the runes and knowledge, but it didn't mean that she would not have time to spend with her master and other people around her.

Riya appreciated the time she spent with them.

Each and every single one of them was already like her family members.

"Did you apologize because you know how much I value them, Master?" Riya whispered in a low voice, choking with her own sobs.

It has been a long time since she cried so much like this.

But she couldn't help it.

Thinking about what she had lost and what her master had left her behind... Riya would be lying if she said that she didn't miss everything.

Hearing him mentioning it all in the recording...

It just brought her back to that time and all.

"But... you shouldn't apologize, Master." Riya wiped her tears with her hand and took out some tissue. She didn't know when she packed these things, but it was inside her world and could be conveniently taken out.

Riya felt painful when she thought about the ending of these people whom she truly cared for.

But...

She knew that everyone had their own life.

They didn't regret it.

What her master wanted from the very beginning was for him to live for his planet until the very end.

Hope is slim.

But it's still there.

So he would fight with all he got to try pushing back these magic beasts.

"I don't regret knowing you all," Riya said and composed herself slowly but surely.

It was painful.

She had many things that she wanted to say to her master and her other senior and junior brother and sisters.

She missed them so much.

But she also knew that each and every single one of them have lived their lives to the fullest and they didn't regret how their lives turned out.

Because Riya knew that if she was given the chance...

She would do the same.

The Green Planet will also face something similar to Afirer Kingdom and the reason why Riya came here was because she wanted to become stronger.

Strong enough so that she would be able to fight back against these magic beasts.

Even if there's a high possibility that the Green Planet will also perished...

Riya will step up and fight.

Chapter 940: Live up to his Trust

A smile formed on the corner of Riya's lips.

She knew that this is the decision that she had made from the very moment when she received that message.

Even if she was actually given the choice...

She didn't want to lose her hometown.

Inputting her mana, Riya continued the recording.

The rest of the recording was her master's message for her to take care of herself before he started explaining various matters about runes and formation.

Riya listened attentively.

She felt as if her status has risen sharply in her master's eyes.

Or perhaps...

He actually wanted to promote her to be his close disciple a long time ago. But he didn't do it in the end because it would only increase their pain after separation because it was impossible to change some things.

And her master will definitely refuse to leave in order to fight until the very end.

Live and death separation.

But Riya knew that he didn't regret it.

Once the video recording was over, Riya looked at the other seven recordings and saw that it was his teaching materials.

It was very complete and it was obvious that her master wanted to leave these behind for her so that the rune master's inheritance will never end with him.

She sighed and after checking the room and not finding anything else, Riya stood in front of the desk where she used to stand before. Looking at the empty chair, Riya silently bowed down to thank her master and then left without hesitation.

She had to find a place to practice.

And what her master had left her... it was something that no words of gratitude could possibly repay.

He trusted her so much.

And Riya will live up to his trust.

Even if it was not for the sake of Afirer Kingdom like him, she still has the Green Planet that she wanted to protect.

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Samuel's side

Samuel was staring at the recording in front of him.

In the first part, he heard of his father of this world easily dismantling his identity as someone who came from a different world.

"For those with high enough strength, they can even see through one's soul and know that they come from a different world...." Samuel was surprised.

He had expected that his father in this world could possibly know something, but he never expected that it would be this much.

And because of an agreement that they had made, they would never reveal the identity of these people who came to this world. Even if they were different in their eyes, they would turn a blind eye unless they planned to destroy this world.

Murin was a great example of that.

His action touched the interest of many people, so there were many people who hunted him down and kill him.

But aside from that, they didn't really take any other action.

And after dismantling his identity, he gave out his request as the other party's nominal father in this world.

As for his body...

"Your body in this world is the same as your own body in another world. Nurtured from womb, you're still technically our child. But your soul was incomplete in the past as only a part of it is sent to maintain your basic activity.

That's why your body is stupid and couldn't start practicing even though you're already so old. Only when your soul is finally complete would it be possible for you to start practicing and showcase your real talent to the whole world."

Before Samuel took over the body, it was still him.

But the child was stupid and could be said to be a waste in this family.

Without his family protecting him and secretly hidden him away, it would have been very eye catching to have such a waste in a big family like this.

After all, many other people have already started practicing and reached high rank.

But he couldn't.

"Other forces also know about this and if they have a child selected from the other world, then they would still raise them carefully. Because in our eyes, you're still our flesh and blood.

But if there's such a child in a big family, they will try their best to hide their existence until you're ready to appear in the whole world. This is the reason why on the year prior to the grand magic beast tide, there are many geniuses who start to make their names."

Because many people from the other world have already consolidated their practice and their talent allowed them to soar quickly.

They were all geniuses among the younger generation.

And even if they have soul from another world, how old could they be?

Many of them were still young and being a famous genius, they would be accepting a lot of challenges from many people.

This was what allowed them to spread their fame and become extremely famous in this world.

Samuel listened to his father's words, partially feeling that he was being scolded for fighting with too many people and so on.

For a moment, Samuel felt vaguely embarrassed.

He didn't mean to be so ostentatious.

The problem is, his family's background was really high and there were many people who wanted to challenge him in order to rise to fame or to gauge their own strength. It was impossible for Samuel to accept all of their challenges, but some of them still had to be accepted.

On one side, it could be used as his practice.

And on another side, it was to help him know the level of many other geniuses.

As for other returnees...

Well, some of them were famous and Samuel still knew them. But the rest were not famous and were basically hiding their identity while they were staying in this world.

That kind of action was normal.

Not everyone like fame.

After they came back, they all possessed wealth far beyond people on the Green Planet. So many of them had to be careful to prevent themselves being killed when they were still weak.

"I can't answer you of who send you here because you will have to look for the answer of this question yourself..."