

Last Days 951

Chapter 951: I'm Back

"I'm back," Ruth murmured in a low voice.

After spending three years in Afirer Kingdom, training repeatedly without anyone to talk to, returning to the Green Planet felt much more comfortable.

And with Ruth's return, she handed over the magic beasts' corpses that she collected.

Upon knowing that these were rank 8 magic beasts' corpses, Continent W immediately ordered strict order to stay quiet and not let other continent knew about this.

They didn't want to provoke any war before the grand magic beasts' tide.

Only Jonas Nolan came to Ruth and asked for some of these magic beasts' parts for his potions.

Ruth agreed and the two of them also trained together.

Jonas Nolan was only rank 7, much weaker than Ruth who was already a rank 8 magic warrior. But it was not like he was without means of protection.

It was just...

Many of his methods could only be used one time.

While these two people were basically training, the situation that was basically stable for more than one year started to tense up again.

Because their balance has been broken slightly.

"Do you really go to Afirer Kingdom?" Jonas Nolan asked during one of his discussion with Ruth in his laboratory.

The magic beasts' tide hadn't happened yet, so the two of them still have enough free time from time to time.

Ruth would not spend all of her time practicing and paid a visit to Jonas Nolan.

She didn't understand the principle of how Jonas Nolan made his potion, but it seemed to be quite interesting.

"Yes." Ruth nodded and looked at Jonas Nolan, who was focusing on his potion making. She knew that Jonas Nolan chose not to go because he would be able to play his role better if he stayed on the Green Planet instead of going to that world.

Besides, Jonas Nolan was not good at fighting and if he were to go there, he might end up bothering others instead.

He didn't have enough confidence in his ability to protect his own self.

"Do you regret it, Jonas?" Ruth suddenly asked.

Regret?

Jonas Nolan paused his action for a moment and then gave a bitter smile. "Even if I were there, what can I actually do?"

Just to see the destroyed Afirer Kingdom after the grand magic beasts' tide?

Jonas Nolan had already seen the destruction of his family in that world and he could never forget what he had seen at that time.

He was not a fighter but a support.

What he could do was to stay in the laboratory and continued to make potion after potion.

Jonas Nolan knew very well that he couldn't do anything.

Coming back to that world would only relive him of the pain he experienced at that time when he lost everything.

"I don't regret it," Jonas Nolan said. "I don't want to see that place anymore... not in my entire life."

Ruth couldn't see Jonas Nolan's expression, but she could hear his almost broken voice and was silent.

They all basically have formed their own bonds when they spent four years in that world. Because none of them ever thought that they could return to the Green Planet because they thought that they have 'died.'

As it turned out, they never died.

Their soul was only borrowed for a while to experience a fulfilling four years in a completely different world.

For many of them....

That world, Afirer Kingdom, is a much better world compared to the Green Planet.

Some of the returnees couldn't even accept coming back to the Green Planet and basically rejected everything from the Green Planet, only longing to go back once again just like Murin who seemed to have no intention of coming back.

There were also others who nearly broke down upon their return to the Green Planet.

Jonas Nolan felt that he had lost everything upon his death in Afire Kingdom.

When he found himself waking up on the Green Planet once again, he could only cry.

Because he realized that he still have his family members.

His feeling was extremely complicated.

He lost what he had gained in the past four years yet at the same time, he regained what he thought he had lost four years ago.

Joy and sorrow were mixed together.

But at the end of the day, he had to continue living and not wallow up in sadness.

"There's nothing much to see," Ruth said as she looked at the window, staring at the scenery outside.
"It's not a bad idea to stay here and do what you can instead of going there and realized the truth that there's truly nothing left."

While Ruth herself didn't regret coming back and saw it all with her own eyes, she had to say that it was not something she wished to recall.

Her friends, comrades, and others were all buried in the passage of history.

She was the survivor.

All because she came from a different world and had another chance to live.

It's painful.

But Ruth knew that there was nothing that she could do about it, because no matter what, Ruth didn't want to die yet.

Jonas Nolan took a deep breath and then said, "Yeah."

After that, neither Jonas Nolan or Ruth ever mentioned the matter of Afirer Kingdom with each other again.

They realized that this was a topic that would only invoke pain on both parties.

It's better not to talk about this.

At the same time, Ruth's return also made other continents somewhat restless. After all, the balance of power has been broken.

With Ruth being so powerful... what if she suddenly wanted to take action against them?

While it's unlikely, some people were still worried.

Continent Z was somewhat worried for their returnees.

What if their returnees didn't come back?

But just as they were fretting over this, the magic fluctuation from the island came from the second time and the second person came out. In around three weeks after Ruth's return, the second returnee also came back.

Chapter 952: Peter

It was Peter.

"Tsk, I thought that I'll be the first to come back, but it seems that someone had already come back before me." Peter naturally realized that someone returned before him when he saw the corpse of the rank 8 magic beast not far from the gate.

He had longed to take revenge on this rank 8 magic beast personally after it thrashed them so badly upon their arrival in Afirer Kingdom.

A pity that he wouldn't be able to do it.

"Arrows... this meant that the one who did it should be Ruth." Peter didn't like using his brain, but he's not stupid.

When he saw the rank 8 magic beast's corpse with arrows stuck on its head, he knew very well that the one who killed the rank 8 magic beast should be Ruth.

This meant that she was the first person to return.

As for whether there were already a second person who came back...

Peter didn't have any idea in the slightest bit.

"But it's quite upsetting that I can't leave anything... Hmm, let's leave marks for those who come later so that they know that I have come back." Peter thought about it and grinned.

He aroused the aura in his body and then punched the ground beside the gate.

Boom!

A large crater was formed there and Peter nodded in satisfaction.

As a pure warrior, he had managed to increase his strength rapidly in the past three years thanks to countless hardship and battles that he had experienced.

If Peter had to say...

He didn't really want to repeat this experience again in his entire life.

Now, his own strength had reached rank 8.

And Peter had to say that he's quite satisfied.

"Time to go back."

Peter had to say that coming back to Afirer Kingdom and given the chance to see the bits and pieces of what his former friends and comrades used to do touched him to a certain degree.

But he also knew that he couldn't stay on Afirer Kingdom forever.

The people on the Green Planet were still waiting for him.

So he had to come back.

Swish!

When Peter came back, he breathed a sigh of relief.

At the same time, he realized that there were some people nearby.

Nalan and Navi were still nearby, staying on the boat and hunted the sea type magic beasts around them for food and training.

Upon seeing the fierce oppression from Peter, the two of them didn't even bother greeting the other party and left immediately. It was obvious what Peter had been doing in the other world.

The killing intent and the strong aura suppression that was hard to hide made everyone knew how strong Peter is now.

But Peter chose to lie down on the beach upon his return.

Reason?

"I have been chased by countless rank 8 magic beasts and had to run away from rank 9 magic beast, so let me rest for a bit!" Peter complained when the soldiers asked him to go back quickly.

Upon hearing his complaint, everyone shut up.

Ruth had indeed explained what she experienced in that world, including the fact that she saw rank 8 and even rank 9 magic beast. For the rank 8 magic beast, Ruth had managed to defeat it after reaching rank 8.

But for rank 9 magic beast, she still has to run away.

It was precisely because of this that Ruth was filled with sense of unease and was still training hard even after her return.

Of course, she would not train all day long, but she still spend most of her time training just to make sure that she would be ready to face rank 8 magic beast or even more powerful magic beasts in the future.

Peter also chose to come back at this time because he felt that he would become crazy if he had stay on Afirer Kingdom any longer.

With no one to talk to and having to fight with countless magic beasts all the time...

Peter felt that it was really suffocating.

Once his training was over and he couldn't see any other immediate training result, he chose to come back. After that, he handed over the magic beasts that he had hunted to the cooking department in the Martial Arts Association.

He wanted to eat!

Cooking by himself only resulted in barely passable barbecue.

"I don't care what you cooked these magic beasts' meat as long as it's not barbecue! I really want to vomit whenever I thought about barbecue!" Peter complained loudly while making his request.

The people in the cooking department: "..."

"Do you seriously train hard in that world?" Governor Zachary who was helping Peter felt that Peter is really unreliable.

He specifically came to pick Peter up because he heard about Peter's return.

But now, he had to watch Peter making trouble in the cooking department.

"Of course I was training properly! I can easily defeat a rank 8 magic beast now," Peter replied without hesitation. "But I want to eat first before saying anything."

The people in front of Peter: "... " understood.

In this way, the people from the cooking department had no other choice but to create various dishes to satisfy Peter.

He almost cried when he saw the large amount of dishes on the table.

Peter missed all these food!

With his cooking skills, he could only cook barbecue and the taste was barely passable. While it's edible, it was definitely not his first choice if he had other choices.

Thankfully, Peter still remembered business after eating and drinking enough. He handed over various practices that he had collected from Afirer Kingdom and reminded them that he hadn't confirmed some of them.

It would need a lot of verification.

But this alone was plenty enough for the Green Planet whose training methods were extremely limited.

With this training exercise given by Peter, they would be able to improve faster.

As for magic beasts' corpses....

Chapter 953: Glutton

Peter could only give them a few that he knew couldn't be eaten and the rest had to enter his stomach. They could only take a small samples from the other magic beasts before it all entered Peter's stomach.

Everyone even wondered if Peter was so hungry that he could eat so much.

But seeing that his aura got stronger when he ate these magic beasts, the officials chose to shut up.

It was a good thing that he got stronger anyway.

Besides, Peter's body was covered in scars from head to toe.

It was obvious that he had been fighting against countless magic beasts when he was in the other world with barely enough time to rest.

Even though Peter would not provoke the powerful magic beast, he still provoked many rank 7 magic beasts and rank 8 magic beasts. He did use aura to protect himself, but these magic beasts were extremely strong.

It was basically impossible for him to fully defeat them all the time.

So the end result was that he won narrowly.

"I have already given you enough things, so don't covet my food!" Peter strongly demanded when the officials wanted to get more things from the magic beasts' corpses that Peter brought in.

Seeing his tough stance, they could only take the bones and part that Peter couldn't eat for their own research.

Anyway, Peter didn't mind.

As long as they didn't take the meat and other edible body parts, he would ignore them.

No matter how hungry Peter is, he knew very well that it would be impossible for him to eat the bones and skin.

Peter was not so crazy that he would do such a thing.

"There are some dishes that used bones..." an official from the Martial Arts Association knew some dishes that used the bones, but before he could say it, several people were already glaring in his direction.

Peter couldn't cook, so they could still take advantage of his lack of knowledge to take over the bones, skins, and other inedible parts for themselves.

If he were to tell Peter that there were some of recipes using bones instead, what parts would be left for them to research?

So the man was forcibly silenced through other people's glares.

Thankfully, Peter had no interest to eat the bones.

"I'm not interested in eating the bones." Peter shook his head without hesitation. "Just cook me a lot of delicious meat dishes and it'll be the best option for me!"

"Yes. Don't worry, we'll create a lot of dishes for you."

The people from the Martial Arts Association seemed to realize that after Peter came back this time, he definitely turned into a glutton.

Just how much has he suffered when he was in that world?

Uh...

It seemed that Peter's suffering was mostly on the matter of eating.

Even though they saw that Peter had a lot of scars from his battle, but most of them had healed. As Peter grew stronger, his recovery ability also increased.

Besides, as a warrior who fought on the frontline, it would be impossible for Peter not to be injured in the slightest bit.

For him, these things were nothing.

"That's good. Oh right, I also need a lot of new clothes! Make sure to create the fanciest clothing for me! I don't want to look ugly at all." Peter's clothes have suffered in the hands of those rank 8 magic beast when he was fighting in that world.

While the clothing were relatively durable when fighting against magic beasts lower than rank 8 magic beasts, it was still a bit of a stretch when fighting against the rank 8 magic beast.

Some of their attacks would still cause him trouble.

There were even times when Peter felt that it would be better for him not to wear any clothes at all when he fought.

Otherwise, he would not have any proper clothes to wear.

It would be really embarrassing if he came back in tattered clothes.

"...Understood. But the protective runes from your previous clothes could only be made by Ms. Riya," the clothing department was troubled by this matter.

They could easily make the ordinary clothes.

But if they had to make the formation and runes like what Riya did... none of them could do it.

"Huh? The rune masters still can't do it?" Peter felt that it was a bit of a pity, yet at the same time, he knew that only Riya would be able to learn so many runes at such a short period of time.

After all, everyone else who saw those runes might feel as if they were facing heavenly scripture.

"Yes, it's not possible."

"Then just prepare the clothes first and I'll ask Riya after she came back," Peter said without hesitation.

From his attitude, he seemed to believe that Riya and the others will definitely return and nothing would happen to them in that world.

The officials who came to see Peter felt somewhat relieved.

After all, this meant that even though that world is indeed dangerous, it was not to the point where they had to worry that they would lose their returnee all the time.

"How strong are you now, Peter?"

How strong?

Peter tilted his head and then said, "I have reached the late stage of rank 8 and will reach the peak stage soon. But I always feel that I lack something..."

It was also because he couldn't advance again in the past few months that Peter chose to come back.

After eating these magic beasts meat, he started to feel the long lost improvement again.

This made Peter elated.

The problem is... he brought a limited amount of magic beasts' corpses with him.

So he would definitely await the grand magic beasts' tide and then asked them to cook these magic beasts as soon as he got it.

'I become stronger through eating... I'm not some kind of glutton, right?'

For a moment, Peter even doubted himself.

Chapter 954: The Third Person

But in the end, Peter chose to forget about it.

No matter what, it was a good thing that he managed to improve his strength.

Moreover, Peter's return made Continent Z's confidence shot through the roof once again and they became even more confident during the negotiation with the other continents.

The other two continents could only roll their eyes.

Forget it.

They didn't want to bother with Continent Z.

Their own returnees were not that bad, but in terms of fighting power alone, Ruth didn't seem to be Peter's opponent.

And the two of them didn't really have time for this nonsense.

These returnees would not exactly fight each other just because they requested it. After all, if they didn't have any benefit, these returnees would not even be willing to fight each other.

None of the returnees were weak.

Besides, their focus should be on how to deal with the upcoming grand magic beasts' tide instead of internal strife like this.

Of course, it was not like some of them didn't have such thoughts.

They thought about other returnees.

For example Pena.

Though...

It was highly doubtful that they would be able to drag him out.

It would be a miracle if they could ask that man out of the island where he had been staying all this time.

If they didn't know better, they would have thought that he had glued his leg to his chair.

Only his skeletons were still moving around while he himself stayed in his 'throne room' and monitored the outside world.

And just one week after Peter's return, it was Dina's turn to come back.

When she came to the familiar gate, Dina was actually also wanted to beat up that rank 8 magic beast that had blocked their way before.

She's a vengeful woman.

After gaining strength, what she wanted the most was to let the rank 8 magic beast to suffer.

Unfortunately, Dina found out that the rank 8 magic beast has been killed.

And the rotting body told Dina that this rank 8 magic beast should have died a long time ago. Its body has been eaten by other magic beasts that came to this place and there was barely any remains left.

Then again, it was the laws of this world.

The strong eat the weak.

"Hmm, this marking should have been left by Peter." Dina recognized the crater that Peter made not far from the gate.

When they fought with the rank 8 magic beast, their strength was limited and technically speaking, it would be impossible to create such a big crater like this.

Besides, Dina could still remember what they were doing when they fought against the rank 8 magic beast.

They were busy aiming their attack on the rank 8 magic beast.

Who would spend their time creating a crack?

"It's a crater made by pure physical strength without any mana involved." Dina chuckled when she saw this.

She had the feeling that Peter purposely created this crack in order to make sure that everyone knew that he had returned.

But...

"Who would care who had returned and who hadn't?" Dina muttered to herself.

In the past three years, it could be said that each and every single one of them had created a small habit of speaking to themselves.

Because if they didn't... it was indeed a bit lonely.

Without no one to talk with and only various magic beasts rushing over to kill them from time to time.

After exploring Afirer Kingdom for a long time, Dina was absolutely sure that these magic beasts, albeit some were as strong as rank 8 magic beast or even rank 9 magic beast, they were definitely the leftovers who were left behind.

The grand magic beasts' tide will definitely be much more powerful.

It was something that Dina realized.

Unfortunately, it was impossible for them to grow much more stronger in such a short period of time.

They have done their best.

And Dina knew that it's time for her to come back.

As for this childish mark...

Dina pursed her lips and then looked at the magic beasts on the side before she smiled and then waved her hand as she chanted.

"I am the lord of the dark. May the darkness come and envelop the entire world. Block every ray of light, descend onto the world and cover every surface in the darkness. Darkness is the greatest power in the entire world. Let the darkness come, Dark World!"

Dark element surged, wrapping up these magic beasts in an instant.

In three years, Dina had grown up tremendously.

Even though fighting against rank 9 magic beast might still be a stretch, it was no longer an impossible thing.

It's just that Dina knew very well that the cost she had to pay if she wanted to defeat one would be enormous.

She hoped that the Green Planet didn't have to face such a powerful enemy.

"Go back."

Standing in front of the gate, Dina muttered and then the magic activated, bringing her away from this world.

Swish!

Upon opening her eyes again, Dina looked at the familiar Green Planet and her eyes flickered slightly.

It has been a while since she last came back and the Green Planet didn't seem to have changed in the slightest bit.

'It's not the time yet.'

She came back a bit early and Dina chuckled to herself.

And her arrival was naturally quickly noticed by other people on the planet and the surroundings area.

Dina was different from Peter who looked like he had been beaten up several times and looked rather tired.

Nor is she like Ruth who was having a happy life in the wilderness.

Dina has been living in the clean 'castle' that was half ruined.

Not only did she look clean and composed as if she was just going on a trip, she also exuded terrifying aura no less than Peter. It was obvious that they all failed to restrain their aura because they had been staying alone for a long period of time.

Chapter 955: Luck?

Nalan and Navi, who were originally waiting for these returnees on their ship, saw them like this and chose to leave immediately.

One person having a massive improvement was nothing.

But all three people have massive improvement meant that the place where they went to should have a lot of resources.

Otherwise, it would be strange for them to have such a rapid improvement.

And it was obvious that each and every single one of them have their own methods to improve themselves.

The reason why they could be selected should be because of their capabilities.

Not just high talent, but also strong willpower and hard work that accompanied them for a long time.

With these qualities, they all managed to grow up quickly no matter what the situation was. In this way, if other returnees didn't work hard, it was estimated that they would be left behind by the others.

None of them were willing to stay behind and become the weakest.

They all have their own pride and dream.

"Do you regret not going?" Navi suddenly asked.

She saw her cousin's face and could guess what he was thinking. After all, they were all pursuing power for various reasons and when they saw someone who was supposed to be on the same starting line ended up far ahead of them, they would feel uncomfortable.

Well, the fighting spirit was inspired too.

There was no way they would be willing to admit defeat so quickly and will work hard to surpass the other party instead.

"Regret?" Nalan repeated and then sneered. "No. I don't need to go there just to gain fighting experience."

They had fought countless battles with the magic beasts.

Even though the magic beasts in this world was weaker, but he believed that they were not much worse compared to those who had gone to the other world. Anyway, he will never admit that he felt they were cheating.

But who among them were not?

They all had the inheritance from the other world that was ingrained into their memory.

All they needed to do was to recall the memory they had and used it to fight and gain advantage against others.

As long as they were doing well, they could reach the peak easily.

But then they found out that they were not the only special person.

There were many others who were also experiencing the same thing as them, making their mentality changed slightly.

They were just one of the few.

Even though the message stated that they were specifically selected...

There was a difference between one person being selected and being one of the many people who were selected.

At least, the pressure is much less.

But for Nalan personally, there was also disappointment. The feeling that he was not the most special one but only one of the many, making him feel that he was underestimated. And it was also because of this that his fighting spirit was ignited.

Navi herself was not much better.

She also wanted to be the strongest one and not just one of the many.

At least, as a magician, she wanted to be the strongest one and seeing Dina like this made Navi filled with burning competitive spirit.

"I know you're jealous." Navi chuckled, her eyes flickered slightly. "But you have to remember that there's no point of us leaving into that world... Only passage towards a destroyed world could be made unless one sacrificed a lot of the world's resources."

This was the knowledge that Navi had already obtained before coming to this world.

She's an elemental mage but not an ordinary elemental mage. Her status in the red tower, a faction in Afirer Kingdom, was extremely high and her master allowed her to know more about various things.

One of them was the fact that it was possible to open up the passage to other worlds.

But there was a limitation.

One could only open the passage towards a destroyed or about to be destroyed world for a period of time.

After that, they could either send one's soul or one's entire body over.

Because opening up the passage to an intact world would be very difficult due to various limitation of the rules and so on. Even people at the peak would never be able to do it without paying a huge price.

And the Green Planet definitely couldn't afford it.

Even if they counted the resources from the crack that was fused together into the Green Planet through that World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation, it would be impossible.

The amount of resources were not enough.

And sending people while maintaining their path of return...

It was only possible to send them to a destroyed world.

That kind of world didn't have any useful resources aside from the remnants that was left behind.

So Navi was not interested.

She felt that it would be better to stay on the Green Planet instead of watching the end of a world that was about to be completely destroyed.

With all resources exhausted....

What they could get from there were either the remains of the previous civilization when it was still thriving or powerful opponents that was at higher ranks than them.

They didn't need it.

"I know, you have said it several times." Nalan snorted.

Navi's master was really too kind to her and even told her a lot of secrets that someone like her shouldn't have known. She shared some of them to Nalan, allowing him to understand more of that world.

Perhaps, it was because he had long known that Navi was not from their world.

As for how she knew...

Nalan didn't know.

Navi never told him and he didn't have the interest to ask in details either. When these people were unwilling to tell the truth, it would be impossible to force them to speak out.

"It's really lucky of them to be able to rise so quickly," Navi said slowly and chuckled.

Luck... is really part of their ability.

Chapter 956: One Year

Even though it was intangible and most people would not believe in it, but Navi knew that such thing existed.

Perhaps, she should just say that it was the law.

Or something?

Upon reaching rank 7, she was basically spending her time practicing and comprehending things, allowing herself to get stronger rapidly. She knew very well that upon reaching this rank, the most important thing would be her comprehension.

But Navi is not exactly the smartest student around.

She knew very well that there were many people who were far smarter than her, so she had to spend more time in her learning.

In this way, she managed to reach the peak of rank 7.

As for when she could advance to rank 8...

Navi didn't know.

She didn't think that it would be anytime soon, though.

Besides, only special resources should have been able to advance their strength so quickly after reaching rank 7. Being able to reach rank 8 within a year's time was already very good for many returnees.

But Ruth reached the middle stage.

And Peter reached the late stage, almost reaching the peak.

Now that Dina came back with such a forceful movements, the two of them could guess that she should at least at rank 8 middle stage or even late stage too.

This made them confused.

How did these people train in that world?

Is there really any special resources in a broken world that was about to be destroyed?

No matter how curious they were, they would not ask.

Besides, these six people would never tell others the truth that they actually spent around three years in that world instead of one year. They had more time to practice. Even though most of their time was spent on fighting magic beasts or running away, their training time was still considerably longer than the others.

Only in this way would it be possible for them to advance to rank 8 in such a short period of time.

"Afirer Kingdom," Navi suddenly muttered.

"Hmm?" Nalan looked at his cousin in confusion.

"It's nothing." Navi looked at the direction where Dina was located before turning her head away.

When she was in Afirer Kingdom, her master had already told her about the fact that she's not from that world.

To be honest, Navi was surprised when she heard it.

How did her master find out?

After all, Navi didn't directly enter the Red Tower upon her arrival in Afirer Kingdom. Instead, she was busy to settle the matter of her own family and also took her cousin to stay under her.

Otherwise, it would be difficult for Nalan to walk on the path of a magic warrior.

The two of them supported each other in order to grow stronger and with her talent, Navi got the qualification to enter that tower.

She learned many things.

Magic is really fascinating.

And with so many elements in her hand, Navi learned that the world is so vast and beautiful. At the same time, she learned various magic that could be used, including some forbidden magic that should not be used until the last time.

After Ruth came back, she did reveal that she came to Afirer Kingdom.

And this matter was not specifically hidden from others.

Moreover, the message had more or less told them that these returnees were going to Afirer Kingdom.

For Jonas Nolan, who's an alchemist, he didn't want to go back.

Asking him to watch his family's ruins upon his arrival would only break him once again.

Because they all knew very well that they could never change the past and that only the memory of these people would remain.

So it's better if he never went there.

But Navi and Nalan would not have such qualms.

"If you can return to Afirer Kingdom, would you go?"

"No." Nalan's eyes narrowed. "I have no one I cared for there. Even if I did receive a lot of resources and knowledge, it's all the result of my hard work and I have no debts with Afirer Kingdom."

He worked hard in order to get what he achieved in that world.

And then he died.

But since he came back to Green Planet after his death, Nalan never thought about going back to Afirer Kingdom ever again in his entire life.

"Hoo~." Navi nodded, not surprised about that.

She used her magic to let the boat moved faster while looking at the sea beside her.

Even if she was given the chance to come back... Navi didn't want to go back either. Because she had already known everything she should know from her master before her death.

Her master might be kind enough to tell her many things.

This included the truth that she had long known that Navi and Nalan were not native of Afirer Kingdom.

However, her master still let them grew under her watchful eyes.

"We'll not interfere with your growth nor will we stop you from doing whatever you want."

Navi smiled.

That's what her master said, but she was still telling her many things. Through these things, Navi was able to learn a lot of things.

But just like what she told her master...

She has no attachment to Afirer Kingdom.

Even when she watched her master died, Navi didn't have much feeling and only felt that it's time.

Afirer Kingdom will be destroyed.

And the Green Planet would also suffer the same fate.

No matter how much they struggle, how could ants moved the elephant?

Those magic beasts were too powerful for them to handle.

Rank 9, rank 10, or even higher...

What are they going to do to deal with them?

Being only at rank 8, they were nothing more than ants in the eyes of these magic beasts.

Any kind of struggles are futile and having so many people to protect behind their back was even stupider.

Wouldn't it be better to figure out a way to survive than to care about the Green Planet?

Chapter 957: Dina

'I wonder if there's a way to join the magic beasts instead,' Navi thought to herself as she yawned.

She didn't have much interest to fight against those magic beasts during the magic beasts' tide.

But she didn't know if the magic beasts would leave them alive.

Because their goal was to get more resources and also destruction.

The more, the better.

With so many planets have been destroyed on their paths... could their small planet that had only experienced a short few years of growth because of that voice or whoever it is be able to handle it?

Navi doubted it.

And she chose to stop thinking about such a useless matter.

No matter what the future holds, she just had to make sure that she prepared a path of survival for herself.

Splash!

Dina stood still after she came back and her eyes moved towards the direction where Navi and Nalan were located for a moment.

As a demonic magician, she could easily transform magic beasts' mana into her own through absorption and other secret techniques. Coupled with the environment in her palace and the various secret techniques that her father left behind, Dina had advanced by leaps and bounds.

The burden on her mental strength was also not that strong, allowing her to calm down faster than when she was in this world.

She has three years in that world.

Some magic beasts still came to make trouble from time to time and she had to hunt those magic beasts on her own.

Afirer Kingdom is much larger than this world.

Besides, the magic beasts were not as dense as they were in this world, so Dina had to spend some time hunting them down.

This also cost her some time.

But that time was not much and Dina didn't think it would be of much problem either.

They have more room for error because of the time difference between the two worlds. In this way, Dina used this chance to refine the mana she has obtained.

Moreover, her father left her some things.

Things that could allow her to calm down her mind at a much faster rate than without it, allowing her to increase her strength rapidly.

In this way, she managed to reach rank 8 late stage.

If it was not because the 3 years limit had arrived, she would stay for a while longer in that world and strive to reach the peak of rank 8.

Once one reached the peak, it would only be a matter of time for them to advance to the next rank.

Dina felt that she already has the qualification.

'It's not yet the time for the attack.'

Sensing the mana in the air on the Green Planet, Dina calculated that it was not the time for the magic beasts to arrive yet. So she planned to make her way to Continent Z, but she saw that they have already sent some soldiers to escort her.

Seeing their behavior, Dina was silent.

The higher ups seemed to be afraid that they would be wronged or find it difficult, so they sent the soldiers to come after them.

But Dina felt that it was really unnecessary.

It's not like she couldn't come back on her own.

And her own family members who were calculative had been tucking their tails behind their back, trying to curry favor with her.

Thinking about those people and comparing them to the people in Afirer Kingdom... Dina felt more disgusted than anything towards her family members on the Green Planet.

Since they were still practicing as demonic magician, Dina has left them be.

Anyway, if they ever thought about crossing her, she could just use them as nourishment for her magic path.

The people on the Green Planet has grown quite a bit during this period of time, including those demonic magicians.

This pleased Dina slightly.

"Miss, would you like to return to Continent Z with us?" The soldier who has the highest rank asked carefully.

He was here under the order to bring the returnee who came from Continent Z back with them. But his superior gave him strict order not to force them or anything like that. They had to either follow with their own will or chose not to leave with them.

Either way, they had to listen to the request of these returnees.

No matter what it is.

"No, it's nothing," Dina replied in a low voice and she chose to use the ship. Flying would take a lot of mana and if there's a chance to safe her mana, why should she not take this route?

Anyway, she did want to have some rest.

In this way, Dina restrained her breath and calmed down her mind. A demonic magician would always have some strong mental state and she was not an exception. For them, controlling their emotions has become a habit.

Because if they failed to control their emotions, their mana might end up destroying their surroundings.

"Let's go."

"Yes, Sir!"

Under the soldiers' escort, Dina returned to Continent Z.

She originally didn't want to say anything to the higher ups, but in the end, she simply published the complete methods for most demonic magicians up to rank 7. There were still many demonic magicians on the Green Planet who followed the path that she had written out.

For those with poor talent yet strong ambition, the demonic magician's path is something that could give them leeway and chance to get stronger.

Even though this might cost them their own mental strength... it was still relatively popular.

And Dina noticed that the higher ups didn't stop her.

It seemed that while they didn't completely agree with her paths, they had no intention of stopping her.

For the paths above rank 7, she had no plan to publish them for the time being.

In addition, she also gave a few secret techniques that could allow them to protect themselves at the critical moments.

There was even the magic spell of mutual destruction...

Chapter 958: Secret Technique

"As expected of Dina." Peter was not surprised when the higher ups came to him while running to ask for help.

Because if these demonic magicians really mastered these techniques, they would be much harder to deal with.

No wonder Dina has always been very confident when facing them.

She should have an even more terrifying secret technique.

The again, secret technique....

Who didn't have them?

All returnees have it.

Ami could even fake her own death and then lived outside for a period of time without anyone even suspecting her. This was an extremely difficult feat because everyone truly believed Ami had died in a magic beast's tide.

That was until they saw the pattern that appeared in the sky and basically confirmed that she was actually still alive.

From that time on, the officials could no longer trust the returnees.

Or at least, they couldn't trust Ami anymore.

Otherwise, they wouldn't have disagreed when Ami asked for help at the time things were difficult for her to solve.

The returnees were not omnipotent.

But it was indeed true that they were really strong.

They also knew many secret techniques due to their experience in that world and the relatively open secret that they were actually being taken care of specifically. Peter himself managed to find out about this matter during his three years in that world.

If he had to say, Peter also felt a bit complicated when he knew it.

Because he never expected that the people in Afirer Kingdom actually knew that they were actually not the native of that world. Their soul came from a different world, but they treated them normally.

So normal that it was actually astounding.

He also suspected those who chose not to enter even if they had already reached rank 7 was because they knew the truth of this world.

So they would rather stay on the Green Planet for their training.

After all, there was not much difference between staying in that world and the Green Planet in terms of resources.

Their biggest advantage was simply the time difference.

And the fact that there were rank 8 and above magic beasts.

Once they reached rank 8, they could start hunting these magic beasts that used to hunt them all down with such ferocity.

Well, all of them had been chased by rank 8 magic beast.

It was not exactly a pleasant situation.

But it was inevitable.

Who made them have to bump onto the rank 8 magic beast right after they entered that world?

Speaking of the magic beast that guarded their exit, it had been killed by an arrow. When looking at that, Peter could guess that Ruth should be the first person to exit from this world.

It seemed that she went out faster than the others for some reasons.

But since she could already deal with this rank 8 magic beast, it proved her strength and no one was worried about her.

They would care more about their subsequent training upon their return.

After all, none of them would really dare to relax.

They all tried to return within three years, making sure that the magic beasts tide hadn't happened upon their return.

Because only in this way would it be possible for them to rest and regulate their mental state.

As for why it was not their physical state...

It was because maintaining their physical state was easier than their mental state. After having to live while being chased by magic beasts almost every single day, could they all remain the same as before?

It was impossible.

They needed to regulate their experience and calmed down.

So going back before the grand magic beast's tide would be their best option.

Besides, it would be a good idea to take a look at the Green Planet's situation after their departure.

One year might not seem to be a long time.

But during this time of chaos, one year could make a lot of difference and it was also because of this that they wanted to see what had changed during the time when they were not around.

As for the Green Planet plunge into even greater chaos...

None of these returnees believed such a thing would happen.

The officials and soldiers were not stupid and they should have made enough preparation because these returnees had basically told them about their real plan.

In this way, the Green Planet would be fine even if they were not there.

Peter had only come back for a short period of time and currently adjusting himself when he heard about Dina's return and the few things she did. Seeing those forbidden techniques, he was speechless.

Many demonic magician's forbidden technique required them to be on the verge of death to be activated.

It would either curse, swallow, counterattack, explode, or various other effects.

Just based on the side effect alone... if a lot of people were to activate it at the same time, countless magic beasts will definitely die.

Peter somewhat understood why Dina spread these things out.

If the Green Planet would never experience the grand magic beasts' tide, then it would not be surprising for Dina not to spread these things. Because it would be dangerous if someone was pushed into dangerous situation and activated these magic spells.

Many of them could launch an area of attack upon their death.

This also meant that some crazy people might even launch crazy revenge for various reasons.

Because that earthquake and magic beasts had killed countless people.

And what followed was the coldheartedness of many people.

Many people's heart had long died out in this cold and brutal world.

In this kind of world, it was really hard for one to remain kind and be willing to help others. Because they knew very well that it was basically a survival of the fittest.

This kind of environment made it difficult for one to extend kindness.

Because what awaited them might not be gratitude but greed and harm.

Chapter 959: Out of State

So when Peter saw what Dina spread out, he was not panicked.

"There are some methods to counter these demonic magician's desperate counterattack. I can tell you the few common ones to counter these newly released forbidden attack, but it still had to rely on themselves to identify which one is used by their opponent and made appropriate response," Peter said after some contemplation.

Anyway, the forbidden methods that Dina released was definitely not what she used.

It was what the people in the demonic magician's clan used.

'She should have gone back to her clan and read their secret library or something like that.' Peter was thinking to himself after the soldiers ran away to deliver the methods that he handed over.

To be honest, the secret techniques or forbidden techniques that Dina spread out were the lowest of the lowest in Afirer Kingdom.

These techniques paid too high of a price and their performance was basically substandard.

After all, there were various magic spells and techniques in that world.

Peter himself didn't know much.

But after reading a lot of things that he found, there were also various records mentioning how to counter these forbidden techniques that Dina spread out.

Since she dared to leak it out, she should not be afraid of the counter spells.

Anyway, Peter didn't care too much about the continuation of the matter because he was back to the beach and busy hunting more magic beasts for his own food. There was a dedicated team who will serve him and they saw with their own eyes how Peter grew stronger at rapid pace.

This made some of them wonder whether eating will really make one stronger.

Because Peter was only eating and then hunted magic beasts in the past few weeks, yet the aura around his body was getting stronger and stronger.

Besides...

The amount of food that Peter ate was extremely terrifying and just seeing it could easily make them wonder if Peter's stomach is bottomless.

They didn't seem to see Peter stopped eating because he was full but rather because there was no longer any food around.

In short... he's a monster.

Peter saw their gazes, but he ignored it.

He was only paying attention to the aura in his body that was getting stronger and stronger. He knew very well that if he continued going on this pace, he should be able to reach rank 9 within a year's time.

While it sounded a long time... it was actually very short.

Many people couldn't even reach rank 4 in their entire life and many others struggled to reach rank 7, but it was possible for Peter to reach rank 9 within a year's time.

Anyone who heard it would definitely be jealous.

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Bang!

Upon her return, Dina went to the crack and cleaned up some magic beasts before she rested in her mansion.

City J Base remained intact.

The officials didn't seem to have any intention of touching this city base and let it to the people whom Dina entrusted to.

It was just...

Dina never truly trust them.

Ever since she was betrayed by the assistant that she had specifically pick during the magic beasts' tide, she knew very well that many of these people were unreliable.

It was impossible for all of them to truly work honestly without any sort of troubles and so on.

If there was anyone more reliable....

Dina sighed.

"But my body's sense of time is distorted due to this experience..." Dina frowned as she held her arms.

This might be because a magician's body is inherently weaker than magic warriors and warriors, so she felt it the most. Her body was somewhat out of state ever since her return from that world.

The time difference was affecting how she perceived the outside world.

Her mental state has long been in the state of disarray and only somewhat calmed down through the secret methods that she learned. It would not affect her that much, but her head was indeed heavy because of various reasons.

It was precisely because of this that Dina didn't like to think too much nor manage the city base that much.

City J Base was mostly operating based on what the former management had arranged in the past.

The methods were good.

And Dina herself didn't have much knowledge of management, so she would not meddle too much.

It was more important for her to rest after her return.

"Tsk... being a magician is really annoying," Dina murmured to herself.

If it was not because of the countless secret methods that she had learned as demonic magician, Dina was sure that she would have died countless times in the past. After all, she also has a lot of enemies who wanted her death and Dina was not entirely sure that she would be able to survive if she were not careful enough.

Through resting and basically only meditating, Dina could rebalance her body.

But she wondered if other returnees were experiencing the same thing as her.

With their strong body, it should be easier for them to get better soon and the weakest among them all was only her and Murin.

The rune master, despite it should have been a branch profession of the magician, surprisingly has strong body.

Dina had noticed it when he saw Riya fought back then.

The pure speed alone was something that she might not be able to reach in her entire life.

It would be a lie if she said that she was not jealous.

But knowing her own body's condition, Dina knew that it was impossible for her to become a warrior with her talent.

Other people trained all day long and their body strengthened by 10 points.

While she trained all day long and her body strengthened by 0,1 point.

The gap between talent was something that couldn't be crossed by hard work so easily and Dina didn't want to waste her time on something she knew she had no talent of.

"Hmm? Someone is coming back again?"

Chapter 960: Rumors

It was easy for them to sense the magic fluctuation after they have reached rank 8.

There might be a large distance between their current location and where the teleportation formation is.

But teleportation between worlds was basically something that cost a lot of mana.

This allowed most of them to be able to sense it when someone returned even if they were located far away.

And it could be said the return of these returnees one by one also boosted their confidence in the upcoming grand magic beast's tide.

While the possibility of failure does exist...

No one actually wanted to think about it.

'Whoever returned is not my business.' Dina clicked her tongue and then focused on her own affairs.

City J Base was busy with various matters.

Moreover, their return was not exactly a secret because some people had already known about this and spread it in large scale.

Dina could guess who was behind such a move.

It must be those disgusting politicians.

While some people were worthy of respect, many others were too disgusting and Dina had no interest to even spare another glance in their direction. Because she knew very well that many of them were not really people who cared for the people.

They achieved those position simply because they wanted more power.

Some of them even bought their position with money.

The earthquake had already caused a lot of changes because many people died and so on, but Dina knew very well that there were still many annoying people who held high position in the political world.

She had no interest to associate herself with them at all.

As for why they spread out the news of the returnees' return?

It must be to boost their confidence for the upcoming grand magic beasts' tide and also to increase their standing in front of other continents.

Tsk.

Nothing more than disgusting politicians.

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Long distance away.

While Dina hated the fact that the news of the returnees' return was spread far and wide across the land, it was precisely because this matter was spread far and wide that some people managed to find out about this.

One of them was Sophia.

After leaving City A Base, she had been staying with her brother and traveled to various places.

City A Base is definitely the safest city.

Because the people there were so powerful and with Stephen's friendship with Samuel, there was no doubt that the people there would definitely put them in high regards and didn't dare to touch them.

Well... that is if the Carson Family could be handled.

Neither Stephen or Sophia knew clearly what happened to the Carson Family after they had left City A Base. While Stephen made some arrangement that he refused to tell his sister, the two of them didn't inquire about the Carson Family anymore.

On one side, Sophia wished for the Carson Family downfall.

Because she didn't like how her grandfather always used her to control her brother's movement. He's an excellent person and should have been able to live a much better life.

Yet because of her...

He couldn't do anything out of the line.

Perhaps it was not only because of her but also because their father was still in the Carson Family.

No matter how weak their father is and how annoying the feeling of being controlled was, neither Sophia or Stephen really wished for their father to get hurt.

So they didn't try to inquire about the Carson Family.

Instead, the two of them focused on their own life as they explored various other bases and traveled to other places. Stephen's rank was increasing steadily while Sophia's magic beasts were also getting stronger, protecting her tightly.

As a beast master, Sophia was actually doing well.

So much that Stephen is proud of her.

Today, the two of them stopped by City K Base to buy some supplies. While many things could be found in the wilderness because some magic beasts' meat could be eaten and they have long memorized the necessary knowledge to survive in the wilderness, some other things still needed to be bought.

And it was also today that they found out about the returnees' return.

"The returnees have already returned from their trip?" Stephen asked to the vendor in front of him in surprise.

He found out about Samuel leaving from Sophia who received the information from Riya because Riya met with Claire in Continent X. Otherwise, the two of them might not be able to know about this from the two people involved.

After all, neither Samuel or Riya seemed to plan to tell them about this.

They were already busy with other things and they didn't need Sophia and Stephen to worry about them.

"Yes, I heard that two returnees from Continent Z have already returned." The vendor was laughing. "They're so powerful and it's more reassuring to have them in the continent than not."

Stephen heard the vendor's words and arched his eyebrows. "City K Base is so far away from City A Base and City J Base, why do you think it's a good thing that they come back? I don't think this city base will be affected that much, right?"

It was also the truth that aside from Peter who often went around Continent Z's territory, the other returnees were usually stayed holed up in their respective place.

Riya will only stay in City A Base aside from the cracks.

Dina will only stay in City J Base.

And Samuel himself was following Riya wherever she went.

They were not exactly people who would pay attention to the overall situation of Continent Z and visited various places.

"While it's true that they're not going here, but the official announcement stated that they're the one who dealt with the magic beasts the most. Moreover, they're also the one who donated various practices that are being used by most people. We're very thankful for them and sincerely wished the best for them," the vendor replied energetically.