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Chapter 971: Riya (2)

Three months ago?

Riya was stunned.

Did she count the time wrong?

For a moment, Riya felt a bit guilty. After all, she did stay in seclusion for a while and seemed to have lost count of time when she was researching the law of time.

Even though she tried her best to keep count of the time, but there were times when she could be in a daze for days without realizing how long time has passed.

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Time will become more and more meaningless for them.

The higher their ranks, the more time would pass for them and their improvement would be minimal.

Perhaps in the future, Riya would end up staying to meditate for years and didn't even realize that so much time has passed without her realizing it.

"Well..."

Seeing the soldier was still going on and on about this matter, Riya quickly stopped him and asked another question, "Well, have you been waiting here for a long time?"

"Not really, Ms. Riya. We also have our duties to clean up the magic beasts on the sea and watch over for the people who come over."

Magic beasts from the sea...

Riya looked at the sea for a moment and then smiled slightly. Even though she had already used up her mana to use that teleportation formation, she naturally rested for a while in front of the gate and filled up her mana quickly.

There were also some tricks that she could use to replenish her mana quickly.

Using some special runes, it was not impossible to absorb the mana from the air.

Moreover... Rune masters also learned how to use the mana in the air when they made their formation to conserve their strength.

This was not impossible to do when they were weaker, but if their mana control was not strong enough, they might end up backlashed by their formation, so Riya didn't use it much.

Unless it was a battle that required a large amount of mana, she would not forcefully use the mana from the surroundings.

Besides...

The mana concentration on the Green Planet was not very strong.

If she used such method, she might end up causing the mana concentration in certain area to be depleted extremely quickly.

There was also the limit percentage between their own mana and the mana from the nature that they could use.

Once they exceeded it, the chance of mana riot would be higher.

Or it was more like... a mistake in their magic spell that would backlash towards them.

So far, no such incident had happened.

Even when Riya was teaching Amelia and Sean when she was in the Jones Family Residence, it would not reach this point because the two of them learned how to control their mana from the very beginning.

Samuel couldn't possibly let them learn anything that's too dangerous.

For the sake of their lives, they had to learn how to control their mana from the beginning and prevented such an accident to happen.

And no one would recklessly tell these magicians that they could actually cast magic spells by using the mana in their surroundings and not just their own mana. It would be stupid to say this, especially to someone who couldn't even control their mana well.

Because of this, so far, no one dared to try something so outrageous.

Riya herself only did it unconsciously during emergency.

But most of the time, she would definitely use her own mana as it's safer and was more reassuring than anything else.

"Are there any powerful magic beasts lately?" Riya suddenly asked this question.

"Huh?" The soldier was confused.

Another soldier quickly spoke up, "There are some rank 7 magic beast, but every continent has their own ways to deal with them, Ms. Riya."

Riya thought about what she had sensed not long ago and nodded to herself.

Considering that there were already rank 7 magic warriors or perhaps magician or even warrior, it was not surprising that they could deal with the scattered rank 7 magic beast.

Only in this way would it be possible for them to protect their continent well.

"I see." Riya nodded and then looked at the formation of the soldiers in the distance.

"There were some people who come here to take a look at the island from time to time, but the soldiers always make sure that they can't come close..."

The soldiers tried to explain that there were some curious people who wanted to take a look.

But Riya felt that it wasn't that simple.

'It couldn't be the other returnee are thinking of taking advantage of us who returned from the other world, right?'

Because if they were not returnees, they would be crazy trying to fight Samuel and the others.

No matter what, they were far stronger.

"It's fine, I can't get involved too much with the matter of Continent X. It's time for me to go back." Riya stopped the soldier from telling everything to her.

"Would you like to come with us, Miss Riya?" The soldiers offered the ship. Even though they knew that these returnees were not unreasonable, they were still afraid and fearful from the bottom of their heart.

Of course, there were also respects.

Because these returnees were the people who fought at the frontline and truly shouldered the highest pressure.

If these returnees also failed to deal with the magic beasts...

Then the Green Planet will definitely face destruction.

So no one dared to disrespect them.

Well, the few people from Continent Y was a different case altogether and everyone was relieved that these people didn't come from Continent Z.

They already have the troublesome Murin.

There was no need to add more.

"Thank you for your trouble." Riya nodded and entered the ship. While she could fly, but there was no need to waste mana. She could also directly activate the teleportation formation...

It's just a bit far.

She had to consume quite a bit of mana.

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"Can you tell me more of what had happened in the past year?" Riya asked as she stood on the deck, her eyes flickered slightly as she looked at one direction.

Someone was watching.

And that direction...

'Does those returnees from Continent Y didn't have anything better to do?'

Even though Riya had guessed that the one who watched over this place were people from Continent Y, Riya didn't think that they would still do this even now.

Couldn't they focus to train?

The magic beasts during the grand magic beasts' tide would not spare them without reasons. In fact, Riya felt that many people might end up dying just because they were at the wrong place and wrong time when the grand magic beast's tide happened.

In the previous magic beasts' tide, the casualties were limited because most people were still protected.

But in such a grand a prolonged battle...

Riya was not sure whether it would be the same.

She turned her eyes away.

Since those people didn't try to make a move, then Riya would not do anything to them either. After all, there was no one who would punish someone just because they were watching.

It was their right to watch other people and Riya didn't want to bother in unnecessary squabble.

'It's just a bit unpleasant.'

Thinking about Murin who also came when she first advanced to rank 7, Riya's eyes darkened slightly. All returnees were people who were ambitious and mostly selfish. They might have their own selflessness and also care for others...

But it's limited.

Otherwise, they would have long died when they were in Afirer Kingdom.

Because people who were too kind, if they were not able to differentiate when they were being tricked and when someone truly needed their help, what awaited them would be their deaths.

The people in Afirer Kingdom were more diverse.

And the existence of magic and magic beasts just made the hierarchy between the strong and the weak even more prominent.

'Forget it, just focus on what had happened in the past year.'

The soldiers who heard Riya's request also quickly replied, "Yes!"

Through these soldiers, Riya knew that the situation was relatively stable and the other returnees were all preparing for their departure.

Or well...

It was more like all continents were getting along harmoniously one way or another. Even though Riya was not entirely sure how they managed to achieve that, but she had to say that the threat of the grand magic beast' tide truly worked wonder.

It was not like she wanted to put the Green Planet in danger.

But having a common enemy really allowed these continents to work together and disregarded their differences in some areas.

Of course, Riya was absolutely sure that their political discussion should have been quite brutal and was filled with a lot of calculation and arguments.

For the nth time, Riya was glad that she didn't have to participate in such a thing.

Even if she's a returnee and her status was high because of her ability, the higher ups didn't want her to get involved too much in politics.

This was actually also what Riya wanted.

For this reason, she ignored these people when she was in City A Base and let Samuel and the Jones Family do what they wanted.

The information from these soldiers were mostly things that Riya could easily find out from the internet and so on. After all, their position would not allow them to have access to any core information.

And Riya believed that with her ability... she really didn't need to know such details.

She couldn't understand many things related to politics either way, so knowing those things would be utterly useless for her.

Besides what Riya wanted to know the most is about her friend.

So when they reached the island, she paid a visit to Claire for a brief period and upon seeing the other party, Riya's lips twitched. She looked at Claire's stomach with an incredulous expression.

"Haha... I'm married now," Claire explained weakly.

Claire had heard about these returnees' return one by one, but she didn't really have the status to know much about them.

Even if she inquired, the information she could get was limited.

Her family has some backings and with Claire being Leon's wife, she should have been able to get more information.

Unfortunately, any information about the returnees have been classified as extremely confidential information.

The communication between the continents have been restored.

Not only that, each continents were also working hard together in order to prepare for the grand magic beasts' tide.

Many people actually already knew about the magic beast's tide.

But no continent ever explained in details what's so different about this grand magic beasts' tide.

They didn't want to cause unrest among the people.

After everyone had worked hard in order to rebuild their lives, they couldn't really bear to destroy it once again.

Many people were ordinary people who never understood the complicated matter of the higher ups.

All they wanted was to have enough food to eat, shelter to rest, and also a relatively peaceful neighborhood to live happily.

They didn't want much.

Or it was more like... many of them didn't have the qualification to ask for more in such a dangerous world.

In this situation, the higher ups didn't want to make them panic.

So the information was held back.

Still, some people were still able to get information about the unusual magic beast' tide that was about to come on the Green Planet and were secretly making a move.

Claire's family was among them.

Due to their connection with the returnee, they even knew more.

But for other classified information, it was impossible to know so much.

And Claire has been worried for her friend, so when she heard about the returnee's return, she has been waiting for Riya to come back.

It took her a long time to finally hear about Riya.

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None of them actually knew when these returnees would come back from the other world.

Claire herself also heard that they have no way of contacting the returnee who went over to a completely different world.

The higher ups were actually the one who was very worried about their departure.

But for the sake of the Green Planet, they had to do this.

Now that Claire had seen Riya coming back, she felt relieved. So relieved that she forgot about something else...

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"If you're going to get married, why didn't you invite us all to attend?" Riya asked with aggrieved tone.

She also wanted to attend her friend's wedding!

After the world changed... wrong, after she experienced the sudden transmigration, returned to this world that changed after earthquake and then the additional three years of exploration, it has been 9 full years of constant battle and all.

Riya had to say that she was really tired.

There was not much time for her to relax except during the early period of time when she came back and met with her friends again.

Afterwards, she was in a constant battles, constant seek of strength, constant exploration, and so on.

It was really tiring.

But for the sake of her dream, Riya felt that it was all worth it.

She will still spend some time with her friends from time to time, but it was inevitable that she wouldn't stay with them as much as she used to be.

Her pursuit of strength made it impossible for her to waste time.

But looking at her friend, Riya suddenly felt that she had missed many things.

"I also want to, but it's not very convenient to travel between continents." Claire rubbed her cheek. Her family was quite powerful before the world changed and after the world changed, they managed to seize some opportunities, becoming even stronger in some areas.

To be honest, Claire herself didn't quite understand what her family was doing.

After all, Claire was not interested in her family business and she was determined to be the useless young miss of the Summer Family, her family members.

They also knew her temperament.

Anyway, Claire is usually very idle and often played around with Amelia.

If it was not because they were located in different continents, the two of them would have long made a lot of troubles.

Riya had been dragged around by Claire too when they were still in the university.

This girl really loved to play.

Just like Amelia.

The difference is... she probably didn't have much EQ and was stupider than Amelia who still retained more appropriate behavior as the young miss of the Jones Family.

"When did you get married?" Riya sighed but didn't pressure Claire.

She knew that it would be impossible for her to ask more things.

"Hmm, around half a year ago. You're not on the Green Planet during this period of time and I think it's better to get married if we want to live together," Claire replied with a grin.

"Your parents agree?"

"Yes~. Leon talked with them about something and I'm not allowed to listen."

When thinking about this, Claire pouted.

Her parents admonished Leon and seemed to be dissatisfied with him because of something. Claire herself didn't think that there was any problem, so she was angry at her parents for scolding Leon.

It was Leon who coaxed her afterwards.

Riya listened and blinked her eyes.

She seemed to understand the reason.

The two of them came from different continents. Moreover, Leon is one of the important returnee from Continent X.

It was impossible for the officials and the higher ups to release Leon so easily.

So if he got married with someone from different continent, they would hope that it was their partner who was persuaded to stay in Continent X and not vice versa.

Otherwise... they would lose Leon.

Of course, Continent Z also smelled this matter and the higher ups specially came to them and have negotiation.

It was a close negotiation, though.

So not many people knew about this.

Riya only knew the gist and didn't know the exact details of this matter. She only looked at Claire and in the end didn't say anything.

If her parents didn't tell Claire, they should have their consideration.

Considering Claire EQ...

Well, Riya had some guesses about the reason why they didn't tell her much.

"Your parents love you very much. They must not want you to suffer after your marriage," Riya said with a smile.

It's really enviable to have parents who cared for them so much.

Her own parents...

Her mother had died a long time ago before she traveled to the other world.

As for her father, Riya didn't know and didn't plan to find out either.

It was because of his action that the family was destroyed... Perhaps her mother had some blames too for not realizing his action and tried to cling on him, but Riya honestly hated her father more when she was young.

Later on, she just realized these two people were not really ready to become parents when they got married.

It was only in their new family that they were ready.

She was basically the 'experimental' child.

A failed one whom no one wanted.

And the other people whom she ever considered as her family members were no longer in this world...

'No, don't think too much.'

Riya pushed the thoughts away.

She knew very well how dangerous it would be if she was too self absorbed in her thoughts. If a magician were to fall into extreme thoughts, they might end up becoming a demonic magician.

And for a normal magician to fall into a demonic magician... the consequences would be very devastating.

At the very least, many of them ended up being so destructive that they could destroy several cities or even an entire country and nation without thinking it was wrong.

...No, they might not even realize what they were actually doing.

It was terrifying to think of.

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"I know." Claire shrugged. "And Riya, you better have enough rest. I don't know what you're doing now, but you've always been like that. When you have a goal, you will work hard day and night to the point that it's very difficult to drag you to play!"

"...I have to finish my task...."

"Tsk, stop thinking about task!" Claire stood up and stopped in front of Riya. She pressed her finger in front of Riya's forehead. "You're a very serious and dedicated person, which is a good thing. But you have to remember that you're also a person. You need balance in life!"

Stop thinking about mediation and getting stronger. Didn't you have a boyfriend? Amelia has been complaining in the chat group that your date with her brother is really strange. What kind of normal person would date while fighting?"

Claire was basically complaining.

'No, we're not dating while fighting.'

Riya almost retorted unconsciously and her lips twitched.

But it seemed... it was indeed rare for her and Samuel to have private time together. The two of them were both returnees and they knew each other's dream, so they were unwilling to stop the other party from training and fighting with those magic beasts.

They knew very well that it would be difficult to stop the other party.

Because the death they have experienced when they were young... well, when they were in that world had left them with deep memories.

They didn't want to have regret and die just because they were too weak.

So everyone was very ambitious and would train hard in order to become stronger as fast as possible.

Many people even resorted to some unconventional means....

Just look at the officials from Continent Y who had been tossed to death or Pena who directly monopolized a crack. There was also Murin who tricked the Magic Association or even Samuel who was

being a crafty businessman. Dina who spread the demonic magician's method all over the world or even Ruth who seemed docile but had actually gained resources from two different continents.

Every single one of them had their own tricks to get stronger and gain more resources.

And no one would think it's strange.

Because they have seen other people doing worse in that world.

Tricking people to death, opening fake resources exchange, even blatantly stealing and murder...

There were many other things that had long crossed normal people's bottom line.

But it was extremely common in Afirer Kingdom, especially in the chaotic area where there were people from mixed backgrounds gathered together.

All sort of crimes happening every single day.

When they came back, they had to adapt to the modern world's law once more and there were many of them who were not used to it.

And when the earthquake happened and the world was back to this state...

It was obvious what would happen afterwards.

Many of them were no longer bound by laws and morality, so their action turned into that way. Some of them still uphold the laws and not cross the lines in their hearts but some others didn't care too much.

For the sake of power, many things can be forgotten.

Riya just couldn't do it.

And it was not necessary either.

She could still get resources in a normal way and simply established trade to get what she wanted.

There was no need for murder, robbery, or something like that.

What she had done was enough.

"I will rest more..."

"That's not enough." Claire bared her teeth. "After you go back, stop thinking about practice and relax like an ordinary person.... No, I don't mean that you're not an ordinary person ahhh!"

Seeing Claire looking like she had lost words to say, Riya's lips twitched.

As expected of Claire's magnificent EQ.

Even talking about some normal things could lead to loss of words.

But Riya knew that Claire was right.

'I do need to relax a bit.'

It was a good thing that she came back from that world early.

In this way, she could adjust her state first before the passage to the other world opened and the grand magic beasts' tide happen.

Even though it might not be a pleasant matter, everyone was still tense.

And there were also people like Claire who didn't care at all...

"It's ok, Claire." Riya chuckled.

"Tsk." Claire rubbed her hands. She muttered to herself, "I really don't understand why you have to be the person who stood at the forefront... you're clearly just an ordinary university student before."

Riya froze.

That's right.

Before the world changed, Riya was nothing more than an university student, striving to live a normal life.

If it was not for the transmigration and the change of the world, she might have followed this normal trajectory...

Well, she might end up in worse situation.

After all, there were some cruel people.

'I have already put them karma formation, but it didn't seem to work that well... Oh well, that formation couldn't take lives but it would make their lives miserable every time they want to do something bad.'

Riya shook her head.

What she didn't know was that her formation worked perfectly.

These two people could never do anything bad in their lives or they would end up having bad luck again and again.

Though, they never truly understood the reason.

After all, Riya's formation contained the essence of law and even though she was only a rank 1 rune master when she made it, only a real rank 7 rune master would be able to detect and break formation imbued with laws.

This could be her advantage after coming back to this world.

"No matter what, I just want you to live well and then we'll all go to karaoke and sing together!" Claire declared and then crossed her arms. She thought of something and rubbed her stomach. "When my child was born... I hope that you can still live well and then we'll gather together again."

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Riya looked dazed for a moment.

And then she smiled.

"Yes, we'll gather again together."

Even though Riya was actually not that close to Claire, but she could feel the sincere blessing from Claire.

Claire is not a powerful person and liked to play around.

But she's sincere to her friends.

To be exact, the five of them were all sincere.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to be friends with each other for so many years like this.

"That's great."

Riya smiled and accompanied Claire for another hour before going back with plane. At this moment, she felt that a shackle was broken in her body.

She had the faint feeling that if she tried to advance to rank 9 again... she will definitely succeed.

'So, that's what I need.'

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Some distance away, Continent Y.

The arrival of Riya back to the Green Planet couldn't be hidden by those who had reached rank 8.

Because they have mastered the laws more or less and naturally sensed the strong mana fluctuation. Even though Riya tried to hide it, it was hard to hide the mana fluctuation from the teleportation formation.

Nalan and Navi had agreed not to stay near the border anymore, but they were still floating on the boat because the beach was still a few kilometers away.

Neither was a master at driving, so it resulted in this incident.

"...Another one had come back." Navi frowned as she looked at their back.

A magician would be able to sense mana fluctuation more clearly than warriors, so she sensed it faster than Nalan. Even though he's actually a rank higher than her, his perception still lost.

"Hmm... A strong one." Nalan nodded and then chuckled. "The plan to take advantage of their unpreparedness is a failure."

Since these returnees left to a completely different world, they would have to carry all of their harvest in the space storage scrolls. It was not that uncommon for people to wait at the exit of a secret realm in order to pick up the leak.

After all, many secret realm in that world had rank limitations.

It was also because of this that the leaders of some relatively powerful forces will wait for their juniors to come back.

This was done to prevent them from being tricked and attacked right after they came out.

But this time... the two of them were only trying their luck.

If the improvement of these returnees were not fast, then they might be able to take some advantage.

As for the soldiers nearby?

They were too weak to even enter eyes.

So these two people didn't care even if there were soldiers from other continents nearby and ignored their presence.

Anyway, even if they were to know about their existences, they couldn't do anything.

"You still want to try?" Navi arched her eyebrows.

"No." Nalan shook his head.

Even with his current strength, he didn't think that he would be able to defeat someone with such a strong mana fluctuation. He knew very well that some people were destined to be so far away from him, so he didn't even bother to try.

"Then..."

"Prepare for battle... The grand magic beasts' tide should happen in less than a month." Nalan looked at the sky.

Even though there was no one who could tell them for sure the exact details, but he had this premonition.

The laws of the world seemed to resonate with him, letting him know some of their secret, including the disturbance in the space and time. Something was approaching them and it was close.

Even if he couldn't get the accurate time, he knew that it should be less than a month's time.

"It'll be new year in three days." Navi blinked her eyes. "It couldn't be right during New Year, right?"

After all, the year had changed.

Nalan didn't answer.

He didn't know the answer either and Navi didn't press it.

They were about to land and should be able to make some preparation.

Because they knew very well that even if they wanted to run away from the grand magic beasts' tide, there was simply no place for them to run.

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Continent Z, City A Base

Samuel was getting restless.

This was something that Mr. Jones noticed keenly when he saw his son was pacing over the office. Even though his work was still impeccable, Mr. Jones could sense that his son was somewhat impatient.

He looked at his son with some interest.

It seemed...

"Riya has come back?" Mr. Jones suddenly asked.

Samuel was stunned and he looked at his father helplessly. With his father's rank, it would be impossible for him to be able to sense the mana fluctuation from such a long distance.

So...

"Am I so obvious?"

"I know you ever since you're wearing diapers." Mr. Jones sneered. "If you think that you can hide it from your father, then you're 100 years too early."

He knew his son very well and there were only a few people who could make Samuel so emotional.

Considering that his friends were all doing well in City A Base, there could only be one person left.

Riya.

She was the only returnee who hadn't returned to the Green Planet and since these returnees could basically sense it when someone came back, Mr. Jones guessed that he should have sensed that Riya is back.

But she might have chosen to use the convenient method of using the plane with the soldiers instead of going back directly.

These returnees never truly needed the modern transportation.

Magic was far more convenient.

But sometimes, they were still willing to use it.

Either it was to show their respect or because of other reasons, but it was obvious that some of them were relatively down to earth.

"I know, Father." Samuel coughed and looked away. Sensing the mana fluctuation nearby, the corner of his lips curled up. "I'm going back first."

Swoosh!

Samuel had completely disappeared.

Mr. Jones looked at the spot where his son was standing before and felt speechless.

Chapter 976: It's Me

"How impatience."

But knowing that his son was only acting like this because he wanted to spend more time with his girlfriend, Mr. Jones just shook his head in amusement.

Speaking of it...

Should he discuss about letting them register their marriage first?

The ceremony could be done later but at least, he wanted to tie down this daughter in law into his family.

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Jones Family Residence

Swish!

Through the teleportation formation, Riya appeared in her room and she looked at the familiar decoration with a smile on her face.

She had to say that her decision of leaving this teleportation formation behind was really correct. With this, she could come back at almost any time she wanted.

The formation she set up herself naturally couldn't stop her.

As the person who set up the formation, she also prepared enough back doors for herself to travel.

She had greeted the soldiers back then.

After coming back to Continent Z's land, she wanted to use the teleportation formation so that she could go back quickly.

Rather than wasting her time with these soldiers... well, it was not like they were that bad. But she wanted to be able to spend more time with the people who truly mattered for her. She has this ability, so she chose to directly use it.

In this way, she appeared in the Jones Family Residence directly.

"Sam?" Riya sensed the presence that rushed over and blinked her eyes.

The police wouldn't stop him for running too fast, right?

Wait, it was another question whether they could see him or not.

At their current rank, their traveling speed could be much faster than a car and it was possible not to be captured by the camera.

"It's me." Samuel looked at Riya through the opened door and smiled as he opened his arm. "Come here?"

For a moment, she wondered if he treated her like a kid. But her body was honest and she jumped forward and hugged the other party.

It's warm and comforting.

The sound of heartbeat could be heard clearly and Riya rested her head on Samuel's chest. She blinked her eyes and turned her eyes towards the man.

It felt... good.

She retracted one of her hands and poked.

Once, twice, before her hand was caught.

"Does it feel good?"

"It's interesting... ahem." Riya coughed and looked away. She couldn't tell him that she was curious, right?

Samuel looked at Riya deeply and thought about his father's proposal to let them register their marriage first. At least, that would ensure that everyone will know their status and it wouldn't be easy to separate them.

Sensing his gaze, Riya felt that it would be better to stay away, so she urged her mana and then slipped to the side.

Swish!

Samuel's reaction speed was faster and he blocked her path.

The two of them looked at each other and then mana surged as the two of them started a round of chasing after each other.

So much that when Amelia went back, what she saw was the sight of wind passing by from one place to another.

Amelia: ???

What's happening here?

Arnold was behind Amelia, accompanying her as usual. In the past year, the two of them basically spent their time together almost every single day. And unlike Samuel and Riya who were basically training all day long, they would go to various dates.

Seeing them like this made Sean extremely jealous.

So he pestered his girlfriend to take a break and the two of them also went around City A Base.

As for why it's not outside...

They didn't want to encounter magic beasts during the time they spent with each other.

Who would want to fight during a date?

They were not a certain workaholic.

"...Am I seeing things right?" Amelia was doubtful.

"I think we just bumped onto two people playing around." Arnold's lips twitched. He didn't expect that he would see Samuel playing around.

Seeing them coming, Riya and Samuel had to regretfully stop.

The two of them were basically only using their mana to enhance their speed and perception, trying to run away while avoiding the other party. It was nothing more than a simple game for both of them.

If they truly used their mana to the limit...

Even the entire City A Base would be destroyed because of their action.

Since they stopped, Arnold could clearly see that it was Samuel and Riya who were here.

"Huh...?" Sean, who was following listlessly behind his sister, also raised his head in surprise when he heard Arnold's words.

Upon seeing his brother was back, his expression changed and he wanted to run away again.

He was so tired after training under the soldiers not long ago and it was his brother who made the other party increase the training again. Sean really wanted to complain, but even his father was on his brother's side.

Running away from home?

He was not like Amelia who will definitely be pampered by the family and they knew where she was going.

Besides, he couldn't do something so irresponsible like that.

So Sean could only swallow the complaint and then painfully started to train again. Sometimes, he really wished that he had the ability to beat up his brother so that he could decide on his own training.

But seeing his brother's strength...

There was no hope in sight.

"Mel!" Riya saw her best friend and jumped forward, stopping right in front of the other party. "You've gotten stronger."

She could instantly tell that Amelia must have trained hard in the past year. Otherwise, it would be difficult for her to reach rank 6 in such a short period of them.

Well, the large amount of resources invested by the Jones Family definitely played a role.

After all, there was no way they could possibly let Amelia train hard without providing any resources.

They would give her plenty.

This allowed Amelia to grow stronger much faster than other people.

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"Of course." Amelia grinned. "I'm now the best in our small group~."

Riya nodded with a bright smile.

To think that Amelia used to be bickering with Sean because she was so lazy to train and now she had become the best.

Well, Arnold was actually not far behind Amelia.

If the two of them fought seriously, it was actually hard to determine who will win or lose between the two of them. This was something Riya could sense very clearly.

The problem is...

Will they fight seriously?

Riya had the feeling that Arnold will hold back appropriately when facing Amelia, which is why she could say confidently that she's the best in their small group.

Eh, as long as they're happy.

The title of the best in their small group was nothing more than a joke between friends and they would not care whoever held this title.

"Yes, you're amazing." Riya chuckled and rubbed Amelia's head.

"Hey! Let me hug you instead!"

"Stop it, Mel!"

Seeing the two girls fighting and joking like that, the three men were speechless and then moved their eyes away. It was just that both Arnold and Samuel has envy in their eyes.

They also wanted to cuddle their beloved.

Samuel shifted his eyes to his younger brother. "I don't think this is the time for you to finish your training, Sean."

Sean froze.

Even though he had thought about running away, his thoughts were interrupted when he saw Amelia and Riya were playing around with each other. Sometimes, he wondered why these girls' relationship could be so close like this.

But hearing his brother's words, he let out a dry laugh.

"It's done, Brother..."

"Really?" Samuel sneered.

He had seen how lazy Sean is and it seemed that this brat had gotten even lazier when he was not around. The competitiveness he used to have with Amelia had long disappeared ever since Amelia's talent blossomed and she trained hard to become strong.

On the other hand, Sean seemed to be having a hard time.

...More like, he was not even motivated.

The Jones Family could still protect him, but it would be better for him to have the strength to protect himself to a certain degree.

Forget it.

It would be better for him to arrange for more people to protect his younger brother.

"It's really done!" Sean nodded repeatedly.

To be exact, he was begging his instructor to reduce the workload today. Since it was almost new year, the soldiers were also busy, so the instructor allowed him to go back.

Sean was extremely delighted.

He immediately made his way back home and vowed not to go back anytime soon.

It was so tiring to be forced to train all day long.

And his instructor would not show mercy because this was what his brother told them to do.

Sean wanted to cry.

His brother is really cruel.

"Go wash up." Samuel rolled his eyes and chose to let his brother be for the time being. He could see that Sean should have persuaded his instructor to let him go back and stopped training.

Otherwise, Sean will definitely stay in the training ground until late at night.

This brat was getting more and more lazier.

"Yes, Brother!"

Sean ran at the fastest speed of his life, going back to his room without hesitation.

The others watched his performance and silently looked at Samuel.

"You're really kind to your younger brother," Arnold commented. "If he continued to slack off like this, he will be left behind by the others."

"I think that he had no intention of keeping up." Samuel shook his head.

Sean's talent was definitely not that bad and was actually quite good. Coupled with the resources given to him, he would be able to reach relatively higher height and obtained some achievements.

Unfortunately, Sean was too lazy.

He didn't plan to practice all the time like the others and often slacked off.

This resulted in him basically being the weakest in their small group.

"You're going to let him be from now?" Arnold's expression was a bit strange. He thought that his friend would never let the Jones Family to have such a weakness.

"I'll arrange for some bodyguards for him.... After the grand magic beasts' tide," Samuel added the last one after thinking for a bit.

Because he felt that even if he made arrangement before the grand magic beasts' tide, it would not be of much use. Everyone would be busy fighting and they have no time to care about these things.

Arnold heard Samuel's words and nodded in understanding.

It seemed that it was not that easy for Samuel.

"Now..." Samuel looked at the two girls who were sitting on the sofa and sighed as he moved closer.

Sometimes, he felt that Riya cared for his sister more than him.

Tsk.

He would not admit that he's jealous.

Arnold saw Samuel's expression and chuckled lightly.

Having Amelia accompanying him most of the time in the past year, Arnold was not that unwilling to see Amelia being so close with others. After all, he felt that she should be having enough fun with her friends too.

There was no way she would do everything with him.

But thinking about Samuel's words that they were all separated when they stayed in that world...

He felt that Samuel was a bit pitiful.

Tsk, tsk, he didn't have much time to spend with Riya because they were too busy with other things.

"Arnold, I think you're asking for a beating right now." Samuel noticed Arnold's eyes and his eyes narrowed.

He felt that his friends were often very unreliable and seeing his gaze, how could he not understand?

"Ah, what are you talking about?" Arnold looked away, pretending that he did nothing.

He didn't want to offend Samuel right now because he was absolutely sure that he would end up being beaten up.

"Heh." Samuel sneered. "Training ground, now."

Arnold's expression froze and then he sighed with resignation.

Even laughing at others had price to pay....

Chapter 978: Bickering (2)

Neither Amelia or Riya paid attention to the bickering between Samuel and Arnold. The two of them were busy talking with each other and they also knew that these two people were friends from a long time ago.

If they wanted to talk with each other, neither Riya or Amelia would bother to disturb them.

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"Why are you running around with Big Brother?" Amelia was more curious about this. Because when she came back, she saw Riya and Samuel were running around the house like that.

It was actually really funny.

"Ah, it's nothing." Riya coughed.

She couldn't say that she was embarrassed and then the two of them ended confronting each other.

But at the same time, Riya had just realized something.

'I can't see through his rank...'

This could only happen if the other party was at a rank higher than her, which meant that Samuel had already reached rank 9.

Either he had advanced to rank 9 when they were still in Afirer Kingdom or he advanced after he came back to the Green Planet.

No matter which one it is, this just showed that Samuel is really capable.

Riya's lips curled up slightly with pride.

But there was also strong competitiveness blazing within her eyes. She would not lose so easily and will advance to rank 9 as soon as possible too.

However, she was no longer that impatient.

Magician, warriors, and these other professions were all professions that one had to walk through for their entire life.

Even though they were facing the dangerous situation and might have to fight to death some time in the future, but there was no point worrying about it at all times. They also have to live their life.

Otherwise, it would feel that their lives are meaningless.

Just training and training...

It would be too tiring.

So Riya chose to stay here and chat with Amelia first. "I'm more curious about what you have been doing in the past year. By the way, I met with Claire and she had gotten married. When her child is born, I wonder if we can be her child's god mother."

"That must be!" Amelia's attention was immediately attracted and she grinned. "If she didn't agree, I'll run to Continent X and talk to her so that she will agree."

"Pfft, don't be so violent, Mel."

"It's easier to talk with your fist!"

Seeing the disapproval on Amelia's face, Riya laughed out loud.

How much has she missed?

The playful Amelia had turned into a violent and playful Amelia after one year of not seeing each other!

It was obvious that Amelia had started to get used to use her fist in negotiation. Considering that Amelia's strength did improve rapidly in the past year after rapid training and so on, there were not many people who could be her opponent.

So if she started to use violence...

Hahaha!

"Don't laugh, Riya!" Amelia complained and pulled Riya over.

"Okay, okay."

Riya said that but it was obvious that she was still very much amused by Amelia's antics.

After that, the two of them basically shared what they had been doing in the past year. Amelia was spending her time training and also going on various dates with Arnold. Even though they mostly spend their dates in City A Base, but it was still good enough in her opinion.

"It seems that your relationship progress steadily." Riya laughed at Amelia when she saw how red Amelia's face is.

"Riya!" Amelia pushed her best friend shyly and then pulled her over. "How about yours? Did your relationship also progress during your training period?"

Amelia didn't know what Riya and Samuel have been doing specifically.

After all, Samuel had no reason to tell Amelia about these things while Riya had only just returned not long ago.

There was no time for her to tell Amelia about these things.

"Ah... that..." Riya looked away.

How should she explain to Amelia that the two of them were basically staying far away from each other and it was difficult to even see the other party?

Not to mention, Afirer Kingdom was so big that it was really difficult for them to meet.

The teleportation formation all over Afirer Kingdom have been destroyed, which should have happened a long time ago. The magic beasts might be smart enough to know that these teleportation formation were the backups used by most people to save their lives when it's absolutely necessary.

'Huh? Does the magic beasts really that smart?'

For a moment, Riya couldn't help but contemplate about this.

Even though she had just gossiped with Amelia a few seconds ago, but her mind suddenly jumped to thinking about the magic beasts' problem.

If Amelia were to know about this, she would definitely yell that Riya is a workaholic!

She needed a proper rest instead of thinking about these things all the time.

"...Don't tell me that you don't have any progress in the slightest bit." Amelia looked at Riya with some suspicion.

She had long known that neither Riya nor Samuel were romantic people.

Hell, what kind of idiots would date in the crack?

That gloomy crack where a lot of magic beasts roamed around and their interaction could be interrupted at any time...

If Arnold dared to propose for her to date in such a place, Amelia would not hesitate to beat him up.

She refused to spend her days in such a gloomy place.

Damn it!

Amelia felt that she needed to have a good talk with her brother after this if Riya said that their relationship hadn't progressed in the slightest bit.

No matter what, Amelia felt that she's the biggest shipper of her brother and her best friend's relationship.

She refused any refusal.

Hmph!

"Ah, no, it's more like we don't have any time... wait, Mel, don't be impulsive! It's not his fault!" Riya quickly stopped Amelia when she saw the other party was thinking of confronting Samuel immediately.

Chapter 979: Bickering (3)

In normal times, Amelia really didn't dare to go against her older brother.

Who made Samuel so terrifying that he will definitely make her life miserable if she dared to offend him?

But when it came to matters related to Riya... Amelia felt that it was not a problem.

She dared to confront even Samuel for Riya's sake.

"Tsk." Amelia, who really wanted to ask Samuel whether he's such an incompetent man, turned to look at Riya and crossed her arms with displeasure. It seemed as if she was telling Riya that if her explanation was not good enough, she would step forward and pull Samuel over.

Riya laughed bitterly and then said, "The place where we're going is really vast and considering that my path and Samuel's paths are different, we choose to part ways and train on our own."

"For an entire year?"

Riya: "... " it was actually three years, but she had the feeling that if she said this, Amelia will definitely get enraged.

Is it really bad for them to go on their separate ways?

At this moment, Riya was honestly confused.

For them to get stronger, the two of them really have to pick a completely different route. Besides, there was some past that Samuel didn't want her to know and vice versa, so the two of them agreed to stay away from each other.

They focused on their training most of the time.

"So it's true." Amelia sighed and face palmed. She couldn't believe that even after Samuel and Riya decided to be together, she still had to worry about their relationship. "Now, Riya, do you want to spend more time with Samuel?"

For a moment, Riya was distracted by Amelia calling Samuel impolitely and then her attention was attracted by the question Amelia voiced out. She was stunned and looked at Amelia with wide eyes.

"That..."

"You want to, right?" Amelia grinned when she saw Riya's reddened cheeks. Knowing each other for a long time, she naturally knew that Riya would shy when talking about this matter.

Though, most of the time, Riya didn't seem to have any clues at all.

sigh

"Of course I want to spend more time with my boyfriend," Riya muttered and looked away from Amelia.

It would be a lie if she said that she didn't want to spend more time with Samuel, but she couldn't possibly spend her entire life staying beside Samuel all the time. They also needed their private time.

...Three years might be a bit too much, though.

"You see, you two are couples and it would be better to spend more time with each other. You don't have other family members... ugh, I don't mean to bring up the sad memories, but I think it's better for

you to relax rather than worrying about the so called matter of getting stronger." Amelia rubbed her cheek.

Riya blinked her eyes.

"See, even me can get so strong even though I spend half of my time playing around with Arnold....
Ahem, don't tell my brother about this."

Amelia was afraid that if Samuel were to hear about this, she would receive another training package.

Riya was confused for a moment and then she couldn't help but laugh out loud. "Yes, you're right."

Because only by balancing her life would she be able to progress steadily.

Warmth current flow within Riya's heart and she smiled as she hugged Amelia tightly. It's truly her luck to be able to befriend someone like Amelia.

"Tsk, don't laugh! I'm serious." Amelia coughed.

Riya patted Amelia's head and reassured her best friend over and over. She was actually sure that Samuel would not bother too much with Amelia's training.

Aside from the basic that needed a lot of repetition to build habits and so on, most of the practice afterwards could be quite flexible. Samuel had no time to watch over his two younger sibling's training all the time either.

He had other things to do.

Though, in Sean's case, Samuel still decided to put his younger brother for additional training session because of how lazy Sean is.

While it's good for Sean to focus on other things, but if his training lagged behind, he might end up putting his own life in danger. This was something that Samuel couldn't accept, so he had to push his younger brother harder.

Amelia might be spending a lot of time with Arnold, but this was not something that Samuel would criticize.

Because both Riya and Samuel could see that Amelia had improved greatly compared to before.

So if this kind of training suited Amelia better...

Then the two of them would not interfere.

It's better to see Amelia able to train happily rather than seeing her when she forced herself to do what she didn't want to do.

"Ahem, since you haven't spent much time with each other, you should make up the time and make sure that your relationship will not deteriorate!" Amelia said seriously.

Riya was stunned for a moment and then nodded solemnly. "I understand."

She also didn't want her relationship with Samuel to worsen just because they were focused on their training.

Even if they were both the rational type, it wouldn't be good if they didn't spend more time with each other.

"Hmm, now that you're here, you can also go to some date with my brother." Amelia clapped her hand happily. "City A Base had changed rapidly and I think that it'll pique your interest to walk around in such situation."

Seeing Amelia's happiness, Riya also smiled gently and replied, "Alright. I will."

She did want to see how City A Base had changed after one year not seeing it. With Mr. Jones' leadership, she believed that the base would become better and better.

But it would be more impactful to see everything with her own eyes.

After hearing Amelia's reminder, Riya did think that it would be better for her to spend more time with Samuel.

They were in a relationship, so it seemed to be a bit immoral for her not to spend more time with him, right?

Chapter 980: Bickering (4)

Anyway, Riya had decided that she would spend more time with Samuel before the grand magic beasts' tide arrival.

She missed him.

In Afirer Kingdom, Riya was almost completely focused on her training and couldn't spare much time to look for Samuel. Besides, they made an agreement to meet after three years and it should be enough.

When they were staying in the crack, the two of them were basically covering for each other.

After all, they might face a lot of enemies.

At lower ranks, it was harder for them to fight continuous battle and neither of them could really do it. They would run away when the magic beasts were too much and Riya could remember how they hid in the cave and she set up protective and concealment formation for them.

It took some time to set up, so Samuel would be covering up for her.

When they were still weaker, they needed to cooperate more with each other.

But it was really fun.

At least, Riya thought that way and felt that it was a good time to spend with each other. Even if they hadn't confirmed their relationship with each other, they have become companions who could trust each other with their backs.

That kind of trust worth much more for both Riya and Samuel.

Because the experience they had in Afirer Kingdom meant that it would be difficult for either of them to truly trust other people. If it was not someone whom they have known before, handing over their trust just became more and more difficult.

Moreover, as their status rises, people who came to get to know them mostly only came because of their status.

Samuel was used to it because of his previous status as the young master of the Jones Family.

But Riya was not used to it.

In Afirer Kingdom, she would run away and let the Rune Master Association handled most of the matters that didn't really require her to step forward personally. It was precisely because of this that Riya was more carefree and liked to experiment many things with her magic and formation.

Perhaps, her master also thought that this was much better than letting her be confined with complicated matters like manners and so on.

It was not good.

Now that they were back...

It's really time for them to spend time and enjoyed their time together. No matter how busy and urgent the matter of the grand magic beasts' tide was, they could not forget that they were still ordinary human beings who needed to rest and all.

"If you need help to determine the best place, I can give you a lot of advice! I know the current City A Base like the back of my hand." Amelia grinned. "I have visited various places with Arnold to enjoy our lives together in the past year..."

Riya smiled as she listened to Amelia telling her about her date with Arnold.

This felt like being fed with dog food, but for some reasons, Riya instead felt happy and enjoyed her talk with Amelia.

The relationship between Amelia and Arnold is really good.

She's glad that their relationship with each other had gotten even better by now.

"How about Sean and his girlfriend..." Riya furrowed her eyebrows. Hmm, she forgot the name of Sean's girlfriend even though she knew that the other party was still in the hospital and worked there.

"Ah, you mean Joan?" Amelia chuckled. "They're already planning to get married and my brother wants Joan to live in the Jones Family Residence, but Joan refused, saying that it's too much pressure."

Riya: "..."

Thinking about the fact that Samuel was also living here, even though he rarely came back home, she couldn't help but laugh.

The two girls laughed together and gossiped about other things.

Of course, Amelia was not the only one who shared the things that had happened in the past year.

As for Riya, she only shared that she fought with a lot of powerful magic beasts and also spend her time ruminating about the laws of runes and so on. The laws she picked was the law of space.

This was mainly because she spent most of her time using the teleportation formation.

And if she had to be honest, her favorite has always been space.

"Laws of space? That sounds interesting but too complicated." Amelia tilted her head. She was not very clear about their advancement method after reaching rank 7. After all, their records were not extremely clear.

While Samuel did leave some things, these were kept by their father secretly.

Both Amelia and Sean didn't have the chance to take a look at those things before they reached rank 7.

In Samuel's words, they needed to have enough strength to have the qualification to see the records. These things would also be useless for them if they didn't have enough strength.

Because of that, they never asked.

"Well, it's indeed a bit complicated and not advisable to choose for most people," Riya replied.

Because many magicians and magic warriors focused on one or two elements, they would usually choose that specific element as the law to focus on.

Samuel himself focused on the law of lightning and fire elements.

After all, he loved to use these two elements the most and had great understanding of these two elements. So using them would be much easier for him and will allow him to improve faster.

But Riya didn't really have any specific element that she favored.

Rather than that, she studied runes more closely and the formation that she used the most was the teleportation formation.

Coupled with some other runes that she used to make the magic scrolls, what she used a lot was the runes of space.

So Riya picked this direction.

In this way, she would be able to advance faster and it seemed that her affinity towards space was also pretty good. Otherwise, she would not have been able to reach the peak of rank 8 in a short 3 years.