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Chapter 981: Laws

The average ranks of the people on the Green Planet was only rank 3 to rank 4, though.

After all, it was not that easy to improve one's rank.

The people in their small circle was lucky because each and every single one of them have enough background family and resources invested on them.

Otherwise, it would be a pipe dream to reach their current rank.

In this way, the training method for rank 7 and above were still kept secret by the higher ups and the few people who have access to it. Not everyone was so selfless to be willing to donate everything for the world.

Rank 7 was already a high rank.

People at that rank already had the capabilities to destroy cities and further improvements would be even more difficult.

The higher ups will probably control it strictly.

Riya was not entirely sure.

"If you reached rank 7, I'll advise you pick either lightning or wind elements. If you want to, it's not impossible to choose both of them, but I don't think it's a good idea," Riya continued.

Amelia's IQ was not really high.

In fact, it could be said that her IQ could only be considered average and this also affect their understanding of laws.

People with better mind would be able to understand the laws faster than other people.

Riya herself couldn't really boast her IQ.

...Because if she had to compare with Ruby, then Riya had to raise a white flag. That girl was definitely the one with the highest IQ among them all.

But her own comprehension was not that bad.

Coupled with her own understanding of space that she had gained through continuous practice, she was able to advance rapidly.

But for Amelia...

Picking one of the two elements would be for the best.

If she picked both of them, Riya had the feeling that Amelia would be the last one to advance again in their small group.

After all, understanding and so on was not Amelia's strong point.

"I'll think about it later." Amelia nodded and then added, "But it'll probably still take some time."

"Don't be so impatient. Your talent is good and with the large amount of resources from the Jones Family, you will be able to advance soon."

"Yes~."

The two girls looked at each other and laughed.

After that, they noticed that neither Samuel or Arnold were around.

"Where are they going?" Amelia frowned and looked around. Her senses had naturally increased after advancing to rank 6, but she still couldn't find the two of them.

They didn't leave City A Base, right?

With their speed, if they wanted to leave City A Base, it was indeed true that Amelia wouldn't be able to sense them.

"They're in the basement." Riya looked down and her expression was a bit subtle. "Did your father modified the underground training ground?"

The underground training ground was something that Samuel built for himself in the past. It has been modified a few times. Considering that one of Samuel's element was earth element, he dug it out himself and then strengthened the ground around the house to make sure that it wouldn't collapse.

The training ground was then connected to the mansion through a route.

At the same time, Riya noticed that Samuel pasted some magic scrolls to hide the mana fluctuation from the training grounds.

But Riya didn't make many of those.

After all, she didn't really need it and only made some for the sake of magic scrolls diversity.

It shouldn't be enough to cover up a rank 6 magic fluctuation.

So...

"The research institute had already researched some materials that could absorb mana fluctuation and it's now used in various secret bases," Amelia said. "I don't know the exact details, though. Ruby told me that this is a confidential project and even if I'm Mr. Jones' daughter, I can't know too much."

Riya nodded in understanding.

She was not too surprised when she heard Amelia's words.

In fact, she had already expected so much.

Because only if they managed to find some materials would it be possible for them to hide the entire fluctuation.

Well, now she could make formation to aid it better, though.

Because for rank 7 and above, they could still sense it.

"Do you find the materials in the crack?" Riya stood up and headed towards the door while she asked.

"How did you know this?" Amelia was stunned.

She never told Riya that they were using the materials found in the crack, right?

"Because many materials on the Green Planet actually couldn't even affect the mana. And considering that Leon is also a returnee and is a weapon refiner, I guess his crack should be filled with various valuable minerals," Riya replied lightly.

Amelia looked at Riya with amazement and raised her thumbs. "That's right. The three continents have trades with each other and materials are also among the few things that are being traded with each other."

Medicinal materials from Continent W.

Precious minerals from Continent X.

As for Continent Z?

They were giving a lot of magic scrolls.

Even though they were a bit unwilling, they also sold some of the magic scrolls paper.

The method to become rune master was not exactly a secret. Just like the method to become alchemist and weapon refiner were not a secret, they were all sharing various methods in the official website.

Only through this method would it be possible to let more people learn about the basic.

If they have talent, they would be absorbed by their respective continents to help them.

"I see." Riya smiled.

The two of them reached the door and Riya pressed the door open.

Sensing the mana identification mechanism inside, Riya arched her eyebrows. It seemed that the researchers were working really hard in the past year.

They had created many useful things.

But it was still not strong enough.

Click!

The door opened easily and Riya pushed it open.

Chapter 982: Lock

Amelia stared blankly before asking, "If I'm not wrong, it hadn't recorded your mana signature, right?"

This lock has only been invented around 8 months ago.

And at that time, it had already caused quite a stir because people felt that they would have additional security in many things.

After all, everyone's mana signature is different.

Just like fingerprint.

No one has the same fingerprint in the entire world.

The mana signature was the same and they already have device to record the mana signature through inputting mana. Though, the amount of mana needed to input was still not efficient enough and the researchers were still working on it.

But it was good enough for them.

After all, they would not really record more people's mana signature into this system.

And when this device was made, Riya was clearly still in the other world. Samuel had only recorded his mana signature these days after his return since he wanted to modify the training grounds.

But how about Riya?

How did she bypass this security?

Amelia was stunned.

"Ah, yes." Riya nodded.

"Then how did you open it?!"

"...Mel, I think I need to tell you that this security system is nothing in front of a rune master." Riya shook her head helplessly.

Through using runes and inputting her mana, she simply added her mana signature into the list of the recorded mana signature. This way, she would be able to open the door too without the need to wait for others.

Perhaps other magicians would be confused how to deal with this lock.

But Riya's runes were very versatile and she herself could easily deal with this kind of lock within seconds.

No, a split second was enough.

After all, her speed of drawing runes was exceptional.

"...I'll consult this with the researchers later," Amelia muttered to herself as she looked at the lock resentfully.

She was absolutely sure that the researchers would be devastated.

Their proudest invention was cracked by Riya in just a split second. It seemed that their hard work over the years would turn to waste.

Riya didn't pay attention to Amelia's resentful look.

Anyway, there were not many rune masters like her who could do this.

The other returnee who could replicate her action should be Leon since he's a weapon refiner. This kind of device would be nothing much in their eyes and he could easily crack it if he wanted to.

Bang!

Inside the training ground, mana surged up and Riya easily formed a shield for herself and Amelia behind her.

Through the intense wind, she could see that Arnold was standing in front of Samuel with his arm raised in blocking posture. There were some cuts and blood on his arm, but his expression showed no pain.

On the other hand, Samuel was controlling the wind element and there were several deep marks on the walls. It was obvious that these were formed from the wind element.

"Arnold!" Amelia's face changed when she saw Arnold was injured.

"Mel?" Arnold was stunned and wanted to tell her to stay further away. Even though Samuel's control over his magic was exceptional, he didn't want Amelia to take any risk.

Swish!

The wind disappeared in instant and Samuel shook his head. "You're still not strong enough, Arnold."

"Ah, thanks for your guidance." Arnold let out a wry laugh.

For Samuel to use the wind element instead of fire and lightning element was already a form of mercy. After all, Samuel focused on fire and lightning element, so he would be the strongest in these two elements.

But the wind and earth elements were relatively weaker and if he were to use it, he wouldn't necessary able to showcase the same power as the other two elements.

"Healing runes," Riya said as she lifted her finger and drew some runes. The next second, it flew towards Arnold and merged into his body, recovering his injuries in an instant.

Arnold clenched his hand and could feel that all of his injuries have already recovered. He smiled gratefully. "It's even more powerful than the healing magic scrolls."

"The healing magic scrolls are either rank 1 or rank 2 healing magic spells. Only Ruben can make a higher ranked one!" Amelia said as she hugged Arnold from behind. After that, she glared at her older brother. "Why do you have to hit Arnold, Brother?"

"We're sparring." Samuel rolled his eyes.

If he really wanted to hurt Arnold, he would not have used the wind element but the lightning element.

One magic spell would be enough to kill a rank 6 magic warrior.

"Oh? It seems Ruben has been doing well." Riya's eyes lit up. She has been worried that no one would be able to learn the runes well after she left. It seemed that she didn't have to worry so much with Ruben around.

"Ruben said that he wants to ask for some advice when you come back," Arnold added.

Learning by himself was not impossible, but Ruben still needed guidance from his master for some things.

"I'll see him later."

Riya glanced at Samuel and then asked, "Shall I report to your father first?"

"I'll take you to see City A Base first," Samuel said without hesitation and then grabbed Riya's hand before walking out of the training ground.

Arnold saw this scene and chuckled.

"Arnold, let's go to the research institute."

"Why?"

"I need to tell them that their lock is not useful in front of a rune master!" Amelia recounted how Riya unlocked the door in an instant.

It was so fast that Amelia felt that she didn't even had the chance to blink.

Arnold was speechless.

"Mel, you don't think that other people can replicate what Riya did, right?"

"Ah?"

"Just think about how other rune masters are doing... We don't need to replace the lock anytime soon. But we can talk to them about designing a better one that can even block rank 8 magician."

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Amelia stared blankly and then nodded. "You're right!"

How could other rune master compare with Riya?

Putting aside the fact that all rune masters were learning runes and formation from Riya, their ranks were also lower than her.

So using Riya as the standard...

Well, it was estimated that the researchers would become bald if they had to make lock that even Riya couldn't unlock.

Arnold smiled helplessly when he saw Amelia's cute and dumb expression. She really didn't like to use her brain much when it was not necessary. And when she did use her brain... it would be for the sake of her pranks.

This girl is really playful.

But it was really nice to have her around.

"Let's go."

"Yes!"

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While Arnold and Amelia went to the research institute, Samuel brought Riya to walk around City A Base.

If they had used their real speed, this trip could finish in just a few minutes or even less than one minute. After all, the two of them had long far suppressed normal human's standard.

But the two of them used normal walking pace.

"City A Base focused more on farming, so we open up a lot of lands. The ruins of City A has long been cleaned. With the help of magic and others, it's not that hard to do so," Samuel said as they started walking towards the field.

To be honest, the newly opened fields were the only good thing about City A Base in Samuel's opinion.

After all, he didn't really want to introduce various other policies that his father implemented during this period of time. Riya would not be interested in the political struggle either.

So it's better to let her see these fields.

"Farming?" Riya was surprised.

In the past, City A could be considered to be a relatively advanced city. Their main focus was naturally not on farming but on trade. There were many businessmen who operated in City A and made a lot of profit for various reasons.

Then again, Riya didn't know the details.

She didn't have any business acumen and she was absolutely sure that if she tried to invest, what awaited her would be nothing more than losing over and over.

So she didn't bother trying.

Even if she had made some money through selling that software in the beginning, it would not allow her to live freely for the rest of her life.

"Yes. The formation you made... the cores have been repeatedly made by Ruben. Continent Z made a lot of money from those." Samuel thought for a moment. "If you want more share of the profit, I can talk to them."

Given by how Continent Z put great importance to those things, it would be reasonable for them to ask more since Riya is the inventor.

Anyway, almost all farms all over the world used it.

"...No need."

Riya had the feeling that as long as she agreed, Samuel would start a new round of negotiation with those officials and lived up to his name as a black hearted businessman.

She rubbed her forehead helplessly.

"Don't you need more resources?" Samuel asked back in surprise.

"While I do like resources, but I don't really need them that much." Riya shook her head. The resources that a rune master needed was not these common resources that most people could find.

What she treasured more is the materials to make magic scrolls and all.

But these things were easy to find by now.

It was not expensive either.

"Continent Z had already made a lot of money. If you contributed something, you can ask them for something else," Samuel reminded.

He himself traded for some valuable metals that they traded from Leon.

The crack near Leon allowed them to find a lot of new materials that the researchers have been researching intently. It could be said that everyone was really eager to get these materials on the table as fast as possible.

He didn't know how much they have excavated, but the three continents were quite satisfied.

At least, they were still willing to give him a lot of materials when he asked.

This meant that they were not lacking of these materials and could spare them for him.

Samuel felt that it was quite good.

"Hmm..." Riya did have a lot of things that she wanted to hand over. Those exercise that she found along the way of the ruins in Afirer Kingdom were useless for her.

But it might be useful for the Green Planet.

It was just...

"I don't really need anything..."

Samuel looked at Riya helplessly and rubbed her head tenderly. He felt that Riya was lacking in ambitions at times.

Even though she was clearly very motivated and had been working extra hard to train hard and advanced through ranks, but when it came to ask for resources, it seemed what she asked has always been lacking.

"Jade?"

"I don't really need it anymore."

She has more than enough jade in her space that she couldn't use.

As for food...

Let's just say that her world had already produced a lot of food to the point that she didn't know what to use them for.

It was basically impossible to let her stuff all the food into her stomach.

Magicians could use meditation to replace their needs of food.

So while Riya still eat some food from time to time because it tasted good, she would rather spend her time meditating all night long.

"Forget it... We're here."

Samuel stopped beside the fields.

Riya raised her head and saw large areas that had long turned into fields for farming. As far as eyes could see, it was all open field.

It was beautiful.

Some of them were already ripe and some others were still growing.

The mixed colors created beautiful combination.

Under the sunlight, it seemed to represent future hope, allowing people to smile and laugh as they worked on the field.

Because this meant that they would have enough to eat all year long.

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Riya's eyes shone as she watched the scenery in front of her.

For people who have experienced destruction of the world and the suffering of being unable to eat, what they longed the most was to have enough food to eat and drink all year long.

And this was what most people on the Green Planet felt.

Before the trade could be opened, every areas had to rely on the little food that they could find nearby.

They didn't have the chance to eat more or find food from further areas.

Because there were magic beasts between the roads.

It was terrifying.

Not everyone was powerful enough to deal with these magic beasts as they were people struggling at the bottom. For them, being able to eat and drink enough would be more than enough.

They didn't have any lofty dream whatsoever.

And life had already taught them hard that the most important thing for them right now was simply to have enough food to fill their stomach.

Otherwise, they wouldn't even know how they were going to live.

There were so many magic beasts around and not all of them could be eaten. They had to trade with the base for contribution points and many people didn't have enough contribution points to live well.

It was difficult.

So when Continent Z started to produce a lot of food, it basically gave them more hope.

The price of food decreased in various bases and people were excited about this. Because this meant that the pressure for them to collect the contribution points had decreased and they could start to think about having better and more delicious food.

With better life, they also felt much better.

"Is this to feed the entire Continent Z?" Riya asked jokingly after staring for a while.

"Of course not." Samuel laughed. "The land here is not enough even though the formation will make the food ripe faster. There are other bases who also opened up the areas around them for planting. In this way, it's possible to feed everyone on Continent Z."

He didn't see it himself, though.

After all, Samuel has only been back to Continent Z for a short period of time. But his father told him about this matter since he felt that it would be better for his son to be aware of these things.

Riya nodded.

"Shall we continue?" Samuel asked, gentle smile formed on his face.

"Let's walk around for a bit," Riya replied and held Samuel's hand tighter.

This kind of peaceful time...

She hoped that it could last longer.

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Walking along the street on City A Base, Samuel and Riya looked at various things that have changed ever since their departure last year.

"The officials have restored their communication channel?" Riya asked in surprise. She did hear that the relationship between the higher ups were quite good, but she didn't expect that they would have managed to do this.

"Combining technology and some trinkets from Leon," Samuel replied. "Did you not see him before coming back?"

"...No, I only see Claire." Riya looked away.

She couldn't say that she forgot all about Leon, right?

Because in her eyes, Leon is Claire's husband and if there was no official business, she had no intention of bothering him.

Samuel chuckled.

Poor Leon.

So easily forgotten like that.

Then again, Samuel knew that Riya was not interested in politics and even if she wanted something that Leon made, it had to go through the officials from Continent Z and Continent X who had made an agreement with each other.

Otherwise, it would be an international problem.

...Though Riya really didn't want to think about anything else.

She was not close to Leon and rather than making trouble by asking in personal capacity, it would be better for her to talk with Samuel's father if she ever want something.

"Well, I'm not exactly sure how Leon did it, but he managed to create some tools that could help the communication between continents to recover faster. Some areas are still hard to reach, though, and the road hadn't been fully reconstructed because of lack of manpower," Samuel explained.

Riya blinked her eyes.

She knew that the Green Planet was really big.

Coupled with the fact that many people had died because of the appearance of those cracks and the magic beasts, Riya felt that it would take a long time for the Green Planet to recover.

Destruction is really fast.

But reconstruction always took a long time.

Sometimes... one really hoped that the destruction would have not happened in the first place.

Seeing so many people died and the entire Green Planet change because of it could be quite painful.

"He's quite handy," Riya commented.

"Perhaps you can also develop your runes so you can use it alongside science," Samuel joked.

Combining runes with science?

Riya arched her eyebrows when she heard Samuel's suggestion.

Thinking about the fact that rune masters and weapon refiner did have cooperate with each other in the past, it was actually not a bad suggestions. But Riya felt that she would have reconstruct a lot of runes in order to fit together with various ordinary tools.

Swish!

A phone appeared in Riya's hand.

"Hmm?" Samuel looked at Riya and blinked his eyes.

He was just kidding.

Riya wouldn't take his words seriously, right?

The next seconds, faint light glowed from Riya's hand and a beautiful runes appeared on the backside of the phones. It seemed as if it had been engraved a long time ago even though Riya had only taken out her phone.

"Instant formation?" Samuel muttered.

The speed in which Riya drew her runes had become even faster by now. Even Samuel couldn't catch how Riya managed to draw the runes on the back of her phone so quickly.

"It's not exactly instant," Riya said as she flipped her phone and turned it on. "But I guess I increased my spell casting speed so that I can fight more efficiently in the future."

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Samuel was silent.

Considering how fast Riya's 'spell casting' has always been in the past, Samuel felt that anyone who tried to fight Riya would have to reconsider.

Just from her current spell casting speed, it was estimated that ordinary magicians would have been killed if they were to face her.

Riya clicked on her phone and then sighed. "Well, it didn't seem to be that effective."

"It wouldn't be that easy to combine science and magic," Samuel said, snapping back from his thoughts about how fast Riya's runes drawing speed was.

"Mhm."

"If you want professional advice..."

"...I don't think I need it." Riya speechlessly put away her phone as she looked up at Samuel beside her.

Why did their outings always end up with them talking about magic and work?

It was actually quite funny.

If they were not talking about the magic beasts, they would be talking about magic and the likes.

Perhaps it was because this was their common shared topic.

If it was about other things, Samuel and Riya might not have so many things to talk about with each other.

"Alright then." Samuel chuckled and rubbed Riya's head tenderly, making Riya blushed slightly and felt a bit helpless.

"Have you ever thought about what you want to do once this is all over?" Riya changed the conversation and tried to move her head away from Samuel's hand.

Just how long is he planning on rubbing her head?

Her hair is going to get messy!

"I never thought about something so far away," Samuel replied honestly. He was focused on the matter in hand and didn't really think so far ahead.

But...

Looking at Riya beside him, a smile formed on the corner of Samuel's lips. "Don't you think it'll be good if we have another date once it's all over?"

Riya blinked her eyes and then smiled gently. "Yes."

Walking around like this and doing nothing might seem to be a waste of time.

It was just...

Riya felt that she really do need one.

She has been so busy with many things and when everything was over, taking a break for some time would be a good idea.

And if she could spend it with Samuel, it would be even better.

"Then it's decided. How about if we..."

"If you really can't make any romantic date, how about if we consult your sister?"

"Hey, I'm not that bad, am I?"

"Hahaha!"

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Mr. Jones looked at the pair in front of him and didn't know what he should say.

Riya came back to the Green Planet early in the morning.

The journey with ship and then the airplane took a few hours, but she should have arrived on Continent Z in the afternoon. Considering that Riya directly used a teleportation formation to come to City A Base, it should have been easy to find her.

Well, he knew that his son definitely wanted to spare some time with his daughter in law.

But...

These two people only came to see him at 7 PM.

Mr. Jones: "..."

He could guess the reason and also where these two have been in the past few hours.

The problem is...

The military people and the officials were already getting impatient, but no one dared to truly come forward and made trouble with Samuel and Riya.

What a joke.

Just the combined power of their force value was more than enough to let them stay patient and waited.

When he finally saw these two people coming, Mr. Jones couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

They were finally here.

"Father." Samuel nodded when he saw his father and then glanced at the other officials nearby, but he didn't really want to greet them.

"Well, shall we talk about business?" Mr. Jones coughed.

The eyes of these people could kill him if he delayed any longer.

Riya chuckled and nodded.

In the next hour, she handed over the things that she brought over and planned to give to Continent Z. In exchange, she obtained some of the new potions from Continent W and also some useful tools that Leon made.

When Riya looked at these trinkets, she really feel that Leon had too much free time.

But well, they were pretty good.

After it was all over, Samuel dragged Riya away once again.

There was no need for her to stay and negotiate with those officials any longer.

"...Don't you think it's impolite to leave so quickly like this?" Riya was speechless when she felt herself being dragged over.

"You don't have to get close to those officials." Samuel snorted. "What you need to do is just to be yourself and work hard on your own."

Those officials could deal with other problem themselves.

Riya was amused, but she still nodded.

Anyway, she never liked to engage in these things.

"I want to go out for a while. Do you want to come along?" Riya asked.

"Where do you want to go?"

"I want to find a safe place to advance to rank 9."

Samuel looked at Riya in surprise and then realized that Riya was indeed on the verge of breaking through to rank 9. "Why did you not advance there?"

After speaking, he felt that it was not right and frowned. "I mean, while advancing to rank 9 didn't really cause any big movement, it would be more convenient to advance in that place instead of the Green Planet."

"That's also my original plan." Riya smiled bitterly and then explained about the planet destruction that she saw. Even though she was still a distance away from the source of the destruction, the aftermath alone had affected her.

Without her strong laws of space, Riya knew very well that she would never be able to escape from that place.

Well, other people with various strong means to escape would be able to get away too.

But it was still dangerous.

When Samuel heard about it, he also frowned and felt relieved that Riya was fine.

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"Don't frown so much, you'll look ugly." Riya stretched her hand and rubbed Samuel's forehead. She gave a reassuring smile. "We all know that going to that place will be dangerous and the risk is proportional to the reward we could receive. And now I know who sent us over and why we have to go."

Samuel was originally still frowning. But after hearing Riya's words, he raised his head and looked at the woman in front of him. Seeing the confident look in her eyes, he couldn't help but smile too.

"It seems that you have found the final clues for the answer you're looking for."

Riya was basically the only person who knew and understand the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation.

It was the formation used on the Green Planet.

Other returnees also tried to figure it out, but their knowledge of runes and formation was definitely not as good as Riya. So no matter how much they wanted to figure it out, they didn't have any direction.

It was not like Samuel didn't try to look up the record about the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation in Afirer Kingdom.

With his family's influence, they should have left behind something, right?

But Samuel soon realized that even if he had the record...

He couldn't understand.

The basic about runes and formation that Riya passed to him was not enough for him to understand the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation. It was a formation at level 9, something far above them.

While he had reached rank 9, Samuel knew very well that he didn't have the ability to stop this World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation.

Because the use and function of the formation was very complicated.

There were some parts that even if they were to be destroyed, the entire World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation would still operate as usual. Because the destroyed parts could be recovered through other methods.

This formation was really strong and changeable.

After all, this was a formation that was originally used to fuse two different worlds.

Every world would be different and the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation needed to be able to adapt to these changes.

Otherwise, it would be useless to create this formation.

They would have to make specific formation for every planet they encountered... which is basically a waste of time.

"Yes, the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation is indeed powerful but the reason why it's really powerful is because of one thing." Riya smiled faintly. "I'll tell you later after I have advanced to rank 9."

Seeing Riya purposely kept him hanging, Samuel looked at Riya badly and rubbed her cheek. "Can't you tell me now?"

"Nho! (NO!)"

Riya slipped away and then kept her distance from Samuel.

Seeing her wary look, Samuel chuckled. "Then I'll wait for you to advance to rank 9."

"Um." Riya smiled brightly and then headed towards the teleportation formation in City A Base. It was not impossible to use the one in her room, but she felt that it would be more convenient to use this one.

Moreover, she wanted to modify the teleportation formation's rank.

This way, it could teleport more people.

"When I'm done, I should make more teleportation formation between city bases in Continent Z," Riya murmured.

"I think the higher ups will be happy if they heard what you're planning to do." Samuel arched his eyebrows.

The teleportation formation was extremely convenient.

They actually wanted other rune masters to make it, but when they heard that the lowest rank of rune masters who could make teleportation formation was rank 5...

Their hopes were completely shattered.

Ruben had only advanced to rank 5 and didn't have enough time to study the teleportation formation yet.

Even if they wanted to, it would not be easy for Ruben to make the teleportation formation.

Everyone knew this.

"Haha." Riya chuckled.

They reached the teleportation formation building and Riya worked quickly to modify it. She provided the materials herself since there was still more than enough rank 8 magic beasts' blood in her world.

Seriously, she often felt that she didn't use her world much aside from letting it be her mobile warehouse.

Even though she could use the space storage scrolls, but it was more convenient to use her world because it was bound with her soul.

Within minutes, she had finished.

Samuel looked at the teleportation formation in front of him and his eyes narrowed slightly. He could tell that even he might have trouble facing someone who could use this teleportation formation.

Glancing at Riya, who was still at ease, his expression calmed down.

He knew that Riya should have improved greatly but a rune master is really strong.

'Is there a reason why Riya is the only one who knew the truth?'

The other returnees definitely didn't know as much as Riya.

They all returned earlier and even if they found something about the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation, it wouldn't be as clear as Riya.

She said that this destruction was what allowed her to know the truth.

As for what the truth is...

Samuel felt that he should just wait until Riya tell him.

Because while he also had various conjectures in his mind about this matter, he didn't have any direct conclusion. There were too many possibilities and he didn't want to explore them all one by one.

It was basically too tiring...

"It's done. Let's go."

"Yes."

The people who worked here had long gotten used to Riya modifying the formation.

But the operation mechanism was still the same, so he didn't have to learn anything new again.

In a way, it was actually pretty good.

As for what differences are there....

They would wait until Riya explained it to the other officials in the future.

For now, they would just treat it the same as usual.

Swish!

Both Riya and Samuel disappeared and then appeared far away from their original location.

Chapter 987: Advancing to Rank 9

Samuel looked around and saw that this was the place where they hunted those corpse eater flying magic beasts.

They never finished hunting those magic beasts and leave it to the other magicians, magic warriors, and warriors of the Green Planet.

After all, the two of them were not so idle to hunt the scattered magic beasts.

It's better to hand them over to others.

"Why did you choose this place?" Samuel asked after looking around once.

"Advancement to rank 9 will definitely cause mana fluctuation and I think this place will be the best place to do it," Riya replied without hesitation.

If she were to advance to rank 9 in City A Base, Riya was absolutely sure that she might end up using up the entire mana in that area. She didn't want to cause trouble to other people just because of her advancement to rank 9.

Samuel heard Riya's words and nodded thoughtfully.

They didn't pay that much attention about this matter when they were in Afirer Kingdom back then.

After all, who could they affect with their advancement?

There were no other living person aside from themselves.

It was not like they still have some unreasonable hope in the beginning of their arrival. But three years were enough to let them understand that their hope was nothing more than a pipe dream.

The grand magic beasts' tide basically wiped up the entire human civilization.

He didn't know about what the highest ranked professionals had been planning and whether it was successful, so they could only hope for it.

"The mana concentration..."

"Don't worry, it wouldn't cause such a big commotion." Riya looked at Samuel strangely. "Haven't you advanced to rank 9 yourself?"

Samuel looked at Riya helplessly and said, "I was half in a trance when I advanced and didn't pay attention to my surroundings. When I opened my eyes, everything seems normal and there's nothing strange."

Unlike Riya who experienced sudden block for her advancement to rank 9, Samuel faced none of these.

So for him, his advancement was so smooth.

Because he was focused on his own condition, Samuel had no time to pay attention whether his advancement affected the environments around him.

The sword also said nothing.

And since he couldn't find anything strange, Samuel never thought about it.

"Ah... The mana concentration in a certain radius will decrease but there's no other big movement," Riya replied.

Samuel nodded. "You can focus on your advancement and I'll wait for you here."

"Yes."

He watched as Riya set up formation to protect herself and smiled faintly. No matter what, it was good to see Riya still being careful.

Because even if he said that he will protect her, his strongest point has never been protection but attacking. So seeing Riya still set up more protection for herself, Samuel felt relieved instead.

He stood there and then tapped his sword.

"Did I make a lot of noises during my advancement to rank 9?" Samuel asked directly.

Buzz!

The sword buzzed and then fell into silence.

Even though the words were intermittent and only passed in his mind, Samuel heard his sword's complain. The mana did decrease for a period of time, but it happened for such a short period of time that it was almost unnoticeable.

But the laws of the world was distorted for a moment that the sword actually felt that the space was about to tear apart.

Something stopped it, though.

"The space is about to be torn apart?" Samuel muttered and frowned.

He didn't learn the law of space because he didn't have any talent in this area. Instead, his lightning and fire elements were extremely strong that he could basically create them with just a little bit of mana.

His control over his elements also increased sharply.

It was astonishing how even the slight increase in understanding of the laws could create a large difference in their fighting abilities.

This is why rank 7 was different from the rank below it.

And the magic beasts that were stronger could also influence the laws unconsciously, which allowed their attack to be stronger.

He turned to the back as he sensed the mana decreased.

Riya was sitting cross legged in the middle, clearly meditating. At the same time, mana was surging towards her in gentle yet fast pace. It was not as obvious as when one advanced to rank 7, but it was still causing disturbance to the surroundings.

Samuel looked in Riya's direction for a moment before turning his eyes away.

There was no need to watch over her all the time.

He's confident that Riya would be able to advance smoothly to rank 9 and then they would have more confidence when dealing with the grand magic beasts' tide later.

'It's coming soon.'

Even though Samuel didn't know when, but his instinct was telling him that the grand magic beasts' tide will happen soon.

When it happened...

His eyes flashed with ruthlessness and determination.

What he had failed to do when he was in Afirer Kingdom because of his weakness, he will make sure to achieve it in this world!

He had failed once and he didn't want to fail again.

Swish!

As the mana surged, Samuel was waiting patiently. He received some messages from his other friends, but he couldn't tell them that the two of them were outside because Riya wanted to advance to rank 9, right?

As for why she picked night time instead of any other time...

Samuel had no idea.

He looked at the night sky.

Since this place was far away from the city bases and there were still ruins from the previous cities along with countless decomposed corpses of magic beasts, there was barely any electricity here.

There was not much air pollution, allowing him to see the stars in the sky clearly.

It was beautiful.

If there were still members of his family in Afirer Kingdom, would they be looking at the same sky?

Samuel's mind wandered around for a moment.

"Sam?"

Chapter 988: Meeting

Hearing Riya's voice, Samuel pulled his thoughts back. He glanced to the side and saw Riya looking in his direction. "Have you finished?"

"Yes." Riya nodded, clearly in good mood.

In Afirer Kingdom, she had tried to advance to rank 9 repeatedly but the result has always been disappointing. Something blocked her and she couldn't advance to rank 9 smoothly as if there was a natural barrier.

She spent her time deducing the laws and learning various other runes before trying again and again.

Only now did she know what she lacked.

Composure.

And perhaps, a kind of enjoyment towards life.

"Congratulations." Samuel was genuinely happy for Riya. The stronger Riya is, the more protection the people on the Green Planet would have.

"Mhm~." Riya smiled brightly and then asked, "Did someone contact you when I was advancing?"

It only took a short time for her to advance to rank 9, but it was still more than an hour. If there was some kind of emergency, they wouldn't be able to contact her since her phone is still in her world.

"Ruben is asking for your help to ask about some questions," Samuel said. "He told me that he had already made a file containing all the questions he wanted to ask to you."

Riya: "..."

So many?

Thinking that she had left the Green Planet for an entire year, Riya rubbed her forehead and felt that she might have reaped this.

Even though she had tried to write the books about runes as detailed as possible, it was not that easy for someone who had never come into contact with runes to learn only from these books.

They needed proper guidance.

And Riya was not there to help.

It could be said that Ruben's ability to advance to rank 5 without her help and guidance personally was actually quite remarkable.

"I'll let him follow me when I set up the teleportation formation to other bases," Riya said helplessly.

She should be able to spare some time teaching Ruben while setting up the teleportation formation. The formation that she wanted to make was at rank 8 and could teleport hundreds thousands of people at once.

But for this, she needed them to make a large open area.

Otherwise, it would be impossible to fit them all in.

Making such a building wouldn't be easy, so Riya planned to set up the space runes around the building, which allowed it to be bigger inside. The highest that she could make was 100 times bigger, but if the materials were not enough or there were some other problems, she might only be able to make it 10 times bigger than the original size.

"He'll definitely like it." Samuel chuckled.

Being able to see Riya work on her own and then having her explain how it worked... Ruben should be happy with it.

After all, he also knew that Riya is going to be busy.

They have to make their final preparation before the grand magic beasts' tide and Riya's role as support was extremely important.

Various runes and formation that she could make was vital to protect many people on the Green Planet.

And most importantly...

Riya is also willing to help.

With some returnees were basically making them have high blood pressure, the attitude of Riya and the few other returnees made them understand that some of these returnees were indeed kinder.

But they shouldn't push her too far either.

Because if their temper was worse, what awaited them would be nothing more than fierce retaliation.

"Um." Riya nodded and then smiled. "So, are you ready to meet with the one who sent us to Afirer Kingdom in the first place?"

Samuel heard Riya's words and was stunned. He looked in her direction in surprise and asked, "You know where he or she is?"

"Yes." Riya nodded once again.

When she was at rank 8, she already had vague feeling of the location.

Unfortunately, her ability was far from enough to allow her to go there.

But after advancing to rank 9, Riya could easily lock onto the location where the one who sent them to Afirer Kingdom was located. The World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation basically encompassed the entire Green Planet.

And this World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation needed a core.

The one who sent them away was precisely in the core.

Normally, it would be difficult to determine the core of the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation because of how big it is.

But for a rank 9 magician whose magic could almost cover the entire planet...

Riya found it easily.

"Can you go there?" Samuel asked another question. He knew that Riya was capable of doing random teleportation, but how about fixed teleportation?

Moreover, they have never been there before, so there would not be any teleportation formation as the other end.

"Hmm, the laws I learn is space, Sam. What other rune masters can't do related to teleportation formation, I can do," Riya said slowly.

Teleportation do need two fixed points that had been engraved before.

Unless one was talking about random teleportation.

But since Riya focused on the law of space, her space runes and space related formation had been strengthened several times.

Other rune masters, if they didn't focus on space, would never be able to achieve the same result.

"Then... what do I need to prepare?"

"You don't have to prepare anything. Just hold my hand."

"Would it not be dangerous?"

"No." Riya chuckled and extended her hand. "So, are you willing to go and see with me, Sam?"

Samuel arched his eyebrows and then chuckled too. He reached out and grabbed Riya's hand.

Swish!

...

In a faraway place.

The figure that had been standing quietly for a long time finally moved once again. The last time it moved was when it found out that there were already more than half of the returnees who advanced to rank 7.

Their pace was fast.

But it was not fast enough.

Chapter 989: Meeting (2)

Had the grand magic beasts' tide arrived earlier, what awaited them would be nothing more than destruction.

They're still very weak.

The passage to the other world was opened for them to train and gain experience in fighting against magic beasts far stronger than them.

With their ranks only at rank 7, they would have to face rank 8 and rank 9 magic beasts.

Because these magic beasts would be prominent in number later.

Unfortunately, some returnees simply refused to go back to Afirer Kingdom for some reasons. Some of them already knew the reason and destination, some others didn't think it was necessary, and some others had their own method to get stronger.

It couldn't force them.

He was standing quietly when he sensed space fluctuation not far from him, at the area that would not affect the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation in the slightest bit.

Even though the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation's use was almost negligible by now as the two worlds have basically fused and connected, but it would be better to be careful for a while longer.

There was no harm in doing so.

He saw two people appeared, hand in hand, and there was a faint smile on his lips. "You're finally here, Riya Olivia Wilson."

Riya had only started to look around the cave where the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation's core was located when she heard someone calling her. She moved her eyes and saw the figure before her eyes flickered slightly.

As she had thought.

He had no presence.

If they didn't see him standing in front of them, they would never know that there was actually a figure in the core of World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation.

"Who are you?" Samuel was prepared to raise his weapon, but he still stared at the figure in front of him warily. When he came here, he only sensed mana fluctuation all around but he couldn't sense anyone standing in front of him.

His instinct that had been honed for so many years were sending alarms and warning to him.

This person is dangerous.

"Yes." But while Riya was surprised, she was much calmer than Samuel. She looked at the figure curiously and then greeted back, "Nice to meet you, World Consciousness... No, should I call you the Green Planet's Consciousness?"

The world consciousness?

Samuel was shocked when he heard Riya's words but then calmed down slightly. He didn't understand the formation or anything like that, but if Riya determined this figure as the Green Planet's consciousness...

Then the act of sending them away to Afirer Kingdom could be seen as the act of desperate survival.

Because the Green Planet might be destroyed during the grand magic beast's tide.

The world didn't want such an ending.

In desperate attempt, it could only send the few people who had the most potential into another world. It let them train to a certain degree before pulling them back and let them climbed up as fast as possible.

The World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation was made in order to let the people on the Green Planet has a higher chance of survival.

Because if they waited until the grand magic beast's tide, then it would be too late.

These people whom it sent away would not be able to reach high enough rank and would still be defeated by the magic beasts. Afterwards, what awaited it would be nothing more than the destruction of the entire Green Planet.

Samuel's brain was turning around.

But he kept quiet and only stood in front of Riya in a protective gesture.

Should this so called Green Planet's Consciousness try to attack them, even if he might not be an opponent, he would definitely fight back and protected Riya as much as possible!

"You're right." The Green Planet's Consciousness didn't seem to think much about Riya's words that revealed its identity.

Perhaps, it knew from the beginning that Riya would be able to uncover his true identity.

"I still have a lot of things that I need to ask you." Riya looked at the Green Planet's Consciousness in front of her solemnly.

Even if she managed to guess his identity, she knew very well that there were still many things left unanswered.

"I can answer your questions... but you might need to explain how you figure out my identity to your partner." The Green Planet's Consciousness raised his chin towards Samuel who was standing not far from Riya.

It was obvious that while Riya managed to find out his identity, Samuel couldn't understand.

Other returnees would not understand either.

"Ah..." Riya looked at Samuel with some embarrassment and then asked, "Do you remember when I tell you that it's not that easy to make the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation and that one might need to be at rank 9 to make it?"

Samuel frowned and then said, "I think I remember the gist even if it's not the specific words."

"This is the first clue... the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation is not something that ordinary people could make and the Green Planet never had any mana before. So how did the two worlds ended up being connected through the formation?"

It had to be someone or something that's strong enough to make the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation and kept the two worlds together. I have finally advanced to rank 9 and I understand that even I wouldn't be able to make this formation without anyone knowing."

Without anyone knowing?

Samuel arched his eyebrows and then understood.

The mana fluctuation from Riya setting up the formation will definitely disturb other people above. Besides, Riya was not familiar with various defense technology of Continent Z and if she were to be the one to make it, she might end up alarming some continents because of the strange movement underground.

Afterwards...

Well, there was no need to think about it but it was definitely not easy.

Yet whoever made the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation was able to bypass all continents' security measure.

Chapter 990: Explanation

That alone seemed to indicate that this person or something was extremely extraordinary.

Riya herself also noticed it, but she hadn't reached rank 9 yet and didn't quite understand the power a person would have when they reached rank 9.

So while she has this suspicion because of the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation, she never voiced it out.

In fact, she simply buried it in her mind and never talked it with other people.

"Secondly, the message into our mind the moment we advanced to rank 7." Riya tilted her head. "I have been wondering why it had to be rank 7 and then I remembered the ceremony that we have to undergo when advancing to rank 7 or advancing to rank 10.

It's basically impossible to hide one's advance to these two ranks and whoever set up the World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation and send us to Afirer Kingdom might not be able to watch all of us all the time. But if it's only monitoring when we advanced to rank 7, it would be easy."

"The mana fluctuation would be big enough and there's a pattern formed in the sky," Samuel said slowly. "So you guessed that someone was watching."

"Yes." Riya nodded. "Unfortunately finding one person among billions of people is the same as looking for needle in a haystack and I don't think I'll have the patience to review everyone. So I shelved the thoughts again."

Samuel: "..."

It seemed that various clues have been placed in front of Riya, but she kept on backing down again and again.

"Later on, the formation appeared all of the sudden on top of the island and all of us received message at the same time." Riya narrowed her eyes. "Our soul has been strengthened because of our practice, yet it was able to enter without us noticing and sent such a clear image and description."

It was really difficult not to think in the negative direction when they received such a thing.

Even Samuel was not an exception.

But more than a year ago of the Green Planet's time, they basically didn't have any other options and knew that if they wanted to advance faster, they had to take this risk.

It was for this reason they entered that world.

"A powerful rank 9 magician might be able to do that..." Samuel said slowly.

"That's what I thought until I saw that formation." Riya chuckled. "To change the time speed of an entire planet and maintain the connection of two different worlds, it was not something that a mere rank 9 could possibly do. But if the other party is rank 10, it should have been able to monitor us at all times instead of just at rank 7."

Even staying at the core of World Fusion and Mana Integration Formation would not erase one's perception. This place is protected well, but it's not a sealed chamber where you can't even perceive the outside world."

Samuel arched his eyebrows.

He's a magic warrior and not magician, so he was not entirely sure what Riya actually meant.

After all, the magic that he could do was far weaker than the magic that Riya could use.

But he guessed that it should be related to the fact that magicians' mental strength was so strong that their own magic could be launched from a long distance.

Riya's ability after advancing to rank 9 definitely increased greatly.

"And the last thing that made me certain is the destruction of Afirer Kingdom's planet." Riya's expression turned cold for a moment before it returned to normal. "The space fluctuation is abnormal and the entire planet was already on the verge of destruction. Yet, the space mark was still visible.

I'm sure that you have received message from your elders or someone important, telling us that they have reached an agreement. Who could possibly represent so many people from various continents and sent us to that almost destroyed world?

I can only think of the world consciousness.

The world didn't want the planet to be destroyed, so it had to think of a countermeasure and made an agreement with the other worlds. Only with the power of the two planets themselves would it be possible for the people in Afirer Kingdom to send some people away and for the Green Planet to send some people to Afirer Kingdom to train. Moreover, the people from Afirer Kingdom were also so kind and willing to help, so something or someone of enough stature had to be the one convincing them..."

Riya paused for a moment and then close her eyes for a moment before calming down and looked at the Green Planet's Consciousness in front of her.

"And what sent us to Afirer Kingdom is not only the law of space but also time... Afirer Kingdom should have been destroyed a long time ago and it's the last trace of power remaining that allowed you to communicate and used the power of time to let us experience what it is like to live in the civilization of magic."

The time difference of the two planets meant that the people from Afirer Kingdom might as well be their ancestors instead of their peers.

But they didn't find anything strange.

Because they were not strong enough.

Riya only caught the glimpse of the faint trace power of time when she was almost swallowed by the space turbulence.

Even though she was still far away, the power from the world's destruction was not something that she should be able to bear.

She managed to run away.

And as she mulled over the power she had seen...

Riya understood.

"You're right." The Green Planet's Consciousness was looking at Riya kindly. Even though the schemes and perhaps the calculation it had made in the past few years were laid bare, it was extremely calm and looked like it had expected it.

"Then I want to ask... does the Green Planet will also be destroyed?" Riya asked slowly.

If the Green Planet's Consciousness has the power of time, it could definitely see the future...

Otherwise, it would not have sent them to Afirer Kingdom.

But what she wanted to know was whether this matter could be changed or not.