## **World Mall 116**

Chapter 116 Moving In
*Clack!*
Clovis closed the door while letting out a sigh. "Today is very exhausting. To think that I would have to visit all those shops, and more importantly, how does Kanaria have that much energy? She doesn't look exhausted at all. Anyway, I will have a few days to rest. I'm going to polish my Star Method and try to enter that state again.
Without it, it's impossible to defeat a Tier 3 beast after all. And I will wait for Melody to familiarize herself with the group for a bit before telling her about the Star Method."
Clovis just dropped to his knees as he just wanted a warm bath and sleep after all this. His injury wasn't that bad, so he could still practice tomorrow.
That was what he thought before he noticed a giant bag on the floor.
"Huh? What is this?" Clovis furrowed his eyebrows. There wasn't supposed to be a bag inside his house so Clovis was alarmed the moment he saw one. "Is this a bomb? But there is a note on top of it"
The writing was different from Kanaria as it was pretty neat to the point where he could easily read it from his current position.

Clovis instantly picked up the letter the moment he saw the first line.
"Kanaria has been kicked out of the house. Her father doesn't want her to join another group and the argument turns into a big fight. Out of anger, her father kicks her out to make her rethink her decision.
"So, right now, she doesn't have anywhere to go. I have asked Jay about this, but it seems that there is only one place she can stay. I hope you can take care of my daughter for the time being until her father calms down.
"Sorry for all this trouble
"From your beloved auntie, Vania. With Love."
"" Clovis's expression darkened. "A big fight? Kick off? How could she lie like that? Aren't you just making excuses so that you can push your daughter onto me? I can finally understand why my grandfather leaves Even without you doing all this, I'm not going to push her away.
I can understand your desperation, but you need to chill Then again, she is not here."
That was what he thought before someone knocked on the door. When he peeked outside, it turned out to be Kanaria, her face was bright red.
Clovis opened the door for her and finally remembered that Kanaria's senses were much sharper.

"Did you hear what I just said?" Clovis blinked a few times. The atmosphere turned awkward.
"Mhmm" Kanaria rubbed her cheeks.
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A moment ago.
"This mother of mine" Kanaria clicked her tongue. "Do you know what he is going to think of me after you do all this?"
She received a message from her mother not long after she and Clovis split up, so she ended up chasing after Clovis, wanting to stop him from finding the bag.
However, she was too late. Clovis had returned.
"What should I do? What should I do?" Kanaria bit her lips. If she entered right away, it would be awkward. But Clovis should have found the bag that her mother left behind.
"I should know what he has to say first." Kanaria gulped down and placed her ear on the door.

She had noticed this the first time she visited Clovis's house. It seemed that this house was built of special material.
Since high-tier people with affinity in Brain could hear from a distance, she should be able to do the same even if the door was closed. But that didn't happen.
She could barely hear anything from the inside, so she had to place her ear directly on the door to hear what Clovis had to say. And even then, she could barely hear it.
Then she heard Clovis's words about not planning to push her away.
After learning about Clovis's stance, she couldn't help but feel embarrassed. Even though this was what her mother wanted, it didn't mean she was that opposed to it.
Still, it was a bit embarrassing to know it directly.
That was when she knocked on the door.
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Just recalling it made her face a bit red.
Clovis scratched the back of his head. "Well, you can stay in my house as long as you like. I don't really mind. I mean, having someone else in the house makes it not lonely. In addition, it's nice to have someone since I can share the chore. And it'll be easier to discuss our plan.
We are the ones usually coming up with the trip plan anyway."
"Mhmm" Kanaria knew that Clovis was just saying whatever was on his mind to escape this embarrassing moment. But he was right. "Then do you mind if I bring my clothes"
"Ah, yeah. While we're at it, let me bring out all my clothes as well. You can use my room, I will stay in my parents' room. Even if we meet them in the future, I bet it's not going to be in this city. So, feel free to treat this as your own." Clovis nodded.
Kanaria nodded as they made their way toward Clovis's room.
Clovis didn't take too long to clear up the entire room before leaving Kanaria to unpack her luggage. From the size of the bag, Clovis knew that it had everything from daily clothes to extra clothes for exploration.
This also meant that Kanaria would start living with him.

After considering the fact that there would be people who tried to sabotage their exploration, Clovis and Kanaria made a plan to ensure they had enough time to avoid all the potential danger.
They had upgraded their skyglasses to be immune from the jamming devices. A few of the items had been installed in their tracks, preventing the beasts or humans from ambushing them.
Surprisingly, there weren't any incidents in their exploration. It was as if the people who tried to kill Clovis had gone.
That was why Clovis took advantage of this moment to increase his combat power as much as possible.
In the next 20 days, Clovis went on three different explorations, each lasting at least four days.
Unfortunately, because they didn't aim for Tier 3 beasts, they didn't bring as much money as their first exploration together.
However, their exploration lasted twice as long, so the amount of money they got wasn't that much different.
In those twenty days, Clovis managed to get a total of six hundred thousand union dollars. In the end, a lot of essence had to be put away for personal use. Because Melody had become a part of the group, they gave her the Tier 2 essence, forcing her to get stronger.

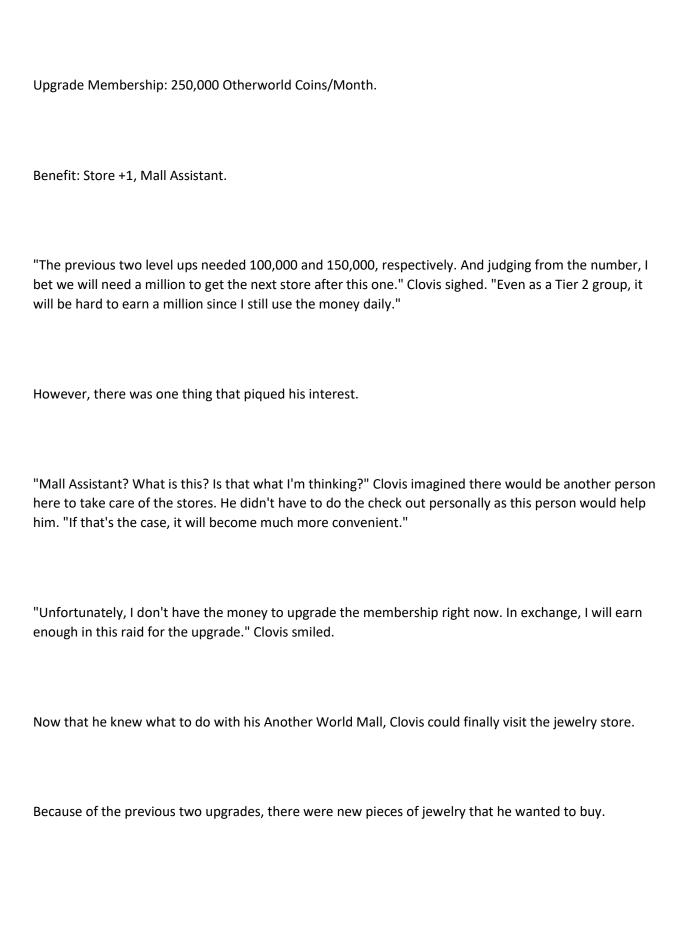


"Don't say that. You're the most important person in the group. If you present yourself with low morale, the others won't know what to do." Kanaria raised a finger and continued, "And I think you need to be a little more confident. It's not that they want to kill you. It's because they fear you that they have to kill you."
"How is that any different? They still want to kill me." Clovis shook his head helplessly.
"They are different. Just look at your current status right now. How much have you filled up with your evolution progress?"
"About a third." Clovis answered.
"See? You have gone that far within a month. You only need three months to become Tier 2. At this rate, you might only take less than a year in total to reach Tier 3. That's why they fear you. They don't want you to become stronger and scare them like your father or grandfather."
"Well" Clovis sighed.
"Then, let's talk about this." Kanaria pointed at the chart of their spending. "Right now, we have bought everything we need, except for the modified car. Since it's going to be expensive, it's better to save up the money first.
"A good exploration minibus is about ten million. So, we still need a lot of money or maybe use a loan."

Clovis hadn't encountered this situation. If he had a loan in his name, would the Otherworldly Coin in Another World Mall be deducted? He didn't really want to try this one, so he couldn't help but say, "I don't want to have a loan for the time being. It's fine to stick to renting a car for now."
"Okay." Kanaria didn't say much because her original motive was to switch the topic so that Clovis wasn't gloomy anymore. "By the way, have you seen the list of the current teams for the raid?"
"Yeah." Clovis nodded. "They are very sneaky."
"Agreed." Kanaria nodded. "Ivan has become Tier 1 and leads a group of five, all women except him. And it appears that Vina is still with him, along with Elina. On the other hand, Lovelia is in another group, but looking at the composition of that group, it's clear that they're planning to join those two groups.
"This way, Lovelia doesn't really break the promise. Still, exploiting a loophole like this is quite annoying." Kanaria clicked her tongue.
"That's fine either way. From what I can see, these two groups are planning to kill a Tier 3 beast. Seeing a bunch of Tier 1 people beat a Tier 3 beast will definitely raise their reputation after all." Clovis smiled. "We don't need to compete with them."
"I know. We can just do whatever we can. Who cares about other people's opinions?" Kanaria shrugged.
"No. I mean we haven't had any accidents in the past three weeks, right? Doesn't that mean those people are bringing dozens of strong beasts for the raid?"

"Ah!" Kanaria looked away, understanding what he meant. It was clear that they would have numerous strong opponents. And they could simply choose these beasts as their targets and their reputation would soar even higher than that of Ivan and his group.
"I've gotten a bit more comfortable with the Star Method. Killing a Tier 3 beast should be possible without luck."
"That's good. My senses have become much sharper as well. You taught Melody the Star Method a week ago, so she should be adjusting herself to it. And Jay is progressing by leaps and bounds. We can even be compared to a Tier 2 team right now."
"Definitely." Clovis agreed. Before the raid, he wanted three things. The first was to confirm the information about this secret laboratory. If they had the chance to go, they would definitely visit this laboratory.
Secondly, Clovis had to think about his spending plans, especially things from the Another World Mall. He had been powering up his teammates. Because Kanaria was with him the most, her progress was also the highest. He believed Kanaria had completed half of her evolutionary progress.
Last but not least, he planned to make some adjustments to the progress of Another World Mall.
So, after finishing his discussion with Kanaria, Clovis immediately returned to his room and visited the mall.
Chapter 118 New Items

"So" Clovis muttered. After arriving at the mall, the first thing that he looked at was none other than his status.
[Name: Clovis Hacfield.]
[Membership: Level 9 (Better Novice)]
[Money: 210,005 Otherworldly Coins.]
[Item Limit: 8/Visit]
[Visit: 0(2)/Day]
Clovis had upgraded his membership twice, with the next upgrade being a new store.
"Mhmm I wonder what I should do after this. Currently, I don't have the money to upgrade the membership and open the new store." Clovis sighed, looking at the amount he needed for the new membership.
Membership: Level 9 (Better Novice)



As soon as he entered, he went straight to the two pieces that he wanted for himself and Jay.
Name: Strength Bracelet
Description: Bracelet blessed by the minotaur race.
Effect: Muscle +20% when used (up to Tier 2).
Price: 30,000 Otherworldly Coins
Since Jay had the beast soul that increased his speed, his main concern would be strength. Even though he could already be considered the strongest in terms of raw strength in the group, he would definitely not reject additional strength.
At first, Clovis was a bit surprised because the strength came from increasing the Muscle Trait. But this opened up a new possibility for Clovis, considering there would be items that could enhance other traits.
The more he opened the store, the more he could find unique items like this.
As for him, he got a necklace with a green pendant. After learning about the Star Method, he was able to slow down his vision even more. However, during the fight against the Tier 3 terrorists, Clovis knew that even if he knew how he should react, his speed was a bit too slow.

That was why he got this item.
Name: Necklace of the Wind
Description: The pendant of the necklace has the gem that is produced by the harpy, carrying the blessing of the wind.
Effect: Speed +7
Price: 25,000 Otherworldly Coins
This was an extremely powerful pendant for a Tier 1 human like him. With this speed, he wouldn't have to be afraid of the Tier 3 proconsul overwhelming him anymore.
Without hesitation, Clovis bought these two.
"I still have some money, but I don't think I plan to spend on anything else other than the foods to increase the evolutionary traits for now. During the raid, I have to earn at least half a million. I will use half of it to upgrade the membership and the other half to buy items from the new store."

With a satisfied smile, Clovis brought some food and finally left Another World Mall.
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Clovis gradually opened his eyes after returning to his room. "There will definitely be something big happening in the raid. I don't know what they have prepared so far, but I should expect a Tier 4 beast. There's no way we can fight them yet, but we should be able to run away from them. In that case, I will be looking forward to what they have prepared."
Although Clovis was annoyed and worried about his teammates, it didn't mean he was backing down from the challenge. Since the other party wanted to kill him, he would just have to survive again and again. In the end, what didn't kill him would make him stronger.
Eventually, his fangs would reach them. That was the time to put an end to everything.
As Clovis predicted, everyone began to make preparations. Clovis knew that Ivan, Elina, and Lovelia were holding a grudge against him. So, they must be planning to do something on this trip.
Fortunately, Vina was neutral toward him, especially after fighting together in the mall's incident.
All that was left were the new members of Ivan's group and the helpers that Lovelia had gathered.

Melody couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows. She had obviously heard about the conflict between Clovis and Ivan. It might be related to Kanaria, but the conflict escalated to the point where there was going to be a bloodbath between Clovis and Ivan.
More importantly, this person was the genius that the city was proud of. For Clovis, who only had a 15% evolution rate, he couldn't be compared to him at all.
Still, the secret of the Hacfield family easily ignores Ivan's advantage. At the very least, Clovis should have no problem reaching Tier 6 or Tier 7.
But once he reached that stage, he would face the true geniuses, who were equipped with a high evolution rate and talent for combat. In fact, other Tier 9 human's descendants would be more talented than Clovis.
Still, it didn't change the fact that Ivan was nothing but a frog in a well. She didn't have to be afraid of him.
On the other hand, Ivan looked at Kanaria with a solemn expression.
Ivan stopped right before her while saying, "Do you want to join my group?"
Melody had expected this. His group consisted of four women and one guy. There was one spot left for a certain someone. It was either for Kanaria or Lovelia. But the latter had that agreement, which made it impossible to directly join Ivan's group.

It seemed that Ivan had prepared to recruit her just to annoy Clovis.
"What is this?" The people started turning their heads around, wondering what happened.
"Who is she?"
"Is that Harem Lord going to get another woman?"
"But look at her tag, she already has a group."
"Don't you know that two of the women in his group left their previous groups just to follow him?"
"Seriously?"
"Is she going to be the third one?"
The people whispered to each other but didn't dare to step up. In the end, their talent couldn't be compared to Ivan's.

Meanwhile, Melody took a step back and said, "I'm thankful for the invitation, but I have to refuse."
"You don't know who I am?" Ivan squinted his eyes.
"Of course I know. Who doesn't even know the genius of the city?" Melody shook her head. "However, I already have my own group, and I'm not planning to leave them."
Ivan took a moment to reply, but the words coming out of his mouth were very painful for Melody to hear. "Is it for your brother?"
"!!!" Melody raised his eyebrows. "What did you say?"
Ivan smirked. "You don't have to sell yourself away if it's for the sake of your brother. With my help, you can immediately bring him to a better hospital."
It seemed that Ivan had done his homework this time and knew how to poke her.
Melody looked annoyed. Dante was her soft spot, so when she heard Ivan mention her brother with that foul mouth of his, Kanaria's expression turned cold.
"If you follow me, you don't have to satisfy whatever that guy desires from you. How is it?"

Elina was smiling behind Ivan as if she were satisfied with Ivan's performance.
"What did you say?" Melody gritted her teeth. Ivan didn't even know how to treat her brother. He even talked badly about her group. Melody was truly pissed off. Even with the Drake Group's reputation, they couldn't invite a Tier 7 or Tier 8 doctor. And there was no way they would spend that amount of money just for her sake.
"I'm just telling you not to sell your body and respect yourself more," said Ivan in a condescending tone.
That was the last straw. Melody raised her hand and swung it as fast as possible to slap this person. It seemed that Ivan, a mere Tier 1 human, dared to challenge her. 8
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The crisp impact sound made people think Melody had slapped Ivan.
Ivan had already closed his eyes as if he were ready to make this sacrifice, but all of a sudden, he felt someone's hand on his shoulder as he was being pushed down.
"Yo. What is this? Are you bullying a girl?" Jay's voice echoed in his ears, causing Ivan to open his eyes wide.

"!!!" The other girls on his team also raised their eyebrows as if they didn't notice them.
The slapping sound Melody produced earlier actually came from Clovis's hand. That was right. Clovis's hand stopped Melody's slap and made it look like a high-five instead.
"Yeay. Sorry for the wait. I hope you haven't been here for long." Clovis chuckled as if he were trying to shift the topic and let Melody calm down.
"It seems that my choice in joining this group is correct. I don't have to deal with a jerk who likes to bully people." Kanaria sighed in disappointment.
Clovis and his group had finally appeared.
"!!!" Elina didn't expect them to pass her without feeling their presence. In just a short few weeks, Clovis's group had turned into a terrifying group, whose strength was much higher than theirs.
What he didn't know was Clovis using the new necklace to increase his speed, Jay activating the Beast Soul to speed up, and Kanaria getting the shorts's camouflage power.
Because they had lowered their guards, they could make such a grand entrance.
"That's her group?"

"Isn't that the group that embarrassed Ivan's group last time?"
"The one that was broadcast by the military?"
"Pfft. He was picking on them because of that."
"Still, bullying a single person is just so low."
"Hey. I brought chips, want some?"
"Why are you getting comfortable? Then again, the drama is interesting."
The people were laughing while watching the conflict between Clovis and Ivan.
However, Clovis had no intention of falling for the trick. There was one reason why Ivan provoked Melody. If she truly slapped her, the Drake Group could easily find justification to eliminate them or force them to retire since it would just cause internal conflict. That was why he stopped her.
As for the one who forced him to do this, he had some guesses.

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"Ah!" Melody snapped back from her anger.
"I can guess what has happened, but for now, let's move away for a bit," Clovis whispered.
"Yes and sorry."
"You don't have to apologize." Clovis then grabbed her wrist and pulled her out of the crowd. Kanaria and Jay followed with a smug smile as if looking down on them.
Ivan gritted his teeth. Even Elina had a sour face as if her plan had failed.
'How in the world No, that's not important. They are much stronger than our prediction. We have to find a way to eliminate them.' Elina's expression turned serious. 'We have prepared a few arrangements for the exploration, so I guess we can wait for the time being.'
As soon as Clovis got away, he couldn't help but say, "It seems that they have changed their approach."
"Yeah." Kanaria nodded in agreement. "After that failure, he must be pressured to do it or their reputation will become much worse."

Melody sighed. "To think I would be targeted like this Maybe I should find a way to cut them."
"This is a problem." Jay sighed. "Unlike Clovis, I don't cut women."
"I don't cut them too." Clovis glared at Jay but he soon added, "I shoot them!"
"" Kanaria and Melody looked at him as if they were judging him before rolling their eyes.
It seemed they didn't have a lot of time to discuss things as they heard someone speaking through the microphone.
"I welcome everyone to the raid. Approximately thirty minutes from now, we are going to depart from him. But before that, I will give you a little briefing about our raid this time. First, I'll introduce myself. I will be the commander of this raid. You can call me Orlan.
A Tier 4 Explorer under Star Exploration Group."
He then extended his hand as if pointing to the three people under the stage. "These three will be my deputies in this raid. All of them are Tier 3. The one in charge of the Sword Team is Eliot, the one in the middle is Nek who takes care of the Shield Team, and last but not least is Wolf, who will be in charge of the reserve team."

After introducing the leaders in charge, Orlan then projected a map for everyone to see. It was the Starion City Map.
Soon, two red dots and four blue dots appeared on the map. The red dots were located near the center of the map, but the distance between them was about a fourth of the map shown. The blue dots were in a straight line south of the red dots.
"We have located two Tier 4 beasts and four Tier 3 beasts in this expedition. In addition, we have heard some rumors that there are more of those beasts in the forest right outside the city.
"Hence, our battle plan is going to be simple. First, we will come to the city through the south gate.
"The Sword Team will sweep in and take care of two Tier 3 beasts before them and create a path for me to fight the Tier 4 beast behind them. The shield team will stop the two Tier 3 beasts from the east. The reserve team will be standing by until further order.
"There are about three thousand beasts inside the city, so we will have to make it quick or ready for a defensive battle against them.
"Once we kill these two Tier 3 and one Tier 4 beasts, we will use all our strength to eliminate the remaining beasts. Once we've killed the overlords of the city, we will retreat and let another raid team take over to eliminate the rest of the beasts inside and outside the city.
"Make sure to record everything so that we can give you the contribution points that you deserve. The details will be explained by your respective team leaders. Once you're done, go to your respective vehicles and get ready to head out."

After listening to the briefing, everyone had gotten a general idea about the raid. And each captain immediately raised their hands to gather their own groups.
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Clovis's group was under a man called Eliot. To their surprise, the moment they came to Eliot, they also saw Ivan and his group among the vanguards.
There were four more groups and a total of 30 people as the vanguards.
"Alright. I will explain everything in detail." Eliot's expression was devoid of emotion, but the explanation coming from his mouth couldn't help but make people furrow their eyebrows.
"I will take care of the Tier 3 beast on the left. Libation Fiesta will take care of the Tier 3 beast on the right."
"Huh?!" Clovis frowned. "What do you mean by this?"
"I have said it pretty clearly. Libation Fiesta will be the one stopping the Tier 3 beast on the right. The other teams will sweep the remaining beasts in this formation." He showed the name of each group and their position.
"What's the meaning of this? Libation Fiesta is composed mostly of Tier 1 explorers. How are we supposed to handle a Tier 3 beast?" Clovis objected. Even the other groups furrowed their eyebrows.

Clovis continued, "Silver Star Group and Melon Juice Group have better chances than us since they have at least three Tier 2 fighters in the group."
"I heard that you had helped the police kill Tier 3 terrorists." Eliot's expression turned dark. "Or is it a lie?"
"!!!" Clovis gritted his teeth as if he couldn't deny it. "That's because the Tier 3 agents helped me."
"All you need to do is buy me some time. And the other groups are strong enough to swiftly sweep the entire battlefield, so this shouldn't be a big task."
'It seems that their group pissed off a lot of people.'
'This is clearly an act against them.'
'They are planning to crush this Libation Fiesta group, huh?' The people from the other groups couldn't help but think negatively about this decision while pitying Clovis and the others.
"If you have a problem, you are free to leave the raid. But I will make sure to write it down in your track record."
Clovis clenched his hands into fists before saying, "Fine. Libation Fiesta accepts the task."

"Then" Eliot continued talking about their position for another five minutes before sending them back.
Ivan's group was placed near Clovis's group. It was clear that it was arranged so that Ivan could kill the Tier 3 beast after Clovis failed to stop it.
After that meeting, Elina visited Eliot while saying, "Thank you for the help, Uncle."
"It's fine. I'm merely doing this for the sake of family." Eliot shook his head. "You guys should get ready. The moment the opportunity comes, you are to sweep in and defeat the Tier 3 beast. If you portray yourself helping the people that once embarrassed you, your reputation would soar and their reputation would hit rock bottom."
"Yes, we'll take advantage of the situation." Elina nodded with a serious expression.
Meanwhile, Clovis returned tot heir car with a furious expression.
"Clovis. Calm down." Kanaria looked like she was trying to calm him down, making people worry about their groups.
"He is simply targeting us." Clovis raised his voice.

"" Kanaria rolled her eyes but still played along. At the same time, she couldn't help but scream inwardly, 'Yeah. But if you're angry, close that damn smile first.'