## **World Mall 126**

Chapter 126 Reinforcement
"Hey. This is too much!"
A few people were taking down multiple beasts at once, but more and more beasts kept coming, gradually pushing them back.
"I will take care of this side." One of them roared while unleashing all the bullets in his rifle. His movement was fast, but his bullets were normal, not Tier 1 bullets like Kanaria's bullets.
So, the Tier 1 beasts managed to withstand those bullets and came toward him.
One of the Tier 1 beasts pounced on him before it suddenly got sniped from a different direction.
"Nice, Yas." He shouted, reloaded, and started firing again.
Just like Clovis's group, the Blossom had a sniper in their team.
"Yep. Just keep going. We have to endure it for a little bit more," the guy replied while searching for a new target.

However, he was startled when he heard footsteps followed by a shout. "Is there someone here? I am here to help."
"I am Yasin from the Blossom." He turned around, finding Kanaria climbing to his floor.
"I am Kanaria from Libation Fiesta. I am here to help." Kanaria rushed toward him while taking a look at the situation.
"Thank you. But aren't you supposed to handle the beasts from the right?" Yasin asked.
"Don't worry, everything is taken care of. My captain asked me to help this side instead." Kanaria smiled.
"But wasn't the gunshot from your side earlier?"
"No." Kanaria shook her head. "Do you want to check my guns if you can't believe me?"
"That's fine. It's better if we focus on eliminating all these beasts first." Yasin pointed at the beasts on the ground.
"Sure." Kanaria smiled. "I will help that block."

"I will take care of the other block." Yasin agreed without hesitation.
As soon as they got into the new position, they began to rain down the bullets, taking down one beast after another.
The effect was so great that the people on the ground could feel it.
"Huh?" One of them couldn't help but raise his head, noticing that instead of fighting the next beast right away, there was some gap between him and the next beast as the one closest to him had died. "It seems that the sniper guy is focusing on us."
Another person slashed the beast in front of him while saying, "I heard the sniper from another group came here."
"For real?" The guy smiled. "If that's the case, we can defeat these guys."
"We are here to help!" A shout came from behind, causing the people to glance at them. They instantly recognized Ivan with a single glance, but it was surprising that four of them would come to this place.
They wanted to say something but ended up exchanging looks between themselves.
"Alright. Split your group into two. The first one will help us here while the second group helps the people on the next block!"

Ivan followed the order. With the reinforcement, they began to push back the beasts. It didn't take too long for them to eliminate half of these beasts.
As the blood smell permeated the air, the beasts gradually realized that they were losing their ground. If this continued, they would be wiped out.
The moment they considered the possibility of retreating, the people started launching an all-out attack, eliminating as many beasts as possible.
Unlike Clovis and Jay, these people didn't seem to be able to defeat a Tier 2 easily. Even their Tier 2 explorer needed a few minutes to take down a single Tier 2 beast.
Kanaria felt slightly disappointed by their strength. However, she understood that Clovis and Jay had their extraordinary prowess because of the Star Method as well as better equipment.
In the end, they only managed to kill about 150 beasts, while the Tier 2 beasts signaled a retreat for the remaining beasts.
The center area had also repelled the beasts coming their way, considering they had Tier 3 explorers among them.
Eliot rampaged on the battlefield, killing more than fifty beasts by himself.

When he noticed that the beasts were retreating, Eliot said through the radio, "The beasts are retreating here. What's the status of each side?"
"The right side is clear. All beasts have died." Clovis's voice echoed from the radio.
Eliot couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows, since he didn't like Clovis. However, he thought that Clovis was able to achieve it because Ivan's group helped them.
So, he let him go without a single word this time.
"The beasts on the left side are also retreating. We are planning to regroup with the other teams."
"We'll regroup in the center, but keep your vigilance. The essence and materials can wait for later."
"Got it."
Now that the situation had been under their control, they could finally move back. However, Eliot was definitely not ready for what was to come.

Eliot walked together with the two teams positioned in the middle. He couldn't help but think, 'Luckily, we manage to repel those beasts or else the others will look down on me. The right side, which is my concern, seems to have been taken care of.
'I guess that Ivan guy is as good as the rumors. This should be enough to gain some reputation. I just have to find a way to make people think badly about the Libation Fiesta team.'
Eliot thought his idea was brilliant. Unfortunately for him, he miscalculated two things.
When he was about to reach the meeting point, he couldn't help but drop his jaw in disbelief. Clovis was actually walking toward the meeting point with only four people. Instead of Kanaria, he had Vina.
On the opposite side, he saw Ivan and the rest of his group walking together with the original two groups stationed on their left.
And the captain of the Blossom team seemed to be furious. The captain of the other team was actually berating Ivan for some reason.
Just from their positions alone, Eliot could imagine what had just happened. That realization made his heart sink.
*Thud-!*
Chapter 127 Embarrassment

The captain of the Blossom team shouted in anger. "Captain Eliot. How the hell did you choose this team to be the vanguard team?"
Eliot's body shuddered. He didn't have anything in his mind, so he tried to buy some time by asking, "What do you mean?"
The captain pointed at Ivan. "This freaking kid actually came to reinforce the left side. Did you know that he almost caused our formation to collapse by abandoning his post? Did you know what he said? He left behind a single person!
"Do you know what that means? The other party has to take on all those beasts by themselves with the help of a single person. If you want to send reinforcements, it's only natural that you only send one or two people from your group to the other party, not most members!
"I know that the Libation Fiesta team is very capable, but this is too much." The captain clenched his hands into fists as if he wanted to punch Eliot.
If the Libation Fiesta wasn't strong enough, the right side would collapse, and these beasts would attack them from behind.
The moment they were pincered from both sides, it wouldn't be strange for a few people to die. In the worst case scenario, half of the vanguards would die, and this raid would result in failure.
Kanaria couldn't help but smile when hearing about this complaint. There was one major flaw that Ivan's group possessed. They might be talented, but most of them were actually young ladies from big families.

They were simply too pampered. That was why they didn't have a lot of knowledge and experience in
fighting as a team.
Clovis baited them by telling them to go on their way. Experienced explorers would refuse his request, no matter how capable he was, and only send at most two people to reinforce the other parties.
But he was actually delighted to know that they were that naive. Even Elina, who was a schemer, emphasized her scheme so much that she didn't know this knowledge. In fact, she was too comfortable using Ivan's extraordinary might to clear up all the problems.
Kanaria became the last push. After seeing Kanaria leave, Ivan rushed to leave.
Vina seemed to be the only one who knew that they shouldn't abandon their post. At the same time, she didn't warn Ivan about it. It was clear that she also didn't have a good opinion of Ivan.
Kanaria playfully returned to the group while waving her hands. "Clovis! I've helped them a lot."
"Oh! Good work. Sorry for making you rush to their side with such a big weapon."
"It's fine. You're working harder than me on that side." Kanaria shook her head.

Yasin from the Blossom team came to them and said, "So, you're Clovis from Libation Fiesta. I'd like to thank you for your assistance. Without her, the situation would be dire. Still, are you alright with only four people on the right side?"
"Yes. I'm used to fighting a lot of beasts myself. Besides, Vina was with us. She was a great help."
"I didn't do much. The only thing I did was kill the beasts that passed you and Jay. I only killed four beasts." Vina shook her head, not planning to take credit.
"Ahaha." Clovis chuckled. "Even though I sent Kanaria away, I thought we would fight with at least six or seven people on our side. Either way, it's because you were there that I could feel rest assured even if there were one or two beasts passing me."
Yasin looked at Clovis with a smile. In fact, he had a favorable impression of Clovis just from this conversation. Clovis was humble, even though his strength was abnormal.
His team was also great. If he recruited all of them personally, it was clear that he chose the best of the best.
He was completely different from Ivan. Not only did he abandon his post, but his team wasn't that great either. The only remarkable person among them was Ivan himself.
However, that certain someone couldn't take this anymore. He suddenly shouted while pointing at Clovis. "It's him. He was the one asking me to go!"

All the eyes turned toward Clovis and Ivan, wondering what happened.
"Is there something wrong?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion. "I told you that because I thought you knew that you only needed to send one or two people from your team to help, not your entire team."
"You" Ivan gritted his teeth before shouting, "You must be the one who shot the first time and alerted those beasts! You set me up!"
Yasin turned to Clovis and asked, "Your weapons"
Clovis took out the pistol and handed it to Yasin. "Do you want to check? I haven't fired a single bullet. Besides, my main weapons are my two swords. Only when I'm in a pinch do I start using my pistol."
"No need." Yasin then raised his head and looked at Jay and Melody. "The guy only had a single saber on him. The woman Are you perhaps Melody?"
"Yes. I have worked together with Blossom in the past Not a pleasant memory though."
"Hahaha." Yasin laughed while pointing at Melody. "Our team has worked with her before. She was an operator a lazy one at that. She never fought together"

"I had to do this to avoid someone complaining about me being lazy not from my group of course." Melody took out her pistol. "Do you want to check my weapon too? I only guided my team earlier, not fought on the front line."
Yasin took a look at the weapon and noticed that it hadn't fired a single bullet. "I was with Kanaria earlier as well. Her rifle was clear and there was no sign of her using the pistol. From my perspective, they weren't the ones who released the shot."
"Impossible. They must have—" Ivan wanted to retort him, but enough was enough.
"You, shut up!" Eliot roared while glaring at Ivan, as if telling him not to embarrass both of them anymore. He thought that the plan went well, but the result was exactly the opposite.  Chapter 128 De-escalating the Situation
"You, shut up!"
"!!!" Ivan's body shook as if he didn't expect that he would be the one reprimanded. It was clear that Clovis was the one scheming the whole thing, so why would no one believe him?
Eliot pinched the bridge of his nose. It didn't really matter if Clovis was tricking him or not. Ivan was simply an ignorant person, who was borderline an idiot. He realized that the reason why Ivan's group lost to Clovis was because of this very reason.

The other groups couldn't help but look at Ivan while furrowing their eyebrows. They had heard everything about it, so it was easy to see which one was wrong. No matter how Ivan said it, he was still irresponsible enough to abandon his post.
The look on Ivan was priceless. It felt like he was being betrayed by the whole world. Kanaria was the one who enjoyed it the most.
Eliot thought for a moment and said, "In any case, we're done here. It's better if we clean up the corpses first. I will call the reserve teams to handle our defense. After this, you can take some rest before we continue.
"As for their group, I will change their position to the front. The Silver Star team will replace them. I'll personally watch them so that they don't mess it up anymore."
They couldn't help but furrow their eyebrows. On the one hand, the Silver Star Team didn't like the fact that they had to exchange places. On the other hand, they would be paired up with Libation Fiesta.
They were pretty curious about this team, which managed to take down a hundred beasts by themselves. So, at the very least, they were satisfied with the fact that the Libation Fiesta team was much more capable than Ivan's group.
Clovis nodded in agreement. With this, they couldn't sabotage them anymore. He believed that the one releasing the first shot was someone from Ivan's group.

And given her scheming nature, Elina was probably the one who did it. As for the gun, she probably threw it away. It would be hard to find it, so he had no choice but to abandon this thought.

In the end, they had no choice but to agree with this arrangement.
"Alright." Clovis nodded and turned to the Silver Star Team before politely nodding his head. "Please take care of us."
"We're looking forward to working together with your team." The captain of the Silver Star Team extended his hand.
After the handshake, the teams dispersed to their spots and started extracting the essence. If there were some special beasts, they would definitely peel their skin and flesh to get the parts that could be of value.
However, the moment they reached the two blocks where Clovis and Jay butchered a hundred beasts, the Silver Star Team couldn't believe what they had just seen.
"Is this really the power of your team?" The captain sucked a cold breath. "I noticed at least two Tier 2 beasts here and one more on the other block. There were also at least ten Tier 1 beasts."
"Vina from the other party also helped too, so it wasn't our effort alone." Clovis shook his head.
"Hahaha." The captain laughed out loud. "This makes me look forward to our cooperation."

Clovis smiled.
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Meanwhile, Eliot was reprimanding Ivan and Elina.
"What the hell are you doing? Do you know that you have messed up big time?" Eliot gritted his teeth.
"Uncle We didn't know about that," said Elina while looking down.
"Kh." Eliot clenched his hands into fists before shouting, "It's common sense that you shouldn't abandon your posts unless it's an emergency. Or at the very least, you should have said it on the radio. Those who know about it will definitely reject that request."
Ivan didn't think about it after seeing Kanaria leave the group just like that. She didn't even bother to tell anyone about it, and he thought they would be fine as well.
Eliot said, "If you're going to do this again, then don't bring me down together with you. No matter how talented you are, a single mistake can be fatal not only to you but also to others. And who will take the fall? It's me who employs you here."

The hatred in Ivan's heart just kept getting bigger and bigger. At first, he did everything for Kanaria, but after all this, he realized that he should get rid of Clovis. It was clear that he was the one who messed with him this time, like how he brought the snake to his group.
He had heard that Kanaria had also stayed together in Clovis's house. Clovis had to die.
Ivan's expression turned dark as if he wanted to do something.
Because Eliot couldn't afford to mess up here, he didn't report this incident to the commander. After all, he might get demoted or replaced by another Tier 3 explorer.
On the other hand, the other groups kept talking about Ivan's bad performance. And Clovis's name soon spread among them. There was no other choice but to acknowledge that the Libation Fiesta team was much more capable.
While they were cleaning up the battlefield, the defense team soon took over while the reserve team began to set up their camps. The vanguard teams continued hunting down more beasts after that.
Now that Ivan's team couldn't sabotage them anymore, Clovis's group could finally perform at its peak.
With the help of Melody, their hunt was faster than even the Silver Star Team.

Before the night fell, Clovis' team had killed another one hundred beasts on top of their original one hundred. They were pretty much ranked at the top, surpassing even Eliot.
Obviously, the people in the vanguard teams couldn't help but talk about it when they returned to the camp, spreading their names even further. And the seed that Clovis planted earlier started blooming.
He had been acting like a well mannered person, while Ivan looked like a brat. Like how his reputation increased, Ivan's reputation plummeted even further. They even brought up the rumor about their previous loss, infuriating Ivan.
"How is it, Melody? Are you tired yet?" Clovis asked Melody, who had just cleaned herself.
"I'm fine. Thanks to your ring, I didn't sweat that much anymore."
"That's good then. Just like usual, you girls will get some rest first and be on the lookout later."
"Got it." Melody couldn't help but look at the crowd while saying, "They were not going to lay low after this, right?"
"Yes. I'm not sure what they have prepared, but it's going to be big. They have understood our ability after all." Clovis nodded. "That's why you're going to prepare a new route for us once that happens."

"It's not a problem for me." Melody waved her hand before pointing at Kanaria. "Are you sure you're not going to talk to her? She has been smiling nonstop to the point where people might call her crazy."
"I think I should stop her soon." Clovis chuckled. As soon as he reached Kanaria, he said, "I know you're happy about this, but if you're going to show it openly like this, the other party will realize our intention."
"I can't help it. This is the first time I have seen him so frustrated. In the previous competition, he was just mad after all." Kanaria smiled. "I am happy that he finally understands how frustrated I was whenever he bothered me."
"You've suffered."
"By the way, I need you to talk about the next day." Clovis sighed. "I'm not sure if it's possible or not, but not all of us might be able to enter the laboratory. Some of us have to stay outside to fight the beasts."
"Jay must be the fighter. So, you need one more, huh?" Kanaria thought for a moment. Melody would definitely enter the laboratory. At the very least, she was the one who understood computers the most. That meant they had to be separated this time.
Clovis said, "I'm not sure what's going to happen tomorrow. But from what I can think of, there are three possible things they can do. They can bring the second Tier 4 beast toward us. If that happens, our trip to the laboratory won't be possible.

"Or they can bring another Tier 3 beast. Jay and I will take care of those two, so you and Melody will enter the lab. However, if they bring numerous beasts instead, we will split our group instantly. I and Melody will head to the lab while you and Jay take care of the Tier 3 beast."
Kanaria didn't find any problems with the arrangement. But the fact that Clovis talked about it meant he was worried that she was jealous.
Kanaria couldn't help but scratch the back of her head while saying, "Do you perhaps think that I will be jealous? Was it because of how I acted when you gave Melody a ring? I guess I have to apologize for that.
"I was indeed jealous back then, but after staying together with you, I realized that I shouldn't have worried about it."
Clovis didn't say anything, but it was clear that she hit the mark.
"Anyway, I just wanted to tell you about the arrangement. Jay doesn't like to think about this, so I can only discuss it with you." Clovis shrugged and walked away.
"Sure thing." Kanaria waved her hand with a smile on her face.
Unbeknownst to them, Ivan was looking at them from a distance. After Clovis was gone, Ivan stood up and walked away as if he had a place to go.
Chapter 129 Fighting Another Tier 3

"Is everyone ready?" The commander asked, looking at all the raid members.
They all stared back with a serious expression to show their resolve. The captain of each group had also reported on the team's status.
After getting the confirmation, the commander waved down his hand while saying, "Let's move out!"
In that instant, all the members of the raid team moved toward the north, planning to challenge the Tier 4 beast.
Because of yesterday's incident, Clovis's group has now partnered up with the Silver Star Team.
Their advance was swift and deadly, killing the beasts before they could inform the others. Eventually, the vanguard team reached their position.
"Kanaria." Clovis called Kanaria, who was stationed on the third floor of a building.
"I found our target. The Tier 3 Andrewsarchus. We have to be careful about this one. Andrewsarchus is known to be one of the largest terrestrial mammals to have ever existed." Kanaria reported while looking at this beast through her scope.
The beast was colossal. Its height alone reached five meters. If Clovis wasn't careful, he would easily get heavily injured by a single attack.



On the other hand, the defense team had positioned themselves to the east, planning to block the remaining two Tier 3 beasts.
Nek, the captain of the defense team, reported, "The shield teams are in position."
"The reserve team as well. We're ready to be deployed anywhere."
Orlan, the commander, finally gave the order. "Attack them! You are free to open fire."
Clovis exchanged glances with Jay before a smile appeared on their faces. Both of them instantly came out of the building and charged toward the andrewsarchus.
"!!!" The beasts around the area were alarmed by the presence of Clovis and his group.
*Roar!*
*Roar!*
The andrewsarchus alerted the other beasts and ordered them to immediately attack these humans.

"Watch out!" One of the members noticed the incoming beast that jumped out of a building to ambush Clovis.
However, both Kanaria and Melody released their bullets at the same time. Their bullets packed so much force that they knocked the beast to the side.
Melody smiled. "Our job is only to make sure that these two can go all out."
"So, that's how it is." The captain of the Silver Star team looked at his teammates. "We can't lose to them, can't we?"
"Of course."
"We will make sure that no beasts come near them."
Their team immediately moved forward and started fighting against the beasts to create a path for Clovis and Jay.
After seeing the two's performance, the Silver Star team was fired up. They stopped the beasts and created a gap between them. It wasn't a narrow path either.
As soon as they noticed the gap, Clovis and Jay ran through it. It seemed that the andrewsarchus was also intelligent enough to know that it would be dangerous to let these two people near him.

So, he ordered more beasts to come.
However, Clovis and Jay's advances were like lightning speed. Before reinforcements could come, they killed all the beasts in their path and finally broke through the enemy's ranks.
There was nothing left between them and the andrewsarchus.
The andrewsarchus roared and ran toward them.
Clovis and Jay sped up once more as they swung their weapons at the same time.
The beast tried to stop them with its paw, but the moment it hit their swords, the beast noticed the two distinct strengths coming from both of them.
Jay's swing was so powerful that it could actually neutralize the beast's momentum. Clovis, on the other hand, slightly tweaked his sword to avoid the paw and focus on the beast's neck instead.
The beast used Jay's swing as a foothold and pushed himself up, knocking Clovis's sword from below.
At the same time, Jay couldn't push this giant beast's back.

As a result, all three of them had to jump back to regain some distance, allowing them to reassess their enemies.
Chapter 130 Problems
The andrewsarchus was the first one to move. It charged toward Jay, whose attack pattern was much
simpler than Clovis.
Jay smiled as if he wasn't scared of this five-meter beast. He swung his sword with all his strength. The muscles in his arms bulged for a split second.
*Bang!*
The clash sounded like a gunshot, producing a weak shock wave in the area.
The beast was quite surprised that Jay was able to withstand the attack that carried the beast's weight and momentum, considering he was much smaller than it.
However, that shock was cut short as Clovis took advantage of this opportunity to attack the beast from the right side.
The andrewsarchus stomped Jay, which resulted in the latter jumping back to avoid it. After that, it turned around, sweeping its paw to the right.

Clovis took a glance at the paw's movement. When Clovis tried to duck, he noticed that the beast was fast enough to actually lower the trajectory of the sweep.
Unfortunately for the beast, Clovis's Blood Affinity had been trained by the Star Method, allowing him to see through it. In the last three weeks, Clovis has been training his body so that he can react to this sudden change.
And this time, Clovis changed his action from ducking to jumping at the last moment, causing the beast to be unable to change its trajectory anymore.
After that, Clovis threw the short sword to the beast's rear, forcing the beast to move forward.
In a battle of reaction speed, Clovis would be the winner. That was why he wanted both of them to accelerate to the highest degree.
Clovis saw the other paw trying to stop him. His eyes flashed as he took one more step, striking and passing the beast in a single motion.
However, Clovis couldn't help but click his tongue. His swing was still not fast enough even after getting boosted by the necklace.
The beast actually managed to block it with its claws at the last moment.

Fortunately, Jay had returned and was about to reach the beast.
When the beast began to twist its body, Clovis actually took out his pistol and shot the beast's face, trying to aim for his eyes.
The beasts had no choice but to close their eyes while moving away.
This was a perfect opportunity for Jay to strike the beast's body.
"Haaa!" Jay roared, exerting all the strength he could muster.
To his surprise, the beast's skin felt like a rock. Even with all his strength, Jay could only leave a shallow cut on its skin.
"It's not enough?" Jay widened his eyes in surprise.
The andrewsarchus hurriedly whipped Jay with its tail, catching him off guard.
Jay was smacked three meters from his position and hurriedly stabilized himself with one leg.

At the same time, the beast stomped the short sword so that Clovis couldn't take it back.
In that instant, Clovis detached the short sword, but that action gave the beast a split second to launch an attack on him.
The beast smacked Clovis with its giant paw.
Clovis rolled a few times on the ground, but he wasn't injured because of the 'Defense' stats of his jacket.
Clovis and Jay looked at the beast, realizing that this wouldn't be an easy battle even with the two of them.
"Clovis, Jay. You have to be careful. The claws are very sharp and hard, the skin is very hard, the tail is strong enough to shatter concrete pillars, and its jaws are more than enough to crush you."
Melody's voice echoed from their skyglasses. Jay hurriedly moved forward, buying her time to explain everything.
Meanwhile, Clovis took this chance to ask, "What is its weakness?"



However, Melody actually said, "No. You both will stop the Tier 3 andrewsarchus. In this raid, we want to lower the chance of getting injured since the battle won't be over anytime soon. I will take care of those beasts myself!"
Melody didn't wait for Clovis's agreement as she had charged forward, looping around the andrewsarchus.
As if noticing what Melody planned to do, the beast tried to stop her, but Clovis and Jay immediately struck it from both sides.
"You're not going anywhere!" Clovis gritted his teeth. He had no choice but to rely on Melody right now.
As soon as she passed them, she closed her eyes for a few seconds.
"It's been a long time since I've been in this situation I wonder if I still have what it takes" Melody muttered while opening her eyes. Her vision became wider. It wasn't at the point where she could see everything from a third person's perspective, but it was wide enough to see everything at a 180-degree angle.
However, these thirty beasts weren't their only concern.
Suddenly, they heard news that they didn't want to hear the most from the radio. It was the voice of the captain in charge of the shield teams.

'Emergency!"
'Emergency!"
'All the reserve squads are to move toward the shield squad. The second Tier 4 beast is coming toward us. We need to stop it for as long as possible."