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Chapter 131	. Melody's	Strength
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"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."
"!!!" Melody was a bit shocked by the sudden request and immediately transmitted it to everyone.
Kanaria and Clovis were startled while Jay continued fighting the Tier 3 beast.
However, all of them knew that the people behind the scenes had begun to make their move.
They must have brought the Tier 4 beast so that all the people in the reserve squad would have to support the shield squad to stop the Tier 4 beast.
The situation didn't look very good for Clovis and the others, considering they were situated not far from those people.
The moment the beasts broke through, they would be the first ones to encounter them.
"Oi! Clovis!" The captain of the Silver Star team looked concerned.

Instead of replying to him, Clovis actually gave an order to his group first. "Kanaria. Kill as many beasts as you can while monitoring the situation from up there. Melody will take down all those beasts as quickly as possible. Jay and I will try to heavily injure this beast before something else happens."
"Roger (Got it)!" They acknowledged the order without hesitation.
Clovis then turned to the other team while saying, "We have to deal with all these beasts as quickly as possible. If something happens, we'll be the first ones they find."
The captain of the Silver Star team nodded his head, agreeing with his assessment. They really had no choice but to unleash everything they had just to clear up this area. As soon as they were done, they could kill this Tier 3 beast together.
Clovis nodded his head, satisfied. His eyes soon turned back to the Tier 3 andrewsarchus. Even though Clovis looked desperate, he didn't plan to kill this andrewsarchus. After all, he needed it for their real goal.
On the other hand, Melody was completely serious. After receiving the order, she regained her focus and stared at these beasts.
She only had a single pistol in her hand. While it had special bullets, it wasn't enough to kill all these beasts.
Yet, Melody didn't hesitate to run forth, charging at the beasts.

When she was about to reach them, Melody pointed her pistol at the beast in front of her, causing the beast to jump to the side to avoid the bullet.
To its surprise, Melody didn't shoot. Instead, she tossed a grenade toward it.
"!!!" The beast didn't realize that Melody had prepared this grenade.
*Boom!*
Four beasts near it were blasted away. Two of them died immediately, while the other two were heavily injured and couldn't move after that.
The other beasts were dumbstruck by the sudden explosion, but that was the least of their worries.
That was just a simple distraction from Melody.
*Bang!*
*Bang!*

Melody shot a beast twice. The beast blocked the first shot, but it ended up creating a hole in its paw. The beast ended up lowering that paw slightly and trying to block the second shot, but the gap between the two shots was short, so the second paw never caught up.
In the end, the second shot pierced through its head, killing it.
A few more beasts tried to loop around her. Since their objective was to save the Tier 3 andrewsarchus, they only needed to go to his side.
Unfortunately for them, nothing in front of her could escape her vision. The beasts almost passed her before she pointed the gun to the right and shot the beasts multiple times.
The beasts looked like they were avoiding it, but that eventually stopped their momentum, allowing Melody to spin her body.
Now that she faced the andrewsarchus, she could see the two beasts that slipped past from the opposite side and shot them from behind.
Because the shots came from their blind spot, the beasts didn't realize anything before their heads got hit.
The majority of the beasts sped up so that they could attack Melody's exposed back.

Unfortunately for them, she had been planning for this. She simply tossed the second grenade back so that all the beasts that wanted to kill her were blown away by the explosion.
*Roar!*
*Roar!*
*Roar!*
The beasts were wailing in pain as they were struggling to get up. They were confused about whether they should fight Melody first or just rescue the andrewsarchus.
Once again, Melody took advantage of their confusion to kill several beasts.
The beasts split up into two. The first group had to stop Melody while the other group would slip past her.
When the beast near her pounced on her, Melody took a step back, avoiding it. After that, she grabbed the beast's ear and pulled it toward her before pointing at its head from point-blank range.
*Bang!*

A single shot was all it took for her to take the beast down. Then, she spun her body to get enough centrifugal force to toss this beast to those who wanted to pass her.
The body ended up crashing into them, stopping them for a few seconds. That was where she shot them down.
Noticing that she had run out of bullets, Melody hurriedly reloaded her gun. Obviously, there was no way the beast didn't take advantage of this golden opportunity.
Two of them sped up and targeted her pistol. However, Melody raised her left foot and kicked the left beast's paw, knocking the entire body.
The right beast lost its balance because the other beast crashed into him. When they fell to the ground, Melody finished reloading her pistol and shot them.
The Silver Star team obviously witnessed all this. They never expected that all the members of the Libation Fiesta had such insane fighting prowess.
In just a few breaths, Melody had actually killed half of the thirty beasts that were supposed to help the andrewsarchus.
While she was indeed a Tier 2 human, it didn't change the fact that her role was as an operator. They had never seen a Tier 2 mobile operator this powerful.

## Chapter 132 Sacrifice

Clovis and the others remained focused, as if they had complete trust that Melody would take care of those beasts. Even if one or two managed to pass her, Kanaria would definitely help.
"Oi, oi, oi. We're both Tier 2, but how could a mobile operator be stronger than a fighter like me?" The captain of the Silver Star team clicked his tongue, feeling a bit frustrated. At the same time, he admired this group.
"We can't lose to them." Another member smiled helplessly. From the start, they only needed to handle sixty to seventy beasts. There were two Tier 2 beasts, but it was clear that they still needed about five more minutes to kill the remaining beasts.
If it was Clovis's group that took care of these beasts, they would have done it by now. If not for Eliot's command, they would like to give the chance to Clovis's group.
"Get fired up, you guys. Don't let these newbies take all the spotlight."
"Oh!" They shouted, ready to unleash everything they had.
Meanwhile, Clovis and Jay kept fighting against this andrewsarchus.
Jay struck the andrewsarchus's claws, stopping its momentum. After that, Clovis shot the andrewsarchus's head.

The skin was hard enough to deflect the bullet, but that was enough to force the andrewsarchus to close its eyelid to protect its eyes. Now that the andrewsarchus couldn't see him anymore. He sneaked in and slashed the beast's legs and body, leaving several wounds on the body.
*Roar!* The andrewsarchus hurriedly opened its eyes and searched for Clovis.
While it was getting distracted by Clovis, Jay spun his body, looping around the andrewsarchus's paw before slashing its body.
Jay and Clovis continued with this strategy for a few minutes, leaving numerous wounds on the andrewsarchus's body.
Although most of them were just shallow cuts, the number was enough to cause enough blood loss to impact the beast's movement.
*Bam!*
Eventually, the andrewsarchus stomped the ground with its right legs as its body swayed in the same direction.
It was a clear indication that the beast's consciousness had started to waver.

would be helping the Libation Fiesta take down the Tier 3 beast.
Still, they were a bit surprised by the state of the andrewsarchus. Even without their help, Clovis and Jay might be able to take it down.
This was a massive achievement for the Libation Fiesta, but the Silver Star team didn't know that Clovis had never intended to take the andrewsarchus's life in this place.
What they knew was that if they helped them here, it would just be taking away their achievement. That was why the captain was a bit hesitant to give an order to attack the andrewsarchus.
"Captain Are we really going to help them?" One of the members asked while furrowing his eyebrows.
"This" The captain scratched the back of his head.
However, he soon noticed that Clovis abruptly stopped and turned to the left as if he had noticed something.
"That's" Clovis raised his eyebrows, looking at the horizon.

Although it was hard to see, Kanaria was there to confirm it.
"Another wave of beasts is coming toward us. The one leading them is a Tier 3 beast. And there are about fifty beasts behind it. The situation doesn't look good for us," Kanaria reported, which was transmitted to the Silver Star group by Melody.
"!!!" The captain of the Silver Star team was startled. "This indeed doesn't look good for us."
Without hesitation, he reported the situation on the radio. "This is Silver Star. We need a hand here. It takes everything we have to handle the Tier 3 andrewsarchus, but there is another Tier 3 beast coming toward us. What's going on here?!"
"The reserve army has been deployed fully to the right side. It's impossible to send the reinforcement."
"It takes all of us to stop this Tier 4 beast. We can't send anyone to your position."
Both the shield and reserve teams responded immediately, their tones looked distressed. Even those who only heard their words could imagine the battle they experienced.
However, this dire situation would definitely come to them. That was why the Silver Star team had to find a solution to fight two Tier 3 beasts and the other lower tier beasts.
"Jay. Buy me some time." Clovis took a step back to assess the situation.

Jay released all his strength in order to stop the Tier 3 andrewsarchus, buying Clovis a precious few seconds.
Clovis suddenly turned to the Silver Star team, saying, "Our group will lure these two Tier 3 beasts away. However, we might have to abandon our position because of this task. I hope you guys can stop all the other beasts in order to increase our survival rate."
"What?" The captain widened his eyes in shock, not believing what he had just heard. "Wait. We should be able to handle the Tier 3 beast ourselves. You can focus on the andrewsarchus and the remaining beasts."
"No. It's not that I belittle your group, but the Tier 3 beasts are easier to lure, especially by us lower level explorers. They will be confident, thinking they can crush us like a bug. And the task of stopping the Tier 3 andrewsarchus is on us, so we might as well grab another Tier 3. It's just we might not be able to handle the other beasts."
"Are you really going to sacrifice yourself?" The captain clenched his hands into fists. It was clear that Clovis was more talented than him. To think such a talented person would sacrifice himself for others.
Looking at the determination in Clovis's eyes, the captain gritted his teeth and said, "All members of the Silver Star team. Heed my commands. Make sure that the Libation Fiesta team can lure the two Tier 3

All the members of the Silver Star team became serious, understanding their roles. If even a single beast

beasts without any interference from a single lower level beast."

passed them and headed to Clovis, it would bring shame to their name.

Chapter 133 Luring	the Tier 3	Beasts Away
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Before moving, Clovis used the remaining bit of their time to transmit his plan to the radio. "This is Libation Fiesta. We have to abandon our post to lure two Tier 3 beasts away. The Silver Star will take our position and hold back the remaining beasts.
"We will loop around the Tier 4 beast and head north to avoid any of these beasts coming from behind."
Clovis's message was simple but rather courageous.
Even if Clovis could fight a Tier 3 beast, it should be their limit. No one would ever think that Clovis would dare to lure two Tier 3 beasts away from them.
"That's suicidal."
Clovis remembered this voice as the man who helped them previously when clearing up their name. It was Yasin.
"We don't have any choice. If we let them pass here, the raid might end in failure. If it's only stalling them, we should be able to manage."
Clovis was determined.

"We don't have any time left. The Silver Star Team can explain the situation later," said Clovis before ending the transmission.
The Silver Star Team nodded their heads, making sure that their sacrifice didn't go to waste.
At the same time, there were three things they noticed about this plan. First of all, Clovis's group was powerful and bold, not hesitating when they chose to sacrifice themselves. No matter how selfish they were, they could commend Clovis's group for their action.
Second, they were pretty clever. Normally, they would lure the enemies by retreating. However, in a raid like this, retreating meant allowing the beasts to turn around and hit the other teams from behind. So, Clovis suggested that they would go to the north instead and loop around the Tier 4 beast.
Even if Clovis couldn't handle these Tier 3 beasts, those beasts would still have to attack them from the front. And the teams on the left side might be able to help them.
The last one was a distraction for the lower level beasts. They tended to follow a stronger beast, so they would definitely chase after the Tier 3 beast. Once the Silver Star team was done with the beasts here, they could patch up the hole that the shield team had, making sure the same thing wouldn't happen again.
The Silver Star team could see the consideration that Clovis put in. It also made them more fired up, not wanting to lose against these new explorers.

"Let's go, Silver Star! We are going to open the path for them." The captain shouted and ran forth.
At the same time, Clovis passed the Tier 3 andrewsarchus while shouting, "Jay."
"I know." Jay inhaled a lot of air before he struck the andrewsarchus paw with every ounce of his strength, stopping the beast for a second.
The Silver Star Team took advantage of this and passed the andrewsarchus. After that, Jay looped around the beast, luring the andrewsarchus toward the other Tier 3 beast.
Clovis, on the other hand, ran toward the new Tier 3 beast. It looked like a rhino on first glance, but its two horns were actually next to each other.
Although it wasn't as big as the andrewsarchus, it still reached three meters in size. The force of that charge would be destructive as well.
Clovis threw his short sword toward its horn, which was obviously getting deflected easily.
However, that was enough to make the rhino focus on him.
"That beast is called Arsinoitherium. It's an herbivore, but the beast will still kill you just to help the andrewsarchus. But that's a good enough connection to lure both of them away, right?" Kanaria's voice suddenly echoed as she left the building and headed toward them.

Clovis's expression turned serious, knowing what he had to do.
When the rhino was about to arrive, Clovis suddenly jumped to the side, avoiding the rhino's charge.
"!!!" The rhino was surprised a little bit and immediately stopped, realizing that Clovis might use him to actually ram the andrewsarchus. It was better to ram onto other things than the andrewsarchus.
That was why the moment the rhino saw Clovis position himself in front of a building, its eyes turned bloodshot and he charged at him with all his might.
Clovis smirked. Instead of going to the side, he actually tossed the short sword to the third floor and pulled himself up.
*Bam!*
*Bam!*
The rhino rammed the building with its giant body, destroying everything on its path to the point that the rhino managed to create a hole directly connected to the next block.

Noticing that it had been fooled, the rhino ran back, destroying another part of the building to go back. It raised its head, trying to find Clovis, who had actually landed on the ground.
Clovis smirked while saying, "Thanks for the help."
The beast obviously didn't understand it, but it still sensed the intention behind those words. In addition, Clovis actually ran through the hole that the rhino made, reaching the other block easily.
Enraged, the rhino chased after Clovis, not caring about anyone else.
"Nice." Melody smiled, passing through the hole after both of them. But before she entered the building, she couldn't help but shout out loud, "Jay. What are you doing? That beast is so weak. We should challenge this new one, who can destroy a building."
The voice was directed toward Jay and the andrewsarchus. As if responding to her words, Jay's expression became indifferent as he simply turned around, wanting to fight against the rhino instead.
The andrewsarchus didn't expect Jay to be that uninterested in the fight. Andrewsarchus was an apex land predator of its time, so the beast didn't expect that Jay would be looking down on him.
Without hesitation, the beast chased after Jay. Due to its size, the entire building collapsed, even though it wasn't enough to bury it alive.

However, the first phase was completed. They had lured these two beasts away and it was time to leave this place.
"Geez. They should be a bit gentler to the abandoned city since it's going to be hard to rebuild the city." Kanaria shook her head, speaking in a way related to her goal.
Chapter 134 A Glimpse of Strength
The previous night, Ivan left the camp to meet someone.
"Yes. I want you to kill him. You're able to do it, right?" Ivan's expression was cold.
"If it's a frontal fight, I can probably do that. But it's going to be hard in the current situation The least I can do is let the beast escape toward him."
"Then, at least bring a Tier 3 beast toward him. I want him dead!" Ivan gritted his teeth. He wanted to make sure Clovis died in this place.
"Alright." The man nodded, agreeing with him.
Ivan couldn't help but remember this conversation after listening to the report on the radio. Even if Clovis were quite strong, it would be impossible for him to fight against two Tier 3 beasts.

If these two beasts were still not enough, he would be so tired that he couldn't fight anymore.
Ivan's expression was cold as he thought, 'You've been in my way this whole time. If not for you, I don' have to endure all the humiliation and Kanaria would have been by my side.'
"What's wrong, Ivan?" Vina couldn't help but ask, noticing a change in his expression.
"Nothing." Ivan snorted, feeling that Vina had been quite different after that defeat. It looked like she was leaning more toward Clovis than him, especially during the previous day when she helped Clovis.
Elina obviously noticed the scheme that Ivan had, but she couldn't help but think, 'As expected, all his talent goes to his evolution rate instead of his brain. Either way, this is going perfectly for us as well. If we can kill him, the Drake Group will definitely become much more powerful.
'Even if this little bastard has star syndrome, he is easy to manipulate. No one can challenge the Drake Group in the future when he manages to grow.' Elina snorted, not saying anything to Ivan.
Meanwhile, Clovis and the others were luring the two Tier 3 beasts carefully.
*Bam!*

*Bam!*
*Bam!*
The rhino kept destroying the buildings around them. Even though Clovis had the necklace that increased his speed, the Tier 3 rhino easily caught up to him. So, Clovis had no choice but to let the rhino hit the building instead. Of course, Clovis kept hitting the beast with a pistol or his short sword to make the rhino think he was trying to take him down.
The rhino fell for this trick and thought Clovis wanted to bury him alive, not realizing that the building wasn't enough to crush him.
Melody, on the other hand, followed them from behind as she didn't want to get the rhino's attention.
At the same time, she also made sure that the andrewsarchus didn't mess up their position since the rhino crashed into the building multiple times, making it slower than Jay and the andrewsarchus who ran in a straight line.
Kanaria, who was at the very back, looked at the map, making sure that they headed toward the laboratory.
However, they were soon distracted by the battle that happened a few blocks from them.

*Bam!*
*Bam!*
*Bam!*
The destruction it caused wasn't any less than that of the rhino.
Clovis couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows, glancing to the side.
*Roar!* The beast let out a thunderous roar while leaping to the top of the building. It was big enough for Clovis to see it even far away as long as his vision wasn't blocked by a tall building.
In addition, the Tier 4 commander leaped into the air to chase after the beast.
The commander swung his big sword while the beast parried it with its claws, their exchange produced a powerful shock wave that shattered the window near them.
The Tier 4 commander easily leaped to the roof of another building while the Tier 4 beast landed on the ground. They then once again clashed with each other, showing their own strength.

Even though it was only for a brief moment, Clovis could see the strength of a Tier 4 human and beast.
'They are strong.' Clovis's expression turned serious. He had noticed this, but there seemed to be a big gap between Tier 3 and Tier 4.
Considering his father told them that the Star Method could be developed after Tier 3, it seemed that this was the reason.
Clovis realized how lucky he was to be able to develop that power from Tier 1. When he reached Tier 4, he would be able to become much stronger than them.
'A Tier 4 human can leap more than ten meters. The commander probably has Muscle Affinity, so his swing is much more powerful But from the looks of it, that swing of his could easily destroy a building after a few strikes.
'Kanaria told me about the power of Tier 4 with Brain Affinity, which allowed them to see everything around them without even using their eyes. So, what about the Heart, Blood, and Bones affinities?'
Clovis was extremely curious about the future. Unfortunately, he couldn't do anything but wait until he himself was able to reach that stage.
'I have to become Tier 2 as soon as possible.' Clovis's expression turned serious, knowing what he had to do in order to go against the people who wanted his life. It was no wonder why his father wanted him to

reach Tier 5 first before their reunion. At that stage, he should have some means to preserve his life even if their true enemies tried to kill them directly.
Clovis couldn't help but smile. The Another World Mall would allow him to achieve this and he planned to advance as fast as possible, thinking that the Another World Mall would disappear tomorrow.
And to reach his goal, he first had to eliminate the two Tier 3 beasts before them.
Suddenly, Melody passed him as if she noticed something. From the radar, it looked like there were still some beasts that lingered in the area, so she probably wanted to eliminate them before they regrouped with the Tier 3 beasts.
However, Kanaria soon reported, "Clovis. We're about five minutes away from the lab. Get ready to turn left soon," to show that they had gone far enough.
Chapter 135 Jay's Ability
"Clovis, we're about five minutes away from the lab. Get ready to turn left soon."
After hearing the report, Clovis immediately ordered, "You and Melody can speed up and pass us. We will stop at the junction so that these beasts won't attack the laboratory."
"Alright." Kanaria and Melody acknowledged it and immediately increased their speed. Melody easily passed the rhino. Fortunately, Clovis kept shooting the rhino so that its focus remained on him.

However, Clovis's size and strength couldn't be compared to hers. So, the rhino didn't hesitate to run straight to Clovis.
When the rhino was about to reach him, Clovis took advantage of the speed he got from the necklace and his blood affinity to make the last moment movement.
He barely avoided the charge and swung his sword. Surprisingly, the rhino's skin was actually much softer than that of the andrewsarchus.
In that slash, he actually created a long but shallow wound on the beast's head. It wasn't significant, but if he kept inflicting this kind of damage, the rhino might die faster than the andrewsarchus.
*Roar!* The rhino was angered by the sudden pain and tried to push Clovis away with its head.
Clovis sped up, taking refuge underneath the rhino's body. As if noticing it, the rhino tried to stomp him, which Clovis avoided.
Then, the rhino chose to drop its body so that it could crush Clovis with its full weight.
Clovis jumped to the side and rolled once on the ground before standing back up. After dodging the rhino, he struck the rhino multiple times, leaving more and more sword wounds.

*Roar!* The rhino didn't expect that this human was able to damage him to this extent. The rhino was faster than Clovis, but Clovis kept dodging him at the last second, making that speed rather useless.
On the other hand, Jay had stopped about fifty meters away from Clovis so that these two Tier 3 beasts didn't join hands.
The andrewsarchus charged at Jay and opened its mouth, trying to devour Jay. The latter moved to the side, but because of the sheer size of this andrewsarchus, he wasn't fast enough to avoid the mouth.
In the end, Jay struck the teeth and put less pressure on his feet so that he would simply slide on the asphalt ground.
When the beast stopped, Jay spun his body and looped around the mouth, striking the beast on its jaw.
*Clang!*
The tough skin once again withstood his attack, making Jay furrow his eyebrows.
'This is rather annoying.' Jay furrowed his eyebrows. He couldn't help but glance at Clovis as if he remembered the time he got the bracelet from Clovis.
"Take this, Jay. It should be able to increase your strength even further." Clovis presented the Strength Bracelet to him.

Jay frowned. "What do you mean by this, Clovis? I have received a lot of things from you while not having done enough for the group. These items of yours are so magical that it will definitely cause an uproar if you just sell them."
Clovis chuckled. "So, you're not complaining about getting power from outside help?"
"Is there anything to complain about? A good sword is needed to make a clean cut, and good materials are needed for durable armor or clothes. I'm not so naive that I believe I can cut everything with a tree branch."
"Then, you should wear this." Clovis smiled.
"But" Jay hesitated. "If this is the Hacfield family's secret technique or something, this information should have been spread or turned into rumor by your family's enemies. Is this really your family's secret?"
Clovis raised his eyebrows as if he didn't expect this question.
"I might be too lazy to use my brain, but I'm not a fool, Clovis. Besides, the others should have some suspicion as well." Jay sighed before saying, "I won't say anything about this, but I just want to make sure of something. You are not harming your life to produce all this stuff, right?"

Clovis couldn't help but smile. Instead of keeping the secret, Jay only worried about his well-being. He shook his head. "You don't have to worry about that. Other than risking my life if these items are found by others, I'm not harming my life."
"That's good then." Jay nodded, feeling relieved.
"I hope that in the future, I can talk to you about it. Besides, I don't understand everything right now."
"Sure thing. If you want to let me know about your secret, that's fine. If you don't want me to know, I still trust you. Don't bear everything by yourself just because you are the captain." Jay patted Clovis's shoulder.
Clovis extended his hand, shoving the bracelet in front of him. "Thank you, but you have to survive first."
Jay knew that Clovis was talking about the hidden threat that had been trying to kill them. If they were not strong enough, there was no way Clovis could let them know the heavy responsibility he had on his shoulders.
Jay grabbed the bracelet and said, "Don't worry. I'll become strong enough to even surpass you. So, you shouldn't die before me."
Clovis chuckled.