

World Mall 146

Chapter 146 Emergency

A moment ago.

"Huh? This doesn't make any sense. They can actually kill the two Tier 3 beasts."

"When they killed their first Tier 3 beast, I thought it was just pure luck. During the mall's incident, while he was able to kill them, he purely relied on his opponents lowering their guards."

"But this time, it was different. They killed two Tier 3 beasts alongside so many low level beasts. Even that boy, Jay, was it? He could even stop two Tier 3 beasts for a few minutes."

"Could you do it when you were a Tier 1 human?"

"I could only kill Tier 2 beasts, and people thought I was awesome." He couldn't help but look at his partner. "If we let him grow further, wouldn't he become a threat to us? What if he became a Tier 3 human? We might not be able to do anything to him anymore."

"No. As long as he doesn't reach Tier 4, he can't fight us. You should know that the higher the tier, the bigger the gap between each tier. Even if he is able to fight enemies two tiers above him, he won't be able to do it when he reaches Tier 3."

"Still, aren't you worried? If he ends up surviving, he will definitely become a threat to us."

"I know. It seems that we have to unleash everything we have prepared if we want to kill him. The rest of the people will end up getting buried alongside them."

"Yeah."

Both of them suddenly disappeared.

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On the other side, Eliot was fighting against the Tier 3 beast.

"This Tier 3 beast is annoying." Eliot shouted while waving his mace, launching the Tier 3 beast into the sky. As expected of a Tier 3 human, he managed to injure the beast with only one superficial wound.

While he was fighting this beast, he couldn't help but think, 'They haven't sent any reinforcement requests yet. Are the beasts so slow in killing them?'

It didn't seem that the beasts had broken through yet, so it was clear that they were still fighting against them.

However, he wished for the Tier 3 beasts to crush them as quickly as possible. The longer it took, the more he had to kill the beasts before him and reinforce them.

Eliot gritted his teeth, waiting for the announcement. Ivan and the others had been standing by in their positions so that they could take over and kill those beasts. However, he had told them not to engage the enemies if the two Tier 3 beasts were sticking to each other.

Just like Eliot, Ivan was waiting for the same announcement. They had been waiting for their turn to come, making them a bit impatient.

Little did they know, Clovis and the others were recuperating from their wounds and recovering as much stamina as they could.

"Clovis. I'm done with their essence." Kanaria put the tube inside the bag while returning to Clovis's side.

"Thank you." Clovis smiled. "Is there any beast soul?"

"Unfortunately, no." Kanaria shook her head.

"I see." Clovis looked a bit disappointed, but it didn't really matter since they had done a great job here.

Kanaria leaned closer and whispered, "How about the beasts inside the lab?"

She thought it was a bit of a waste to leave the Tier 2 mutated beast, but Clovis shook his head. It was better not to go there to raise some suspicion.

Although it was a bit disappointing, Kanaria agreed with Clovis.

"I'm done here too. These are the tubes." The captain of the Silver Star team handed him a small box filled with a lot of tubes. These tubes contained the essence of all the beasts they killed here.

"Are you sure about this? Please take one or two tubes at the very least. Treat it as our thanks for taking care of Jay and helping us here." Clovis humbly offered the essence.

"How can it be compared to your sacrifice in stopping these two Tier 3 beasts? In fact, I'm the one who should offer you the essence."

"Alright. Alright. Let's just treat this as even." Clovis smiled wryly while taking the box.

"Yep." The captain gave a thumbs up, satisfied with Clovis's response.

However, their peaceful time had to be disrupted by a series of roars coming from all around them.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

"We are picking a large number of beasts moving outside the beasts. They are probably planning to enter the city from the north and south gates. There are some beasts coming from the west. We don't have the manpower to check whether the Tier 4 beasts in the woods have moved or not, but judging from the roars, there are about 600 beasts coming from those three directions to surround us."

The emergency message was broadcast on all radios, alerting even the commander who was fighting the Tier 4 beast.

Eliot raised his eyebrows. "What? Are you serious?"

"This doesn't look good."

"How? We haven't provoked them."

The people were complaining on the radio, knowing how dangerous the situation had become. This wasn't what they agreed to before.

This raid was focused on the beasts inside, so the fact that the beasts outside the city suddenly entered the picture meant the end of the raid. They didn't have the manpower to handle all those beasts.

The number alone indicated the presence of Tier 3 or even Tier 4 beasts leading them. So, there was only one thing to do, which was to retreat.

However, all the people in the vanguard teams knew that the area between them and the other two teams still had two Tier 3 beasts. If they wanted to escape, they would have to fight them first.

In other words, there would be a lot of casualties just to escape. And there was no guarantee that the rest could actually outrun the beasts due to their speed.

Even the commander didn't say anything yet because of this fact.

Yet, amidst the danger, Clovis's voice echoed on the radio, giving people hope.

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Chapter 147 Retreating

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"!!!" Everyone couldn't help but raise their eyebrows, noticing this announcement.

The shield and reserve teams were occupied by the Tier 3 beast and Tier 4 beast. The vanguard team had faced the same opponent, but Clovis's group had to take on two Tier 3 beasts.

This announcement made it clear that they managed to kill those two Tier 3 beasts. In addition, they were the first to react and handle the situation.

When things were bound to get worse from this, Clovis came and offered them a solution.

The Tier 4 commander immediately announced, "Liza, you'll handle all the details, including the rendezvous point. The shield team and reserve team will continue holding back the enemies. The vanguard team will disengage and sweep in from the right."

Now that the official order had been given, they had no choice but to comply.

Ivan couldn't help but grit his teeth, realizing that Clovis had just taken the spotlight again. He never thought that all these beasts were not enough to kill Clovis.

On the other hand, Clovis was running with the Silver Star Team. Jay was carried by one of the members of the Silver Star team.

"Is this going to work?" The captain asked.

"Yes. How many people in your group can drive?" Clovis asked.

"Including me, we have four people."

"In that case, we only have one, considering the other one is unconscious." Clovis thought for a moment. On the one hand, he wanted to recover his car, which had been put in a different location. On the other hand, the best choice would be to bring the biggest vehicles among all of them.

It seemed that he had no choice but to abandon their car here.

"Kanaria. You'll go with me to our car and bring all the important items. Melody will go with the Silver Star team and take care of Jay. Please wait for us. We won't take more than three minutes."

"Got it. We will also need that girl's firepower to provide cover anyway." The Silver Star team agreed.

In that instant, they immediately split up.

"This is going to cost us a lot..." Clovis muttered. "I guess we don't have a lot of choices."

"We can ask them for reimbursement. After all, we're the ones helping them this time." Kanaria shook his head. "But is your body good enough to run like this?"

"It's not a problem for now." Clovis nodded, assuring her.

The moment they reached their car, Kanaria immediately brought all the essence they had gotten the previous day along with her other weapons. She even grabbed the grenade that Melody hid.

Clovis picked up a few other devices that might be usable for them. He planned to scatter these around the area so that Melody could track their movement.

"We're here." Clovis shouted, noticing five vehicles had been turned on. As expected, they chose the two trucks and one bus along with two long cars. It was impossible to recover their belongings, but at least, no one would be left behind with this.

"Get in!" The captain of the Silver Star team waved his hand, urging him to quicken his pace.

It took Clovis an instant to find the truck that Melody drove.

Clovis said, "Kanaria. Get on the bus and take care of Jay, will you? I will go with Melody."

"Got it."

The two split up and got on their respective vehicles. Clovis simply hopped on the back of the truck and took out his pistol, ready to shoot all the beasts. Kanaria had also positioned herself near the window while making sure that Jay was fine.

All of them immediately stepped on the gas, heading to the rendezvous point that had been updated by the commander's assistant.

The location was actually right near the battle area of the shield team and the reserve team. Once they reached there, they wouldn't have a lot of time to get in since these beasts would definitely come after them.

Still, the vanguard team had disengaged and started coming toward this spot while the Tier 4 and Tier 3 beasts were chasing after them. In this situation, if they weren't fast enough, they would be pincered from two sides or, even worse, completely surrounded.

The commander's assistant was clever enough to use a four way junction to ensure that they would at least have one or two ways to escape or break through.

The closer they went to the battlefield, the more chaotic it became. They heard loud explosions and gunshots filling the area. The roars of the beasts were so intense that they could feel their ferocity from far away.

Once they reached the rendezvous point, Clovis could see beasts in two directions. Without hesitation, Clovis announced it through the radio. "This is Libation Fiesta. We are in position."

Some people turned around to check whether the vehicles were there or not. The commander's assistant immediately said, "Starting from Tier 0 humans, board the vehicles. Make sure to fill up the bus first. The rest will provide some covers."

Without hesitation, a lot of people disengaged and headed to the vehicles, finding the bus.

"Hmm." Clovis observed the battle for a bit before asking, "Melody. How many beasts are there?"

"Approximately four hundred beasts. But there should be about six hundred beasts at the beginning. They couldn't really kill a lot of beasts when they focused too much on the Tier 4 beast."

"Fair enough." Clovis nodded. "Should I help them?"

"No. While helping them is good, they might end up adjusting their movement because of your sudden act. It's better to remain here and provide cover fire."

Even though he wanted to help, it didn't seem that the beasts were coming here. At the same time, he noticed a few people coming from the opposite direction, indicating that they were the vanguard teams. As he expected, Ivan and the others were there.

Clovis and Ivan couldn't help but look at each other, harboring their own thoughts.

Chapter 148 Betrayal

Ivan could see all the wounds Clovis had on his body. It was clear that the battle was intense, but Clovis actually managed to defeat those beasts. He simply couldn't believe it.

On the other hand, Elina was observing Clovis coldly, wondering if the Silver Star team had helped them or not. If they managed to do it alone, she had to report this to the president, informing him that Clovis and his group were much stronger than they originally expected. And no small trick would be enough to eliminate them.

Like how they saw his condition, Clovis also observed their state. They weren't sweating, their clothes weren't wrinkled from all the movements, and they didn't have any blood on their clothes or bodies.

It was pretty clear that they didn't participate in the battle.

'So that's how it is. They are waiting for my reinforcement request before taking all our credits.' Clovis instantly understood the arrangement. The one who orchestrated all this should be Eliot.

Clovis couldn't help but say in a condescending voice, "Well, well... You guys are so strong. I can't be compared to you guys, who are able to fight without breaking a sweat or getting hurt. If only I'm strong enough, I don't have to endure all this pain."

"Kh." Ivan looked like he was about to blow up, if not for Elina's hand which stopped him.

"Let's go! It's better to go inside the bus, or we will only be reprimanded again. Ignore him for now!"

Kanaria should feel delighted to see their frustrated faces when entering the bus.

Meanwhile, the rest of the vanguard team looped around and hit the beasts that the shield and reserve teams handled from the left.

Bam!

"Kill them!"

"Hurry!"

The commander had jumped into the air and hit the Tier 4 beast, knocking it down. This slight gap allowed the people to reorganize their ranks before retreating.

"Go!"

"Let's go!"

More and more people rushed back to the bus, not wanting to delay the retreat for a second longer.

On the radar, more and more beasts were coming toward them. If this continued, they would be completely surrounded.

The commander's assistant hurriedly said, "Tier 1 and Tier 2 explorers will retreat in succession once all Tier 0 explorers have fully gone."

The battle became chaotic as the beasts showed their intensity.

However, all of a sudden, lots of bullets were released from the bus. It seemed that all the gunners and snipers on the bus had joined hands to suppress them.

Meanwhile, the rest of the people assisted the explorers in entering the bus.

"Get in. Get in!"

"Kill!"

People were shouting frantically.

Once the bus was filled to the brim, one of them gave a report. "We're full."

"Get back!" The commander gave the signal.

Tier 1 and Tier 2 explorers began to retreat from their positions. They didn't have a lot of time after this since their defensive position had collapsed. The Tier 3 explorers were following behind them, holding the rear.

"Fire!" The people on the bus shouted. Clovis could see that the beasts had slowed down. Some of them failed to block the bullets and died. Some stepped forward to block it but still felt the pain, which caused them to slow down.

It caused the beasts behind them to be unable to move at their full speed. Some even tried to climb the building so that they could just jump from one roof to another.

Seeing this situation, the commander said, "Let's go. The bus can go first. The rest of you will fill up the cars first and follow the bus. The rest will just hop on the back of the truck and leave this goddamn place."

They followed the instructions. The Tier 1 people hurriedly went to the car and stuffed everything inside, not caring whether they would damage the car or not.

Once filled, the drivers stepped on the gas and chased after the bus.

The remaining people were mostly Tier 2 and Tier 3 as well as the commander.

They easily hopped on the back of the truck. Five people, including the two captains of the shield and the reserve teams, took Clovis's truck while the commander, Eliot, and the rest took the other truck.

"Go, go, go!" The commander shouted when all of them had hopped on.

Melody hurriedly drove the truck, chasing after everyone.

Clovis and three more people who used guns hurriedly shot at the beasts to slow them down.

The beasts became even more ferocious as if they realized that the humans were about to get away.

If they managed to escape this situation, Clovis's group would be without a doubt the biggest contributor to this raid. No other group could come close to this.

Two Tier 3 beasts, hundreds of lower level beasts, and the escape should be enough for Clovis to earn at least five hundred thousand from this raid. If they didn't even give him this much, it meant that their lives weren't worth that number.

Clovis let out a long sigh when they started moving. With this speed, the beasts might still be able to catch up, but those fast beasts usually don't have a high defense. The bullets should be enough to stop them from chasing.

They still had the commander to take care of the Tier 4 beast. So, they should be able to escape with this.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Clovis kept shooting at the beasts, stopping them.

'So, this is what a big group can do... If we focus our firepower like this, we can easily wipe out all these beasts...' Clovis finally understood what concentrated firepower could do. In addition, there were some occasional explosions, which slowed down the beasts severely.

He noticed that the Tier 4 beast couldn't move directly due to the traffic before him. With this, they only needed to escape the city through the east gate and head back directly to their base.

That was what he thought until he felt someone's palm on his back, pushing him off the car.

"Eh?" Clovis widened his eyes in disbelief as his vision was already close to the ground.

Chapter 149 The Culprit

"Eh?" In just a moment, Clovis felt like the road was so close to his face. His reflex kicked in, causing him to roll on the ground multiple times to soften the impact.

"Eh?" The people were confused as to what Clovis was doing there. Did he trip? But no one should be that foolish. There was no way he would kill himself like this.

"Who is that?" Unlike Ivan, Clovis wasn't that well known. So, most of them didn't recognize him.

Still, one of the Tier 2 humans that came from the Blossom team couldn't help but say, "Isn't that Clovis from the Libation Fiesta?"

"Eh? The young man who contributed a lot to this raid?"

"Did someone push him?"

"Who?"

The people were confused. From his achievement, there was no way Clovis would make such a simple mistake. Yet, everyone was so focused on the beast before that they didn't realize it.

However, the Tier 2 human on the same truck as him couldn't help but notice Clovis's previous position. Since he was suppressing the beasts with his gun, he positioned himself on the edge. On the other hand, the people who didn't have guns immediately moved to the opposite's corner so as not to mess with them.

That was why everything looked pretty clear as there was actually one person who didn't have the guns but stood in the middle of the compartment.

"Captain Nek... you..."

His voice couldn't help but echo in everyone's ears as they all looked at one single person.

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Last night.

After seeing Clovis flirting with Kanaria, Ivan walked away from the group to meet a person.

"I want you to kill him."

"I don't mind, but I can't do it directly because my position is located far from him."

"I know. That's why I want you to let go of the Tier 3 beast that you're stopping."

"I'll look suspicious if I do that."

"That's why I want you to alert the Tier 4 beast first. You can simply let go of the Tier 3 beast because the Tier 4 beast is coming. You don't have a choice."

The person thought for a moment, believing that this was a reasonable plan. "Alright. I will send the Tier 3 beast there. But are you sure that the formation won't collapse? It will be troublesome if a lot of people die, we will be simply surrounded by the beasts."

"Although I don't want to admit it, he is pretty strong. Even if he can't deal with the two Tier 3 beasts, he will definitely be able to injure them. And once he dies, I will come and kill the heavily injured beasts and take all the credits. If you manage to do it, I will pay you a hundred thousand."

"It seems that I don't have a choice."

"Good. I will be counting on you, Nek."

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Yes, everyone's eyes were locked on the captain of the shield team, Nek. They didn't know what the reason was, but one of them couldn't help but grab his collar while shouting, "Why did you do that?!"

Even though they were angry, there was one thing that they didn't do. It was to help Clovis escape his predicament.

That was right. Clovis was already surrounded by the beasts. In fact, he was still cutting them one by one desperately.

Nek remained silent. There was nothing he could say in this situation. His original plan had failed, but to get the money he had to kill Clovis.

If he did it like this, even if the others scrutinized him, no one would actually kill him. Although the method was questionable, he still managed to kill him.

Kanaria didn't know any of this because she was in the bus located at the very front. Jay was still unconscious.

The only one who noticed this was none other than Melody. However, it was rather hard to see from the rear mirror.

"Huh? Who's that?" Melody furrowed her eyebrows. With her senses as a Tier 2 human, it took her a second to recognize the person, especially the clothes. "Clovis?!"

She hurriedly stepped on the brake, causing the momentum to make all the people on the truck fall.

"What?!"

All of them panicked as Melody hurriedly came out of the vehicle.

"Oi, what are you doing?" The people sitting next to Melody were confused, but Melody simply shouted, "Are you insane? I'm not going to leave my captain behind!"

The same applies to the commander. As a Tier 4 commander, he had to take responsibility. He didn't know why it all happened, but if he let Clovis, the biggest contributor to this raid, die just like that, he couldn't imagine the damage.

He jumped off and said, "All of you can go. I will try to bring him out. It's easier for me to go alone!"

Clovis gritted his teeth while slashing the beasts on both sides. The other beasts approached him at a much faster speed, smacking his back and head.

"Kh!" Clovis endured the pain and rolled on the ground before standing back up. After that, he shot a few times while trying to make his escape.

When he heard Melody's voice, he hurriedly said, "Go, Melody. I will be fine."

"What's going on?" Kanaria's voice immediately echoed.

"Watch out!" Melody didn't respond to his words. Instead, she was warning him about what she saw.

Clovis raised his head as the beast that was about to hit him got stomped by the same beast that the commander fought earlier. In other words, the Tier 4 beast was right before him.

"Oh shit." Clovis raised both swords, trying to block the beast's sweep.

However, it was so powerful that the sweep launched him into the wall of the building on the side. Clovis never had a chance against a Tier 4 beast like this.

"You!" The commander roared while jumping into the air, kicking the beast away.

"Clovis! Respond to me!" Melody panicked. She didn't want Clovis to die.

"This is Clovis. Leave without me. Bring my teammates away if it means you have to knock them out!" Clovis made the announcement on the radio. Chapter 150 Screwed

"Clovis!" The Blossom team's member jumped off the truck and held Melody before she chased after Clovis.

"Oi. Let's go! Your captain is the one telling you to go!"

The others seemed to help him restrain Melody before someone else drove the truck.

"What is happening over there?!" Kanaria roared inside the bus while the people were holding her back, not knowing what happened. At the very least, they couldn't stop the bus.

It looked heartless, but this was the most reasonable choice. Instead of killing themselves by charging at these beasts, it was better to only let Clovis die. Even Clovis told them to abandon him.

In addition to the commander's words, they hurriedly drove away, leaving the two behind.

"Oi. Are you alright?" The commander asked out loud.

Clovis slashed a few beasts while running inside the building. He shouted, "If the commander can bring some of them away from me, I can find a way to escape. No need to do that much for me, Commander."

"Are you sure?" The commander couldn't believe what he heard.

"Of course. Didn't you hear it on the radio? I killed a Tier 3 beast." Clovis nodded.

If that was indeed true, it meant that Clovis's strength was great enough to find a way to escape this place. In that case, the least he could do was lead this Tier 4 away.

Clovis had reached the third floor, so he was probably trying to escape through the roof. The commander, on the other hand, chose to believe Clovis. This way, he didn't have to sacrifice his life as well.

He kicked the Tier 4 beast with all his strength, getting its attention. After that, he allowed the Tier 4 beast to slap him and destroy the building on the opposite side.

The commander escaped through this building as the Tier 4 and a lot of beasts were chasing after him. Still, he was a Tier 4 human, so it wouldn't be hard for him to escape from here.

Once Clovis reached the rooftop, he jumped to another roof behind this building. Instead of using the stairs, Clovis simply leaped off the building before turning around and tossing his short sword.

He used the chain to stop him from falling. Once he realized he had reached the second floor, he pulled out the short sword and landed on the ground safely.

Some of the beasts jumped straight at him, while others searched for the stairs.

Clovis hurriedly found another way to get to another block. There was a tall wall separating the two blocks, but it didn't matter. He just jumped on the wall two times to reach the top.

After that, he pulled himself up and jumped off.

Unfortunately for him, the moment he reached this block, he heard roars coming.

Roar!

Roar!

The problem was that it came from both sides. These beasts were the ones coming from the outside.

"Are you serious?" Clovis smiled wryly. He searched for another wall to reach the next block, but he couldn't find a single one. There wasn't even an alley.

"It seems that I don't have any other choice."

Clovis hurriedly entered one of the buildings. The beasts followed him in, wondering where Clovis was.

All of a sudden, Clovis appeared from the side and struck this beast. The next few beasts entered, but Clovis wasn't a pushover either. He struck all the beasts that wanted to kill him, eliminating them one by one.

He kept hearing Kanaria and Melody's voices over the transmission, but he couldn't reply to them in this situation.

"Come! No matter how many of you come here, you won't be able to kill me." Clovis roared, preparing for his last stand.

More and more beasts entered the building, but Clovis wasn't scared of them. He kept slashing them while trying not to get more injuries.

Sadly, it all changed the moment a Tier 3 beast entered the building.

Roar! The beast let out a huge roar, shaking the entire building.

"Oh... time to run." Clovis rushed to the second floor.

One of the beasts tried to catch up to him, so he slashed the beast and smeared the blood on the ground. At the same time, he actually allowed the beast to bite his left arm.

"Kh!" Clovis endured the pain as he killed the beast. After letting his blood drop on the floor, Clovis hurriedly used his Another World Mail. "Go."

Clovis disappeared into thin air. When the beasts reached the second floor, they couldn't find him, confusing all these beasts.

More and more beasts tried to track him down, but they couldn't smell Clovis anymore.

Meanwhile, Clovis had arrived at Another World Mall.

"Ha... ha... It hurts." Clovis bit his lips. He opened the inventory of his mall and hurriedly brought out all the recovery items like the bandage or the water bottle. It wasn't like he could get out right away, so it was better to wait for a few hours before coming out. "And I also want to test my theory as well..."

The theory in Clovis's mouth was none other than the assassins who had been observing him this whole time.

Since they didn't want to kill him, he wanted to know what they would do once they thought he had died. If they immediately retreated from the city, it meant that he could escape their surveillance. But if they didn't, he would have to handle them in one way or another.

What Clovis didn't know was that the ones who panicked the most when Clovis was pushed off the truck were them.

"Where is he?"

"Oi. This is not the plan. Why did that person push him off?"

The two assassins couldn't believe what they had just witnessed. Both of them were ready to go all out in order to save Clovis.

It was true that they wanted to kill Clovis, but that was by allowing the beasts to kill him. Meanwhile, what actually happened here was an attempted murder.

And there might be a connection between that person's intention and the beasts they brought to this city. After all, they wouldn't retreat or become this desperate if they didn't bring in this beast.

If Clovis's grandfather heard about this, their organization would definitely be destroyed.

Without hesitation, they chased after Clovis. No matter what, they had to save Clovis. That attempted murder simply made all their plans useless. Today, Clovis couldn't die.

However, when they caught up to Clovis, he was nowhere to be found. Only some blood traces remained on the floor.

"It stops here..."

"What? The beast swallowed him?"

"This... Is this considered killing him directly or indirectly?"

"We're screwed the moment that bastard pushed him off the truck!"

"Then... what should we do?"

"No. Don't panic yet. He might manage to get away from here. We should get the blood sample to confirm if it's his blood or the beasts'. And let's go around to search for him."

"Should we just kill all those people before they can reach the city?"

"It's impossible to do that. They can easily send all the information back to the city unless we can kill them all simultaneously."

"So..." The guy's face became pale.

"Yeah. We're screwed."