

## Another World Mall #Chapter 16 Escaping - Read Another World Mall Chapter 16 Escaping

Jay gritted his teeth. He obviously didn't like the idea of abandoning his captain, but it was clear that Kanaria had to go back to the hill so that she could support them.

"Kanaria. Do you hear me?!" Jay asked. To his surprise, Kanaria didn't reply.

Soon, he heard rapid gunshots resounding across the area. It was definitely Kanaria using her gun.

Even Clovis could predict what was going on. "Jay!"

"I know!" Jay rushed to the south, following the sound of the gunshot. Kanaria was probably too occupied to press the button to transmit her voice. It also meant that she was being cornered.

When he arrived, he found three bears attacking her. The bears were even more clever than the wolves. The first bear charged from the front, while the other two flanked her from both sides.

Kanaria also noticed Jay's figure in the distance as she heard, "Come to me," through the radio.

Without hesitation, Kanaria aimed forward and shot the bear in front of her with all the bullets she had.

The bear was covering its head and body with its strong arms. Its skin could actually block normal bullets.

The other two bears had to shift their direction a bit and chase after her, but that was when they saw Jay.

When he was about to arrive, Kanaria stopped shooting, allowing Jay to finally approach the bear and slice its neck from the back.

"Oo—" The two bears looked quite shocked when they saw one of them dying. The shock turned into anger as the bears sped up.

It didn't matter anymore. Kanaria rushed past the bear and regrouped with Jay, but instead of stopping these two bears, Jay started running as if he wanted Kanaria to follow him.

"We have to help Clovis. He is fighting a Tier 1 bear by himself."

"What? A Tier 1? How did I miss it?" Kanaria's heart skipped a beat. It was her role to make sure that the group knew where they would be attacked.

But then again, she didn't notice these three bears before, even though she had looked at the area with binoculars.

"Sleeping? No, hibernating? But..." Kanaria had no time to think about it. They had to help Clovis, but at the same time, they couldn't outrun these two bears.

"You help Clovis. I will kill these two bears first."

Kanaria hesitated for a second before nodding her head. She ran toward Clovis's position before she found him slashing the bear's nose.

"!!!" Kanaria dropped her jaw to the ground. The bear was so tall, but Clovis was actually able to reach its nose. Then, she noticed the short sword that made it possible.

\*Roar!\*

The bear tried to catch Clovis, but the latter was swinging around its neck. The short sword always came out before the bear could catch it. This kind of timing was only possible because Clovis was frustrated when the dire wolf bit his chain and prevented him from utilizing it. He refined his movement a bit more and allowed him to fight the Tier 1 bear to this extent.

On the one hand, Kanaria could go around to hit the bear from behind, which was its weak point. On the other hand, the foot was right in front of her.

Kanaria didn't hesitate to drop her rifle, letting it hang on her body, and pull out the high-caliber sniper rifle. She approached the right foot quietly and aimed at its knee.

\*Cezz!\*

The sound was suppressed, but it was still quite loud for both the bear and Clovis. At the same time, the bullet pierced through the bear's knee. Its power was so strong that some of the flesh came out of the hole like an explosion.

\*Roar!\* The bear screamed in pain while falling on one knee.

Meanwhile, Clovis was quite surprised by Kanaria, who ended up losing his balance due to the bear's movement. Fortunately, the bear was in pain, so he could easily swing around the paw and stand on the bear's shoulder.

Clovis stabbed the bear quite deep before jumping off the bear two meters at a time. It seemed that the bear could feel Clovis's steps as it hurriedly spun its body, causing its

paw to smash a few trees into pieces. If Clovis took a single hit from that, he would definitely die.

Clovis hurriedly looped around the bear and saw Kanaria. "We have to go. Where is Jay?"

"He is still fighting the two bears that chased me earlier."

"We'll fetch him and go directly to the camp!" Clovis commanded while regrouping with Kanaria.

"Did something happen?"

"I saw a cloud of dust coming in our direction. I'm afraid that the beasts in Tier 1 Territory have noticed us. We shouldn't be too reckless and retreat to the base." Clovis explained what he saw when he was on top of the bear.

"Are you serious?" Kanaria gasped and turned around, ready to run with Clovis.

However, the bear's roar echoed once again as it slammed the ground and ripped it apart with its claws.

"Watch out!" Clovis hurriedly pushed Kanaria down with his body. The claws actually ripped apart the rock and released the rubble. If not for Clovis's quick reaction time, their heads would have been hit by some bigger rocks.

Kanaria looked at Clovis in shock, but the latter immediately stood up.

"Are you alright? We have to run!"

"Y-yeah!" Kanaria hurriedly regained her composure and followed Clovis. The bear couldn't chase after them even though it saw them getting away.

Clovis knew the reason for the bear's condition. "Thanks to you injuring its knee, it won't be able to chase after us. Although I don't know how those beasts are able to find us, we have to go to the base first and think about our next move."

"Mhm." Kanaria let out a small groan, as if acknowledging his words, while enduring the slight pain that came from falling earlier.

From what she could see, Clovis looked like a person who wanted a lot of money. She didn't know why he chased after the money. However, this incident made her realize that the money was still secondary compared to the safety of the group.

Clovis could, without hesitation, abandon the objective just to ensure the safety of the group.

However, the bear hadn't given up yet. Its eyes were determined to kill Clovis and Kanaria.

\*Roar!\*

The bear let out another sound, which caused some commotion in the forest. A series of roars filled the area.

"Are you serious?" Clovis frowned.

"The bear is calling the rest of the bears around this area." Kanaria looked to the right.  
"Clovis. Do you trust me?"

"Do you know the way?"

"I still remember the positions of those bears. As soon as we regroup with Jay, we have to make our way to the base as soon as possible or we will be completely surrounded by these bears." Kanaria nodded.

"Got it. We both will escort you."

"Don't worry about that. I am not so weak that I can't handle this. Though, it's going to be easier if you can help me pin the bears down. I will kill them in one shot."

Clovis nodded in agreement.

It only took them a minute to find Jay. It looked like he had injured both of them while maintaining his peak condition. Jay didn't want to use too much energy because he had to help Clovis after this.

However, the plan had changed.

Clovis and Kanaria suddenly emerged from the trees behind him. Clovis struck the bear on the right with all his momentum and strength. He tried to cut down the bear, but the bear ended up overpowering him. Luckily, the sword was sharp enough to cut down the paw, but it still lost all its momentum and failed to cut down the bear.

When the bear was too shocked by Clovis, Kanaria pointed her sniper rifle right at the bear's head.

\*Bang!\*

The shot exploded the bear's head, killing it immediately.

The other bear was shocked, but it was clashing with Jay.

Seeing this opportunity, Clovis looped around and struck the bear's back from behind, killing it.

Now that the two bears were down, Clovis turned to Kanaria. "Lead the way. We're escaping."

Kanaria nodded with a serious expression as she began running to the left. Jay didn't understand what was going on, but it was clear that he should follow them.

'Escaping? Why do we need to escape?' Jay couldn't help but look at the Tier 1 bear's location, thinking something must have gone wrong.

"There will be two bears coming from our front," warned Kanaria while recalling the positions of the bears before she descended the hill.

Before engaging the bears, Clovis asked, "Kanaria. Do you know any path where we can get one minute, and that's not the main path to escape?"

"Huh? Do you understand what you're asking? Do you know how precious one minute is in our situation?" Kanaria frowned.

"We need it to escape." Clovis's expression was serious as though this was the essential step if they really wanted to be safe.

Kanaria gritted her teeth, recalling every single piece of information before saying, "To the left. We can go there for one minute, but we still need to kill the two bears in front of us."

"Got it." Clovis sped up and tossed the short swords at the bottom of the trunks before hiding behind another tree. When the bears came, he pulled the chain, tripping the bears. Still, it was quite painful due to the bear's momentum. "Kill them!"

Jay hurriedly slashed the falling bear while Kanaria shot its head.

After that, Clovis moved to the left according to Kanaria's instructions.

"Every five seconds, you're going to shoot." Clovis suddenly gave a weird command, which actually made Kanaria understand his real intention.

He wanted to trick the bears into thinking that they were going in this direction. After a few shots, they would change direction while the bears focused on this direction.

'He has sharp eyes, a brilliant mind, and calmness in this situation. His fighting prowess is extremely high as well. Who is this man called Clovis? I can't recall any information about the heirs of a famous family called Clovis. Is he a secret weapon?' Kanaria was

baffled by Clovis's ability because it was not at the level that a random explorer would possess at this level.

He must have been trained by an expert explorer to reach this level.

Unfortunately, this was not the time to do that. While it was true that they managed to fool the bears by using this method, they didn't realize that their trouble had just begun as their current destination was actually an even more dangerous place.

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\*Ding!\*

\*Ding!\*

\*Ding!\*

The sound of an alarm echoed inside the base as the soldiers frantically went back and forth.

A man in his forties walked down the hallway as another man approached him.

"What is the situation?"

"We have a report that Base 01 is under attack and has the possibility of evacuation. It seems that the scale of the attack is extremely big this time."

"Any movements from other bases?"

"No. Only Base 01 is under attack. We assume that a territorial beast is getting poked by an explorer and unleashing its army."

"The investigation can be done later. First, I want information about Base 01."

"Certainly. Please follow me to the control room."

He nodded. While walking, the middle-aged man couldn't help but ask, "Have we sent any scouts?"

"We have sent two teams to scout the base. Because of the lack of information from Base 01, we have to assume that the beasts will attack our city."

"Send two more teams to search for explorers and soldiers. Get every piece of information they can before sending it to the city. And tell all soldiers to standby."

"Understood."

They had reached the control room where they could see all angles from the walls. Base 01 was located only five kilometers from the base, so if they were attacked, they should be able to see the incoming beasts through their camera.

"Commander!" One of the staff members saluted as soon as he noticed these two people.

"What is your report?"

"We have seen a sign of an attack. Judging from the scale, it's at least double the size of what Base 01 is capable of stopping. Full-scale evacuation has been initiated."

"In that case, inform the explorer association about the incoming beasts and hold an urgent mission. Do we have data about the people in Base 01?"

"No, Sir. We receive no signal from them, so it's safe to assume that the facility has been destroyed."

"In that case, I want all the information about all the explorers and soldiers outside the city, especially the ones leaving through the north gate."

"Let me send you the data."

\*Beep!\*

Suddenly, the tab on the commander's hand let out a sound as people's information was shown.

"There are a total of 649 explorers and soldiers. 128 of them left through the north gate." The commander furrowed his eyebrows while looking at their faces and names. He had to make sure that there were no special explorers they should take care of due to the politics or influence of powerful explorers.

Unfortunately for him, it seemed that his luck didn't look good when he encountered three yellow-colored names.

Clovis Hacfield.

Jay Havenson.

Kanaria Renvolt.

When he encountered their names, he almost choked when he saw these names.

'Jay Havenson, the second son of the top explorer of this city, John Havenson? There is also Renvolt... If I'm not wrong, she has the second highest evolution rate in her family. Both Havenson and Renvolt are powerhouses in the city. And the fact that their names have been marked means the military has received special support from their respective families. But...'

The commander fell silent when he saw the first name. 'Clovis Hacfield? Who is he? But his name is yellow... Wait a second, I think I remember there is someone with this name...'

The commander paused for a moment before coughing out of shock.

"Commander? What's wrong?" His assistant panicked, not knowing why the commander looked panicked.

He remained silent, but his mind couldn't be any different. 'Don't tell me... Clovis Hacfield is related to one of the top explorers in the world, Michael Hacfield. It was said that Michael Hacfield has been missing for five years, but his name is still yellow, meaning that someone is still pulling strings to make him a priority.'

'No, no. If he is truly related to that madman, his importance outweighs the other two. Whether it was fortunate or unfortunate, he actually saw that these three had the same group called Libation Fiesta.'

In that instant, he hurriedly shouted, "How many elite teams do we have?"

"Two!"

"Tell them to get prepared for a rescue mission."

"A VIP, sir?"

"Yes. So, immediately inform them. You have to find them alive."

"Yes, sir." His assistant acknowledged the order, but this was the first time he saw such a reaction from the commander. Normally, even if the other party was a VIP, he would remain calm and give a rescue mission a bit later. It seemed that the identities of the VIPs this time were much more important than any VIPs they had escorted before.

Because of the relationship between the beasts and humans, an attack on the base was normal. The beasts attacked the humans, and vice versa. Like the humans, the beasts had also conquered the human city and used it as their nest on the surface.

That was why the commander had grown accustomed to rescuing VIPs. These people usually hail from wealthy families, powerful organizations, or are related to the government.



Judging from the commander's reaction, it seemed that these people were much more important than anything they had seen before.

While the assistant was speculating, the commander was completely in distress.

'But I haven't heard anything about someone from the Hacfield Family coming here. I did hear that the Sunrise Base, where the Hacfield Family resided, was destroyed and became a Tier 7 Danger Zone. I thought that the Hacfield Family was destroyed, especially since the famous Michael Hacfield disappeared five years ago.

'Don't tell me, Michael Hacfield is in the city? No, no. By any chance that Michael Hacfield returns and knows that his grandson dies in this place, he might destroy the entire base with his crazy power.'

The commander gritted his teeth. He knew that even if the other two died, Clovis needed to survive.

He didn't know that he had severely underestimated Clovis and his group.

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"Kill it right now!" Kanaria shouted.

Jay and Clovis swiftly approached a beast from two sides. Even when the beast blocked Clovis's attack, Jay took this opportunity to swiftly cut it before the beast could inform its friends.

Clovis couldn't help but ask, "Don't you think that the area becomes more active?"

"That's true." Kanaria agreed without hesitation. "Even though we've encountered a Tier 1 bear, I don't think it will be this active. There are beasts roaming everywhere."

"Should we retreat to the city instead?"

"The city is 5 km away from here, while the base is only 1 km away. I think we should go to the base," Kanaria explained.

"But the base is near Tier 1 territory. If we run to the base, the enemy's level should go down, right?" Jay asked.

Clovis also thought about that option, but he couldn't be sure which one was the correct choice. Should they go to a closer place but with a higher risk? Or should they return to a safer place that is far away?

"I think we should go to the base. While it's more dangerous, it's closer to us, meaning there are fewer variables." Clovis looked back. "We have to keep moving or the bear might find us again."

"Got it." Since the captain had made a decision, Jay and Kanaria dropped their argument and followed his decision.

However, it seemed that the decision was more dangerous than they originally thought. All of a sudden, a boar came in their direction.

"Huh?!" All three of them froze for a moment. The boar was quite big—three meters tall with a wingspan greater than two meters. It had a robust and powerful build with sharp, slicing teeth. They felt like a single charge from this creature would be enough to break some of their bones.

"Entelodon?!" Kanaria gasped. "Get away!"

Clovis seemed to be the one targeted, so he hurriedly tossed the short sword into the tree branch and leaped into the air, barely jumping over the boar.

The boar's speed was lower than that of a Tier 0 dire wolf, but its tremendous strength smashed the trees on its way. They should never get hit by this boar.

"What is Entelodon?" Jay asked.

"A type of pig, often called 'killer pig' because... of what it'd just shown earlier." Kanaria explained as simply as possible before the pig turned around.

At the same time, he heard the roar of the bear as the destruction gave away their locations.

"Are you serious?" Clovis looked back, worrying about the bear. On the one hand, they had to run away from this pig, which looked impossible. On the other hand, they had to escape from the colony of short-faced bears.

They only had two choices—either run for their dear lives or fight these beasts.

"Clovis!" Jay shouted with a serious expression. He wanted to remind him what kind of situation they were in, as they had little time to think. Even the Entelodon had turned around, ready to charge again.

'The captain's role is to protect the teammates.' Clovis took a deep breath. "Jay, can you stop this Entelodon by yourself?"

"Leave it to me." Jay smirked while glaring at the boar as if trying to grab its attention.

"Kanaria. This is going to be a hard task, but we will be killing the bears. If you take a look at the boar, it's clear that the Tier 1 beast is moving toward the city's direction, so there's a chance that they're launching an attack there and we're currently in their path. If we run to the city, we're bound to meet other beasts. So, we'll kill them here and make our way to the base."

Kanaria couldn't deny the possibility. It seemed that they had no choice but to make loud noises if they wanted to survive.

Clovis also attached the short sword to the magnet on the bracelet before grabbing the pistol on his back. His grandfather told him that he shouldn't use the pistol easily, but they were currently in a life-and-death situation, so he had no other choice.

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This was the first time Kanaria saw Clovis holding that pistol. She also had a pistol loaded with special bullets.

It seemed that they had no choice but to brute-force their way out. Even though they might not be able to use this trick again, they had no other choice but to survive.

"I'm going to back you up. If the situation becomes hard, I will also help you with my special bullets."

Clovis nodded with a grim expression. As he expected, the bears began to appear in the corner of his eyes.

This would be an all-out war against the entire bear colony.

"Start from the left. They are the closest before making your way to the right," Kanaria gave an instruction, judging from the distance.

Before leaving, Clovis bit the sword's handle and took out the magazine from his pistol. There was a blue stripe on the pistol, so he ended up changing it with a different magazine that had a black stripe.

Now that he was ready, Clovis moved to the left, approaching the incoming three bears. These short-faced bears hurriedly spread themselves, trying to attack him from three different directions.

Unfortunately for them, it wouldn't work this time. As soon as they were far enough from each other, Clovis jumped forward, facing the bear in front.

"!!!" The other two bears were startled because people would normally remain in their positions. However, they hurriedly shifted their directions and tried to stop Clovis.

The bear in the middle also swept its paw at Clovis as swiftly as possible.

Clovis stopped for a second, avoiding the paw. After that, he raised his left hand, pointing his gun at the bear's head.

\*Bang!\*

The bullet pierced through the head and killed the bear in an instant.

"!!!" The other two bears increased their pace when they saw one of them die. At the same time, the gunshot alarmed the other bears in the area, including the Tier 1 short-faced bear.

They could hear a loud howl coming from the Tier 1 bear, but luckily, they were far away. It was clear that the bear couldn't chase after them with that injury.

Hence, Clovis could focus on these Tier 0 bears. He moved to the right bear and pointed his gun again.

As if learning from what happened earlier, the bear covered its head with both arms. These were the same arms that blocked Kanaria's bullets.

There was no way Clovis's pistol would be able to penetrate it.

However, this was what Clovis actually wanted. By covering its head with its arms, the bear wouldn't be able to see him.

As soon as he reached the bear, Clovis bent his knees and sliced the bear's stomach, splitting the bear into two. There was indeed a restriction on its body, but it was still less tough compared to the arms. Clovis's blade was enough to cut through the stomach.

\*Roar!\*

The last bear became angrier, but Clovis once again pointed his pistol at the bear's head.

Without hesitation, the bear covered its head. It learned what happened earlier and suddenly raised both arms to smack Clovis before he could strike its stomach.

To the bear's surprise, Clovis never had that intention. He kept pointing the gun at the exact location, so when the tough arms stopped protecting its head, Clovis pulled the trigger.

\*Bang!\*

Kanaria couldn't help but widen her eyes in shock. This was the first time she saw Clovis fighting with his gun. While the fact that he accounted for the bear learning his trick was surprising, Clovis's bullet was much more amazing than she thought.

"How did a single bullet kill the bear? Even I still need several bullets or destroy a part of its body to kill the bear." Kanaria thought that it was impossible to kill the bear with a small gun wound on its head. Earlier, she killed a bear by destroying its head with her sniper rifle's firepower.

She couldn't help but remember how Clovis changed his magazine earlier.

'What kind of bullets can kill these bears?' Kanaria questioned herself, but she couldn't think of any bullets.

Clovis didn't care about her thoughts at the moment as more and more bears came in their direction.

Clovis pointed at the ones coming from the right. Judging from its distance, it would arrive at the same time as the bears in the middle. So, Kanaria had to stall the bear on the right side until Clovis killed these bears.

She hurriedly aimed her rifles at these bears, matching Clovis's movement. The bears ended up stopping because they had to protect their weak points, giving Clovis a precious minute to kill the four bears in the middle.

Clovis once again pointed his pistol at the bear. Two of them protected their heads, while the other two used the trees to hide.

Unexpectedly, Clovis shot the bear without even using any tricks. And even more amazingly, the bullet actually penetrated the bear's paws and pierced through the head.

"!!!" The bears and Kanaria widened their eyes in shock. "Don't tell me... It's the Tier 1 bullet, customized specifically for penetration? It's made from the claws of an ancient crab. But it should be laced with poison if a small hole like that can kill the bears. No Tier 0 beast can endure those bullets. Even a Tier 1 beast might die if they are not careful.

But those bullets must be expensive. Is this the reason why he wants a lot of money?"

Kanaria had a lot of thoughts about this mysterious guy called Clovis. Her first impression of him was strong and nothing special. But the more she knew him, the more mysterious he became. There might be another reason why Jay held him in high regard.

Clovis continued hunting the beasts. He only had a limited amount of bullets and had no way of procuring more of them after using these bullets. That was why he had been preserving these bullets. Of course, the thought of selling these bullets once crossed his mind, but these were his grandfather's gifts, so there was no way he would sell them. As proof, it was currently saving him.

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

Multiple gunshots echoed across the woods as the bear population kept falling drastically. In just two minutes, Clovis had killed more than fifteen bears.

He ended up using nine bullets though.

While looking around, he saw a few more bears in the distance.

'This does not look good. I only have two special magazines, with each one containing twelve special bullets. I have to conserve the other magazine, and these three bullets need to be used against the Tier 1 beasts. I'm sure they're going to arrive by any time.'

Clovis faced a dilemma. If he had to fight these bears without a bullet, he might not have any energy left to face the Tier 1 beasts. He glanced back and remembered that Kanaria also had a special pistol.

Without hesitation, Clovis moved back while asking, "Kanaria. Lend me your special pistol and bullets."

"Huh? Is there something wrong?" Kanaria was startled by the request. Although she had prepared to use it, she thought Clovis was able to control the situation with only his pistol.

"I have to conserve the bullets for the Tier 1 beasts."

Kanaria hesitated for a few seconds before giving him the pistol. "My bullets are not as powerful as yours though. It might be able to penetrate its arm, but it won't go beyond that."

"It's enough." Clovis nodded. "I should be able to handle these bears by myself. You should help Jay right now."

Kanaria glanced back, seeing Jay in distress. He couldn't land a single attack on the boar as he had to keep running away from its charge.

If the situation persisted, he might lose. Hence, Kanaria nodded her head, agreeing with the new arrangement. "Alright. I will leave the bears to you. If it's getting hard for you, immediately shout for help. I'll immediately return to your side."

"Got it." Clovis nodded his head with a smile. It was rather easy when he had amazing subordinates. They understood their assignments without further instructions.

But this also meant that he had to protect them even more.

While looking at the bears, Clovis couldn't help but think about the mall.

'Now that I think about it, does the mall have a gun shop? If that's the case, what kind of gun do they have? The elves in another world use bows, right? What about dwarves? Do they make guns? If I upgrade the membership once more, I can open a new section.

Maybe I can find a useful item for the current situation.'

Clovis took a deep breath, ready for the second battle. It seemed that he had to fight with all his strength to crush these beasts before the Tier 1 beasts came.

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"Kh!" Jay gritted his teeth. "Even though I was trying to be cool by stopping this beast, I don't think I can last for a long time. To think it would be this hard to fight a Tier 1 beast by myself."

The Entelodon was making its way toward him, so Jay was ready to deflect his head before avoiding the charge.

To his surprise, a few gunshots echoed from his right. It looked like Kanaria and Clovis were fighting hard, but the bullets had actually hit Entelodon's body, showing that Jay had been losing his focus.

"!!!" Jay remembered that the bullets were faster than the speed of sound, so the fact that he heard the sound first meant he didn't see the bullets at all. "What?!"

Both the boar and Jay glanced to the side, finding Kanaria shooting her rifle. The boar hurriedly changed its direction and tried to crush Kanaria, but because of the bullets, it had to move in zig-zag patterns to avoid the bullets hitting its head or eyes.

That movement was the one that woke him up. He had to stop the boar to protect Kanaria.

"NO!" Jay roared, regaining his composure while running to the boar. Seeing the incoming Jay, Kanaria stopped shooting and ended up confusing the boar.

It halted its movement for a moment, trying to change its direction to go straight to Kanaria. However, Jay had arrived and slashed the boar from behind.

\*Rooo!\* The boar was startled. It didn't hear Jay's shout earlier, which was weird. But Jay soon noticed the right ear being destroyed by a bullet. It was no wonder Kanaria managed to draw its attention.

Jay took advantage of it and slashed the boar from behind, cutting apart its back. The beast tried to kick Jay, but its legs were too short.

It hurriedly turned around, but Jay actually ducked down as if hiding his body behind the boar. At the same time, Kanaria began raining the boar with the bullets.

The boar couldn't move. If it went to Kanaria, the bullets might hit its vitals again like the ear. If it attacked Jay, Kanaria would injure him from behind. The dilemma was proven by how easily Jay cut its back.

The boar knew that there was only one solution. It actually stomped on the ground, creating a small crater.

"!!!" Kanaria felt the vibrating ground and missed a few shots. At the same time, the boar tilted its body to the right to strike Jay.

Jay took a deep breath. Stopping the boar would be impossible, but he still had one trump card.

The floating time was only a second, so Jay used that one second to regain his composure and activate his beast soul.

The muscles on his feet contracted profusely. When the boar turned around and tried to impale him with its tusks, Jay suddenly disappeared from its vision as though he had just teleported.

"!!!" The boar was shocked, trying to find Jay.

He had to thank Clovis for this since this beast soul suited him the most. Not only did his movement speed increase, but his swinging speed also got affected by the beast soul.

With a swift and precise swing, he cut the back of the boar, connecting it to the previous cut earlier. It was so precise that it completely cut this lump of flesh as the latter slid down due to the boar's movement.



\*Rooo!\* The boar wailed in pain, but Jay had once again used the beast soul to get away.

This big wound was what Kanaria needed. Without hesitation, she shot this part multiple times, destroying the boar's muscle and flesh.

Still, using the beast soul would require his vitality. He felt that his stamina was draining every time he used this ability.

Luckily, the boar was in no condition to chase after him. It was desperately trying to avoid these bullets by hiding behind a tree.

Unfortunately for the boar, Kanaria simply switched her weapon and used the high-caliber bullet to puncture a hole in the tree and hit the boar.

Jay knew that Kanaria wouldn't be able to shoot another bullet right away with that weapon. It was time for him to close in.

The beast soul once again increased his speed, allowing him to arrive next to the boar in an instant. Jay hurriedly swung his blade to expose its flesh even more.

\*Rooo!\* The boar was shocked, but it couldn't do anything. The moment it spun its body, the bullets would attack him again. That was why the boar was in a dilemma.

Since the boar had no other choice, it ultimately rotated its body and tried to push Jay back, only to find Jay expecting this movement from him. His blade was already on top of the boar, so Jay simply needed to swing it down and cut the boar's neck, killing the boar.

In the end, he needed another person's help to defeat a Tier 1 beast.

Unfortunately, he didn't have time to get impressed as he hurriedly came to Kanaria. "Thank you for the help."

"Clovis's request. Since you're done here, we should help Clovis."

"Yeah." Jay agreed and hurriedly rushed to Clovis, only to get a complete shock. Even Kanaria couldn't help but drop her jaw.

They might remember this sight for their entire lives. In front of them were the corpses of multiple bears.

Clovis was standing on top of them, covered in their blood. He stood there solemnly as though he felt no challenge from these bears.

Still, this wasn't what Clovis was supposed to be capable of. If they knew Clovis correctly, he could defeat five bears at the same time, but there were a total of ten corpses around Clovis.

In their minds, they thought that following Clovis might not be a bad idea.

"Clovis!" Kanaria and Jay rushed to his side.

"Oh, you guys are done?" Clovis's voice was cold and devoid of emotion as if killing these bears were his true nature.

But after taking a deep breath, Clovis regained his calm and said, "We don't have much time here."

"What do—" Kanaria fell silent when a beast entered her eye. Another beast soon followed. Both of them turned out to be the Tier 1 beasts that were about to help the bear earlier.

They looked like a dog, but their bodies were as big as a bear.

"Megistotherium? But how? Isn't the territory beyond the short-faced bear supposed to be the Entelodon Territory? Why would the megistotherium appear here?" Kanaria's face became pale.

"Kanaria and Jay will focus on the left one while I take on the right one. We don't have a lot of time because the Tier 1 bear will soon come. So, make sure you kill your opponent as soon as possible." Clovis said while glaring at these creatures. He knew that they wouldn't attack them as long as he glared at them, since these creatures were waiting for them to drop their guards.

But since they didn't get any of it until Clovis rushed forward, these creatures also did the same.

Kanaria and Jay were dumbfounded by Clovis's order, but they didn't really have any choice. They simply didn't have any time to think about this.

This creature leaped into the air and pounced on Clovis. The latter slid down on the ground to avoid it before shooting the creature's back.

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

The megistotherium turned around. Despite two bullets landing on it and penetrating its hide, the beast endured the pain completely. It rushed toward him again.

It extended its left paw to pin Clovis to the ground. Surprisingly, Clovis actually received the paw with his sword. He didn't strike hard enough for a clash. Instead, he let the paw push him to the ground.

After that, the megistotherium used its other paw and the sharp teeth to crush Clovis. This was the time Clovis shot the creature from point blank range. He aimed it at the creature's belly since it was impossible for its paw to cover that area. His other hand waved his sword to stop the beast from biting him. But as a result, the other's paw ended up hitting his shoulder.

"Kh!"

\*Roar!\*

Both of them were crying in pain. Clovis didn't think that it managed to dislocate his shoulder, but the pain felt like the muscle was ripped apart. The bone was also vibrating due to the impact.

\*Bang!\*

\*Bang!\*

Clovis kept shooting at the beast while saying, "Die. Die. Die!"

The beast's eyes started losing its focus. That moment of weakness was what Clovis had been waiting for.

He hurriedly kicked the beast to the side and stood up. The megistotherium tried to stretch its paw to knock Clovis away, while Clovis swung his blade, only to find that he couldn't grip his sword. It seemed that the injury to his shoulder was much more significant than he originally thought. It even affected his upper arm.

Ultimately, the beast hit the sword and knocked it away.

Clovis had no other choice. He tossed Kanaria's pistol to the beast's head, causing it to push it away. But this one second distraction allowed Clovis to take out his special pistol and shot the beast's head.

\*Bang!\*

The beast shuddered for a second before everything went limp. It only took a shot to kill the Tier 1 beast.

"Ha..." Clovis panted a few times. He hurriedly went for his sword, but as expected, he couldn't grip it well. His entire hand was numb as though there was a static electricity continuously flowed on his palm.

So, he put back his gun and held the sword with his left hand. He also returned to grab Kanaria's pistol. But due to his condition, he ended up biting the pistol.

The price was quite high, but he still eliminated a Tier 1 beast within a minute. Though, it was only possible because the beast wasn't as big. If it was bigger than this megistotherium, his ribs would have been broken from the weight alone.

Clovis turned to the side and saw both of his teammates still engaging the megistotherium. At the same time, he noticed the incoming bear as the fallen trees gave away the bear's location.

"It can't be helped. Let's kill this bear first by myself."

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\*Vroom!\*

The roaring sound of the engine echoed as two Jeeps came out of the base.

The front jeep had five people. One of them couldn't help but ask, "So, what is our task this time?"

"Rescue the VIPs," said the driver.

"Oh, this annoying mission. But why would they even send the other group? No, they should be the only ones going."

"It can't be helped. We don't have much information about these VIPs other than their pictures and their names."

"But isn't there one person who doesn't have a name?"

"It means that this person is more special than the others."

"Oh, I have seen these two. They have an extremely high evolution rate."

"So, what kind of person is this last one?"

"Don't ask. We only need to bail them out. Considering their strength, they shouldn't have gone too far, but the problem is that they are in the path of those beasts."

"They are still Tier 0, right? Maybe they have died."

"Hush, don't say it. We have to find them alive."

"But look!" One of them pointed to the front. Beasts started coming out of the woods.

"We will break through them and continue on the main road before searching for them."

"Alright. It's my turn then." A girl stood up and moved to the top of the engine's cap while pulling the big axe on her back. "Do the usual."

"Got it." The driver nodded. The others were also preparing their weapons.

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Meanwhile, Clovis was currently engaging the Tier 1 short-faced bear.

"What's wrong? You can't entertain me anymore?" Clovis grinned, taunting the bear. The bear's mobility was drastically reduced due to its injury. On the other hand, Clovis was unable to kill the bear due to its size and his injury. If he could still use both of his hands, he could climb the bear with his short sword.

Unfortunately, he still couldn't get a feel for his right hand.

The bear tried to crush him with its size, but Clovis simply ran outside the bear's attack range.

There were only two ways to kill this bear. First, he regained his right hand and climbed the bear to kill it with either a pistol or a blade. The second way was to buy enough time to get help from Kanaria and Jay.

Still, it seemed that they required a lot more time to kill the megistotherium.

'What should I do now?' Clovis looked around, wondering if he could use anything to gain an advantage over the bear.

Clovis also had another thought about these beasts. Since they came from Tier 1 territory, why would only three Tier 1 beasts appear? When he thought about it, he thought about the possibility of this place not being the center of the attack.

He could only think of one place that might be related to this monster wave. It was the base.

'That's right. If the base is the center of this base wave, it means that going to the base would be a foolish move. At the same time, returning to the city would mean

encountering those beasts. The city wouldn't open its gates during the siege, so the best option would actually be to move in the opposite direction and wait for a while.

Now that everything was clear, Clovis had thought of another solution. Since he might not need to fight another Tier 1 beast anymore, he could be a bit reckless in spending his resources.

Without hesitation, Clovis dropped his sword while looking at the incoming bear paw.

\*Bam!\*

The bear's paw slammed the ground, almost crushing Clovis. Fortunately, he managed to run away at the last second.

Instead of attacking the bear with the sword, Clovis actually used one of the two remaining bullets from his special pistol to shoot the bear's hand.

\*Bang!\*

This gunshot startled the bear. Normally, the bullet wouldn't penetrate its paw, but surprisingly, the bullet entered its body.

The bear even lost the sensation of its palm. It continued to spread toward the arm.

\*Roar!\*

The bear didn't know what happened, but it couldn't move its arm anymore. Clovis took advantage of the bear's confusion to aim for the other foot.

This gunshot was the mark of the end of the battle.

The bear suddenly fell to the ground as the numbness spread to its lower body.

With both legs decapacitated, the bear couldn't support its massive body anymore.

Clovis moved from the left side. Since he had stopped this arm without being able to turn its body anymore, there was no way the bear was able to stop him.

With a smile on his face, Clovis stabbed the bear's head multiple times until the bear didn't move anymore.

"Just die." Clovis let out a long sigh. "Still, I have used up all the black bullets. The only ones I have left are the twelve purple bullets. After these twelve bullets, I wouldn't have any other trump card to use."

There was a reason why Clovis wanted to conserve at least one type of bullet. After hearing that his house had been surrounded, he needed to preserve this trump card for the worst-case scenario.

It was really hard to grow under these circumstances. People wanted him to die, he didn't have much resource to deal with them, and there was no other connection he could take advantage of.

Hence, he only had one choice left. He had to become a Tier 1 Explorer within a month. Yes, he wanted to stay in the Subterranean World for a month, but he wondered if this was actually possible with this kind of injury.

"Still, where are they? Why are they so slow at killing just one Tier 1 beast?" Clovis was curious, so he had to go to them, confirming their condition.

The beast was already at its death door with all the wounds covering its body. However, Jay didn't seem to be in good condition either. He had lost a lot of vitality after using his beast soul multiple times.

Kanaria wanted to help him, but Clovis lent her a pistol. So, it seemed that Clovis had a part in their fight.

"Kanaria!" Clovis tossed the pistol while calling her name.

"Huh?! Oh!" Kanaria was startled and caught the gun out of reflex. At the same time, a ridiculous thought appeared in her mind. 'Did he kill two Tier 1 beasts faster than us dealing with this one? Even though Jay was exhausted because of the Entelodon, Clovis had also fought a lot of short-faced bears.

Her shock was cut short as she had to kill this megistotherium. Now that she had her special pistol, she came closer to the beast and shot its body.

The megistotherium, who thought that Kanaria's bullet couldn't penetrate its skin, dropped its guard, only to regret it right after.

\*Roar!\* The beast was jolted by the excruciating pain on its body, causing it to tilt its body to the side. Jay took this one chance to utilize his beast soul one more time to behead the megistotherium.

"Haa... ha...!" Jay panted. His face was pale and his legs went limp, causing him to drop his knees and use his saber to support his body. "We're finally done."

"Good work." Clovis came to him with a smile.

"What good work?" Jay clicked his tongue while looking at Clovis's deed. He killed so many Tier 0 bears and even killed two Tier 1 beasts faster than them by himself. "If you used that pistol, you would have won easily in our competition."

"Do you think I can convince you that way? It's not fair." Clovis shook his head helplessly.

"Fair enough." Jay sighed. "So, what are we going to do next? Go to the base?"

"No. We have a change in our plans. For now, we should gather the essence of these beasts and head to the opposite directions."

"Huh?" Jay looked confused. They were in great danger, so they didn't have time to get their essence.

However, Clovis carefully explained, "Listen to me first. If you look at these beasts, you should notice something is off."

Kanaria nodded. "That's true. These megistotheriums shouldn't have appeared here."

"Exactly. If we look at their number, shouldn't you be able to know what is currently happening?" Clovis asked.

"Beast wave?" Kanaria widened her eyes in shock.

"Yeah. We happen to be on the beast wave's way, but since there are no other beasts coming here, it's clear that the beast wave has passed. So, where do you think the center of this beast wave is?"

"The base, huh?" Jay finally understood why he wanted to go in the opposite direction.

"Yeah. Since we won't encounter any other enemies, we should gather the essence and head east. We have to camp there until the siege is over before returning to the base. Although I have to admit it, I don't think I can use my shoulder anymore."

"Got it, but let me catch my breath for a few minutes. It's hard to use the beast soul multiple times." Jay waved his hand, signaling to them that they could gather the essence first.

"Alright." Clovis nodded and headed to his bag to grab the syringe. They got four Tier 1 essences this time. More importantly, the bear would definitely have a lot of essence considering its size.

Meanwhile, Kanaria picked up a few things from her bag before walking to Clovis. "How is your injury? Let me check."



"You know about this?"

"Not much, but I should be more knowledgeable than you." Kanaria shrugged.

"Okay." Clovis pointed at his right shoulder.

Kanaria tried moving the right arm while asking, "How is it? Do you feel any pain?"

"Ugh." Clovis's reaction alone was enough for an answer. After a minute, Kanaria gave him a white pill. "It doesn't look bad. Here's the aspirin. It should relieve your pain."

"You even brought this?" Clovis didn't expect that Kanaria really brought everything with her. She was like someone with a magic bag that had all kinds of items the group needed.

It seemed that he underestimated the importance of logistics.

Instead of smiling, Kanaria actually became serious as she couldn't help but ask, "Clovis. Seriously, who are you? Are you a Tier 1 Explorer? Even if you are not, you are pretty close to it, right? Your resources, your strength... don't really make sense. I can't even think of any names related to you.

So, who exactly are you?"