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The group could only watch how Clovis shocked them and left without even a single word from them.

"That bitch." Lovelia gritted her teeth, glaring at Kanaria.

Vina was clenching her shield, never thinking that she would be too focused on the problem and forget their original objective. She did notice the two men near Kanaria, but she didn't realize Clovis left earlier. It seemed that Clovis was not an ordinary man.

"Hmm..." Elina observed the group carefully. While she knew Kanaria and Jay, she had never seen Clovis. 'It doesn't seem like they are being forced. I can see the respect in their eyes, so the boy is good enough to become the captain of their group? It seems that I have to report this matter. Now, what should I do with Ivan?'

The guy, Ivan, clenched his fists for a moment before making a big smile. "Since she has joined a group, there's no helping it. Let's go and register our group."

The girls looked a bit perplexed and surprised, but they couldn't say anything after hearing his command.

Meanwhile, Jay kept laughing while saying, "Clovis, you're too good."

"Ha..." Kanaria covered her forehead, feeling troubled. "I originally thought that just telling him off was enough. Then, Clovis came up with this brilliant idea, allowing us to leave right away."

"I think I've told you that you should just make that guy your enemy so that he doesn't bother you anymore. You're too conservative."

"My plan is Plan A! Yours is Plan B, and my family has told me that even if I don't like him, don't make him my enemy."

"So, Clovis's plan is Plan C? Yes, C for Clovis! Pfft... hahahaha!"

Kanaria shook her head helplessly.

Clovis listened to their conversation and said it with a solemn expression. "Do whatever you want. If they piss you off, just hit them. I will be responsible for your actions and protect you guys. That's my duty as a captain, and I know that you guys will also help me bring our group's name up there."

"Does that mean I can ask you to be my boyfriend to push him away, Clovis?" Kanaria grinned, teasing Clovis.

"Should I kiss you now to make it more believable?" Clovis replied with an emotionless face.

Kanaria was tongue-tied.

"Hahaha. It's rare to see Kanaria get checkmated like this." Jay laughed while glancing at the registration area. "Still, they're going to aim for us tomorrow, you know that?"

"Of course. Nevertheless, their group is funnier than us." Clovis shrugged.

"Funnier? Their group?" Jay was confused for a few seconds before looking at the tag they had. It was '24th.' It took him an instant to understand what Clovis was talking about. "Pffftt! Hahahaha! You're the best, Clovis."

"Huh, what?" Kanaria tilted her head in confusion.

"So, you understand the reference?" Clovis shrugged.

"I don't watch that freaking one century old show. The cartoon was temporary, but memes are eternal." Jay pointed to the side. "By the way, since we're done here, I will leave and prepare myself for tomorrow. You both can do the shopping yourself, right?"

"There are a lot of items that I wish to buy, but they are small, so I think it's fine if I go by myself." Kanaria looked at Clovis, implying that she was thankful to him, so he didn't have to accompany her.

"It's fine. Resting is a part of training. Besides, if I leave you here, they might gang up on you again." Clovis shook his head.

"Then, I'll leave here." Jay waved his hand while walking away, leaving the two alone.

Kanaria looked at the register area with a smile. "Thank you, Clovis."

"While my family was in a similar situation, I never experienced your kind of life. So, I don't know how much my actions can impact everything around me politically." Clovis continued, "I told you to keep my name a secret. But if you encounter any problems, it's fine to use me as your shield. If my name can keep them away, then it's even better."

"I look at those girls, but none of their eyes glimmer with desire. It feels like they are just living because they were ordered to do so, unlike you and Jay. Without that desire, the genius will soon surpass them and widen the gaps."

"However, I don't want something like that. I want a group where all my friends can grow stronger with me. That's the reason why I want you and Jay to be part of my Libation Fiesta.

"I might not look reliable yet, but feel free to do whatever you need. I will always be here to back you guys up."

Kanaria stared at Clovis's face with admiration. She gave a big smile. "I can't help but understand my mother's actions back then."

"Mhmm?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion, not knowing which action she mentioned.

"Anyway, let's go shopping! We need medicine, food supplies, and bullets!"

Clovis and Kanaria ended up buying a bit more things than they planned and even then, the items were of high quality. It seemed that they needed enough supply to ensure that the previous incident where they were helpless against Tier 1 beasts happened again.

Of course, Clovis had some thoughts about the items. Out of all the items the mall had, he decided to buy bandages, the tent, and four special water bottles. Since there was an opponent that forced them to go all out, Clovis had to sacrifice today's worth of items for the sake of the group.

In fact, he wanted to buy the clothes for Kanaria, but he thought it would be weird to do it right away for no reason. It was better to wait a bit longer until either the trust improved or her birthday.

While walking back to the motel, Kanaria opened the map and said, "So, the competition will be held in this area."

There was a huge circle on the map.

"The hunt this time will be held in seven Tier 0 territories. Those seven beasts are: Quagga, Dodo, Thylacine, Phorusrhacos, Glyptodon, Dimetrodon, and Elasmotherium. There will be other species randomly appearing in their territories, but most of the time, we'll encounter these seven beasts."

Clovis looked at the map carefully. "Which one do you think we should aim for?"

"Birds like Phorusrhacos will be hard to fight. So, we shouldn't go to them. Instead, Dodo or *Raphus cucullatus* would be a much better target since they are flightless birds."

"But people will definitely hunt this dodo bird, right?"

"Yes. Quagga is like a zebra, so they are easy to kill as well. On the other hand, the dangerous one would be Thylacine. They are known as Tasmanian tigers. Glyptodon has a very high defense, which makes it hard to kill. Meanwhile, Elasmotherium is a giant horned rhinoceros.

Dimetrodon is the most dangerous, as it might not be a dinosaur, but it's an apex predator before the dinosaur."

Clovis thought for a moment. "So, which one do you think we should kill?"

"I am thinking about Quagga first. Since it's the first day and everyone starts at the same time, their population should still be quite high. On the second day, we will go to the Glyptodon. While it's true that their defense is quite powerful, our attack is more powerful. Then, we'll do our best to fight Thylacine on the last day."

Clovis shook his head, refusing the proposal. "I don't think we should do that. I agree with the first part, which is thinning the number of Quagga, but we'll only hunt here for a few hours."

"Huh? I thought about camping here since it's relatively safe."

"Yeah, but if you look at the number of the squad, you will know that their population will be drastically reduced after a few hours. So, we'll go straight to Elasmotherium's territory and camp there."

"While they are not as dangerous, they are still beasts, you know."

"That's exactly why. Think about other people as well. They will most likely do the same thing as you, so we'll be doing things half-step ahead and reducing their number. When people begin to come to Elasmotherium's territory, we'll head to the next territory, which is Thylacine. Glyptodon is a good target, but their defense is quite high.

Even with our strength, our killing speed will decrease tremendously."

Kanaria frowned. "So, we'll risk our lives to kill Thylacines?"

"Are they more dangerous than the four Tier 1 beasts we fought?"

"..." Kanaria came to a realization and furiously shook her head.

"Right? We'll go here. After that, we'll challenge this apex predator. If it's possible, it's good. But I don't want to be overconfident, so if it looks dangerous, we'll fall back right away."

"I see." Kanaria contemplated for a moment. The plan looked reckless at first, but this way, they could take more kills than anyone else. "That's settled then."

"By the way, how do you find out about the kill?"

"They have a special syringe that has been programmed to only take one ml of essence from each beast. Just like humans, none of the beasts are exactly the same. So, each one ml of essence will carry a different DNA. They calculate it from there."

"Oh? That's pretty interesting. So, we can't really cheat, huh?"

"Yeah. They have surrounded the area with soldiers as well, so no experts can help with the competition. However..." Kanaria raised a finger as her face became cold. "...there are times people cheat by making an alliance. There is also a chance that you kill other competitors."

"That's quite dangerous. But can you steal their syringe?"

"No. Well, it's more like a grudge. While you can't get their points, they still die, reducing the number of competitors."

"I understand. This might be more dangerous than I originally thought. In any case, I will leave the command to you tomorrow."

"I will definitely guide you and Jay to the best of my ability. Well, personally, I want to beat them overwhelmingly."

"You'll have the chance. I'll make sure you get that chance."

Another World Mall #Chapter 27 Bet - Read Another World Mall Chapter 27 Bet

Clovis, Jay, and Kanaria stood at the west gate, where they saw a few trucks lining up.

There were about one hundred and fifty people at this gate. They were waiting for the event to start, specifically for someone to explain more about the competition.

Ivan's group was also standing in the opposite direction. They were glaring at Clovis's group for one reason or another.

Unlike them, Clovis didn't have any intention of giving them the attention they wanted. He simply wanted to start this competition and began eliminating their target.

He had even worn the new t-shirt he bought from Another World Mall.

Finally, a man climbed the platform and stood in front of everyone. The man looked at these participants with an observant gaze as though he were able to see through their strength.

"As you already know, we will be holding a hunting competition. I don't plan to prolong this with my boring talk, so I only want to tell you three things." The man raised three fingers.

"First, during the competition, we will surround the competition area. If you meet any soldiers, you have to go back immediately. If they end up helping you, you'll be disqualified.

"Second, during the competition, you are allowed to use everything other than high-level weaponry with overwhelming destructive power like missiles. Other than that, you are allowed to use anything.

"Third, this is a competition. We have prepared everything to monitor and ensure the competition is fair. For example..." The man grabbed a syringe and showed it to them. "Each group will receive this item.

"This syringe is a special item developed by the military, allowing you to absorb only one ml of essence for every beast you kill. We can find out if you put the essence from the same beast, so you won't be able to cheat us with this item. As for the rest of the essence, you are free to absorb it as you want. We won't do anything to you.

"This syringe has been programmed to suit only your group. So, even if you take the other group's syringe, you won't get any point for it.

"Each Tier 0 beast will give you 10 points, and each Tier 1 beast will give you 100 points. That's all. You all should have known about the reward, so I will end my speech here. Is there any question?"

None of them raised their hands, so the man extended his hand to the trucks. "If there's no question, please board the truck. You should be able to see the number of your group on the truck."

Clovis led his group to enter the truck. But because Ivan's group registered right after Clovis, they ended up sitting on the same truck.

As expected, they ended up glaring at each other. Kanaria obviously faced Lovelia, whom she hated due to their family condition. Jay's eyes were focused on the Drake Group's eyes, Elina. It seemed that he was trying to pressure Elina to not think anything about Clovis as though he knew how the Drake Group operated.

Meanwhile, Vina and Ivan were glaring at Clovis, the leader of the group. Vina remembered Clovis's action previously, making her wary of him. On the other hand, Ivan was glaring at him because of Kanaria, who was sitting next to him.

"Heh. To think that you are getting a random person to be your captain... I'm shocked. It seems that your standard has decreased, Kanaria." Lovelia harrumphed, looking at Clovis with contempt.

"This is why you are always below me. Your eyes simply can't differentiate the gems before you. No matter what you do, I will simply beat you again and again." Kanaria harrumphed.

"Oh my, I wonder what kind of thing you see from your captain?" Elina asked, trying to probe some information from the two angry girls.

"You should be asking whether your captain is a gem or not." Jay snorted.

"I won't allow you to be rude to him." Vina glared at Jay.

Clovis and Ivan remained silent. Clovis wasn't that bothered by him, but Ivan looked like he was harboring a grudge.

"Let's have a bet." Ivan suddenly opened his mouth.

"A bet?" Clovis squinted his eyes, feeling suspicious.

"If we defeat your group in this competition, you are going to let Kanaria enter my party," Ivan stated with a cold tone.

Clovis rolled his eyes, thinking it was a special bet. It turned out to be something unimportant like this.

"I don't see the point of the bet." Clovis shook his head.

"Don't tell me, you're afraid?" Ivan harrumphed, looking down on Clovis.

"Ho?" Jay narrowed his eyes, staring daggers at him.

"Just look at you, a 99% evolution rate guy is actually challenging a no-name like me. What a joke. In addition, you are treating her like an object that can be dragged to another place simply because you want it." Clovis shook his head helplessly, disappointed in this guy.

It was no wonder why these girls lost their lights.

"What did you say? He is a gentleman, unlike you! He has been protecting us!" Lovelia snarled, trying to protect Ivan.

"If you are scared, just feel free to say so. You can be the captain of the group, but you, in the end, are a coward who hides behind a woman." Ivan rolled his eyes as though he were disappointed in Clovis.

Kanaria waved her hand and said, "I can't let that slide."

How could she? After seeing how Clovis defeated many Tier 0 bears as well as two Tier 1 beasts by himself, there was no way they could admit that Clovis was a coward.

"I don't think that's wrong, considering how he acts right now." Elina interjected with a sly smile. She obviously wanted the competition, not because she was eager to have Kanaria in the group, but because this was the opportunity to check Clovis's strength.

She had known what Kanaria and Jay were capable of. So, if they surpassed that point, it would definitely be because of Clovis.

Kanaria looked at Clovis with a serious expression. "Can you let me handle this?"

"Sure." Clovis nodded, trusting Kanaria's judgment in this matter.

Kanaria turned to Ivan and asked, "What if you lose?"

"Me losing? That's impossible." Ivan harrumphed, fully confident that he would be the first in this competition.

"Because you have one more person in your group, if you lose, Lovelia has to leave the group and be forbidden to re-enter." Kanaria then looked at Vina and said, "And she has to join our group as a baggage carrier for two weeks."

"!!!" Ivan widened his eyes in shock. "Do you understand what you're saying? Are you going to treat her like a slave?"

"You're contradicting yourself, eh, Mr. genius?" Kanaria snorted. "When you proposed the bet, you treated me as an object you could simply steal from this group. But when I made my condition, you disliked it? What a hypocrite."

"..." Ivan gritted his teeth.

There were a few reasons why Kanaria proposed that condition. First of all, she believed that their group could win. Second, by forcing Lovelia to leave, it meant that her rival family wouldn't be able to take advantage of this guy. Last but not least, Vina was the most useful among them.

Not only was she great as their vanguard, but she could also bring a lot of benefits to the group. Two weeks should be enough for Kanaria and Jay to become Tier 1 explorers. So, they would have no use for her anymore.

"You..." Ivan wasn't the only one pissed. Lovelia didn't expect that she would be Kanaria's goal. If she couldn't fulfill the task from her family, she didn't know what her family would do to her.

When Elina heard this proposal, she calmly assessed the bet and understood Kanaria's aim. It seemed that she was also confident in their strength.

In addition, losing this bet would cripple this group for a while. But the biggest problem was actually Ivan's judgment.

Elina wanted to see how good Ivan's judgment was here. She thought, 'A hero would definitely be accompanied by many beauties, whether it's for politics or love. Kanaria might be useful, but she is not worthy of the destruction of the group. Then again, he has provoked them so much that it's impossible for him not to accept this. It seems that the president has to reassess him.'

As expected, Ivan accepted the bet. "Fine. We'll be the ones to win."

"I-Ivan?!" Lovelia was shocked. It was clear that Kanaria was worth more than her in Ivan's eyes. It felt like she was just something he could throw away even after giving him a lot of things.

On the other hand, Vina's eyes never left Clovis at any moment. She noticed that Clovis trusted Kanaria's judgment. However, it also pissed him that she accepted the bet since he didn't want his people to bet over their own lives.

Other people inside this truck couldn't help but look at these kids' arguments and shake their heads. They were simply too young and hot-headed, making them unable to assess the situation correctly.

When they reached their destination, the two groups went in a different direction.

Jay, who had been silent until now, couldn't help but ask, "Are you sure about this, Kanaria? You shouldn't have bet on your life like that."

"I'm sorry, Jay, Clovis." Kanaria gave a wry smile. "I know that you might not like it, but this is the only way to solve the issue. Clovis, I know that someone like you will definitely become a bigshot in the future. So, if we were to lose, I hope that you won't question my decision."

"!!!" Jay widened his eyes in shock. "Are you insane?"

Jay fully understood what she wanted. It seemed that she had resolved herself to die if they ever lost, meaning that she didn't have to join their group.

Clovis let out a long sigh and patted Jay's and Kanaria's shoulders. "You both are making this so complicated. All we need to do is win, right? That's all. It's going to be tough, but I'm going to work both of you to the bone so that we can win. Be prepared."

The two of them were stunned for a moment, seeing how calm Clovis was. They couldn't help but smile, believing that they had taken this a bit too seriously and forgotten about their main priority.

Another World Mall #Chapter 28 Another Trouble - Read Another World Mall Chapter 28 Another Trouble

Ten years ago.

Clovis was sitting with his grandfather on the balcony. While licking his ice, Clovis couldn't help but ask, "Grandpa. Why do you always explore everything alone? The more, the merrier, right?"

"Hahaha." His grandfather laughed after hearing the question. "It's because I am not a good leader."

"You're not a good leader? But grandpa is strong, right?"

"Strength is not the only thing a leader needs. If you want to be a leader, you have to make sure that you don't look lost. Otherwise, your group will catch that feeling and won't know what to do. I can't do that because I always panic or go crazy for the unknown, so I am not fit to be a leader."

Clovis looked at his grandfather with a confused face.

But remembering it now, he finally understood what he meant. If he was acting like he was swept away by the situation, the group would definitely head in a different direction. That was why he remained calm throughout the whole situation and told them that everything was simple. That was right, they just had to kill as many beasts as possible. Their goal hadn't changed.

They simply wanted to get first place.

Clovis, standing with his group, looked at the man in front of them. He was looking at the clock before blowing the whistle. "Start!"

In that instant, all groups rushed into the woods, entering Dodo's territory. Some of the groups immediately changed directions to Quagga's territory.

Ivan's group seemed to remain in this territory, while Clovis followed the other groups to Quagga's territory.

"They are going that way!" Vina informed the group.

"It doesn't matter. We just have to stick to our plan to win. I see a shadow in the distance!" Lovelia reported while pointing at their front.

Ivan sped up and finally encountered the first bird. The bird looked harmless at first, but when it saw a human, it immediately charged, planning to impale the human with its sharp beak.

However, Ivan bent his knees and sliced the bird's neck from beneath it, killing the beast in a single strike.

"Congratulations, Ivan. You're the first to kill a beast in this competition." Elina smiled.

"That's right. As long as we have Ivan, there's no way we can lose." Lovelia harrumphed, thinking they were invincible.

Meanwhile, Clovis asked while killing a bird on the way to Quagga's territory. "So, Kanaria. Are you going to move together with us or stay on top of an elevated platform to guide us? This is your competition, so I want to know whether you want to participate directly or act as usual."

Kanaria was a bit surprised by the question. They had decided that she would support them yesterday, but Clovis respected Kanaria's decision since she was the one accepting the competition.

Out of respect, Kanaria bowed. "What do you think I should do, Captain?"

She had overstepped her bounds earlier, so it was only right that Clovis took back the command.

"In that case, you are to remain as our support. We will head southwest from here. There should be a small ridge in that direction, which you can use. There should be a lot of Quagga in that area as well."

"Understood." Kanaria received the instruction.

"Jay will remain with me and hunt as usual. This will be hard, but please bear with me."

"I'm going to show you that I'm a different man today." Jay smirked, feeling a bit confident in his improvement during the past few days.

"I'm looking forward to it." Clovis smiled. "Let's go!"

The group continued on their way, killing every bird in their sight. What Kanaria, Jay, or even Ivan didn't know was that Clovis had a cheat.

It was not the Another World Mall. Instead, it was the Gold Class map that was given to him previously.

Last night, Clovis had been studying the map carefully.

The Gold Class Map's reputation didn't come only from its detailed information. It was famous because of its functionality.

Clovis could see which area had a dense population of beasts and which one was scarce. There was also abundant information about the terrain, allowing him to choose which place could become their hunting ground. Obviously, Kanaria's role was essential to his plan.

Clovis had prepared the special water bottle for their recovery during the hunt. And during the night, the tent would let them recover faster. With all this, he had no doubt that they had enough stamina to defeat the enemies.

However, Clovis's real aim was actually the Tier 1 beasts scattered around the area. The number of Tier 1 beasts they could kill would determine the outcome of this competition.

Hence, the group immediately headed to the small hill.

Kanaria hurriedly climbed the hill, while Clovis and Jay moved around to find the incoming beasts.

Due to Clovis donating all of his money to the group fund, Kanaria actually bought one more thing. It was radar to detect any life form near them. It would allow them to be more efficient during the hunt.

"There is a group of Quagga in your twelve. Head straight and ambush them," Kanaria informed while aiming at one of the targets with her sniper rifle.

When Clovis and Jay were about to arrive, Kanaria let out the first attack and killed one of them in an instant, startling the rest. Clovis and Jay took advantage of their confusion to kill several of them before fighting the rest.

Even though they were lacking one person compared to Ivan's group, they knew each other's roles and hunted efficiently.

In fact, Clovis was wondering whether he should buy more recovery water just for the sake of competition.

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Meanwhile, Ivan and the group were currently catching their breaths after hunting for an hour nonstop.

"I'm sorry, Ivan. I am useless." Elina panted a few times. Her role was support, so she had the least amount of stamina. She was different than Kanaria, who also knew how to fight in close combat.

"It's fine. We have done a lot in the past hour." Ivan smiled, assuring her.

"Then, I will scout the area ahead." Lovelia stood up. While they were waiting, she could look around so that the group knew where to go after their rest.

"I'll leave it to you, Lovelia." Ivan didn't reject her idea, and he let her go alone.

After making sure Lovelia was far away, Elina couldn't help but ask, "Are you sure about this, Ivan? You should know that Lovelia and Kanaria's families are enemies, right?"

"In that case, it's my job to help both families. I will be the middleman so that they don't need to fight anymore." Ivan pumped his chest proudly.

"..." Elina looked at him for a moment before taking out her device. She opened the map and showed the difference between their map and hers. "If that's the case, I will give this to you."

"What is this?" Ivan frowned. The map looked more detailed than the one they had used so far.

"This is the Gold Class Map. The president has given me an account for the Gold Class Map. It's the reason why I'm always recommending a place to hunt."

"What? Elina... you..." Ivan couldn't believe what she had just said.

It was nothing weird for Elina to possess the Gold Class map since the president of the Drake Group would definitely invest heavily in Ivan.

Instead of talking about the reason why she had hidden this for so long, Elina said, "Please think about this carefully, Ivan. You are currently in the competition. If you lose, the group will be crippled. Will you prioritize your ego, or will you accept this map and win?"

Ivan gritted his teeth. What Elina said wasn't wrong.

"Ivan!" Elina was a bit annoyed that Ivan took so long to decide. She even used another card to persuade him. "I've heard that Jay is running away from his family, so he mustn't have a lot of money. Kanaria has been expelled from her original group, so she doesn't

have anything either. And that Clovis? I haven't heard anything about him, so he must be a poor boy.

I don't know how he bewitched her, but they surely don't have a Gold Class map. You have to take advantage of this and save Kanaria from that man's hand."

Gulping down, Ivan contemplated. Kanaria didn't even accept him, so what exactly did Clovis do to get Kanaria? He couldn't think of any reason other than blackmail. It was the only way for an unknown man like Clovis to get a hold of her.

That was right. He should free Kanaria from his grasp. This was his responsibility.

Ivan grabbed the device before handing it back to Elina. "I'm going to use the map, but in our group, you're the most suitable to read the map and direct us. Elina, I will trust you. Help the group to win so that I can free Kanaria from him."

"Understood." Elina smiled.

However, there was one miscalculation in both Clovis and Elina's plans. It was the fact that this competition was rigged from the outside.

The two mysterious men that had been watching Clovis had arrived at the area north of the dimetrodon's territory.

"Do you think Dimetrodon is enough to kill him?"

"I'm not very sure. He is the grandson of that man, so I don't think it will be that easy."

"What are you planning to do then? Create another beast wave?"

"No. There is something that I want to try. I don't know if it will work, but his group shouldn't have the ability to escape from it."

"Don't tell me. You are insane, you know that?"

"I won't even bother the grandson of the top ten explorers if I'm sane."

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"Clovis. Handle the two Quaggas on your right. Jay will be intercepting the incoming Quaggas."

"Got it." Clovis stepped forward, seeing the Quaggas rushing toward him. He jumped to the left so that these two beasts would follow him. When they were about to reach him,

Clovis threw the short sword, letting it circle around a trunk so that he could slide and loop around.

The two beasts hurriedly followed him, but their form was unstable because of their speed. Clovis took this chance to slice their necks, only to fail to kill both of them at the same time.

He managed to cleanly cut the one near him, but it seemed that after knowing it would die, this Quagga slammed its friend's body to push it away. As a result, his blade only scratched the second Quagga's neck.

The beast charged forward in a rage over the death of its friend. Clovis actually used its friend's body as a shield, causing the Quagga to hesitate. He then looped around and struck this Quagga, killing it.

After killing them, Clovis checked on Jay in the distance. As expected, Kanaria helped him, so Jay finished the beasts at the same time as him.

"Are there any other beasts around, Kanaria?" Jay asked.

"The radar doesn't see anything within a fifty-meter radius. We should continue north to find more." Clovis asked.

"I also don't see any sign of life around here. If you want, I can sense some on the other side of the hill. Do you want to climb the hill?"

"No. It will take too long. We'll just follow the hill from down here," Clovis replied before asking, "By the way, have you seen anyone need help?"

"Huh?" Kanaria frowned. There was no reason why they should help their rivals in this situation. So, she didn't understand why Clovis was asking for it.

"It's nothing. If you find one, please tell me." Clovis chuckled before turning to Jay, who looked a bit exhausted. He tossed a water bottle to him, which was actually the recovery water bottle.

At the same time, Jay also stabbed the demons with their syringe, trying to get their essence.

"How many have we killed?" Clovis asked.

"Including these five beasts, we have killed 73 beasts within these past few hours. The sun is about to set soon, so why don't we set up a tent here?" Kanaria replied.

"Nah. We're not exhausted yet." Clovis looked at Jay, who nodded his head. He didn't know why, but he felt that his condition was even better than usual.

"Alright. In that case, let's move to the north. We should be able to reach the next destination before dark." Kanaria stood up and started running on the ridge. Her position looked exposed, but the hill didn't have a lot of trees, so Clovis and Jay could easily find out if there was a beast chasing after her.

Since she was safe, the group proceeded with their current plan. They had killed so many beasts on the first day, so it wouldn't be weird if the population of the beasts here would be gone by tomorrow morning.

After some consideration, they decided to stay right at the edge of the Elasmotherium's territory. This way, they could start hunting these beasts when morning arrived.

Clovis was in charge of setting up the tent, Kanaria was heating up their food, and Jay was searching for water nearby.

Kanaria noticed the change in the tent. "Hmm? Is it a new tent? I think the one we purchased a few days ago wasn't like this."

"Yeah. It's a new tent. I bought it with my money, so it's fine, right?" Clovis didn't tell her about the real use of the tent, but he was proud of it. After all, if the effect registered in Another World Mall was true, then four hours of sleep would feel like six hours.

"Well, yeah. After you invest a lot of money back in the group, I don't think it's a problem if you want a new tent or something." Kanaria nodded, not pursuing this matter further.

"By the way, do you know what they're planning to do, Kanaria?" Clovis asked. The ones he mentioned were none other than Ivan and his group.

"If my intuition is correct, then they should be taking advantage of a Gold Class map to roam around. However, there is one big flaw in their plan. One of them doesn't have a lot of stamina, so they won't be able to move a lot. If I have to say, their group should produce the same result as us today."

"The same result?" Clovis was surprised, but he understood the wonder of Gold Class map since he was using it too.

After this question, Kanaria's expression turned grim. She looked at Clovis with a serious expression. "Yeah. Annoying as he may be, Ivan is strong. Even I can't deny it. Meanwhile, you..."

Kanaria paused for a moment, hesitating. However, this matter had to be addressed sooner or later. Hence, she opened her mouth. "Clovis. With all due respect, I don't think you should invest your money in the group. I know that you don't like to be pitied, but if you continue doing this, you're going to get left behind sooner or later."

Clovis raised his eyebrows. He could feel that Kanaria respected him. In fact, it was because she respected him so much that she didn't want him to be left behind. She wanted Clovis to continue leading the group. That was why seeing him sell a lot of essence and donate the money to the group caused her to worry.

Clovis took out his device, typed a few things, and tossed it to her. "Catch."

Kanaria was confused. She looked at this device and noticed the information contained within.

Name: Clovis Hacfield

Tier: 0

Evolution Rate: 15%

Brain: 9.1%

Heart: 8.9%

Blood: 11.3%

Muscle: 14.4%

Bones: 10.2%

"This is..." Kanaria gasped, not expecting to see this high number. She couldn't help but think, 'Jay said Clovis only awakened a few days prior. And with his evolution rate and how much he invested back into the group, how did he achieve this number?'

Kanaria simply couldn't believe it. What she didn't know was that Clovis could still increase by 24% every day if he used all six item limits to purchase the highest level of food items. If he only filled up a single attribute, it would only take him four days worth of product.

In other words, he only needed a total of twenty days to become a Tier 1 explorer.

Jay began his exploration a month ago. She was one month earlier than him. That was why she had the highest progress among them. But still, she didn't know how Clovis could get this number.

"Are you faking your evolution rate?" Kanaria asked.

"Nope. It's the real evolution rate."

"Then, have you actually explored the subterranean world before this?"

"Nope. My birthday was only a few days ago, and I immediately awakened to become an explorer." Clovis shook his head.

"Then..." Kanaria looked at the progress with a doubtful expression. She wanted to say that this information was fake, but Clovis actually smiled at her.

"Is it hard to believe? In that case, let me give you a single hint." Clovis playfully raised his finger. "What is my name again?"

"Clovis...Hac..." Kanaria stopped abruptly before falling into deep thought. In that instant, she realized that the progress was related to the Hacfield Family's secret.

If this data was not wrong, then the Hacfield Family should have another way to fill up these numbers. And there was no way she could know about it.

Such a wonderful way would be sought after by many.

Kanaria politely bowed her head. "I'm sorry, Clovis. I was rude earlier."

Clovis waved his hand, implying it was not a big deal. Little did he know, this was Clovis's plan.

If he wanted to introduce the Another World Mall to everyone, it would bring more trouble than benefits. At the same time, he had to introduce its products so that he could make them even more powerful.

Hence, there was only one thing he could do. It was to instill the mysterious Hacfield Family in their minds.

As long as they misunderstood it as the Hacfield Family's secrets, they should be able to understand. In the end, his grandfather was one of the top explorers in the world. The Hacfield Family had also been destroyed.

As the only successor, it wouldn't be weird if Clovis knew or carried the secret of the family.

Although he felt bad for fooling her, he had to do this for now. At the very least, until he had the courage to tell them about Another World Mall.

'Once Jay and Kanaria grow accustomed to this idea, I can buy them special clothes from the mall without surprising them too much.' Clovis thought with a smile. While it was not urgent, he still wanted a chef who could cook the ingredients from Another World Mall. This way, the entire group would benefit.

However, the peaceful moment abruptly stopped when Jay returned to the camp.

He was running, but even after seeing them, Jay remained quiet. He even placed his finger on his lips, gesturing them to not say anything.

They were bewildered at first, but Jay explained everything after gathering together.

"I saw two groups fighting and killing each other."

"!!!" Kanaria widened her eyes in shock, while Clovis actually remembered what the military personnel said before the competition.

"Second, during the competition, you are allowed to use everything other than high-level weaponry with overwhelming destructive power like missiles. Other than that, you are allowed to use anything."

He even repeated it to make sure that the participants understood what he meant.

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Clovis frowned. 'As expected, I didn't hear it wrong. We could use anything other than high-level weaponry.'

"Clovis? What should we do? Should we run a bit deeper into the Elasmotherium's territory? It will be safer this way." Kanaria asked in a low voice.

Shaking his head, Clovis explained, "Do you remember what the military guy said back then?"

"Huh?" Both of them were confused, so Clovis reminded them and asked, "Do you understand what 'anything' means?"

Kanaria and Jay exchanged looks before shaking their heads. They thought it was only a weapon.

That was why Clovis sighed. "Anything you can find, whether it's another person's weapon or that person himself."

"!!!" Kanaria and Jay widened their eyes in disbelief.

By killing other people, they could use their weapons or even ransack their belongings. In fact, they might even be able to acquire the essence they hadn't absorbed. In other

words, they could actually wait for people to get exhausted before ambushing them. Not a single group would stop for a moment to take the essence of the beast they killed when there was another beast nearby.

That was why it was a perfect plan to just wait and reap all the benefits while retaining their strength.

Morally, it was wrong. However, no one cared. This subterranean world adopted the law of the jungle. Hence, it didn't really matter if they killed one another for their own benefit.

Kanaria asked, "So, what are we going to do, Clovis? The spot where Jay saw the incident shouldn't be that far from here."

"We should go deeper to avoid danger. Even if it means fighting in the dark, we have to secure a new place to ensure our safety," Jay suggested without hesitation.

Clovis sighed. On the one hand, they could ambush those people. On the other hand, it didn't seem that they were very fond of the idea since the first thing that came into their mind was running away.

In fact, Clovis didn't have any experience killing humans. He wondered if it would be different from killing a beast, considering they were the same kin.

"For now, let's go deeper. I believe there is an area without a lot of Elasmotherium near the border, so we'll use that place to avoid direct conflict."

Both of them nodded without hesitation.

They hurriedly dismantled everything and packed up their luggage within ten minutes before departing for the Elasmotherium's territory.

The sky had turned dark, so it was hard to navigate through the area. In addition, they wouldn't be able to see anything far away.

While relying on his other senses, Clovis pointed at a small plain among the trees. "We should use this place as our camp for tonight. Remember, it will be cold because we can't light up any fire to avoid any attacks from both beasts and humans."

"Jay. You should remain here with the luggage. We'll scout the area around." Kanaria grabbed the radar. Although it didn't show any signal, they couldn't be sure until they checked it for themselves.

Jay nodded his head as he watched them leave.

This was the first time they ventured out during the night into the woods. It was extremely dark. In fact, their range of sight was only two to three meters in front of them.

"This is going to be more troublesome than I thought," said Clovis while looking around. If he was separated from Kanaria just a little bit, he would definitely lose her. "Kanaria. Don't go too far from me. It will be troublesome if you lose your way."

"I know." Kanaria nodded with a serious expression. Normally, they would have set up their camp before the dark, so they didn't need to do anything during the night. They only needed to be on the lookout, making sure that they didn't hear any noises coming toward them.

However, this time was different. Kanaria couldn't use her weapon because it was too dark. A single shot would also liven the entire wood, and at that time, the beasts would be coming to them without them being able to see these beasts.

Kanaria couldn't help but grab the hem of Clovis's shirt.

Clovis noticed her worry and didn't say anything.

During the patrol, Clovis actually thought about another thing. The earlier incident actually gave him an idea of how to defeat Ivan's group overwhelmingly.

"Kanaria." Clovis suddenly stopped and looked into her eyes.

"Y-yes?"

"How much can you sacrifice for the sake of victory?" Clovis's expression was solemn and his tone was firm as if he had steeled his resolve.

"Eh?" Kanaria remembered the incident and asked, "Are you going to kill people as well?"

"If it's not necessary, then I won't. But I won't hesitate to wield my sword if they come to attack us."

Kanaria thought that Clovis planned to do the same in order to steal other people's targets.

However, Clovis added, "But don't worry. I have a plan in mind, but it's not related to killing people."

Kanaria's gaze remained on Clovis for a while before saying, "I am ready to do anything even if it kills people. It's just... I don't like the wanton killing."

"Alright. It seems that I can tell you about my plan." Clovis moved closer to her ears and whispered his plan.

"!!!" Kanaria's eyes became wider and wider as she listened to his plan. She had never thought about this, but they could actually crush and even embarrass Ivan and his group this way.

"What do you think?" Clovis asked.

Kanaria nodded furiously. "I think it's possible. But we have to avoid getting killed in the process."

"I know. If you can trust me, then let's do it. Those people also piss me off."

After strolling for about fifteen minutes, Clovis returned to the camp. It was quite hard to find the exact spot, but they finally found Jay.

Without wasting any more time, they erected their tent. Clovis also told Jay the plan, which the latter accepted.

Fortunately, the group didn't encounter any mishaps during the night. Even the killers weren't brave enough to enter this territory.

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In the city, a young man walked toward the commander of the city defense, informing him of the result of the first day.

"Sir. We have checked the area briefly. It seems that the plan has succeeded. There won't be any threat in this area anymore, so there won't be any risk of a beast wave coming from the west."

"How about the south, where we hold the competition for Tier 1?"

"There is nothing wrong with their progress. However, their result is slower than our expectations. Or it might be because the competition in the west is so intense that their progress looks lackluster."

"I see. Those beasts are dangerous, so we can't say a lot of things about their progress." The commander thought for a moment. "Is there something wrong with the competition for Tier 0 explorers?"

"What do you mean, sir?" The young man tilted his head in confusion.

"I'm talking about a weird movement from the beasts, not only the ones in the competition area but also the ones around it."

"That's..." The young man looked down for a moment. "We haven't found anything yet. It looks normal."

"In that case, I want you to monitor that competition closely. If there is any sign, inform me immediately."

"Yes, sir." The young man didn't know why the commander wanted him to pay close attention to this competition. After all, the dangerous one would be the other competition. Tier 2 beasts were extremely hard to hunt. So, they should focus on it.

What the young man didn't know was the identity of Clovis.

The commander couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows, thinking, 'There is indeed something strange with the competition. The higher-ups also approved this matter easily. Who is their target? That rumored genius? Or the Hacfield boy?'

As the commander expected, the two guys who had been observing the competition had begun to move.

They were moving toward Tier 1 territory as if they were looking for something.

"Remember. You're going to distract those soldiers while I bring the beast in."

"Got it."

What they were aiming for was actually not another beast wave. Instead, they were actually bringing an egg.

Clovis, Jay, and Kanaria didn't realize at the time that the danger they would face in the competition far surpassed anything in their imagination.