

## World Mall 351

### Chapter 351 Infiltration

"Kanaria, here. I'm in position. I can spot the enemies." Kanaria was sitting inside a building, staring at the building in front of her. Most of her body remained hidden as she observed the enemies. She had treated her broken nose and came here to finish everything.

They were inside a fallen city located west of the city. It was quite far, but not far enough to be unreachable.

On the other hand, Melody was inside the hospital. She was resting in the same room as her brother. Now that a day had passed, the Rusth family couldn't stop the Renvolt anymore. With them protecting Melody, Clovis could finally rest assured.

Of course, Melody also participated in the operation. She monitored the situation through the cameras attached to their devices. "All cameras are on and in good condition. You can proceed as planned."

"Clovis, roger." Clovis glanced to the side as he was together with Jay, Sherry, Rain, and Captain Han. Rain told them directly that he would help because he didn't want to feel indebted like the straightforward guy he was.

Clovis looked at Captain Han, saying, "Thank you for doing this."

"No problem." The captain nodded.

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A few hours ago.

The captain visited Clovis to discuss everything he had found. "There are no hidden bases in that area. However, if we go a bit further to the west, we will find a fallen city. Surprisingly, the number of beasts in that city is much lower than in the report. After confirming that no big scale raids have been going on in that city, we believe that this is the place.

After checking a little bit, we have found out that they are located here."

Clovis looked at the building that the captain pointed to. "Isn't it ridiculously tall? Shouldn't they use something small for their covert operation?"

"We're also suspicious about it, so during the operation, we need to move carefully."

"Alright." Clovis nodded.

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They were standing inside the building next to their target, waiting for the signal to go. There was another group filled with the SWD team for a different objective.

"Well, the attack this time is organized by Skull Garden. They're quite big for an organization and can be considered a mafia, so we're also responsible for eliminating them." Captain Han nodded. "That's why if we can capture them, it'll be good. If we can't, killing is allowed."

Sherry suddenly interrupted them by projecting a 3D model of the building. "I have finished scanning the building. There are a total of fifteen floors. Most of them are empty. According to our scan, there are 32 people inside. We can't determine their strength, but we should assume that there are two Tier 4 humans according to the data we have regarding the organization.

"I believe their base is on this tenth floor. The rest are patrolling the area." Sherry pointed at the floor, where a total of ten people resided. Other people were scattered all around the buildings.

"Got it." Captain Han nodded. "Like the plan, we four will take the lead. Sherry will remain behind us, informing us if there is a bomb or trap."

"Understood." Sherry acknowledged the order.

"I can't locate Ivan and their boss. However, I've found two snipers. I'm ready." Kanaria reported.

"I have inputted the route to your Skyglasses," Melody added.

Once they confirmed the route, Clovis glanced at the captain. The latter nodded. "Let's go."

"Melody." Clovis then gave the command to Melody.

"Got it. Team A will go to point 1B. Team B will go to the same location, but wait one minute first. The countdown... starts now."

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Skull Garden.

Inside the building, a man with a scar on his eye was sipping his coffee before inhaling his cigarette. He looked at Ivan, who was sitting in the same room. Ivan was filled with anger as he kept watching all the recordings about Clovis. He was trying to find his weakness and kill him.

He suddenly heard something on his radio. "Sir... We have found people coming in our direction. There are a total of two vehicles entering the city."

It was a report from their sniper. He also asked, "Should I hit them?"

The man immediately grabbed the radio and replied, "Not yet. Let them get closer first. Those bastards will take their time to close in. Make them think that we don't know about them yet and lure them to the killing zone. Send our people to intercept them."

"Got it."

The sniper maintained visual contact with the two vehicles. However, there was a small noise coming from the distance. Without anyone realizing it, the sniper had died.

After another two seconds, another bullet took out the second sniper.

"Snipers down." Kanaria reported.

Clovis nodded to Captain Han as they immediately rushed to the building, sneaking through the window and hiding inside.

It was time for Melody to notice the movement inside the building. "They seem to be moving... most likely trying to intercept us. Remember, the device can hide you from the radar, but not from a human with brain affinity. On my signal, attack them."

At the same time, the second team finally moved in.

Obviously, the enemy would notice their movement.

The boss got another report, this time from someone who handled all their systems. "Boss. We've got incoming enemies. There are only three people, but they're approaching fast."

"Snipers, get a visual on them." The boss ordered. However, there was an eerie silence on the radio. "Snipers!"

He was calling them, but they couldn't be reached. "Shit. Did they take them out? Those vehicles must be a distraction. Tell our people to prepare for plan C."

The boss then looked at Ivan and shouted, "Go. It's time for you to make your move! Become the bait to lure them in!"

Ivan bit his lips. While he didn't like being ordered by this guy, he had no choice but to comply. Then again, if he could make Clovis suffer, he would do anything. Without saying anything, Ivan chose to follow the rest of the people to the first floor.

Chapter 352 Attack

Sherry looked up and raised three fingers, signaling to them that the enemies had already reached the third floor and that they should get ready.

The captain nodded while Rain stood up, holding his weapon tightly.

Clovis and Jay were also ready to move.

Once they were about to reach the first floor, Sherry gave them a countdown with her fingers.

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Once all fingers were down, Rain immediately opened the door as Captain Han exited the room.

There were already five people on the first floor.

The people wanted to shout that the enemies had actually reached the building, but Captain Han sped up and cleaved two of them in a single swing.

However, the other three immediately shouted, "Enemies!"

Two of them were holding guns as they immediately aimed at Captain Han, but Rain approached them from the side and cut one of them in an instant.

Panicked, the other guy tried to kill Rain since he was closer, but Captain Han moved quickly and killed him from behind.

"Die!" The last one waved his blade but was easily stopped by Captain Han, who was a Tier 4.

The rest of the people immediately climbed down the stairs with their weapons.

"Enemies!"

"Go down!"

They panicked and tried to gather all their people inside the building to surround them. At the same time, the people also commanded the rest, who were currently patrolling, to go back.

Two of them were approaching from the left side of the building, planning to go to the entrance to attack them from behind.

However, Jay suddenly emerged from the window, his body shattering the window.

"Wha—!" The terrorist abruptly stopped, drawing his blade. Unfortunately for him, Jay was one step ahead and split him into two before he was able to pull his sword.

The other terrorist had more time to react. Sadly for him, when he charged at Jay, Clovis emerged from the same window and cut his arm before he could reach Jay. After that, he impaled the terrorist's head with his short sword.

Jay and Clovis exchanged nods, knowing that they had a different role this time.

Without hesitation, Jay ran to the other side of the building to ambush another pair who were about to come back. On the other hand, Clovis tossed his short sword into the air and impaled the wall next to the third floor's window.

He pulled himself up as Melody guided him so that he didn't get spotted by the patrols. In fact, Jay was tasked to take them down so that Clovis could reach the rooftop and ambush them from above.

During that time, Captain Han and Rain were rampaging inside.

"Die, you motherfuckers!" The terrorist jumped from the second floor and used his entire body weight to pin Captain Han down.

Captain Han blocked him as his muscles bulged, ready to overpower his enemy.

But this guy turned out to be bait as Sherry shouted, "Rain, grenade!"

"!!!" Rain was alarmed and saw the clicking sound of a grenade being tossed to the floor.

Before it exploded, Rain moved toward it and hit it with the body of his blade, returning it to the second floor.

Bam!

"Aaarghh!"

"Aahh!"

The people on the second floor ended up getting hit by the blast.

Rain hurriedly took a peek at the second floor, but when he was halfway there, two people had already returned and seen him. They aimed their guns at him and hurriedly unleashed all their bullets.

On the other hand, Rain jumped back to the first floor and rolled to the side, hiding behind a wall.

A series of gunshots filled the first floor, suppressing Jay so that he couldn't reach the second floor. Even the captain was forced to hide.

Rain hurriedly tossed a grenade onto the second floor before running away.

As expected, the enemy also had a high tier human who could react to the grenade. He immediately kicked the grenade back to where it came from.

Bam!

"Gaaahhh!" Rain shouted as if he were in pain.

Once they heard his scream, they hurriedly went down to finish him.

When they reached the first floor, they saw Rain's feet escaping to the second room from them. The rest of the room was closed, so they chased after him without hesitation.

To their surprise, a big blade suddenly slashed through a door and the concrete of the room next to the stairs, cutting one of them and almost killing the second one.

After that, Sherry opened her own door and aimed at the other guy. She shot him several times, neutralizing the target.

The captain and Rain also took a peek from their respective rooms. Seeing the captain, Sherry tossed a shield to the captain. The latter had even worn thick Tier 2 armor to block most of the bullets.

Now that they had eliminated some of them, they could finally launch an all-out attack.

As soon as he caught the shield, the captain immediately headed to the second floor.

The gunners that remained on the second floor immediately rained on him with bullets. However, Captain Han simply charged ahead, as the bullets weren't enough to stop him.

"We can't!"

"Retreat!"

The terrorists panicked. They immediately scattered across the second floor while reporting to their boss.

"This is not good. The SWD team is the one attacking the base! Where is the backup?!"

When the boss heard it, he couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows. It was true that the SWD team was a counter-terrorism squad. However, with their plan, they should be able to somehow pressure them. After all, they would be pincerred from two sides.

"What?" The boss remembered the question and shouted, "Where are they?"

The backup was none other than the scattered pairs, who acted like they were patrolling while their actual task was to be their killing stroke.

However, there was soon another report after those people didn't say anything. "They... might have died!"

"!!!" The boss widened his eyes in shock.

He didn't realize that all the people outside had been eliminated by only two people. Jay was sheathing his blade while looking down at the two corpses on the ground. At the same time, Kanaria was also observing him and the entire building with her gun released a very thin smoke trail as though she had shot multiple times. She said, "All targets have been neutralized. Go wild."

Chapter 353 Careful

The boss gritted his teeth, not expecting that all his people would be taken down without him knowing it.

"Retreat. Retreat!" The boss ordered, trying to preserve all the remaining strength he had.

With that order, his subordinates started releasing all their bullets while tossing one grenade after another at Captain Han.

They certainly knew that it was impossible to stop him, but they could somehow stop him for a bit.

"Tsk!" Captain Han clicked his tongue and chose to hide behind a pillar. While he could charge ahead like this, he was still worried about Rain and Sherry.

Once Rain reached his position, the enemies had gone up another floor.

"Let's go!" Captain Han waved his hand, signaling Rain and Sherry to keep up. Then he proceeded to climb the stairs. Once he reached the third floor, he hurriedly shouted, "Sherry!"

"No one remains on the third floor!" Sherry confirmed that everyone had retreated to the upper floor and that they could proceed. Although they had to slow down, they could definitely corner them since the enemies had no choice but to go up.

At the same time, Jay had also caught up to them and said, "I'll be going as well!"

Captain Han nodded as they made their way to the fourth floor.

But before they reached the staircase on the opposite side of the floor, Sherry suddenly shouted, "Sides!"

Due to him wrapping himself in thick armor, he couldn't feel everything around him that well, including the fact that he had just hit a wire.

"!!!" Captain Han hurriedly threw himself back. His instinct kicked in, and his reaction speed as a Tier 4 human had far surpassed that of a normal human. He managed to take one step back before the explosions.

Boom!

Captain Han was knocked down to the ground as his body rolled a few times on the floor.

"Kh." Captain Han clicked his tongue. Although he managed to put his shield in front of him at the last second, his other foot retreated too late.

As a result, the blast caused it to go numb.

"Captain." Sherry looked worried.

However, Captain Han immediately regained his composure and assessed the situation. "Claymores, huh? To think that they are still using them..."

"As expected, they're placing traps inside this building. We need to be extra careful, Captain." Rain frowned while looking around.

"I know." Captain Han nodded with a serious expression. "Follow me."

Captain Han continued pushing forward, even though he knew that there might be bombs hiding somewhere. He slowed down his pace, but the enemies still couldn't escape. They could only go up and find Noel waiting for them.

The only choice was to jump off the building and somehow survive after landing on the rooftops of the buildings around them.

However, Captain Han quickly hastened his pace once he gained some confidence.

On the fourth floor, Sherry suddenly shouted, "Us, left!"

Only two words were needed since they didn't have a lot of time. After hearing the signal, Captain Han took a step back and positioned himself to the left, protecting his teammates behind him.

Boom!

The explosion hit Captain Han, but this time he managed to withstand the full blast.

After checking that everything was alright, they continued.

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"Boss. The situation doesn't look good. They're approaching us."

"They have triggered a few traps, but they're still advancing at the same pace...No, they're increasing their pace."

His subordinates reported with a panicked tone. If this continued, they would have to face their enemies again.

"Don't be afraid. The enemy only has one Tier 4 human. We still have two." The boss waved his hand down.

"O-Oh!" The people almost forgot about that fact after getting pushed back this far.

"That's right."

"Let's keep our calm."

When they felt relieved, another person reported through the radio. "Our radar picks up a few signs. There is another group consisting of three people approaching our base. In the opposite direction, another person is approaching at high speed."

"Reinforcement? Are they our reinforcement?" The terrorists couldn't help but look at Ivan, who escaped with them.

But because Ivan gave no response, they realized that they were actually the enemy's reinforcement.

"Shit."

"What the heck?!"

"Where are the reinforcements they have promised us?"

The terrorists were angry. One of them grabbed Ivan's collar and lifted him up. While glaring at Ivan, the guy shouted in anger. "Where are they? We do this because of you."

Ivan only smiled as if mocking him. "I don't know."

"You!" The terrorist wanted to throw him, but the boss immediately stopped him out loud. "Stop it! We don't want to deal with more mess than what we currently have right now."

His subordinate looked shocked, but he still let Ivan go. Sadly, the situation hadn't changed.

The boss gritted his teeth, realizing that they had been cornered. His miscalculation was that these people were good enough to ambush them this way. Even the troops he had scattered outside had been eliminated.

"I will stop their captain." The boss pointed at himself before turning to his assistant. "Gilbert. You are to kill the rest of their people. We need to be fast so that they won't have time to react. If you can't do it within a short amount of time, try to toss them outside. We'll intercept them on the 8th floor.

Even they won't be able to escape unscathed, falling from that height."

Gilbert, the second Tier 4 of the group, nodded his head.

After that, the boss turned to his subordinates and said, "Let's go! You guys will provide support. Kill one of them at a time."

"Sir!" They nodded with a serious expression.

Now that they had an order, the people became energized again. Since the morale had been restored, the boss pulled Ivan's hair while saying, "You are coming too to be our bait!"

"Nnnhh?!" Ivan's face was distorted, enduring the pain. He looked like he was struggling, but the boss didn't care much about him.

He simply dragged him to the seventh floor to meet their enemies.

Chapter 354 Surprise

"Captain! They're coming again!" Sherry informed him.

Captain Han, Jay, and Rain immediately raised their stance. "Are they really..."

The captain couldn't believe it, considering that they were supposed to be trying to ambush him.

Captain Han hesitated to move, but he soon heard someone shouting from the floor above him.

"I know you are about to arrive. I've come to negotiate!"

Captain Han frowned and hurriedly glanced at Sherry. Sherry shook her head, implying that they had stopped. It seemed that they had no choice but to go up to meet them.

Hence, Captain Han pointed at Jay and Rain before waving his hand down. Then he continued toward the seventh floor.

Jay wanted to follow him, but Rain suddenly grabbed his shoulder. Jay turned his head around and saw Rain placing his finger on his lips as if telling him to stay quiet before shaking his head. Their job was to remain on this floor, waiting for the signal to attack.

There was no way the captain would accept the negotiation, so it was better to wait for the signal so that they could ambush them.

Jay had no choice but to comply because Clovis was not here.

Once Captain Han reached the seventh floor, he saw the boss and all his remaining subordinates. There were a total of eleven people.

Still, the one that caught his attention the most was the guy in the boss's hand. The boss tossed him to the floor while saying, "This guy is the culprit who hires us. I will let you take him if you let us go. What do you think?"

Captain Han frowned. "I don't negotiate with terrorists."

"Come on. You should know that this place is filled with bombs, right? If you dare to fight us, you won't escape unscathed. Even if you can somehow beat us, we can still drag your subordinates together with us."

Captain Han's expression turned grim. His killing intent was leaking out of his eyes. "Is that a threat?"

"Oi, oi! I'm trying to negotiate here. You should know this guy, right?" The boss smirked.

Captain Han, of course, knew Ivan. He was supposed to be the genius of the city. People admired him, but in the last few months, his results were horrible, and his conduct was detested.

Captain Han could see the hatred reflected on Ivan's face. It was as if he was trying to kill someone, along with the people related to that person.

"Do you think you can escape from this after attacking the city?"

"My group has received a lot of damage as well."

"Don't act like you're the victim. Your group is responsible for the terrorist attack yesterday. And you even bring a beast wave to the city!"

The boss shook his head. "What are you talking about? I'm not responsible for the beast wave."

"..." Captain Han couldn't help but fall silent after hearing that statement. If not him, then who caused the beast wave? "I don't believe it."

"I don't have any reason to lie to you. This kid suddenly came to us, requesting to attack a certain group. He said the rest has been arranged on his side." The boss smirked. "I can even manipulate the evidence so that you can easily convince the public that this guy is the one at fault. My only condition is to let us go."

Captain Han looked serious, as if he were thinking about it.

However, another report came through his radio. "Boss. He is just stalling! His reinforcement is about to arrive."

"Ah. Did I get found out?" Captain Han suddenly smirked.

"You!" The boss shouted while pointing at Captain Han. "Kill him!"

Suddenly, a huge man kicked open the door and charged at him.

Captain Han used his weapon to block the attack, but he was actually unable to move after this guy slammed his axe down.

"Tier 4?" Captain Han looked surprised.

The terrorists split up to surround Captain Han and stop Jay and the others from coming up. The boss also charged forward, using this opportunity to at least injure Captain Han.

However, Sherry immediately came out and shot one of the terrorists down.

After that, Jay and Rain tossed the tables they carried from the sixth floor, causing as much mess as possible.

The terrorists panicked and tried to get away from the table. Using this opportunity, Jay and Rain came to the seventh floor, heading to those subordinates first. After all, the guns were annoying.

But it was at that time that the boss recognized a person. "Jay Havenson?!"

He shuddered, not because of Jay's strength but because he knew Jay wouldn't come here alone.

'If Jay is here... Clovis must be here as well. We don't know about the rest since we only know that Melody is critically injured. The only person that matters right now is Clovis, but he hasn't shown himself. Is he still on the lower floor? No...' The boss hurriedly instructed upon the realization. "Sam.

Hurry and check the radar. Clovis might be in this building!"

To his surprise, he got a response right away. But the reply might not be what he expected.

"Aaaaaggghhh!"

Yes, it was a scream—a scream filled with pain.

"Do you hear that? Your beloved subordinate is writhing in pain. And you will be next."

"You... Clovis..." The boss couldn't think of anyone else who was able to infiltrate this base in this situation. He didn't know how Clovis did it, but it didn't change the fact that Clovis was inside the building. It seemed that he had eliminated the person in charge of their devices.

The boss shuddered in fear. With Clovis, Jay, and Captain Han, it would be possible for them to defeat two Tier 4 humans on their side.

When he sensed his impending doom, his heart sank.

Meanwhile, Clovis was inside a room filled with complicated devices. He didn't bother to touch anything since he had killed the person operating him. While he couldn't make him in pain longer, he still managed to do it.

But Melody ended up asking, "Is that even necessary?"

Clovis paused for a moment, as if he were thinking about it seriously. And the only answer that came out of his mouth was, "No."

Yes, he just wanted them to feel pain after the injuries his teammates had suffered.

#### Chapter 355 Clovis' Appearance

"!!!" The boss was stunned. It turned out Clovis was already inside the building the whole time. Since when did Clovis enter the building? How did he manage to reach a room located on the 11th floor without them noticing?

The answer was rather simple. Clovis just climbed the building. He used the device Hana gave him to erase himself from the radar. After that, he climbed the building from the outside, positioning himself the farthest from any people with Melody's guidance.

When most people were on the second floor, he had already passed them and continued until he reached the rooftops.

That was why Clovis was able to sneak up on them without anyone noticing.

The boss gritted his teeth, realizing that he had been checkmated. If he continued fighting here, he would be captured sooner or later.

His subordinates were also busy with Jay and Rain. If he went up, he could probably fight Clovis, but he didn't know whether he could defeat Clovis or not.

He really had no other choice but to make his last stand here.

"You're the one who wants this!" The boss roared and rushed toward Captain Han.

"Tsk!" Jay clicked his tongue and moved to stop him, not allowing Captain Han to get injured. At the very least, he needed to take care of the Tier 4 enemy while he and Clovis dealt with the boss.

Suddenly, Ivan, who had been hiding after everyone's attention shifted away from him, suddenly swung his blade at Jay.

Jay harrumphed and struck Ivan's sword, knocking it down. However, Ivan knew that he couldn't hold it no matter how hard his grip was. That was why he actually let go of his sword at the last second. After that, he punched Jay.

Jay reacted by kicking his hand, which ended up breaking the bones in his hands. But Ivan had accomplished his objective. He didn't care whether it was in his hands or not, as long as Clovis' teammates died.

The moment he stopped Jay, the boss took advantage of this opportunity to punch Captain Han's side.

"Kh!" Captain Han wore thick armor. It was true that the damage from that punch wasn't significant, but his movement was also restricted due to the thickness. He couldn't even react to the boss's attack, causing him to crash into the wall.

Jay gritted his teeth. Since Ivan was wailing in pain, Jay hurriedly swung his sword at the enemy boss. Jay was planning to cut through the metal knuckle the boss was wearing with his new Tier 5 weapon.

However, an axe hit his blade from above.

"!!!" Jay looked shocked as his blade ended up hitting the ground.

The boss then spun his body and kicked Jay's stomach.

"Gah!" Jay coughed up blood. The clothes from Another World Mall weren't enough to stop the boss's attack. He even crashed into a wall several meters away from them. "Kh."

Jay never thought that Ivan would actually sacrifice his hand so that the others could deal this much damage. In addition, Ivan seemed to know that they would be more focused on him than the Tier 4 enemies because he was the person responsible for all this.

They had to finish this battle as quickly as possible before Clovis could reach this floor.

The two Tier 4 enemies hurriedly came toward Captain Han, trying to kill him. Jay wanted to help, but Ivan suddenly pointed at Jay while shouting, "Shoot him first!"

The terrorists knew that Jay was going to fight their boss, so they immediately changed their target from Rain to Jay. Their boss had blown Jay far enough to avoid stray bullets from hitting their ally anyway.

"Tsk!" Jay used the concrete pillar to hide. Rain and Sherry tried to get their attention by attacking them, but they suddenly heard Clovis' voice on their radio. "Cease attacking."

"!!!" Rain and Sherry were stunned, but right after that, Clovis suddenly swung from the upper floor and smashed the window, launching himself toward the enemies.

Clang!

The shattering glasses shocked everyone so much that they turned around, finding that Clovis had entered and kicked one of them in the head.

"Gah!" The guy was knocked down to the ground. Before they could change their target to Clovis, the latter had moved toward two others and hurriedly slashed them.

With this, there were only several terrorists on the floor, and Clovis had gone far enough from the remaining terrorists.

When the terrorists were about to shoot him, Sherry shot one of them.

"Ah!"

That one shot alarmed the rest of the terrorists, as they had no choice but to hide from Sherry's bullets again. Rain also continued to approach the terrorists.

But it didn't seem that everything went according to plan. They suddenly heard Captain Han groaning in pain.

"Gah!" Captain Han spat a mouthful of blood as the axe smashed his chest. Fortunately, it didn't manage to pierce through his armor.

Before they could harm him any further, Clovis and Jay hurriedly moved toward the enemies.

Jay planned to stop the boss while Clovis helped Captain Han.

But Captain Han was an experienced veteran who had been fighting terrorists for the last fifteen years. As soon as the boss turned around to protect himself, Captain Han hugged the other Tier 4 guy and threw himself to the side, using his body weight to pin him down for a moment. He shouted, "Go for the boss!"

"!!!" Clovis appeared amused. Even though Captain Han was injured, he still chose to buy time for them instead of worrying about his own health. In addition, taking the boss down was a big achievement. Captain Han chose to let go of that opportunity as long as the mission could continue smoothly.

Clovis' expression turned serious. He respected Captain Han's choice and shifted his target to the boss.

The boss panicked as he raised both arms like a boxer, wondering how he should fight these two.

Once Clovis was only three meters away from the boss, a sword suddenly emerged from the pillar.

"!!!"