

World Mall 381

Chapter 381 Arriving

After several hours, Clovis had gone to the next checkpoint, meeting with the representative of the second checkpoint.

Clovis extended his hand while saying, "I'm Clovis from Libation Fiesta. Our team has killed most of the beasts on the mountain."

The Tier 6 middle-aged woman shook his hand. "I've heard about you from Mr. Albert."

On the one hand, the Tier 6 woman couldn't believe that Clovis had killed so many beasts. On the other hand, Clovis was currently a direct subordinate of Albert. If she ended up antagonizing him, it would be troublesome if Albert ended up harassing her later.

As if he could see through her worry, Clovis added, "We have killed about one and a half thousand beasts. It seems that most of them have gone to the underground base. However, the problem is that we don't have enough manpower to search every nook and cranny."

"..." The woman fell silent. When Clovis mentioned the number, it made his words a bit more credible. Either way, she would press a complaint if Clovis hadn't killed a lot of beasts. "I understand. My team will completely secure the mountain."

Clovis nodded. "On another note, have you found the tunnel leading to the base?"

"Not yet. We suspect that it's on the mountain. My team is about to secure it and seal it completely. We have prepared plenty of explosives."

"Understood. In that case, my team will continue to the base."

The woman nodded.

They immediately went their separate ways. Little did she know, she would get the shock of her life after seeing how a single team could kill so many beasts within a few hours.

Although she had seen the exhausted faces of everyone in the group, it didn't change the fact that this feat was impossible for any Tier 3 or Tier 4 group, let alone a group with half of the members only Tier 2.

Nevertheless, Clovis didn't plan to meet her again. Even though they were exhausted, they still needed to go to the city.

And the situation was actually worse than they imagined. When the base was in sight, they could see a lot of beasts surrounding the base from all directions. The people on the wall were quite exhausted from holding them back.

In addition, the smoke inside the base had spread so widely that it appeared as if half of the city was engulfed in fire.

"This is awful." Kanaria clicked her tongue. "They won't be able to last for another two hours."

"Are we going to fight all those beasts in this state?" Erwin frowned. "I mean, we can still fight, but I don't think we're in a condition to kill another thousand beasts."

Clovis frowned before turning to Melody. The latter connected him to Albert.

"Sir Albert. This is Clovis. We have the base in sight, but there doesn't seem to be any entrance here."

Albert looked surprised, but he immediately replied, "Got it. What's your position?"

"We are southwest of the city."

"Can you create a wall on that corner? I'll clean up the rest of the beasts, and we'll begin the evacuation."

"Yes, we can. What is the situation over there, sir?"

"All the preparations are done. Once I give you the signal, we'll commence the operation. There's a high possibility that the beasts will be attacking us, so once the reinforcement arrives, you might need to enter the city and join the rear."

"Understood." Clovis nodded. Although he was curious about the base itself, he shouldn't disturb Albert too much.

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Inside the base, Albert looked at the few people inside the room. "Vice commander. Please inform all the fighters to head to the south wall. We'll be abandoning this base."

"!!!" The vice commander looked surprised but immediately nodded. "Understood."

Albert then turned to Aileen. "You are to command all of our people and hold off the rear."

Aileen acknowledged the order.

"The rest of you will be protecting the two sides along with the soldiers according to our original plan."

"Yes, sir!"

Last but not least, Albert turned to the Tier 6 explorer coming from the third checkpoint. He looked at the middle-aged man while saying, "Although I hate to say this, I'll be counting on you to be the second wall."

"Hmph. You're not the only one who hates it. I'm just doing this because the beasts are their priority. If we return to the surface, you can expect that my family will still compete with yours." He harrumphed.

Albert smiled. "You need to remain alive before that."

"Hmph." The guy simply left the room.

Noticing the awkward atmosphere, Albert simply said, "Let's go. We don't have a lot of time."

"Y-Yes!"

From the outside, Clovis could see that the people had begun to move toward the south. They were still holding back the beasts, but they could hear a lot of ruckuses coming from the north after being abandoned.

It was only a matter of time before the city was breached.

"Clovis! Go!" Albert finally gave a signal.

"Kanaria. You'll be alone this time," said Clovis.

"Don't worry. I'm using my usual weapon, so I can take care of myself." Kanaria waved her hand. "You should worry about yourself."

Clovis nodded. "Let's begin!"

Clovis and the others started advancing toward the corner of the wall.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

The beasts noticed him as expected. A lot of them turned around to eliminate them.

However, Clovis and Jay sped up.

Clovis waved his swords multiple times while Jay swung his sword with both hands.

"Raaa!" The beasts suddenly flew into the air, either getting sliced multiple times or split into two.

Ragna positioned himself to the left. As Clovis and Jay pierced through the enemy's ranks, Ragna blocked all the beasts coming from the west wall.

Kanaria was unleashing all her bullets on the west wall, giving Ragna an easier time.

Meanwhile, the enemy at the south gate was handled by Erwin and Melody.

But before they could begin, a person had already jumped off the wall right above them.

"Focus on the enemies coming from the west walls, little friends. I'll eliminate all the enemies from the south gate." The familiar voice echoed in their ears. "Annihilation."

When that person landed on the ground, all of a sudden, numerous beasts were going down as if they had been slashed from behind.

Chapter 382 Appearance

A minute ago.

Albert saw Clovis' group approaching at high speed. Even though he didn't want to admit it, compared to a Tier 6 human, Clovis' group was less reliable. If he were to wipe out all the enemies at the south gate, he had to start from this corner.

However, when they first clashed with the beasts, Albert couldn't help but widen his eyes in shock.
"They are... Tier 2?"

Both Clovis and Jay were much more monstrous than the beasts themselves, killing their way through in just a moment.

In addition, he could see a lot of beasts going down from bullets. In the end, Ragna was only a person, so Kanaria shot all the beasts that were out of his reach.

That left them with Erwin and Melody. Because of the plan, he couldn't see them perform as he jumped off the wall.

"Go to the west, little friends. I'll take care of this side." Albert was holding a short sword in each hand.
"Annihilation."

As soon as he landed on the ground, his figure disappeared, moving as fast as a bullet.

Without anyone noticing it, he had actually killed more than thirty beasts.

"Rauu!" The beasts let out some groans, but ended up falling to the ground.

"Sir..." Erwin widened his eyes in shock.

Albert pointed to the side, not wanting to repeat his words.

Erwin and Melody gulped down before hurrying to Ragna's side. They never thought they would catch a glimpse of the power of a Tier 7 human.

Albert then moved toward the second wall while taking down all the beasts in his way.

His killing speed was much faster than the entire Libation Fiesta.

As he approached the gate that was located in the middle, a group of people suddenly emerged from the woods outside the base.

They were none other than the reinforcements from the third checkpoint. They couldn't enter the base because of all the beasts, so their roles were to pick up the beasts.

Yes. After Albert passed the gate, these people grabbed the beasts and pushed them to the side, creating a gap for the people to exit.

After that, the gate was suddenly opened. There were three jeeps in the front as they kept saying, "Please walk in an orderly manner and follow the person in front of you. There won't be any beasts that will reach you, so don't panic."

The messages were repeated again and again. Even then, it wasn't enough to erase the anxiety in people's hearts.

Those who weren't explorers couldn't help but gasp, seeing the mountain of corpses. The foul smell made them want to throw up.

However, they were urged to continue walking.

"Go!" The people near the gate pointed in a certain direction. When they finally emerged from the piles of corpses, they could finally see the scenery they were used to.

The soldiers gradually turned the jeep toward the forest, directing them carefully.

As soon as an orderly line was formed, the people from the third checkpoint immediately went to the two walls, helping both Clovis' team and the Tier 6 leader.

"We can finally go home!"

"No. It's not over yet!"

"But still..."

Some people were crying while moving. They thought they would die inside the base. Their pace was quite fast since it was still an open space. Thanks to it, Clovis could hear the jeeps' speakers.

Clovis stopped for a moment and glanced back. There were also thirty people coming toward them.

"Peel of the right and left sides." One of them commanded with a loud voice as they split into three groups and started killing the beasts and forming a new and much sturdier wall.

One of them came to Clovis while saying, "Libation Fiesta, correct? We will take over this position."

"In that case, we'll enter the city as planned." Clovis nodded.

"Please do it in a casual manner. We can't afford to make the people even more panicked."

"Got it." Clovis waved his hand. "Disengage. We're entering the city and joining the rear."

Without hesitation, all of them stepped back, letting these people take over. Kanaria seemed to have noticed the movement from her position and immediately ran toward them.

As soon as Kanaria reached them, Clovis led his group toward the south gate. While running, he asked, "How is the situation inside?"

The one who replied to him this time was Aileen. "Some beasts have noticed our movements, but everything is still under control."

It was supposed to be good news. But right after she said those words, suddenly, a few loud howls resounded across the city.

A few buildings suddenly got taken down, as if all the slumbering beasts had woken up. Roars from each beast soon followed right after.

"!!!" Clovis raised his head. Even the people started panicking as they whispered to each other while looking back. They were urging the people in front of them to go faster.

"What is going on?" Kanaria asked.

Melody's expression turned serious. She was looking at the camera on Aileen's skyglasses. "The situation has just gotten much worse. The beasts are all coming. The north gate seems to have been breached. The beasts from there must be the ones informing the rest of the beasts that are staying in the middle of the city."

Even Albert and the Tier 6 explorer couldn't help but exchange looks.

"I'll check. You take care of the rest." Albert didn't finish killing all the beasts at the south gate. Fortunately, the reinforcement had come, so the Tier 6 explorer could take care of the rest.

When Albert reached the top of the wall, he couldn't help but widen his eyes. A big spider had just emerged from the stone pillar. "Is that the Tier 7 spider?"

The spider was standing still for a few seconds, as if she were assessing the situation. When she realized what was happening, she let out a screeching sound.

"Reee!"

All the beasts inside the city suddenly moved in unison.

"Oh shit."

Chapter 383 Common Enemy

"Oh shit!" Albert's expression turned dark. "Is that really the Tier 7 spider? I've confirmed its presence and location, but this..."

Albert was facing a dilemma. On the one hand, he could probably fight this spider and stop it from reaching the refugees. On the other hand, he wouldn't escape unscathed.

'This is not good... really not good.' Albert bit his lips. 'I'm an assassin. My skill is useful for killing, but not fighting. If I go by myself, the spider will definitely stop me and turn it into normal fighting.'

The beasts were in a frenzy when the Tier 7 spider gave them an order. They were bulldozing all the buildings before them as they made their way toward the south.

But that spider wasn't the only thing he needed to be concerned about.

All of a sudden, a huge beast emerged from the ground, destroying the entire building above him.

"What is that? This strength... It's a Tier 6. But that size..." Albert gasped. The beast that just emerged reached twenty meters tall. It also had a big body, allowing it to swallow a building easily.

"Is that the beast that drilled the hole for all the beasts here? Looking at its size, this is the only explanation that allows a spider of that size to reach this city."

"!!!" Albert glanced to the side. "Friday boy."

The one who appeared next to him was the Tier 6 guy. He had killed the remaining beasts and decided to take a look. "Is that Diictodon?"

"Dick dinosaur?"

"Diictodon! Your hearing has become worse, old fox. That beast is more related to mammals than to reptiles. We have heard about the rumor of its existence, but we have never spotted it to hunt it down. Those chisel-like front teeth and robust forelimbs are suitable for digging.

"They're living in burrow they dug themselves, likely to escape extreme weather and predators. That's why it's hard to find that guy. I'll take care of that big guy by myself. You better stop the spider."

Albert fell silent. Even though they had an even number, it didn't change the fact that this would be a difficult battle.

"What are you thinking so hard, old fox? It's a basic courtesy for us to make a peace treaty for two years to recuperate from all this. I hate you, but we are both humans. And in front of us are beasts!"

Albert smiled wryly. "To think that the young brat I met ten years ago would be lecturing me right now."

"I am not a brat anymore!"

"Then, three-minute boy."

"Are you picking a fight with me? Your brain is rotten with all that assassination technique. Someone must have died from high blood pressure because of that shitty mouth."

"True."

"..."

Albert chuckled. "Let's go!"

Both of them didn't say another word as they jumped off the wall.

As expected, the rear was getting pressured.

Roar!

Roar!

Numerous beasts were charging as if they didn't care about their own lives.

Aileen appeared on top of a beast and struck its head. Several other people also jumped off the building, ambushing other beasts from above.

However, there was a sudden change in these beasts. Before, they would fall easily, but this time, even after being stabbed, they continued moving forward, utilizing the last bit of their strength just to push through.

They ultimately died, but the action was enough to cause disruption within the human rank.

"What is this?" Aileen frowned.

"Miss! The Shadow Vision division has found another wave of beasts two blocks away from here. There are a lot more beasts coming toward us."

"We'll go there immediately. What's the situation? Why are these beasts suddenly becoming so hard to kill?"

"I'm afraid that their leader has personally come to lead them."

"Their leader..." Aileen frowned. The only beast that could become their leader was the Tier 7 spider. She had been hearing a lot of ruckuses coming from the stone pillar, so she thought it must be Tier 7.

She might have to retreat if this continues. Their team was nowhere enough to fight against Tier 7 after all.

However, they still hadn't gotten any new orders from Albert.

After killing another group of beasts, Aileen couldn't help but shout, "Granduncle. Granduncle. Do you hear me?"

She had been calling her granduncle but to no avail.

Bam!

Suddenly, a beast emerged from an abandoned building, about to pounce on one of their members.

The guy panicked, but several figures appeared from all sides, stabbing the beast in unison. Aileen was among them.

"We need to get away from here, Miss."

"We might not be good at fighting, but we are still able to hold them back for some time." Aileen refused.

However, her assistant simply said, "That's not it. The scout has spotted two Tier 5 beasts coming toward us! I can somehow stop one of them, but no one can fight a Tier 5 other than me."

"This..." Aileen's body shook. On the one hand, she had an order. On the other hand, the situation was truly unfavorable to them.

Bam!

Bam!

The buildings were destroyed as another wave of beasts came. And two of them were none other than the Tier 5 beasts they were talking about.

Seeing the intensity of this group, Aileen couldn't help but grit his teeth, having no other choice.

"We will ret—" Aileen wanted to give an order, but all of a sudden, two figures fell from above. The first one cut down the beast into multiple pieces, while the second one crushed the beast's entire body with a punch. "Granduncle?!"

"There's no need to retreat." Albert stood on top of the corpse while taking another look at the enemy's formation.

Friday stomped the corpse and shouted, "Attention to all elites from my Wishe family. By my name, Friday, I order all of you to unleash all your strength and cooperate with those motherfuckers from the Shadow Units. If you fail to protect them, you'll be punished according to family law."

Albert smiled while saying to the radio. "This is Shadow Instructor Albert. All elites from the Shadow Division, release all your limits and kill as many beasts as possible. Don't let a single beast live and tarnish our family name. Our target is that Tier 7 bastard on the back!"

Chapter 384 Reinforcement

"!!!" Aileen looked shocked. No, it wasn't just her. All the people from the two families were stunned.

They had a feud against each other for the last twenty years, so they didn't expect that the two leaders would actually order them to fight alongside the others.

The people from the Wishe family rushed toward the left side, where the Shadow Divisions were located. However, they didn't know what they were supposed to do. In fact, some of them were looking at the people from the Shadow Divisions with hostility.

However, the two leaders had only killed the Tier 5 beasts. In other words, the rest of the beasts continued onward.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

They panicked. Although a bit awkward, they ended up charging forward.

"Attack!"

"Just attack them first!"

These people were stopping the beasts' momentum, but this time, it was the Shadow Units' turn to be surprised.

It was at this time that Aileen and the Tier 5 assistant appeared out of thin air, stabbing two beasts that were stopped by the Wishe family.

"!!!" They were shocked.

Because they hadn't moved, Aileen couldn't help but shout, "What are you doing, Shadow Divisions? Have you not heard what the supreme instructor has ordered us?!"

"Y-Yes!" One after another snapped as they immediately disappeared, either erasing their presence or hiding inside a building. When an opportunity appeared, they emerged from their hiding spot and struck the beasts.

On one side, after killing a beast, another beast suddenly came out from the corner.

"Raaa!" It didn't hesitate to open its mouth, trying to kill the assassin.

However, an explorer from the Wishe family suddenly jumped into the air and kicked the beast's head from the side, knocking it down.

On the other side, there was a guy from the Wishe family who was about to be attacked by two beasts. However, an assassin appeared from above, killing one of the beasts. He could finally focus on only one of them.

Although their cooperation started in an awkward way, it could be said that these two families cooperated as if they had known each other for a long time.

"This is disgusting. To think that this cooperation will be so freaking good." Friday's eyebrows were twitching.

"It can't be helped. I have ingrained all the attack patterns of the barbarians into their brains. They know what to expect and what they should do after that." Albert harrumphed.

"Just because you are unable to match our strength, you call us barbarians? You are rather simpler than us." Friday snorted.

"I want to refute that, but I guess not right now." Albert turned his head.

"Yeah." Friday sighed and dropped the matter.

"Let's go."

Both Albert and Friday charged forward, killing one beast after another as they made their way toward the Tier 6 and Tier 7 beasts.

Meanwhile, Clovis' team had entered the city and was about to reach Aileen's position.

Before their arrival, Clovis asked, "Aileen. We're about to reach your position."

"No. Don't come here. You guys should reinforce the center. The left side is currently overwhelming the enemies, so with you guys in the center, we'll be able to push some fighters to the right, which would balance out the formation."

"Alright then." Clovis agreed nonchalantly. Now that they were about to reach them, Melody could look at the situation from the radar. It was true that the left side performed rather brilliantly compared to the rest, despite having fewer people.

"What's the situation with the evacuation? Has everyone exited the city?"

"Not yet. When we entered, there were still two thousand people left. At this rate, they still need another fifteen minutes... No, double that number for their safety."

"I see. In that case, be careful. The enemies don't care about their lives anymore because their leader has appeared."

"Got it." After getting that information, Clovis immediately ordered, "Kanaria, go find a perfect spot in the middle. Erwin, you will create a web zone to slow down the beasts. Melody will be with you so that she will have an easier time supporting us. Jay, Ragna, and I will be protecting the main road."

"Got it (Roger)!" They replied at the same time.

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Unbeknownst to them, there was a woman walking inside the Explorer Association without caring about her surroundings.

She was eating a burger with a bag filled with a lot of them hanging on her arm. Her other hand was holding a huge glaive.

"Stop!"

"Who are you?"

"Unrelated personnel are not to come closer to this area."

A few soldiers stopped her, but the latter simply walked past them as if no one was before her.

"Hey!" One of the soldiers grasped her shoulder, trying to stop her.

However, the next thing he realized, he was suddenly knocked into the air. No, it wasn't just him. The other soldiers around him were the same.

They didn't even know how they were suddenly floating. It was only when they reached the ground that they finally realized what was going on.

"Not good!"

"Stop her!"

"An intruder!"

They started alarming the people around them, requesting reinforcement. They were pointing their guns at her while shouting, "Stop! Or we are going to shoot you!"

Even with that threat, she continued walking as if it weren't her business.

The soldiers gritted their teeth. After exchanging nods, they had no other choice. They pulled the triggers.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

More than twenty shots were released, but to their surprise, they heard a series of clicking sounds before bullets that were supposed to hit her fell to the ground as if they hit an invisible barrier.

The soldiers turned pale, wondering what kind of monster could actually stop all those bullets. They couldn't even see her movements.

More and more soldiers gathered after hearing the commotions. But the woman had reached the edge of the underground tunnel.

"Stop!"

The soldiers tried to stop her again while pointing their guns at her. This time, there were fifteen soldiers ready to shoot. Yet the woman fearlessly looked at the underground tunnel, specifically the boulders that stuck in it, and jumped.

Chapter 385 Chaotic Battlefield

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

Multiple buildings were destroyed in rapid succession.

"Come on!" Friday shouted in anger, moving toward the Tier 6 beast. He jumped into the air and punched the Tier 6 beast in the face.

The punch was strong enough to actually push the beast's upper body to the side. However, the beast actually tilted its body back and used all that momentum to strike back.

"Kh!" Friday raised his arms, blocking this attack. However, the force actually launched him for fifty meters until a three-story building 'caught' him.

Friday ended up destroying a few pillars before he managed to stop his momentum. After that, he stood up. Despite getting hit so hard, there wasn't a single bruise on his body.

He jumped again, planning to keep the Tier 6 beast in check. "Once more!"

Not far from him, another battle was going on.

Albert came toward the spider's leg. Due to its size, his short sword wouldn't be that effective.

However, the spider also had a hard time finding him.

As soon as he reached the spider's leg, he looked up before leaping into the air. He used the leg as his footing to launch himself onto another leg.

He utilized the momentum to stab the leg as if he were an arrow. His plan worked because his swords were able to pierce its thick skin. However, due to the size of the spider, Albert was only able to hit the outer layer of its flesh. It wasn't enough to reach the inner flesh, which would result in bleeding.

"Tsk." Albert clicked his tongue. He was frustrated not only because his attack was ineffective but also because the spider had sensed him and started moving.

The spider slammed him with its leg just by moving its entire body.

Albert tried to avoid it, but the surface was simply too big. In the end, he was thrown to the rooftop of a building.

Since it was just a normal movement, Albert managed to land perfectly. After that, he leaped a few more times, striking the legs hundreds of times. He even targeted the flesh that had been opened from his previous attacks.

Even though the spider was able to shove him away, the force was simply not powerful enough.

Finally, after trying numerous times, one of the wounds started bleeding. Albert wasted no time in widening that wound.

"Reee!" The spider shook her body violently, trying to hit Albert.

At the same time, she also noticed that the humans started to push them back. She let out another screeching sound. "Ree!"

Surprisingly, there was a shift in the beasts' movement.

"!!!" Albert was the first one to notice since he was at the top of the building. He could see that a lot of beasts were moving toward the left side. "Why are beasts so freaking smart? The stronger the beast, the more they develop their wisdom. This is annoying."

Albert wanted to attack the spider again, but this time, the spider was the one taking the initiative.

All of a sudden, the spider was actually lifting its body so that she could point her spinneret toward the front.

"What?" Albert panicked because the real target was actually the south gate. "Is it going to cover the wall with its webs? A giant spider with a giant web... If she shoots that web, the people will panic..."

As soon as he realized it, Albert jumped toward the spinneret, planning to use all his momentum to at least change its aim.

But to his surprise, this action was actually a feint.

All of a sudden, the spider actually lowered its body, using its entire body weight to launch Albert to the ground.

"Seriously?!" Albert blocked it with both swords, but the spider was simply too heavy.

Bam!

In just an instant, he crashed into the ground.

"Kh." Albert gritted his teeth as blood was leaking out of the corner of his lips. "This spider is also stronger... Does the stone pillar not affect it?"

The reason Albert had a hard time was because of his role on the battlefield. As an assassin, he was used to having someone create a chance for him. He would then take that opportunity and deal as much damage as possible, if not kill his target.

But this time, he had to do everything by himself, which allowed the spider to overpower him.

"I am so unlucky." Albert muttered while getting up. Even with all the complaints, he still planned to fight this beast... at least long enough until the evacuation was done.

He forgot that a lot of beasts had come toward the left side.

In other words, Aileen would be the one who was impacted the most.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

Aileen frowned. "No way. Are we supposed to handle all of them?"

"There seems to be about three hundred beasts coming toward us. And these beasts are not weak. I can see two Tier 5 beasts from here."

"Can you handle them?"

"If I work together with the Tier 5 explorer from the Wishe family, it's possible. However, the rest of the beasts will be quite hard to deal with."

"It's fine. We have pushed them far enough. Even if we are being pushed back now, we'll simply return to our original position."

"Understood. However, these beasts are not limited to our left side. Some of them are also coming to your friends over there."

Aileen glanced to the side. She simply said, "It doesn't matter. They can handle it by themselves."

"Are you sure?" Her assistant didn't think that Aileen would be this cold. What he didn't know was that Aileen simply believed in their strength.

As Aileen said, Clovis and the others had taken care of all the beasts on their way. After seeing the beast's reinforcement, Clovis simply smiled.

What everyone didn't realize was that this reinforcement didn't just bring hundreds of beasts. They were the finest beasts that the Tier 7 spider had in this city.