

World Mall 401

Chapter 401 Super Injection

"So, this is Vasige City?" Ragna looked around while closing the door of the minibus.

After a long week, they had finally reached Vasige City. To their surprise, the city's atmosphere wasn't necessarily good.

The street was bustling, but their expressions were rather concerning. A lot of people seemed to be rushing to their destination, and some people were actually bringing a lot of supplies.

"What's wrong?" Melody asked, noticing Ragna's expression.

"It's nothing. I feel like I've experienced an atmosphere like this... I just can't remember." Ragna frowned.

"I don't notice anything wrong either." Kanaria shook her head helplessly since they didn't come from the same gate as the supply trucks.

"Anyway, we are here just to resupply as well as get a super injection. So we won't be here for a long time." Clovis waved his hand, telling them not to worry about it.

"True. I have finished the paperwork as well. They are supposed to be waiting for us." Kanaria pointed at the building, which was Essence Bank. "Let's go inside."

"Yep." Clovis nodded.

Meanwhile, Erwin broke his silence. "The people here are panicking, rushing, and anxious. I don't know what kind of problem they are facing, but I think it's something big. Let's just be done with our matter here and leave. Unless it's necessary, it isn't good to get involved in another city's problem."

Clovis nodded.

As soon as they entered the building, they were greeted by a woman. "Welcome to Essence Bank. May I know if you are from the Libation Fiesta?"

"Yes. I'm their leader, Clovis. We have an appointment for super injections here."

"Certainly." The woman nodded with a smile. "Please follow me to handle the remaining paperwork."

It only took a while since this was their second experience getting a super injection. They had prepared everything.

Once they were done, the woman immediately guided them to the laboratory for the super injection.

As they saw before, there was a massive tube in the middle of the room containing the fluid.

An old man with a white coat smiled at them. "Welcome. I'm Henry, the doctor who will be taking care of your super injection. I'll immediately ready the tubes up, so all of you can take off your clothes in the changing room over there."

Clovis and the others nodded.

Unbeknownst to them, the doctor was actually paying close attention to Clovis.

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Two days ago.

"Mhmm? A super injection?" He raised his head when he was informed there was a super injection.

"Yes, doctor. I've sent their information to you. Apparently, the one who is authorizing it is the commander of Riverflow City."

"Riverflow City? Isn't that a Tier 7 city? Why aren't they the ones doing it? They should have the facility to do that."

"I'm not sure." The nurse shook her head.

"Alright. I'll check it out." Sighing, the doctor waved his hand, telling the nurse to leave. After that, he took a look at all the information.

"Mhmm? Riverflow City's Essence Bank is currently suspended. What is currently happening in this city?" The doctor frowned.

Sadly, he couldn't think of any reason, nor could he find out their condition. The only thing he could see was the information about Clovis and the others.

"This is..." The doctor looked surprised. "Out of six members, all five of them have more than 90% evolution rates. However, their captain only has..."

He suddenly stopped as he noticed something was wrong. "What does it mean? 40% evolution rate? But why is there a second evolution rate that is marked as 15%? 40% is the one with a different color. Does this mean this guy has a 15% evolution rate?

"But why would they even mark it as 40%? What is actually going on? Is this guy a VIP? But there's no mark that is usually placed as a VIP.

"And what is this? He has a record of getting a super injection as well. If he only has a 15% evolution rate, a super injection is a waste, especially now that he has become a Tier 2.

"More importantly, how is he able to become the captain of this extremely talented group with that kind of evolution rate? He should be the oldest, right?"

The doctor's face turned pale the moment he saw the age. "Holy... He is the youngest? He is also the captain? Is this guy leeching? Or is there something abnormal about him?"

On the one hand, with this evolution rate, it wouldn't be weird for others to think that he was leeching his group. On the other hand, the doctor couldn't rule out other possibilities.

"And the note of the last doctor..." The doctor frowned. "An absurd absorption rate that defeated his talented peers? Four times? 2,000 ml..."

The more he read Clovis' information, the weirder it became.

"What is he?" The doctor gasped in shock. When he checked the others, there was no absurd note on them. "Is he still a human?"

The doctor called the nurse. "Is the manager here? No. Alright. Once you're back, tell the manager that I'll handle the super injection personally. He should be quite busy because of the current situation, right?"

He can focus on that. Alright. Thank you."

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The doctor looked at the six people who entered their own chambers.

"We'll begin. Since all of you have gotten a super injection in the past, I don't have to explain much since it's the same. The only difference will be the dosage. Now that you have reached a higher tier, the dosage will be increased according to your current capacity.

"For the Tier 2s, we'll be injecting you with 5,000 ml. For the Tier 3s, we'll be injecting you with 15,000 ml. If you don't have any questions, we'll begin now."

No one was talking, so the doctor nodded his head. "Alright. Let's begin."

There was one thing that the doctor didn't say. The Tier 2s might be injected with 5,000 ml, but Clovis was different. He actually got injected with 10,000 ml."

Chapter 402 Insane Absorption Rate

Clovis closed his eyes, once again feeling the same uncomfortable feeling that was like thousands of ants crawling into his brain. His heart beat quicker, pumping his blood at a fast rate.

He felt like he was floating on top of the ocean. The moment the fluid was injected into his body, his body sank into the bottomless ocean.

His body was weak, as he had a hard time moving. But he had to move if he had to do the same thing as before.

As expected, he started hearing roars coming from the left. Because this was his second experience, he felt that the illusion started becoming more vivid. His senses had become sharper as he gained more control over his body.

'Is this... a lucid dream? I feel more relaxed now that I know what to do.'

Clovis looked around, seeing all the beasts he had never seen before. They were coming toward him, but unsurprisingly, he wasn't afraid of them.

He looked down, finding his blades appearing by imagining them.

"It's time to start cutting down these beasts." Clovis smiled.

Little did he know, the doctor was surprised when one of the staff suddenly informed him, "Sir... The capsule #1 is experiencing something strange."

"What's wrong?"

"The fluid that we've injected into him is about to be completely absorbed."

"!!!" The doctor widened his eyes in surprise. Even though he had seen the note, it was still hard to believe.

The doctor casually said, "Increase the dosage to 15,000 ml."

"But sir, he is only Tier 2. We can't give him the same dosage as Tier 3s."

"Do you want me to repeat myself? I know what I am doing." The doctor glared at the staff.

While trembling, the staff looked down and began increasing the dosage.

"Kh." There was a reaction from Clovis. His body was twitching as if feeling uncomfortable.

"Sir..." The staff was worried that something would happen to Clovis. In the first place, it was already insane to inject twice as much as the other Tier 2s in his team.

However, the doctor ignored him. As he expected, Clovis gradually calmed down, his breathing returning to normal.

'This is... ' The doctor widened his eyes in amazement. He had never seen someone like this. 'He is able to withstand such pressure? Normally, the people have to endure the rampaging beasts in their minds as the last struggle of the beasts before merging into their bodies. It's not weird for us to decrease the dosage.

'But this is the first time I see someone who is able to withstand three times the dosage of his peers.' The doctor said, "Increase the dosage again to 20,000 ml."

"This..." The staff was hesitant, but seeing how Clovis was able to adjust his breathing as well as the scary glare from the doctor, he could only increase the dosage. This time, Clovis' dosage surpassed a Tier 3 human's capability.

Like earlier, his body was trembling. It was a bit more violent this time, but not the most violent recorded, meaning that Clovis was still fine.

'What is this?' Clovis, on the other hand, noticed the increasing number of beasts. 'Just like last time, the number of beasts is actually increasing. Well, I'm not the same person as before. I have techniques from Another World Mall as well as the Star Method.'

Clovis grinned, becoming even more excited.

He started cutting the beasts down. As he gradually regained his position, Clovis' body stopped convulsing.

"This..." The staff gasped, not believing what he saw.

It was the doctor's turn to tremble.

'What is this? How is a Tier 2 human able to withstand such a dosage? It's truly four times like the record... But it seems that he can take more.' The doctor gulped down and said, "Hurry up! Increase the dosage again. 25,000 ml."

Seeing how Clovis was able to regain his calm, the staff ended up agreeing without any protest this time. With this, he was approaching the dosage of a Tier 4.

Clovis started to struggle once it reached this point. He was surrounded by beasts. Even with all his power, he had a hard time taking care of all of them at once.

'What kind of human is he? 40% evolution rate... 15% evolution rate... Does he have two evolution rates? No. Is it a pseudo evolution rate? No. Normally, no humans are able to move in that dreamscape.

No. Is it because he has two evolution rates? I need to get all the data and see his limit.

'I might be able to start research on his limits and allow humans to break past their limits. He might be the secret of human evolution.' The doctor started to get excited.

To his surprise, Clovis also stopped moving as if everything were under control.

Even Clovis wouldn't believe this, but he actually entered his perfect state in this dreamscape. He was able to move his body almost normally, allowing him to start rampaging in the beast's ranks, cutting down a few beasts at once.

As a result, the doctor saw another opportunity. He shouted, "Go! Increase the dosage once again!"

"Sir, we can't!" The staff gritted his teeth.

"What are you saying? If I say we can, we can! Hurry up and increase the dosage!" The doctor raised his voice.

"No. We can't. We have just injected the last dosage of essence." The staff shook his head, pointing at the screen. Clovis' evolution traits had increased by almost 20%, and he was just absorbing the remaining essence to reach them.

"W-What?" The doctor trembled as he saw that the last 10,000 ml of essence was decreasing at a rate of 4,000 ml per minute. "What is happening?"

"I don't know. The number spikes up all of a sudden, which allows him to get the last dosage."

Because it was only a single injection, unlike the first injection, it didn't take a long time for Clovis to finish it.

The doctor simply couldn't believe that everything had ended. But in his shock, Clovis was completely obliterating all the beasts coming in his way. In fact, he was enjoying it a bit too much now that he had entered the perfect state.

Without them realizing it, Clovis had finished absorbing the essence and gradually opened his eyes.

Chapter 403 Experiment?

Clovis gradually opened his eyes, feeling refreshed.

The staff suddenly came to him and opened his tube, bringing a towel for him.

"Thank you." Clovis nodded while coming out of the tube.

The staff didn't say anything, his face was still showing a shocked expression.

Clovis didn't know why, but he also saw some shocked faces in the past. Hence, he thought it wasn't anything special.

The doctor hurriedly came to Clovis with a forced smile.

"Congratulations, you are the first. Do you feel anything uncomfortable?"

Clovis looked at his hands and body before shaking his head. "No. Everything is perfectly fine. I do feel I have gotten stronger."

The doctor asked, "Did you experience something unusual while absorbing the essence?"

"Mhmm? What do you mean? Is there something wrong?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion.

"Please don't worry. We just want to confirm a few things." The doctor waved his hand.

Considering the last person who handled the super injection was a manager, he thought that such a person wouldn't go into detail. On the other hand, this person was a doctor, so he obviously handled it in a different way.

Clovis said, "There's nothing special. This is my second experience, so I get used to it pretty well."

"Are you sure?"

Clovis couldn't help but feel a bit annoyed by the doctor's persistence. It was as if something went wrong.

"Why do you keep asking me? Is there something wrong? I might be able to think of something if you tell me about it."

The doctor scratched the back of his head, wondering whether he should tell Clovis about it. After some consideration, the doctor chose which one remained a secret and which one he should reveal.

"Your absorption rate spiked in the last ten minutes. Did you notice anything different during that time?"

Clovis maintained his poker face. His sense of time was a bit distorted during the injection, but he couldn't help but think about one possibility.

'Is it my perfect state? Is it able to increase my absorption rate? What is going on with this perfect state?' Clovis became a bit more curious about his perfect state.

All this time, he had been busy searching for a way to trigger his perfect state. But he had never really explored this kind of power.

He thought that he would find out sooner or later when he met his parents. Since his mother was a doctor and his father was a powerful expert, they might know something about it. If not, his grandfather might be able to explain it.

However, it seemed that the perfect state was much more mysterious than he originally thought.

'The perfect state is able to increase the absorption rate. What does this mean? The perfect state itself allows me to activate the affinities of all evolution traits. Does that mean the absorption rate is actually related to the evolution traits? Brain, Muscles, Bones, Blood, or Heart...'

There were a lot of questions in his head, but he chose to keep the perfect state a secret. He shook his head helplessly. "I can't recall anything. I felt like I just tried super hard at the last moment."

The doctor was a bit disappointed in his answer. "If that's the case, do you mind if I ask you a few questions? It's just going to be a couple questions, so it won't take long. Or do you want to wear your clothes first?"

"If it's not going to take long, you can ask me now." Clovis confirmed it with a nod.

The doctor began to ask a couple of questions. While he was at it, Erwin gradually opened his eyes as he had finished absorbing the essence.

"Huu..." His tube was also unlocked the moment he was done as someone came to him with a towel.

"Thank you." Erwin grabbed the towel while checking on his other teammates. To his surprise, Clovis was actually standing outside his tube nonchalantly.

"Oh. Erwin!" Clovis waved his hand. "Are you done?"

"Yeah. You haven't gone in yet? You better hurry up since it's going to take a long time." Erwin nodded nonchalantly.

Just when he wanted to brag that he was the first, Clovis casually said, "I'm already done."

"You're done? What? You mean you're done absorbing the essence?" Erwin furrowed his eyebrows.

"Yeah."

"20% on each of your evolution traits?"

"Yeah. All of them have increased by 20%." Clovis nodded. "Since it's my second injection, I can manage it better."

"Huh?" Erwin furrowed his eyebrows. He couldn't help but turn to the doctor and rush toward him.

"Erwin?" Clovis was startled. The doctor and the staff also didn't expect Erwin to suddenly move.

Erwin grasped the doctor's neck and lifted him up while shouting in anger, "You bastard! What have you done?!"

"W-Wha—!" The doctor grabbed Erwin's arm, struggling to break free. "You... what are you trying to do?"

"Erwin? What's going on? Why did you attack the doctor?" Clovis raised his stance, wondering if something had happened to Erwin.

Erwin finally understood the problem. He roared at the doctor. "Do you think you can handle the consequences of using a human as your experiment?"

"Erwin. What's going on?" Clovis was completely confused.

"It seems that you don't know about it, but every single person has their own dosage. The absorbing speed is tied directly to your evolution rate. In other words, all the people on the team are supposed to have more than six times your absorption speed. Even if your mentality is strong, it won't be weird for you to take at least four times longer than us.

"Yet, you are done even faster than me, who doesn't need a full 20%. What does that mean?" Erwin was furious.

Clovis' body tensed up as if realizing something. The beasts actually increased a few times, which might also be the result of what happened outside. And after listening to Erwin, there was only one possibility.

Erwin gritted his teeth before saying, "He is increasing the dosage only on you, which is completely breaking the rule. Not to mention the fact that he didn't say anything about this. You have become the subject of an experiment without your knowing it."

Chapter 404 Arrested

"You have become the subject of an experiment without your consent." Erwin would have smashed the doctor's head if this were somewhere else.

"!!!" Clovis widened his eyes in shock.

"We need to sue Essence Bank for using you as an experiment without your consent. I learned this fact from my father's acquaintance, who worked as a manager at Essence Bank." Erwin gritted his teeth.

"You stop... spewing nonsense." The doctor was struggling to catch a breath.

Clovis' expression turned cold. Between the doctor and Erwin, Clovis would obviously believe in Erwin first before the facts showed otherwise.

At the same time, he couldn't rule out the possibility that Erwin was mistaken about it. He glared at the doctor. "Do you have any explanation for this?"

Clovis also noticed the pale faces on the staff as they were trying to contact the security team.

Because of that, Clovis went to the staff instead of the doctor. His eyes were exuding killing intent as he asked with a cold tone. "Looking at your expression, it seems that you know something?"

The staff was panicking. The doctor was glaring at him, but Clovis stood between them so that the staff couldn't see the doctor.

Erwin even grabbed the doctor's jaws to prevent him from speaking.

"What's wrong? Look into my eyes and say it directly. What have you done?"

"I... I..." The staff was trembling in fear. Because he wasn't an explorer, he wasn't immune to the killing beast, causing his heart to break in fear. "I only did what the doctor told me to do."

"What did he do? Did he order you to do something illegal?"

"I... I..." When the staff was about to say something, a few people rushed in with their weapons on hand, finding the mess inside.

"Stop!"

Clovis and Erwin frowned. They could hear the clacking sounds of the guns.

With a single glance, Clovis could see more than ten people outside. It was the police. Considering the importance of Essence Bank, they were protected by their own security and the police.

Looking at the situation, Clovis noticed that one of the staff had informed them about it. Although he didn't manage to get the answer from the staff directly, his reaction was enough for an answer.

If he wanted to fight them, he might be able to win. However, the aftermath would be extremely troublesome, especially with the fact that Kanaria and the others were still inside the tube.

Hence, he said, "You should arrest the doctor for using me as an experiment without my consent."

"Shut up, criminals!" Their leader shouted. There was no way he would listen to Clovis when Jay was obviously grabbing the doctor by the neck.

"Criminals, huh? To think that one day I will be considered a criminal." Clovis smiled. He turned to Erwin before saying, "Let him go."

Erwin was confused. It seemed that Clovis didn't want to escalate this conflict. If the other party knew about his true identity, they would realize they had screwed up. But they might not believe whatever they were saying.

In addition, turning this place into a battlefield would also endanger the others.

Erwin didn't like it, but it seemed that they had no other choice.

He let go of the doctor before raising his hands.

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Cough!

The doctor was gasping for air while shouting, "Arrest them!"

Seeing that both of them had put their hands up, the police immediately pinned them to the ground and handcuffed them. The handcuff had a box shape. They made it so thick that it would be hard even for a high tier person to destroy it.

Erwin gritted his teeth while saying, "You are going to regret this. You have just done something you shouldn't have done in your life."

"Shut up!" The police pinned Erwin even harder.

Because Clovis wasn't fighting back, they lifted him up first and started dragging him.

Clovis smiled at their captain. "We were here just to get a super injection. I'm warning you. You better supervise the super injection to the very end. If they are harmed by that doctor, I don't mind being a real criminal like you claim me to be."

The captain furrowed his eyebrows. He knew what this place was. However, it didn't change the fact that Clovis and Erwin were trying to harm the staff, and he had no choice but to take them into custody.

And to get a super injection, the government had to approve it. In other words, they were either talented people who had done good deeds or people with great influence.

If they were the latter, Clovis or Erwin would simply state their affiliation. Hence, the captain deemed them to be the former. In this scenario, it was weird for them to do such a thing without realizing the repercussions.

Something might be wrong. Although he didn't like it, he might need to supervise it with his authority or simply use this attack as a reason to do it.

In fact, he realized that Clovis was actually clever. He first sowed the seeds of doubt and surrendered to avoid any clash. Then he gave the warning. The first thing they needed to do was complete the injection and investigate what happened, including the government official who nominated them.

The reason Clovis did all this was because Erwin didn't make a fuss. He seemed to have realized that this person might be annoying, but at least honest. If he warned Erwin not to trust them, he wouldn't do such a thing, thinking that they might be colluding with the doctor.

The two of them were arrested. They were brought to the police station for further questioning.

Erwin remained silent the whole time, thinking that Clovis must have a plan to handle this. Besides, the commander would be involved since he was the one giving them the super injection.

Meanwhile, Clovis answer was simple. "I need to call my lawyer."

Since both of them didn't say anything, the police didn't have any other choice but to let him call his lawyer. There were multiple people he could call, but this time, he actually chose to call one person.

He called Hana Skylark.

Chapter 405 Warning

Hana was working in her office as usual. There was supposed to be nothing happening except she got disturbed by a certain someone.

"Huh? Clovis?" Hana squinted her eyes. Usually, she had been clearing up her connection the whole time so that it didn't get tapped.

However, this was a problem since the call came from Clovis. Still, this was the first time Clovis called her, so she ended up answering the call. "Yeah? Do you need anything?"

"I'll explain later. Vasige City's Prison."

"Are you in prison or something? Alright. I'll try bailing you out. Don't say anything for now." Hana was completely confused. How could Clovis actually end up in prison? Although she didn't know him at a personal level, she at least knew his deeds.

Someone like him wouldn't be in prison unless it was a trap.

It seemed that someone was trying to mess him up. As for the reason, that could wait.

Hana didn't have much connection in this country, so the only thing she could do was find the best firm possible to handle Clovis' case, asking them to get him out as quickly as possible.

And after getting such a big client as well as a sum of cash, they immediately took care of the process.

However, what they didn't realize was that Clovis called Hana for another reason. Even if the lawyer was trying to do something, it would definitely require a bit of time. It didn't seem that bails would be working that effectively either.

Hence, Clovis changed his target from Hana to his grandfather. Yes, the last person he knew who was in contact with his grandfather was actually Hana. It wouldn't be wrong to notice that there was a high chance that his grandfather was keeping an eye on her, which resulted in him knowing about this matter.

On the one hand, he felt ashamed that he couldn't deal with this matter personally. It wasn't that he couldn't get out of prison. He just wanted to know the information about the experiment they did on him, the result, and the removal of it.

Although he didn't know much about it, the perfect state would definitely be one of the things they would find out from that research.

In order to destroy that record, he had no other choice but to manipulate the situation in a way that his grandfather had to make his move.

Still, his grandfather would definitely not handle it right away. He wanted his grandson to rely on his own power. At the same time, he would also send out someone to investigate the matter to see whether it was important enough or not for him to get involved with.

During that investigation, Kanaria and the others emerged from the tube.

"What? Clovis is in prison?!" Kanaria widened her eyes in shock.

"How did that happen?" Ragna furrowed his eyebrows. He noticed the police that got involved here.

Even the police didn't know about this matter. The captain was just observing them silently, noticing that they weren't punks or anything.

They still didn't realize that everything happened due to the doctor in front of them. The only thing they could do was ask the police.

Kanaria and Ragna ended up going to the police station, while Melody and Jay remained in Essence Bank to get the truth.

"He attacked the doctor?" Jay frowned in confusion. He shook his head. "I'm sorry, but he is not a person who would attack them for no reason."

Ignoring them, the doctor immediately left to get as far away as possible. Meanwhile, the captain only said, "That was what I saw. Attacking a personnel of Essence Bank in the bank itself was enough for him to get arrested."

"You should have just asked. Aren't you supposed to ask some basic questions?" Jay asked.

Little did they know, the problem would actually become much more complicated than Clovis originally thought. Even Clovis didn't expect that the situation would become much more out of control the moment his grandfather was involved. It might also be his grandfather's way of telling him to solve the problem himself if he wanted a certain outcome.

After all, his grandfather was indeed getting involved, but it wasn't a mere attempt to force the prison to free him. In fact, there weren't a lot of people he could contact in this country. And among those few people was actually the president.

Red House.

A person suddenly opened the door of the presidential office, rushing to the middle-aged man that was sitting on the opposite side of the room.

"Richard?" The president's gaze followed him.

Richard simply walked to the table and picked up the phone located on the side of the table. "Sir, you might want to hear this."

The president frowned, not understanding what was going on.

As if noticing that the call had been connected, a heavy voice immediately echoed, "I thought that this country would be good for my grandson. It might not be a bad idea to let my grandson love the country and allow this country to claim him as your Tier 9 explorer.

"However, I was wrong. I'll give you a warning. Evacuate the entire city of Vasige. Within one month, anyone who is left will be destroyed along with the city."

The president didn't like this threat and asked, "Who are you?"

Unfortunately, the other person hung up. The president was perplexed, thinking that Richard wouldn't just tell him to listen to a simple threat. "Who is he?"

Richard, who had been listening to the call, gulped down as he answered with a hollow voice. "Michael Hacfield."

"Michael... what?" The president widened his eyes in disbelief.

"He claimed himself to be Michael Hacfield."

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The threat didn't simply end with a single country. Obviously, the warning was extended to the CEO of Essence Bank.

He once had a talk with him in the past concerning Clovis. It was a small warning, asking him to stop searching for Clovis' identity.

"This is Frey. May I know who is speaking?" He casually asked.

A familiar voice resounded across the room. "I have told you to stop bothering my grandson. And to think that you are trying to use him as an experiment without his consent. It seems that Essence Bank has gone big enough that my warning only goes in one ear and out the other."

Thud!