

## World Mall 446

### Chapter 446 Allies or Enemies?

The assassin's expression darkened. He looked at Erwin and Jay. They had fought for a while, but none of them sustained any injuries. Whenever he tried to attack, Ragna would block that attack as Jay helped him. Erwin was strong enough to fight by himself, while Kanaria was too far away.

There was one person that looked exposed.

Jay and Erwin charged forward, pincering him from two directions.

The assassin's eyes flashed as he spun his body, striking Jay and Erwin in rapid succession.

Jay was blown away while Erwin managed to withstand the impact. As a result, the assassin turned to Erwin to kill him.

However, Kanaria suddenly shot him from far away. Unfortunately, the assassin managed to pick it up with his instinct and avoided the bullet at the last second.

After that, the assassin turned around and leaped toward Melody. He had been waiting for Kanaria to shoot.

At the very least, he got one second before she could shoot again.

"!!!" Ragna, Jay, and Erwin chased after him right away. On the other hand, Melody didn't bother to raise her pistol as if everything was going to be alright.

It turned out Kanaria released another bullet right away, which forced the assassin to leap into the air, slowing him down.

During that time, Jay and Erwin moved to the side while Ragna remained aligned with him.

The assassin should think that Melody couldn't shoot because her teammates were right behind him, but that was a mistake.

Since there was only Ragna that might potentially get hit, Melody suddenly raised her gun and shot several times.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

"!!!" The assassins followed the muzzle's movement and put his dagger in its trajectory. Each bullet ended up getting split into two and missed him.

After that, the assassin sped up, covering the remaining distance in a single leap.

Melody remained calm, trying to release another shot. Unfortunately for her, the assassin was a bit quicker than she originally thought. He struck the pistol from below, knocking it into the air.

After that, the assassin waved his daggers multiple times as he passed Melody. This way, he managed to injure Melody while her body remained standing to become an obstacle that would slow down her friends.

The assassin managed to cut her right shoulder, her left arm, her side, and her left thigh. However, all those wounds were nothing but a graze.

"!!!" The assassin underestimated the 'armor' Melody put on. The reason why she remained calm was because she had the leather armor made of Tier 4 snake scale and Clovis' clothes.

On the other hand, the assassin wouldn't be alright either. If the armor helped her confidence, what she hid behind her was the one that made her unable to move.

The assassin suddenly heard a beeping sound coming from the ground.

"!!!" When he saw the ground, he noticed a sticky bomb already activating. He hurriedly tossed his body to the side, but the explosion was still one step faster.

Boom!

The assassin blocked the bomb with both of his arms, but he was launched into the air, his body rolling several times the moment it touched the ground. In addition, there were scorching marks on his arms. The explosion also produced several small holes in his arms. The bleeding wasn't that harsh, but the assassin had to block an explosion head-on. There was no way his arms would remain the same.

More importantly, there was no way Ragna and the others would just leave him alone.

The assassin gritted his teeth, enduring the pain. He saw Erwin coming, but the first thing he had to do was roll to the side as another bullet almost hit him.

Erwin reached the assassin first. Now that there was an opportunity, he went for the kill. He knew that defeating a Tier 5 opponent without a single wound would be impossible.

Before sending his wires, Erwin jumped into the air. The assassin waved only one dagger because he wasn't in position yet.

The assassin was supposed to hit the wires, but Erwin jumped into the air so that he could use the momentum and kick the assassin just by stretching his leg forward.

The assassin saw the clumsy attempt and made his choice. He let Erwin come closer, his wires trying to break apart the leather armor underneath his clothes.

Even though the wires didn't manage to slice through it, they managed to graze several parts that weren't protected by the armor.

In exchange, the assassin stabbed Erwin's left calf, but it didn't stop his momentum. As a result, the kick still hit him and caused him to fall to the ground.

However, that was worth it. Erwin jumped using his other leg, but it was clear that the wound was quite severe as he couldn't stand straight anymore. At least he wouldn't be able to use his left leg anymore.

What the assassin didn't expect was that everything was just a distraction.

With the assassin on the ground, Jay and Ragna could close in without worries.

The assassin tried to get back on his feet, but Ragna thrust his spear, taking advantage of the spear's longer reach to stop him from escaping.

The assassin knocked Ragna's spear with his Tier 5 strength, but Jay suddenly emerged from behind Ragna. Even though there was still some distance, he swung his sword.

"Tsk!" Realizing he had been tricked by opportunities, the assassin was one step too late to block this attack. As a result, his right arm was cut.

Unbeknownst to them, there was a group of five standing two hundred meters away from them, observing the fight. The one leading them was a Tier 5 middle-aged man, while the rest of the people were Tier 4.

"In the end, we are also getting involved in this matter," One of them said.

"That doesn't matter. Even if we try to avoid it, they'll find a way to drag us."

"Yeah. Because of that, we have to make our stance clear."

"It seems that the family head has made a decision."

All four of them glanced at the Tier 5 middle-aged man.

Chapter 447 Surprise

"Tsk!" The assassin gritted his teeth, never expecting that he would suffer such a loss against these kids. He knew that they would be strong, but not this strong. He spun his body, using the centrifugal force to strike Ragna and Jay.

They ended up leaping back to regain some distance, but at this rate, the assassin would fall sooner or later.

When they were about to attack, Melody suddenly noticed dots coming into their range.

"Reinforcement? No." Melody turned around, seeing those five people. Her program scanned them and tried to recognize their faces. As soon as she saw their names, she shouted, "Not good! Enemy's reinforcement! Jay, Ragna!"

"!!!" The group was startled as they glanced back, finding the five enemies.

"They are from the Panorama Group!" Melody shouted, warning them.

Vania had warned them previously that their opponents were the Rusth family, the Drake Group, and the Panorama Group. However, she mentioned that the Panorama Group hadn't made an official decision yet, so the fact that they appeared right after the assassin was injured meant they were coming with a bad intention.

'Not good. If the Panorama Group comes...' Melody bit her lips. '...If we are defeated here and can't support Clovis, the Panorama Group can take over the city by killing Kanaria's grandfather first, which is located not too far away from here.'

Kanaria shifted her aim and observed the incoming enemies. "Four of them are Tier 4, but one of them is Tier 5. Incoming!"

Kanaria shot at them, but the Tier 5 middle-aged man suddenly leaped into her trajectory, blocking all the bullets that were about to hit his people.

Jay and Ragna hurriedly turned around to block them.

A swordsman came to Jay and struck him from the side. Jay had to defend himself as the other party was the one with the initiative.

Ragna faced the same situation as he was suppressed by a glaive coming from above, pinning him to the ground.

The other two Tier 4 were coming while the Tier 5 was still locked on to Kanaria.

The assassin saw an opportunity. Now that Ragna and Jay's backs were exposed, he leaped toward them, ready to kill them in a single slash.

"You won't!" Erwin tried to reach him with his wires, but losing one of his legs had turned into the biggest mistake he made in this fight. He had never expected that the Panorama Group would come for them.

The assassin immediately switched his target to Erwin. He cut all the wires and struck Erwin with all his strength.



Erwin blocked the dagger with wires between his fingers, but without both legs, he couldn't put too much force to counter his strength. As a result, the strike sent him flying.

"Not good! Melody!" Erwin shouted because his real targets were not Jay or Ragna. They would definitely die with that number, so he had to eliminate the brain of this group, Melody.

He used his fastest speed, not wasting this opportunity.

"Too fast." Kanaria wanted to shoot him, but the Tier 5 was simply too annoying.

"Melody!" Jay and Ragna shouted.

Melody's expression turned grim, knowing that she was exposed without any plans.

She raised her gun to stop him, but that was surprisingly unnecessary.

All of a sudden, two people came to the assassin, swinging their respective weapons.

"!!!" The assassin looked shocked and was forced to block those attacks. He never thought that the Panorama Group would attack him.

In addition, the two people that engaged Jay and Ragna immediately helped their team to take down the assassin.

It was at this moment that the assassin realized that the Panorama actually faked the attack to lower his guard for this moment.

The assassin opened his mouth, trying to warn his friend, but all of a sudden, a kick came from below, hitting his neck.

"Gah!" The assassin spat, but the only thing he could let out was a coarse sound without any real meaning.

The Tier 5 middle-aged man actually took advantage of his position that was on the side to approach the assassin from his blind spot.

'This is a trap. Their plan is to use that fake to kill me as quickly as possible and turn around the situation.' The assassin's face turned pale. The two that stopped Jay and Ragna earlier had arrived. The one wielding a glaive chopped the assassin's right leg while the swordsman stabbed him in the chest.

The assassin desperately tilted his body, using the last bit of his strength to throw that knife to Melody.

However, the Tier 5 middle-aged man stood in his way, blocking the dagger with a shield.

"You motherfu—" The assassin fell to the ground, spat a mouthful of blood, and ultimately died.

"!!!" Melody didn't expect that the Panorama Group actually came to help them.

The middle-aged man said, "We are from the Panorama Group. We have made our decision, which is to stand together with the city."

Melody shouted, "How do we know that you're not trying to backstab us?"

Melody's suspicion was justified. They made the assassin think they were on the same side before betraying him so that they could swiftly kill him. That method was their biggest mistake.

Because of her reply, the rest of the group pointed their weapons at the Panorama Group. As if knowing this would happen, the Panorama Group also watched each other back, planning to fight Libation Fiesta if they attacked them.

What they didn't know was that this was the Panorama Group's main plan. By causing this misunderstanding, they didn't have to spend their resources and manpower to help the city while making their stance clear. In other words, they could escape this incident unscathed.

On the other hand, Melody was thinking about another problem. It was Clovis. If they didn't send reinforcement right away, Clovis might die.

Melody had studied how to command the group during their trip to the wasteland, so she had to make a decision for the group.

#### Chapter 448 Reinforcement

Melody bit her lips. She muttered inwardly, 'What an old fox. He clearly knows that the beast wave won't be able to destroy this city, so he is using this situation to make his stance clear without losing his group's strength.'

'If we follow his words blindly, there's a chance that he is just tricking us. He is waiting for us to leave so that they can aid President Thomas. Killing that assassin will make their words more credible.'

'On the other hand, if we don't leave, we can still stop them if they are trying to help President Thomas. Fighting this group will be hard... No, we will be defeated with our condition, but we won't go down easily. We can still buy a lot of time from them.'

'But in this scenario, we have to actually leave Clovis alone. What should we do? If it's Clovis, what will he choose? No. Clovis is not here, and I have to make a decision as quickly as possible.'

Melody didn't know what to choose.

'No. There is still a chance.' Melody shouted, "Jay!"

"!!!" Jay's expression turned grim, ready to fight them if Melody wanted him to do so.

However, Melody pointed in Clovis' direction, saying, "Go help, Clovis! The rest of us will stay here."

Jay didn't hesitate to go toward their vehicle and immediately drove off to help Clovis. The rest furrowed their eyebrows, not knowing whether they could defend this position or not.

Melody's plan was not to defend. It was to get their leader back with them.

Jay's condition was the best among them, and with his help, Clovis should be able to defeat the Tier 5 assassin. He was also smart enough to tell Clovis everything that transpired here and make a good judgment.

As soon as Jay and Clovis eliminated the assassin, Clovis could finally take the leader role again and command them better than her.

That was why Melody chose to buy some time from them.

Melody then turned to the Panorama Group while asking with a stern tone. "Do you think we can really trust you?"

The middle-aged man frowned. "We are here to make our stance clear. We're here to fight for the city."

"Do you think I don't know your relationship with the Rusth family?" Melody didn't back down.

Melody kept cornering them with all the words she could find in her mind. It was to buy time for Jay.

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Meanwhile, Clovis was in a bad position. He coughed a few times, blood flowing out of the corner of his lips.

He managed to hold on, but the opponent was simply too strong.

His body was wounded all over. The assassin managed to stab his left arm and shoulder.

Of course, Clovis wasn't planning to just take the beating. He also had inflicted a lot of damage on the assassin. There were a lot of superficial wounds, but he managed to cut his side a bit deeper and his thigh.

However, Reolf was also injured quite heavily as well.

The assassin looked frustrated since Clovis kept fighting back like he was a machine.

The buff he got from the bite-sized food had long gone. Even those from the normal food and his perfect state were going to disappear in several minutes.

The moment his perfect state was over, the assassin would defeat him.

The assassin charged forward, slashing Clovis from the right.

Clovis raised his sword to block it, but the force knocked him back until he crashed into the minibus.

Even though the assassin's strength had been depleted after all those wounds, he was still stronger than Clovis since he was also exhausted.

Reolf pounced on the assassin, but the latter skillfully spun his body and launched a back kick, sending Reolf to Clovis.

"Kh!" Clovis gritted his teeth.

Reolf tried to get up, but the assassin was about to reach him. Clovis pushed Reolf aside, causing the dagger to hit his body.

Fortunately, the assassin was still scared to kill him immediately. As a result, he slightly pulled back his dagger so that it didn't produce a fatal strike.

In fact, this was his method to survive this long.

While enduring the pain, Clovis kicked the assassin's stomach, blowing him away.

After that, he shot the assassin, forcing the latter to avoid it by moving to the side. He threw his dagger at Clovis' hand, which ultimately knocked the pistol off his hand.

"Tsk!" Clovis fixed his posture as blood kept pouring out of his body. He jumped toward the assassin.

The latter managed to recover before Clovis arrived. He struck Clovis' blades with all his strength, planning to destroy him, only to find Reolf arriving at the same time.

Reolf opened his mouth wide as if he were ready to rip apart the assassin's arm with his teeth the moment the assassin struck Clovis.

Unfortunately for them, the assassin managed to react at the last second, changing his target from Clovis to Reolf.

The dagger scratched Reolf's nose, but this distraction allowed Clovis to hit the assassin's left shoulder.



The assassin kicked him on the stomach before Clovis could swing any further.

At the same time, Reolf continued and bit his arm.

"Argh!" The assassin screamed before kicking Reolf away.

"Aooo!" Reolf howled as his body slid for several meters. Because he was weaker than Clovis, he ended up becoming the first one to struggle to get up.

Reolf kept flapping its body, but it was futile. He had exhausted his strength.

This was the assassin's chance to kill this annoying wolf. He leaped toward Reolf.

"Die!" The assassin roared as he swung his dagger downward with the fastest speed he could muster at the moment.

Reolf knew that this would be over for him, but surprisingly, he felt no pain. Instead, there was a clicking sound echoing in their ears.

"!!!" All of them raised their heads, finding Jay.

Jay had arrived. He blocked the dagger and kicked the assassin to the wall, giving Clovis and Reolf breathing time while declaring his arrival.

"You took longer than I thought." Clovis smiled.

Chapter 449 Clovis' Order

"You took longer than I thought." Clovis smiled.

"Sorry." Jay's expression turned grim. He had never thought that Clovis would be in this state after fighting the assassin by himself for close to thirty minutes.

He was going at full speed the whole time, but the city was chaotic, so it slowed him down a little bit since the vehicle had to be stuck on the way.

"You..." The assassin gritted his teeth since Jay was the one who cut his arm. If he still had two arms, he would have killed Clovis easily.

At the same time, the assassin knew that he wasn't in condition to fight Jay. He had to escape.

Clovis threw his short blade at the assassin, forcing the assassin to turn his body around.

Clovis was grinning as if saying, "You're not going anywhere!"

The assassin gnashed his teeth. "You—"

The assassin had no time to unleash his anger because Jay was right behind him. He turned around to block Jay's blade, but he was already exhausted. His strength had diminished after all the wounds and blood loss.

His current strength might not even reach Tier 4 anymore.

Jay's eyes turned bloodshot as he unleashed everything he got in this slash. His blade knocked the assassin's arm down. The assassin tried to kick him, but Jay simply stood there as if he didn't feel a single thing.

After that, Jay stabbed the leg and widened its wound by slightly rotating the blade. This way, the assassin couldn't get away anymore.

"You mother—" The assassin roared as he unleashed all he had in a single strike.

Unfortunately for him, it was futile. Jay chopped his last arm. The assassin's face turned pale as the blade flashed in front of his eyes before it cut the head into two.

Both Tier 5 assassins had finally been killed after almost a year they struggled against them.

This was probably the end to their struggle in this city, but Clovis hadn't dropped his guard yet.

The assassins might be important, but they were still not out of danger.

"Jay... I need..." Clovis panted heavily, struggling to move.

Seeing their conditions, Jay hurriedly grabbed Reolf with one hand while helping Clovis with his other arm.

"I also need to report to you about it. We might not have a lot of time," said Jay while bringing them inside the house.

"I know." Clovis took out bandages from Another World Mall in front of Jay since he had seen this before.

Jay noticed it but didn't say anything, knowing that this was Clovis' biggest secret. "I'm going to bring some water."

Clovis leaned on the wall, looking at Reolf, who was lying on the floor with no strength left.

"Thank you, Reolf. If not for you, I would have died." Clovis smiled wryly.

Reolf looked at him with sincere eyes as if telling him that it was because both of them that they managed to last for so long.

Clovis didn't monitor the watch, but his affection rate increased tremendously because of this incident.

As soon as Jay came back, he immediately cleaned up the wound before covering them with bandages. During the whole process, Jay told him about the current status.

"The Panorama Group, huh?" Clovis' expression turned grim.

"Are they a threat?"

"Yes and no. What we currently need to do is divert their attention elsewhere."

"Elsewhere?"

"Yeah. They are not the only ones making their stance clear. There is one more person with that intention."

"Who?"

"The mule."

"!!!" Jay widened his eyes in disbelief. "He is not our enemy?"

"He is Vina's master. After seeing the situation, he should have realized which side is more profitable. Suppose the Panorama Group hadn't attacked us yet. In that case, he would side with us to resolve the grudge.

"He perfectly knows that I'm going to hunt him down once I get stronger, so he will settle it by helping us this time."

"But how is he gonna help us? I mean, he is strong, but not that strong."

"Didn't I call him a mule?"

"The technology he smuggled?"

Clovis smiled. "There was one technology that the enemy once used, right?"

"Don't tell me..." Jay gasped. "You're talking about the machine that brings the beasts?"

Clovis nodded. "I bet the Drake Group is hiding it in their headquarters. To trick the assassins, we used the jamming to avoid any contact between the assassins, but this also means I'm unable to contact them right now.

"You have to go back, Jay. If the Panorama Group hasn't attacked us yet, use them to bring that device to lure the beasts away. If they have attacked us, you are to retreat with the group and Kanaria's grandfather. The city can be rebuilt, the enemies can be killed, but you can't be revived."

Jay's expression turned solemn. On the one hand, he didn't know if letting Clovis stay here would be good or not since Clovis couldn't fight anymore. On the other hand, this was an important mission.

All of sudden, they heard a loud rumbling.

The deafening sound was similar to a building crumbling, but this time, it was coming from the west.

"Jay. Hurry up! The wall might be breached. The South and West Walls might not be attacked as heavily as the other two, but they also don't have enough soldiers to stop them. If the commander focused on the south, the west would crumble soon. I'm fine here!"

Jay gritted his teeth and hurriedly left the house.

Clovis smiled wryly as he was bandaging the remaining wounds that Jay hadn't covered, of course, he did Reolf first.

"It seems that we have to get even stronger than this, buddy. That assassin is three tiers above us, but of course, we're not going to stop only at that stage. We'll become even stronger until the whole world fears our strength." Clovis looked at Reolf with a sincere expression.

"I'm planning to leave this place after this, which means this will probably be the last time I can easily send you to your home. Even then, I'd like to ask you. Are you willing to follow me?"

Chapter 450 Brontosaurus

Shelter.

The people were shivering in fear, their moods were down as they thought this was a hopeless situation.

There were a total of a thousand people inside this shelter, but the atmosphere wasn't good. They were hoping that the beasts wouldn't find them here. No, they wanted the soldiers to repel the beasts.

"This is not working out! We're gonna die!" One of them gritted their teeth while clutching his head. His eyes were red, and there were some scratch marks on his cheeks.

"Oi! Get a grip on yourself. The soldiers and the explorers are still fighting." Another person tried to calm him down.

Unexpectedly, the stressed guy grabbed the guy tightly while shouting, "We're done. Those beasts have been devouring one city after another. We are next. There is no way we will be able to survive if the cities stronger than us are unable to withstand their attacks!"



His words just made the atmosphere even worse. People's expressions darkened. Even though they didn't want to imagine it, they couldn't deny his words either.

"We are going to protect you!" There were only five police officers protecting them since most had to focus on the outside.

Sadly, there was a loud rumbling noise coming from the outside.

"Aaaaahhh! We're gonna die!"

The atmosphere turned into a frenzy as people started to fall into despair.

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West Wall.

"Stop them!"

"Stop!"

"No! We have to stop that Brontosaurus!"

"STOP IT!"

The soldiers panicked as they were shouting with a pale face. The brontosaurus' neck was taller than the wall itself. It slammed its head down, smashing the wall.

Bam!

The top part of the wall was crushed, rubble falling off the edge. All the people underneath that neck were squashed like mosquitoes.

"NO!"

"Attack!"

The soldiers panicked and started shooting the brontosaurus.

"RPG!"

Several people shot at once, hitting the brontosaurus' body. Unfortunately, those explosions didn't deal much damage to the brontosaurus' skin.

"Not good! It's not enough. We need a bigger gun!"

"No. We need a Tier 5 to fight this brontosaurus."

The soldiers couldn't do anything to the brontosaurus because they didn't have the weapon nor personnel to handle this Tier 5 beast.

At the same time, the brontosaurus had two jobs. The second one was a distraction.

Due to the soldiers focusing on the brontosaurus, other beasts managed to reach the top.

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

\*Roar!\*

"The beasts are reaching the top of the wall!"

"Not good!"

"We are losing ground."

"Agggghh!"

The situation became chaotic right away on the west wall. The beasts started overwhelming them with both quality and quantity.

The commander, who was on the south wall, couldn't help but notice the commotion. His face turned pale after seeing how much damage the beasts could do in such a short amount of time.

"Not good! Ten people on me. The rest will protect the south wall with their lives on the line." The commander shouted as he rushed toward the west wall.

While it hadn't been breached, the south wall might be the first one to fall at this rate.

At the same time, he couldn't leave the south wall for too long either since there was also another Tier 5 beast from the south.

"We can't let it happen." The commander dashed at his full speed, reaching the south wall in just a minute. However, those beasts had been gnawing their force in the south wall.

"Kh. You beasts." The commander roared as he pushed forward with his spear.

There were several beasts noticing his arrival and turning around, but the commander reached them before they could do anything. He thrust his spears multiple times, each thrust actually piercing through the beast's body and leaving behind a lot of holes.

His movement was swift and precise as though the spear had never touched the beasts.

In just two seconds, several beasts died with bodies full of holes.

After that, he continued toward the brontosaurus.

More beasts tried to stop him, but they fell without putting up a fight.

"The commander is angry." The ten people who followed the commander were amazed by the commander's strength and ferocity.

The commander continued until he finally reached the brontosaurus.

The brontosaurus swung its head like a whip to destroy the commander. The latter squinted his eyes, waiting for the right time before thrusting his spear.

"Dragon Slaying Thrust."

He put all his strength into that thrust.

Bam!

The impact caused a shock wave that knocked the brontosaurus' head off the wall. The dinosaur even let out a groan as if it were in pain.

The soldiers were stunned after they witnessed the commander's strength. They knew that the commander was a Tier 5 human, but this was the first time they witnessed him fight.

And such a commander stomped the ground with his spear and stood bravely against the beasts. He shouted, "Soldiers! Why are you lying on the ground? This is just the beginning of our battle. Stand up and repel the beasts together with me!"

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Meanwhile, Jay was heading back at full speed. The first thing he visited was not Kanaria and the others. He didn't know whether they were fighting or not, but he had to loop around the battle between two Tier 6 humans to reach the Drake group's headquarters.

If Clovis' prediction was correct, the Drake group should be hiding the machine that could grab the beasts' attention. They had a lot of trouble facing this machine in the past, so he knew the effectiveness of the machine.

However, he didn't know the machine's appearance, so finding it would be quite a hassle.

To his surprise, there was actually a man standing right in front of the entrance as if he had been both observing the battle and waiting for someone.

As soon as he noticed Jay approaching, the man politely bowed to him. "Well, well, well. Isn't this Jay Havenson? You seem to have figured it out... No, should I say your captain has realized what you are supposed to do?"

"The mule..."