

World Mall 456

Chapter 456 Perfect Plan

"Where is that vigor from earlier, Davian?" Thomas laughed as he punched Davian. The latter smacked his hand to the side, redirecting his punch to the wall next to him.

However, it was useless. The punch crushed the entire wall, bringing down even a bit of the ceiling.

Davian took a step in the opposite direction before hitting the side of his chest.

Thomas crashed into another world, the rubble falling on top of him. After that, Davian came forth, planning to deliver a killing blow.

However, Thomas emerged from the rubbles as if he wasn't affected by all these and punched Davian.

Davian skillfully blocked it with his cane, but the force blew him to the wall in the opposite direction.

No, the punch was actually much more powerful than a hit from Davian. It blew Davian through a wall.

Fortunately, Davian regained his stance right away and waved his cane to the back, destroying the second wall to kill his momentum.

Thomas didn't give a chance for Davian to catch a breath. He immediately chased after Davian after he punched him away.

When Davian stopped, Thomas was already right in front of him.

"Hahaha. Die, old man." Thomas's eyes turned bloodshot as he unleashed all he got in this punch.

Even Davian realized the true terror of this attack.

He raised his cane and waved his cane from above, trying to push down the punch to avoid him.

However, Thomas smiled as though he had expected this.

"!!!" Davian widened his eyes when he noticed that he couldn't push down the punch.

"As I said, you should have just retired. To think that you choose to die in my hands." Thomas grinned and punched Davian.

At the last second, Davian twisted his arms to receive this punch instead of letting it hit his ribs.

The bones snapped, causing his arm to bend in a different direction.

"..." Davian only furrowed his eyebrows slightly when he endured the pain. The punch blew him across three houses away, his back was already turning sore due to the excessive impact.

If this continued, he would be at a disadvantage.

Davian took a deep breath, looking at Thomas' movements as closely as possible.

The moment Thomas closed in, Davian was ready to unleash everything he had, taking at least an arm with him.

However, both of them got a surprise when they noticed an incoming presence all of a sudden. The roof on top of Thomas suddenly crumbled, revealing a big man that had just punched it.

"!!!" Both of them widened their eyes, not expecting for Nick to suddenly appear in the middle of the battle.

As soon as Nick landed on the ground, he punched Thomas as hard as he could.

He was fortunate enough that Thomas didn't have enough time to react. No, it was more like Thomas chose not to avoid it.

He took that powerful punch and still stood in the same position.

"!!!" Nick widened his eyes in shock, knowing what this meant.

"You trash. You dare to disrupt this fight with only this much?" Thomas gritted his teeth. Nick's fist was still touching his cheek, but instead of the fist pushing him down, Thomas actually pushed Nick back.

In addition, he punched Nick in the stomach.

"Gah!" Nick felt like there was a missile hitting his gut. He spat a mouthful of blood as the punch blew him away.

However, Nick's existence was just a distraction.

The moment Thomas shifted his focus back to Davian, the latter was already in front of him.

"Davian—" Thomas suddenly noticed something wrong. Even though Davian was in front of him, this was the first time he saw the cane was actually so high. It was as if he had thrown that cane. "!!!"

Thomas lowered his vision, seeing the blade that was hidden inside the cane. Despite such a desperate situation, Davian had never unsheathed that blade, making Thomas believe that it was just a normal hard cane.

That punch that broke his bones was the last nail in the coffin. The moment he ignored the possibility of a sword, Thomas had lost.

Davian waved his sword at full speed. Thomas tried to react, but it was too late. The blade had cut his left arm as well as the left part of his stomach.

Blood and acid flowed out of the wound as Thomas spat blood so much that it looked like a waterfall.

"Dav—" Thomas turned around with an angry face, but it was too late for him to do anything.

Davian had cut the other arm and swiftly sliced his chest, hitting his heart.

"You—" Thomas wanted to express his thought that, despite that broken arm, Davian refused to reveal that secret until the last moment. This whole time, Davian was playing the long game.

Although it was outside his calculation, that plan paid off.

Nick gave him the opportunity by risking his life.

Thomas didn't have any more energy to complete his words as he suddenly fell down to the ground.

Davian let out a long sigh while looking at Thomas and Nick. "Why would youngsters these days so recklessly show their trump card? A trump card is meant to kill the enemy when an opportunity arrives... So reckless."

On the other side of the city, Andrew and Wellen were still trading blows.

However, Andrew suddenly noticed something. His skyglasses were hacked and showed something that he wasn't supposed to see in this battle.

'A gap!' Wellen thought as he thrust his spear.

Andrew managed to barely avoid it, but the spear still hit his shoulder.

Wellen wanted to have another thrust, this time on the heart. But to his surprise, Andrew tossed his body to the side, confusing Andrew.

It was that instant his instinct was telling him about the danger as a gunshot was heard.

Wellen hurriedly raised his spear, cutting the bullet. But he noticed that the bullet was so hard and heavy to cut, causing him to be stuck in that position for a split second.

'This bullet. A Tier 5 bullet? The only one who can shoot it...!!!' Wellen just realized. The reason why Andrew moved to the side was because it would give a view for someone who was standing on a building four hundred meters away from them. It was a tight gap, but she went for the kill. "Van—"

Andrew used that opportunity to come from the side and punched Wellen's head.

On top of that building, Vania stood up while smiling. "Jeez. In a perfect plan, you simply don't get the satisfaction of killing your enemy. Is this what it means to suffer from success?"

Chapter 457 Dominance

East Wall.

"Hurry up! We need to stop those beasts."

"We are starting to get overwhelmed."

"Hold on. Hold on just a bit more." Gregory shouted. Without Nick and Vania, the situation on the east wall had become dire.

"So you are here, Gregory. Sorry for letting you take on this task while they are away." An aged voice echoed in his ears as the person had just reached the top of the wall with a single leap.

"!!!" Gregory recognized this voice and hurriedly turned around. "Sir Andrew!"

"I'm sorry for those two." Andrew smiled. "It seems that you are in trouble here. I'll take care of those Tier 5 beasts. Hold this place for five minutes, will you?"

Gregory's expression brightened. "Yes, sir. I'll definitely hold on. But are you alright to be here, sir? How about—!"

"It's fine." Andrew stopped him with a pat on the shoulder as he jumped off the wall. "The only threat left is these beasts."

Gregory opened his mouth wide as he saw Andrew going straight to a Tier 5 beast with only three leaps on top of a beast's body. With just a single punch, the Tier 5 beast fell down to the ground with a broken jaw.

"This is the might of Tier 6..." Andrew sucked a cold breath.

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South Wall.

"We can't hold on anymore. We need the commander to return to this place or we won't be able to stop this Tier 5 beast."

The soldiers were panicking. Some beasts had already reached the top of the wall. The soldiers tried their best to stop them from going into the city, but if this continued, they would soon break through.

However, it wasn't going to happen. A blade suddenly cut multiple beasts in rapid succession. Each cut was swift and deadly, which allowed the soldiers to take a look at their helper.

"Ah... You..."

"You were the former vice commander, Davian Renvolt?"

"Hohoho." Davian smiled. "I have retired since I can't maintain my neutrality when I have my family. No need to respect me so much."

Seeing the soldiers' expectant faces, Davian said, "Well, how about you guys fight with me together? I will be taking down the Tier 5 beast for you guys. Get ready for a counterattack."

"Y-Yes, sir!"

"Did you hear that?"

The soldiers became energetic again as they relayed the instruction to the people around them and repeated it until the entire wall heard about it.

"Sir, your arm..." One of the soldiers noticed that Davian's left arm was broken.

However, the person in question simply shrugged. "That's fine. This is nothing but a small wound. What we need to do now is repel these beasts even if it means sacrificing our lives. Let's go."

"Uoohhh!"

"Follow the former vice commander!"

Still, those two were not the only ones coming back to the wall. While Nick had to sit out because of his injury, Vania wasn't even touched this whole time.

North wall.

Kanaria had been shooting the enemies nonstop, but she couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows. Her bullet couldn't damage the Tier 5 beasts. Gregory and Lipaen had been stopping these two Tier 5 beasts the whole time, but now that Gregory had left, the beasts continued climbing the wall.

In addition, the Tier 5 beasts seemed to have realized that the truck wouldn't be coming back so soon. So they ordered the beasts to climb the wall as quickly as possible.

"Tsk." Kanaria clicked her tongue.

Ragna had just killed another beast that wanted to attack Kanaria before regrouping with her. "Kanaria. This is going to be troublesome. We need to change our position. That Tier 5 beast is going to reach us soon."

Kanaria frowned. "Still, we have to hold this side. That guy alone won't be enough to stop the two Tier 5 beasts. Two of our turrets have been destroyed as well. As long as we can hold on long enough, the reinforcement will come."

As if reacting to those words, a shot was released. This time, the shot came from a different direction, hitting the Tier 5 beast that was approaching the wall.

Bam!

The shot was so powerful that the Tier 5 beast's jaw instantly got destroyed.

"Huh? What is that bullet? A bomb?" Kanaria gasped and looked around, finding her mother standing on top of the wall with her sniper rifle.

There was a beast underneath her, trying to intercept Vania. However, the latter simply looked down and stomped on the beast's face, knocking it down like a queen.

She released another shot, which destroyed the beast's paw and still hit the head, almost splattering its flesh.

Before shooting the Tier 5 beast once more, Vania casually grabbed her pistol and shot at the beasts on both sides, helping the soldiers that were in trouble without even looking at them.

After that, she casually took another shot that hit the body, creating a hole through its gut.

If not for the beast's giant body, it would have been a fatal injury. Still, the beast could move and order the other beasts to stop Vania.

Unfortunately for the Tier 5 beast, Vania simply released two more shots: one on the head and one on the stomach. The blood flowed like a fountain as the Tier 5 beast died in just a minute.

"Is she really your mother?" Ragna gasped, blinking a few times. He kept glancing back and forth between Vania and Kanaria.

Kanaria was reliable, but Vania was built differently. When she killed that Tier 5 beast, she looked like a queen of dominance. She even had the time to help the people around her without looking.

Vania was simply like an upgraded version of Kanaria. What he didn't know was that during the hunt, Vania even assisted Lipaen with the other Tier 5 beast because she was also an operator.

Kanaria's eyebrows twitched. "I'll be able to fight like that too... soon... maybe. Still, she burned so much money... Those were Tier 5 bullets, each of them cost twenty million."

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Chapter 458 Next Course

South Wall.

"They are going down one by one," said a soldier as he watched Davian kill beasts after beasts.

He had been rampaging on the battlefield right after he killed the Tier 5 beast that led them.

Since the Tier 5 beast was their head, no one could command the beasts anymore, resulting in them moving in disarray.

Even the soldiers had an easier time shooting them down.

Still, their ferocity couldn't be compared to Davian. Despite having one of his arms broken, he easily cut down the beasts around him, using his superior speed, strength, and technique.

Just like how Thomas was able to defeat Nick, who was a Tier 5, no Tier 5 beast could stop the Tier 6 Davian.

"Don't stop. Continue killing them."

"Kill them!"

The soldiers tried their best to help Davian, getting inspired by the sight of his back.

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East Wall.

Just like Davian, Andrew was rampaging on the battlefield.

"Ora! Where do you think you're going?" Andrew roared. His body had been covered by both his blood and the beast's blood.

Andrew had to take on two Tier 5 beasts by himself while Gregory commanded the wall.

Andrew was like an immortal beast that kept going no matter how much they beat him. He kept rising and killing the beasts that came to him.

Eventually, the beasts that he killed turned into a mountain as Andrew stood at the very top.

The soldiers couldn't help but suck a cold breath after witnessing such a scene. Even those who were injured clenched their fists, wondering why they were acting like it was the end of the world with such a small injury.

"Fight!"

"I can still fight!"

Some of the soldiers just woke up from the sides, taking up arms again. In that instant, the east wall began to take over the battle.

Of course, now that the situation had changed in the east and south walls, the north and west walls could finally focus on their enemies and began to push back the beasts as well.

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While they were fighting so hard, Clovis had begun with his next plan. In the end, this was the final battle for this city. They had to go to a much broader world if they wanted to get stronger.

Hence, he had to call Hana.

"Yeah. It's going to be over soon."

"That's great. I'll be sending you an airplane, so you can take your time there. Let's see... How about three days from now?"

"About that..." Clovis sounded like there was a problem. He told her back then that he would handle all the problems.

"Is there something wrong?" Hana frowned.

"Yeah. I need you to help me with the transportation... specifically dealing with the border. Remember the last incident regarding the experiment? Apparently, the president has become a bit too desperate."

"I have heard about it from my grandfather. I see, it seems that they're sending someone to you. Should I send someone as well?"

"Well, my plan is to cross the border peacefully. It's going to be fine as long as you can bribe those people so that I can escape from here. Besides, there is an even bigger problem. We have cargo that can't be seen by people."

Hana paused for a moment, considering everything. "I see. In that case, I'll be sending two buses. One is for my team that will handle everything, while the second one will be for your group. Do you need any help with that cargo? Or no one is allowed to see it?"

"I think it'll be fine as long as they don't make a big deal of it. It'll be known eventually. It's not illegal, just a little bit special."

Hana contemplated. "Alright. I'll be sending my personal team. You should be able to trust them as they are selected based not only on their talents but also their PR skills. Hey, they're the face of my business."

Clovis smiled. "Yeah. That should be fine. As for the date, three days should be enough."

"Not right away? Aren't you getting chased right now?"

"Yes and no. Well, let's just say that I have managed to buy some time."

Hana thought that if the president wanted someone, he would be sending his best fighter. In other words, it would be a Tier 8 human.

The fact that Clovis was able to buy some time from him meant he had a connection that could do that.

It seemed that she underestimated him. If she approached Clovis just a bit later, Clovis would probably have other allies like her.

It was because she made that reckless decision that Clovis ended up entrusting a lot of things to her.

That was why Hana said, "Alright. I'll trust you on that. Is there anything you'd like to add?"

"How about Melody's younger brother?"

"I have secured the place. The place you will be staying at is not that far from the hospital, so it'll be easy to visit him. You also want a custom bus, right? I have gotten the base. There are a few things that still need your confirmation, so you should customize it after coming here. It won't take more than a week for that bus to be done anyway."

Clovis thought for a moment and added, "By the way, I don't think we need a caretaker."

"But your place is huge, you know?"

"Yeah. It's related to what I mentioned earlier." Clovis thought that the caretaker would find Reolf's fur, so it would be better if he was the one taking care of it personally. Only when Reolf's existence was made public that he would allow it."

Hana didn't know what Clovis was trying to hide, but the fact that her subordinates could see it meant she could too.

In the end, it was better to agree with Clovis first and see what he was hiding later.

"Alright. Anything else?"

"Nope. I think the rest can be settled after I reach your place."

"OK. See you." Hana hung up the call.

Little did she know, Clovis' eyes were actually glitching right after she hung up.

Chapter 459 Choice

Clovis' expression turned solemn the moment he saw the glitch.

His eyes sparked a red light as the system once again appeared in front of him.

"Seriously... What is going on with this glitch? Now that I've discovered it, it has been happening so often."

Clovis couldn't help but mutter because the system actually showed new information.

The first thing that glitched in his eye was a screen with 'Mission Success' on it, but it soon glitched multiple times as the green colored screen turned red. The words had changed from 'Success' to 'Fail,' which implied he had done something wrong.

Unfortunately, he couldn't see any information about the mission itself.

"Did I fail? Did I succeed?" Clovis frowned. There were a lot of questions in his mind. It was clear that he had managed to protect the city, so he didn't know what mission he had failed.

'Everyone should be safe, so why would there be a 'mission fail?' Is it something I don't know? A hidden mission or something? But this is just a glitch, so I don't have to trust it blindly...'

Clovis fell silent, contemplating. "No, wait. The light that glitched first was red in color. So, did it fail first and somehow change its status to success?

"But if we follow this logic, it'll mean that this world is not the first simulation." Clovis gulped down.

If his speculation was correct, it meant that this world had a certain purpose.

It was to correct something wrong and somehow achieve a goal. What was this world trying to achieve?

The more he thought about it, the more ridiculous his speculation became.

"I can't really figure out what this mission is all about. If there is a glitch, shouldn't whoever created this simulation world try to fix it?"

Clovis scratched the back of his head. "Now that I think about it, there is also a mission..."

Clovis turned around and said to Reolf. "I'm sorry, but don't panic for whatever you're going to see next. This is the secret that no one knows yet. I'll be back soon."

Reolf tilted his head in confusion, but it all changed when Clovis suddenly disappeared into thin air.

"Woof?" Reolf was startled, its jaw dropped to the ground. He waved his paw a few times in Clovis' position earlier but hit nothing. It was as if Clovis had disappeared completely.

Meanwhile, Clovis had returned to Another World Mall.

"Blue..." Clovis lowered his vision. "There is a mission, right?"

[Yes, Master.]

Blue opened the system and projected it for him.

Mission: Saving Lindel City from the beast wave.

Reward: 1 Special Discount Coupon

"..." Clovis frowned. "Have I gotten it yet?"

[Progress 90%/100%]

"I see. It seems that I have to wait until the beasts are all eliminated." Clovis nodded. He couldn't help but remember the glitch from earlier.

If this was truly not the first simulation, it meant that something had changed in this simulation.

The difference was that he now had Another World Mall.

If that was the case, Another World Mall had just become even more mysterious to him. It might just be a coincidence, but Another World Mall might not be related to the simulation.

And this mall entered the simulation world and caused a change in me.

This was the only possible explanation Clovis could come up with if everything followed the second scenario.

"Is it really changing the mission from failure to success?" Clovis had to confirm it somehow. "Blue. Is this the first time we meet?"

[Yes, Master.]

"Do you know about this simulation world?"

[According to the database, the world that Master believes to be a simulation is a world that follows the natural order of physics. There are...]

Blue gave him a lot of unnecessary details, like what an AI would do, but it didn't give him the answer he wanted.

Clovis scratched the back of his head. "Never mind that."

Asking Blue would be useless. He might be able to get the answer as long as the mall keeps growing. To do that, he needed more money.

"As expected, Hana is the only solution right now. I don't know how much money I can get by relying on her, but it should be quite a lot. Of course, I shouldn't rely too much on my share of revenue..."

Clovis rubbed his chin as he fell into deep thought.

[Master. Are you going to use the discount coupon?]

Clovis was so focused on his thoughts that he didn't see Blue's message. His gaze remained blank for several minutes until he finally said, "Blue. I want to change my strategy a little bit.

"From this point on, buy everything to increase my evolution trait. Make sure that I can reach Tier 3 as quickly as possible."

[According to your request, you will need about 2 weeks if you don't share your resource with others or 4 weeks if you share it with Jay and Kanaria.]

"I'll get some money soon, so I'll try upgrading the item limit to 20 if possible. Anyway, that's my order. We'll get a lot of resources, so I think I can focus myself a bit more. Make it three weeks."

[I've received your request.]

"Also, I need a lot of food for Reolf. Considering the situation, there's a high chance that he will grow in size. Will it affect how much he needs to eat?"

[The pet food is full of nutrients.]

"So it doesn't matter since he will feel full after eating a certain amount..." Clovis sighed. It seemed that he couldn't do anything to speed up Reolf. In addition, the items' tiers depended on his own tier.

That was why he wanted to focus on reaching Tier 3. This way, Melody and Ragna would also feel the benefit of Another World Mall.

He felt that the opponents would be much stronger once they reached Hana's place.

"I guess we can solve one problem at a time since we still have two weeks. For the time being, it's better to focus on those beasts outside the wall." Before he disappeared, Clovis added, "And buy the usual using this visit, Blue."

[Understood, Master.]

Chapter 460 End

"Ha..."

"Ha..."

The people panted heavily as they watched the beasts retreating.

"Is this..."

"Are we done?"

"The beasts are retreating?!"

"We won?"

The soldiers were still in disbelief, but all the proof they needed was in front of them. The beasts actually retreated in all directions.

The walls might have cracked, but it was still intact. In front of the walls were numerous corpses, reaching almost fifty thousand in number.

After the battle that lasted for more than seven hours, the beasts finally retreated.

"We won!"

"Uooohh!"

The people cheered. Whether they were explorers or soldiers, they just hugged the people next to them, celebrating their victory.

"Are we going to chase them? There are still a lot of beasts around. They might still pose a threat." Gregory asked while glancing at Andrew, who was covered in blood.

"Wait for the commander's instruction. Besides, I don't think our men will have the energy to handle the pursuit. I think it's better if we just let them return and kill them bit by bit."

"Focusing our operation on the surface, huh?" Gregory nodded in understanding. With that plan, they should be able to kill beasts with minimal losses.

The commander let out a long sigh. He didn't manage to kill the brontosaurus, but it was also the brontosaurus that ordered the retreat. It seemed that they managed to withstand the beast wave.

While listening to the cheers of the people, the commander still had one more job to do.

"All personnel who can still move are to help the people who are lying on the ground. Don't let any of them die. However, let me declare this one thing. Everyone. This is our victory!" Even the commander clenched the radio a bit tighter at the last part as he had a hard time containing his excitement.

That voice of his caused an uproar as their cheers erupted in unison.

"Uoohhh!"

It was so loud that they felt like the wall was shaking.

They managed to do something those other cities couldn't. Despite facing so many beasts, they managed to hold on.

While they managed to win, the biggest contribution was definitely given to Clovis... albeit no one really knew him.

Clovis was the beacon that connected this city with other cities. It was due to him that they figured out the beast locations and eliminated a lot of them from the start.

While those people helped because of Jay, Erwin, or others, it didn't change the fact that it was Clovis who steered the fate of the entire battle.

It was also him who gave the order to the Panorama Group that would allow them to defeat the beasts much faster than they originally thought.

In addition, Clovis' group managed to take care of two Tier 5 assassins.

However, Clovis didn't plan to publicize this. Everything was his fault. If those assassins didn't come for his life, this wouldn't happen.

Besides, it would also cause some trouble since he planned to leave quietly.

That was why Clovis remained inside his house this whole time, receiving phone calls from multiple people, such as Aileen's grandfather or the two old men from the Renvolt and Havenson families.

It was unfortunate that he didn't have a lot of time here anymore.

"We are going to leave the city soon?" Kanaria was baffled while Melody frowned.

"Yeah. If we don't leave soon, we might not be able to leave anymore. I have made an arrangement with Hana. She will come here in three days, so please spend your time with your family or anyone you like. It's fine if you go back to your city to say your goodbye, Erwin. Just go back right after."

"Haha." Erwin chuckled. "It's fine. I have told them that once I join you guys, I'll be leaving for a long time, so there's no need to go back."

Clovis smiled apologetically.

"It looks like it's better to hide the truth about our group. This way, we won't be too noticeable and can leave the country as we like. Not that I care about those achievements..." Jay shrugged.

"Indeed. If we want it, we can just make a name for ourselves over there." Clovis agreed. While he knew the opponents would be much stronger over there, they would definitely be able to become famous like in this city. He just hoped that they weren't forced to stay or anything since it would be annoying.

"How about my younger brother?" Melody frowned.

"Don't worry. Everything has been taken care of. Hana will be sending the best team to leave. We'll transport your brother at the same time to the best hospital over there."

Melody nodded. She didn't have any more worries now that she got Clovis' assurance.

"Anyway, see you guys in three days." Clovis waved his hand as he hung up the video call.

The battle that haunted the city ended in their victory. With this, they could leave the city without any more worries.

Clovis turned to Reolf and assured him again. "Following me will definitely make you get targeted. However, I won't give you to anyone else, and I swear that I'll protect you."

"Waaf!" Reolf smiled, his eyes were filled with confidence. He, too, had an ambition. He wanted to become the king of wolves that everyone would respect and fear.

Clovis rubbed Reolf's body. There was one thing that actually bothered his mind. After knowing about the mule and the item he wanted to transport, he couldn't help but wonder if this beast wave was caused by the combination of his existence and the mule.

Those people would probably use this beast wave to come for that item.

"Dark Moon Mercenary, huh? The group Vina joined, which should be related to the mule as well. It seems that I have to pay special attention to this group. The fact that he can force a major force to make a move, even though he is only a Tier 4, he is no ordinary man."