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Chapter 46 Killing Clovis?

On the other side of the city, Lovelia's grandfather, Wellen Rusth, was sitting on his chair while glaring down at Lovelia. She was kneeling on the floor while trembling, scared of the punishment that her grandfather would give her.

"Do you know your mistake?"

"Y-Yes." Lovelia answered hurriedly, her voice was coarse.

"What do you think I should do to you? Not only did you fail to stop the bet, but you also made the situation worse with your remark. The Drake Group has heard about this matter as well, and it's going to spread even further on the Skynet. Do you know what is going to happen?"

Loveliea couldn't answer that question, but she could imagine. With the bad image of their Rusth family being portrayed on the Skynet, she could clearly see how the reputation of their family would go down.

Of course, this would implicate several people, especially their allies. When they saw such a horrible reputation, their allies would be a bit more skeptical about making a deal with them, thinking they would be dragged into this bad reputation and lose the trust of people.

Their enemies might use this to turn this flame into a blaze to burn down their family. Last but not least, they would lose the connection to Ivan and the Drake Group.

That was why, for a big family, saving one's face was not a simple matter. Each of them was like a celebrity, where one wrong word could cause a lot of damage to their image.

Wellen pinched the bridge of his nose before raising his head and asking, "How much do I need to pay to kill someone?"

Suddenly, two people emerged from the ceiling.

"!!!" Lovelia couldn't help but tremble. She didn't recognize these two guys, but from the way her father spoke, she could guess their identity.

'The Dark Emerald Organization? The one who is said to have a lot of assassins operating under a great power in the south?'

Lovelias didn't say a single word because she was afraid that her grandfather would be angrier and end up killing her as well.

"May we ask the target?"

Wellen took out his device and showed the picture of Clovis. "I want you guys to kill him tonight. How much is it?"

"..." The two assassins fell silent for a moment before they suddenly pulled out their blades, placing them right in front of Wellen's neck.

Wellen's expression darkened as he asked, "What do you think you two are doing?"

"We refuse this mission. And if you are going to kill him yourself or send another assassin, we will inform the headquarters about your action. So, be prepared for the extinction of your family."

"Hoh? Your words are not light, you know?" Wellen glared at them as if he wanted to kill them.

"Obviously, the two of us won't be enough to fight you. However, if we can suggest one thing, you should learn about your target first before asking us. We are also planning to kill him without your request, but the headquarters have specified that we can't kill him with a human's hand, only beasts. If violated, there won't be any Dark Emerald Organization anymore in this world.

Of course, you, who have asked us this way, will also be exterminated."

"!!!" Wellen and Lovelia couldn't help but raise their eyebrows as if they couldn't believe what they had just heard.

They never thought that even the Dark Emerald Group wouldn't dare to kill Clovis and had to stick to the rule.

What kind of group was the Dark Emerald Group? It was the largest and most powerful assassination group. They had completed numerous tasks and dared to kill anyone, including the government's relatives as long as the price was right.

Yet, they were actually afraid of killing this kid. How could they believe it?

Wellen asked with a grim expression. "Who is he actually?"

"His real name is Clovis Hacfield."

"Hacfield? That Hacfield?" Wellen's body shook as he couldn't help but stand up. At the same time, the assassins pulled back their blades. "Is he related to Michael Hacfield? One of the only few Tier 9 Explorers in the world."

The assassins didn't say anything. He didn't know what was going on between Michael Hacfield and the Dark Emerald Group, but he could see why the Dark Emerald Group was actually scared of this kid.

If Michael Hacfield truly made his move, he might destroy this entire city with only a few punches. With his strength and the weight of his words, every single connection would be traced and exterminated.

If one asked who among the top explorers they didn't want to anger, it would be Michael Hacfield. Because of the nature of his family, whose influence was big but always small in number, Michael Hacfield could do all kinds of reckless things without a lot of repercussions.

Wellen clenched his fists. "But isn't he..."

"He is proclaimed missing. However, there is no news about his death. There is a chance that he suddenly returns and stirs up a huge ruckus because of what happened. Before missing, he left behind one message to all his enemies.

"If you want to kill my family, do it without using your own hands. Anyone that breaks that rule will face my wrath even if I have to kill the lord of hell to destroy you."

"..." Wellen gnashed his teeth. If this was true, then he truly had no other choice. He could probably bring a Tier 3 or even Tier 4 beast. But those beasts were too deep in their territory. One wrong move would also cause him to be severely injured.

And this also explained why there was a Tier 2 snake in the competition. They must be the culprits. Even the Dark Emerald Group could only resort to this method.

If Clovis had heard that message, he would have realized that the beast wave that destroyed his previous city might actually be related to that message.

However, Wellen had another concern. Ivan might be the genius of the city, but even if he could grow in the future, could he actually become a Tier 9 Explorer? The Drake Group invested in him because they had no doubt that Ivan could become a Tier 6 or even Tier 7 explorer.

A high evolution rate or unparalleled talent were not enough if they wanted to become a Tier 8 explorer. And only the most insane one could become a Tier 9 Explorer.

That was why, compared to Michael Hacfield, Ivan or the Drake Group were just like an ant that could be killed with a single squeeze.

But for someone like him, he couldn't help but see the bigger picture. The Renvolt and Havenson families had been close to each other. Kanaria and Jay were their heirs.

Putting Jay aside, Kanaria was similar to his granddaughter. He put Lovelia by Ivan's side so that Ivan would fall in love with her and eventually marry her, forming that connection.

But after knowing that Kanaria was on Clovis's side, he felt like he wanted to spat a mouthful of blood.

Why did he even bother with Ivan? If he knew that Clovis was connected to Hacfield, he would have pushed Lovelia toward her. And now it was too late. There was no way Kanaria would allow Lovelia to get close.

Just thinking of the victory smile that Kanaria's mother had because of this was pissing him off.

"Does the Drake Group know this?" Wellen asked.

"They should be doing the same thing as you. And our supervisor is probably the one taking care of that side. If you want to join us and adhere to this method, we'll welcome you. But if you are going to personally kill him, you have to face us first."

Wellen looked at Lovelia coldly. He wanted to punish her so badly, but this was not the time. Because of her action, the chance of reconciliation was thin, especially since Kanaria was with Clovis.

Hence, there was only one thing to do.

"Lovelias. According to the agreement, that Vins should be following him, right?"

"Y-yes!" Lovelia answered weakly.

"Then, get close to her. Even if you can't join that lowly bastard Ivan anymore, make sure that you are close to her. Find everything you can regarding Clovis and his group's movement. Don't ever get caught. Even if reconciliation is not possible, don't make it look even worse. If you can do this, I will forget about today's matter and not give you any punishment.

But if you make another mistake, forget about the 'Rusth' in your name."

Lovelias, while shaking, politely bowed her head. "Yes, Grandfather."

Of course, there was no way Wellen would sit still just because of this. There was only one way to ensure the prosperity of his family, which was to kill Clovis. This way, Kanarias status wouldn't rise because of her connection to Hacfield.

However, Lovelia didn't need to know it because she might make another blunder and tell Clovis about it.

As the assassins said, the Drake Group's president was also facing the Dark Emerald Group. He was warned about his intention of killing Clovis.

Obviously, he was not having it. Unfortunately for him, no matter how angry he was, the Dark Emerald Group didn't plan to listen to him. In the end, he could only swallow his anger for the time being.

The one who could smile because of all this was none other than Vania Renvolt. She never thought that Clovis was in this town. Her daughter was even in the same group as her.

These two alone were already enough for her to protect him.

As for Clovis, while he wasn't completely clueless, he still didn't understand the depth of the problem that centered around him. All he could do was get stronger as quickly as possible.

Chapter 47 Shopping

'I am rich.' Clovis thought while looking at the money in his account. 'Or not... this is the group's money. I think I can register them first in Another World Mall before giving them the money the next day.'

However, his thoughts were cut short by the receptionist.

"Are you sure you want to keep this, sir? Do you not wish to sell it?" The receptionist asked while looking at the beast soul.

"Yeah. I will keep it." Clovis nodded with a serious expression. With this, he had two beast souls at the moment.

"This is the information about the beast soul." The receptionist handed a piece of paper to Clovis.

Beast Soul Information.

Name: Venom of Yurlunggur

Tier: 2

Description: Allow the user to release a potent poison from their mouth.

Clovis couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows. On the one hand, it looked extremely useful for short-range combat. On the other hand, he didn't plan to use it and even if he gave it to Jay, the latter wouldn't accept it.

'I don't know the reason why Grandfather told me that if I wanted to become an explorer, I shouldn't merge with a beast soul... but I guess I should follow his instructions. In the end, my grandfather is much more powerful and experienced in this matter.'

"Alright. Thank you very much." Clovis politely nodded to the receptionist.

"Thank you for using our service." The receptionist politely bowed to him.

Without hesitation, Clovis immediately headed back to his inn, preparing to enter the Another World Mall.

"I sold only a little of my portion since I got a lot of money from Jay and Kanaria's portions. In addition to the cash prize, I think I will have about 85 thousand in my otherworldly balance. This is a big amount of money. Clovis fell silent for a moment. "Now that I think about it, shouldn't I check the thing in my house?

"No, wait. What if I use this opportunity to reveal the mysterious power of the Hacfield family? I could tell them that my evolution to Tier 1 Explorer is because of this mysterious method, right?

"I could use this as an excuse to slowly introduce them to the items from Another World Mall. Ah, that's right. I should also find a cook. With this, I can buy a lot of things from the Another World Mall. If I can share the vegetables with the others, we can get stronger together.

"With this amount of money, I think I can increase the purchase limit. And after a while of hunting Tier 1 and Tier 2 beasts after the evolution, I can increase the visit limit.

"Also, I need to balance it with the membership upgrade. Still, should I give them the clothes to protect them?

"For now, I think I will use this to upgrade the purchase limit as well as the membership. Depending on the cost, I might even upgrade it twice."

Clovis pumped his fists. His progress was extremely fast at the moment, but he knew that once he became stronger, it would become much harder to progress. That was why he had to plan his move early.

Clovis continued thinking about his current plan until midnight arrived. Without hesitation, Clovis teleported to the Another World Mall.

As soon as he reached the mall, he opened the screen panel to check his status.

[Name: Clovis Hacfield.]

[Membership: Level 4 (Novice)]

[Money: 87,330 Otherworldly Coins.]

[Item Limit: 6/Visit]

[Visit: 0(1)/Day]

"Oh!" Clovis became excited after seeing the amount of money. He never thought that it would be this easy to get money. Then again, he had endured a lot of life and death battles, especially against the Tier 2 snake.

In fact, the Tier 2 snake to drop essence alone gave him about forty thousand dollars. Unfortunately, because of the injury, he couldn't do much afterward, causing the rate of their kills dropped significantly.

If he wasn't injured that severely, he might even get a hundred twenty if not a hundred thirty thousand dollars after the competition.

Still, Clovis was pretty satisfied with this progress.

"Now that I think about it, the higher the monsters, the more expensive the essence, right? In fact, Essence Bank won't have them in stock and usually only releases them during an auction. I guess I shouldn't think much about money right now since there will be a lot to earn in the future."

Clovis let out a sigh. Before upgrading his item limit, there was something much more important.

Clovis opened the membership again to check the cost of the upgrade.

Membership: Level 4 (Better Novice)

Upgrade Membership: 10,000 Otherworld Coins/Month.

Benefit: Boutique Upgrade

"Yeah. The upgrade after this won't affect the number of items because I can upgrade it myself. This Another World Mall is quite tricky to use, but it has a simple approach." Clovis gulped down and pressed the upgrade button.

In an instant, ten thousand coins instantly disappeared from his pocket.

"Kh." Clovis gritted his teeth, knowing how painful it was to have all this hard-earned money gone.

He noticed that the boutique was shining a bit more brightly before returning to normal. There didn't seem to be any change in the boutique, but he chose to focus on the membership first.

Membership: Level 5 (Better Novice)

Upgrade Membership: 20,000 Otherworld Coins/Month.

Benefit: Boutique Upgrade

"The benefit is the same. But if I upgrade this, I will only have fifty thousand coins left. Well, this should be enough, right?"

Clovis lowered his head for a moment, pondering carefully. He believed that fifty thousand were enough for the time being, so he pressed the upgrade button one more time.

Like earlier, the boutique shone brightly to show its transformation. Even though he believed he had done enough, he still couldn't help but look at the membership, which completely defeated him this time.

Membership: Level 6 (Better Novice)

Upgrade Membership: 50,000 Otherworld Coins/Month.

Benefit: Store +1

"Oh?! I guess every three levels, there will be a new store. I wonder what is going to open this time. Don't tell me, a kid store? A bookstore? Or maybe another clothing store?"

Clovis was kind of curious, but if he upgraded it once more, he wouldn't have enough money to last him for several days.

Hence, he chose to go to the boutique store this time.

Clovis noticed a few things in the stores. It seemed that the boutique sold things other than the top. He noticed trousers or sweatpants.

Name: Lazy Vampire Sweatpants

Description: The sweatpants made for lazy people. It has a magical effect that makes the user have the urge to train their bodies.

Effect: Energized Effect and Agility +3

Price: 6,500 Otherworldly Coins.

Name: Minotaur Jeans

Description: Jeans made with the minotaur in mind. It can be used by others as the material can stretch so far. It can even hold a lot of things inside as big as the minotaur's legs.

Effect: Small Storage

Price: 5,800 Otherworldly Coins.

"These two... I don't think I need the jeans right now. But the sweatpants are quite interesting. Should I get a pair for me and Jay? Nah, let me see the other things first."

Clovis moved to the female section to see if there was another item he could buy for Kanaria.

But what he found couldn't help but make him bewildered.

Name: Elf Shorts

Description: Perfect for moving around in the forest, tailored for the elves.

Effect: Agility +5 and Camouflage +1

Price: 7,200 Otherworldly Coins.

Name: Magical Skirt

Description: A magical skirt that is imbued with gentle magical energy.

Effect: Charm +3 and Cooling Effect

Price: 5,200 Otherworldly Coins.

"What the hell with this boutique? The shorts for elves? A magical skirt? But both of them barely cover anything. Do they make it sexy but impractical? But the effect is so freaking useful." Clovis clutched his head.

The shorts looked like they would benefit Kanaria, but at the same time, she would definitely think of him as a pervert.

"Kh. Who has this Another World Mall? The guy who creates this mall must be a pervert." Clovis shook his head helplessly. However, his eyes were still glued to the shorts because of how useful they were.

However, he noticed one more thing.

Name: Mysterious Silk Jacket

Description: A jacket made of special thread that is very durable. It can act as a small pillow, reducing the impact.

Effect: Defense +7

Price: 8,800 Otherworldly Coins.

"..." Clovis fell silent for a moment. On the one hand, this jacket was extremely useful for him. If he wore it on top of his shirt, it would definitely improve his defense by a lot. The attack from the Tier 2 snake might not injure him that severely anymore. On the other hand, it didn't seem that the others would find use of it, even though this jacket was the most normal one.

"Should I?" Clovis thought for a moment. "Maybe I should buy this jacket for me, the sweatpants for Jay, and the shorts for Kanaria. Well, I am going to introduce it sooner or later, so this might be a perfect chance like maybe for a celebration. We don't have a cook, so I can't introduce the food right now. These items will be perfect substitutes."

Clovis pondered this matter carefully and decided to buy them, which totaled 22,500 Otherworldly Coins. In addition to the membership upgrade, he had spent more than fifty thousand coins.

He still had about thirty five thousand, which he planned to spend for the item limit upgrade and saved the rest for later.

Chapter 48 Operator

"Item limit!" Clovis pressed the upgrade button on the purchase limit. It seemed that the cost would be much more than he originally expected.

After he increased the item limit, the coins he needed to upgrade it one more time increased.

[Upgrade.]

[+1 Item Limit for 10,000 coins.]

[+1 Visit for 100,000 coins.]

"Hmm..." Clovis looked at his remaining coins.

[Name: Clovis Hacfield.]

[Membership: Level 4 (Novice)]

[Money: 29,830 Otherworldly Coins.]

[Item Limit: 7/Visit]

[Visit: 0(1)/Day]

"Hmm... I only have less than thirty thousand. If I press another upgrade, it will be less than twenty thousand. I can still sell a bit of the essence, which should give me about five to ten thousand, but it won't impact my financial status that much."

Clovis was wondering if he should take the risk, but with the super injections, he was close to the evolution. And he planned to invite Jay and Kanaria to his house after this.

So, it wouldn't be wise if he spent all the essence without leaving some for the last bit of progress.

After some contemplation, Clovis decided to stop for the time being. Although thirty thousand was a lot of money, in a blink of an eye, he had actually spent close to sixty thousand coins. So, it was better to stop and use the remaining slots for the food.

Since his Muscle was about to reach a hundred percent, he bought the other four attributes each an item. This should be enough for the time being.

"Alright. I'm done with the preparation. After the super injection, I will invite them to my house. With Jay and Kanaria around, the people who are eyeing my house shouldn't dare to come. In exchange, I will gift them these clothes."

With this plan in mind, Clovis finally left the Another World Mall to sleep. It was a very tiring day.

Clovis didn't pay attention to it, but he was actually about to evolve into a Tier 1 explorer in less than two weeks since he awakened. It was extremely fast, considering Clovis got all this chance with his own hard work. Of course, he had to thank the Another World Mall for giving him items that improved his evolution attributes and didn't affect his low evolution rate.

While Clovis was retiring for the night, Jay was actually still working on. He was holding his blade and swinging it again and again. However, his wrists were attached to a big dumbbell, and his sword also had a weight on it.

Jay couldn't help but remember what happened during the snake's subjugation.

"Ha... Ha..." Jay breathed heavily while thinking, 'Clovis's sword couldn't penetrate the skin of that snake. However, that was understandable because Clovis just awoke not long ago.

'But what about me? I had progressed a lot, but I was still not strong enough. Even that Ivan could do it... Even though there was only a little difference in our evolution rate, he was still much stronger than me in terms of technique.

'I have thought that my talent is above most people, but I am just being complacent. Despite his low evolution rate, my captain is much stronger than me. I couldn't even do much during the fight.

'Ivan should be my peer, but he is much more useful than me. I can't let this be. Who am I? I am Jay Havenson. My weapon is a saber and I am supposed to be able to cut everything.

'My swing speed, the force, and even the physical strength required... I know what I should do to get stronger. The super injection is not enough. Clovis always said that he would train much harder than me. If such an amazing person continued like that, how could I let myself lose to him?'

Jay kept swinging the entire night, letting out his frustration. He was completely useless. Even though he delivered the killing blow, it was because of Clovis's gun and Ivan's cut.

In the end, he just took the glory without the skill to back it up.

As he said to Kanaria, meeting Clovis might be a blessing for him. He finally realized how weak he was compared to the real monsters, but he didn't plan to lose to them.

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The next day.

The group finally met up and went to Essence Bank together.

On the way, Clovis said, "By the way, guys. After the super injection, you can go ahead and have lunch. I have a low evolution rate, so I'll be late. And after that, I hope you can spare some time since I want to talk about something important."

"Okay." Kanaria nodded. "That's right. I have been thinking about this, but shouldn't we get another member soon? I mean, there are a few important roles, like a cook, an operator, and a doctor.

"Right now, Clovis is often injured, so having a doctor will be nice. A cook will be good too since we will have better food. As for an operator, do you know the role of an operator, Clovis?"

"An operator?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion.

"I guess I have to start from there. An operator actually plays a fairly important role in the group. There are two types of operators: a Mobile Operator and a Camping Operator. The camping operator is basically staying at their location while monitoring the situation. On the other hand, a mobile operator will be moving with us while doing the same.

"You can basically say that the mobile operator is the better version since they need strength and martial prowess," Kanaria explained.

"So, what is the operator's job?" Clovis asked.

"Their job is pretty complicated. My mother is a mobile operator. She is monitoring the radar that each party member has. There are also a few items specialized for mobile operators like Sky Glasses where you can see maps that will be updated by the operators in real time. The mobile operator usually brings a transmitter so that they can update the information.

"Not only radar, but they can even update information like routes and other dangerous zones in real time. With all the equipment, they can even update data regarding the beasts. So, they are extremely useful in the battle.

"There are a lot of camping operators, but not a lot of mobile operators. So, I think finding them is hard, but very rewarding."

Clovis listened to Kanaria's explanation and couldn't help but agree. If an operator handled all that, it would be extremely beneficial to add them to the party. However, it would be hard to find them.

"What should I do..." Clovis pondered for a moment. On the one hand, recruiting them would be the priority. On the other hand, he wondered what kind of thing could entice them. Would it be money? Would it be fame?

Clovis had to carefully consider their needs because of their important roles.

"I will think about it for now. If we happen to find them, then yes, I will try to recruit them. But if we can't find one that suits our party, I will hire a camping one for a while."

"That sounds good."

On the way, Clovis kept thinking about an operator. But no matter how hard he thought about it, he couldn't find a single person.

In the end, they reached Essence Bank. When they showed the certificates, the staff led them to a room in the back of the building.

Inside this room, Clovis could see a few giant tanks filled with liquid.

The manager smiled at them as he said, "Welcome. You three will receive the super injections. If you take a look at the capsules on that side..." The manager pointed at six capsules stationed in the corner of the room. "You just have to enter the capsule, and we will do the rest."

"What is inside the capsule?" Clovis asked.

"Oh. That's the freezing liquid. You may have noticed it, but whenever you inject your body with essence, you will feel a bit sluggish or even heat up. That's because it's a reaction from the essence, trying to reject the fusion of the cell. Your body continues to force the fusion until everything is done. The liquid is to suppress that side effect, allowing you to continue much faster."

"It's not filled with essence." Clovis raised his eyebrows.

"No. The essence is from this..." The manager pointed at the large tube in the center of the room. "The liquid in front of you is mixed with a lot of essence. Our system can precisely calculate your need and match it with your evolution rate so that the progress will be the same as it's stated."

"I see." Clovis nodded with a serious expression. Essence Bank shouldn't do anything weird to them since Kanaria and Jay were famous locally. So, this should be a safe method.

In the end, the manager asked them to change their clothes to special clothing for the injection. It looked similar to a patient's clothes in a hospital, but Clovis didn't think much about it.

When they were about to enter, the staff stabbed their veins with a needle. It seemed to be connected to the liquid tank, so they didn't mind it.

They put on an oxygen mask before submerging into the liquid. After everything had been set up properly, they finally began the injection.

Clovis was quite curious about this super injection. Since he would take a lot more essence compared to the other two, he wondered what kind of side effects he would have. Then again, the staff should have calculated it since they already knew about his evolution rate.

'Let's experience this.' Clovis thought as he closed his eyes.

Chapter 49 Absurd

When the super injection began, Clovis didn't feel anything yet. He couldn't help but remember the feeling he experienced every time he injected the essence into his body.

At first, there wouldn't be any other sensation. But when more and more essence was injected, Clovis felt the heat building up in him as though his body was trying to neutralize the unknown object in his body.

Because of his low evolution rate, there was more essence that he needed to absorb, so it made the situation for him trickier.

If they injected too much, they would replace the liquid in Clovis's body too much, which might harm him or even kill him. That was why they were more careful with Clovis than the others.

Clovis gradually felt the heat in his body as his immune system was neutralizing the essence and tried to assimilate with it.

On the left hand, where the liquid came from, there was no sensation as if it had become extremely numb. However, the real effect came from all five evolution attributes.

The first to react was his heart. The pumping rate increased significantly as though he had been sprinting for several minutes.

After that, his muscles started crying like when he practiced heavily after not doing it for a long time. But the pain wasn't that unbearable compared to the one coming from his bones.

It was a sharp pain that spread to all his bones as if he were being nailed from all sides.

Clovis gritted his teeth, but he still continued, enduring this pain. After the bones, the blood started convulsing.

Due to the influx of essence coming into the veins, the rate at which blood was flowing became less and less. Clovis's face gradually turned pale. Still, all these couldn't be compared to what he felt from the last one, his brain.

At first, his brain felt like there were thousands of ants crawling around it. However, his ears soon started ringing so loudly that it hurt, his eyes were as though they were going to jump out of their sockets, and his noses plugged up, forcing Clovis to gasp for air.

"How is the situation?" The manager asked.

"We have injected a total of one liter of essence into their bodies." The scientist, who was maintaining the injection rate, carefully reported.

"One liter..." The manager glanced at the three, noticing the difference.

Kanaria and Jay were shivering as if their bodies were screaming to stop so that they could digest them first. But Clovis was still calm. He looked like he was in pain, but he still endured it.

"He is the one with the 15% evolution rate, right?" The manager muttered with a solemn expression. "I don't know how he can even come down here with that evolution rate, but it's clear that this boy is extraordinary. His endurance is much higher than that of the others. But even with this endurance, the other two can complete it six times faster.

Well, it can also be said that this guy will suffer six times more than them."

The manager looked at the scientist and asked, "What is his body's capacity?"

"According to the calculation, it's about 2,600 ml."

"In that case, gradually increase it to 1,500 for now and we'll see his capability. If he still can endure, we will go to 2,000 ml. However, we won't go beyond that point."

"Understood." The scientist nodded with a serious expression as he increased the dosage while looking at the injection carefully.

As soon as the dose was increased, Clovis could feel the sudden burst of pain. He didn't know why, but a few beasts came to his mind. One of them was the dire wolf that he killed previously.

The image was so vivid that he couldn't help but imagine himself facing the dire wolf once again. However, unlike the previous fight, he somehow couldn't move his body as if he were just drowning in the bottomless sea.

The dire wolf suddenly opened its mouth and bit his entire shoulder off.

"Kh." Clovis gritted his teeth. His face looked distorted, but it was somehow bearable for the current him.

"Hu... hu..." Clovis's breath gradually became heavy as he was having a hard time adjusting to the current dosage.

There were several other images of beasts that he didn't know that ended up trying to kill him. Luckily, this wasn't enough to crush his spirit.

On the other hand, the manager outside noticed something weird.

Even after reaching the new dosage, Clovis's reaction seemed to haven't changed.

"What is this? Are you sure you have injected the correct dosage?" The manager asked. Clovis's reaction hadn't changed much.

"Yes, manager. Please take a look at the data. It's 2,000 ml. However, there is also something weird about him. The absorption rate in his body is actually..." The scientist sucked a cold breath. "The rate is actually four times that of the other two."

"What?" The manager dropped his jaw. "What did you say?"

Without waiting for the scientist, the manager hurriedly checked the data himself. And it was truly shocking.

"What is actually happening?" The manager clenched his fists. "He is this abnormal when he only has a 15% evolution rate... What if this person has the same evolution rate as the other two?"

They simply couldn't believe it. At the same time, they pitied Clovis. If only the world were fair, Clovis would definitely become an extremely talented individual.

"This kind of fusion rate is unheard of. When one is getting the super injection, they usually get a visual of the beasts that are trying to destroy their bodies. The only way to increase the evolution rate is to defeat those beasts at their own will. However, the procedure makes them feel like they're sinking into a bottomless sea. It's impossible to kill them." The scientist sucked a cold breath.

No one had ever heard about this before. How could Clovis kill those beasts when he couldn't do anything?

"Store the data for later." The manager ordered while looking at Clovis solemnly. This was the agreement between Essence Bank and the government. By agreeing to support this project, they could collect data on how the essence behaved on people's bodies.

And obviously, Clovis's case was something they had never seen before.

"Understood. Should we increase the dosage again?" The scientist asked.

The manager felt his hands were itchy as if he wanted to increase the dosage. However, destroying a weird talent like this was something he didn't want to do.

In the end, he continued with his initial decision. "No. Maintain the current rate. In the end, he still needs a longer time to absorb the essence compared to the other two. So, we still get plenty of data. I believe that the kid will appear again in the future for a Tier 1 super injection.

Only then would we discuss it with him."

"Understood." The scientist nodded in agreement.

The manager looked at Clovis, wondering who the hell he was. The name registered was the same one written on the competition, so he didn't know about Clovis's last name.

Meanwhile, Clovis was currently in his immersion.

"Kill! Kill!" Clovis roared while trying to slash these beasts.

At first, he couldn't move at all, but after getting used to it, he remembered a certain piece of advice from his grandfather. It was related to his image training.

He didn't know why but the image planted in his mind became much more vivid. For example, he imagined himself moving his right hand, which caused his right hand in this bottomless ocean to move.

"I don't know what's going on, but this is the first time I feel this way. Is it because this place is so dark and serene that my imagination becomes more vivid?" Clovis looked down, contemplating. "I'm not sure, but there are three things that my grandfather always urged me to do. The first was image training and the second was to never take any beast soul. I wonder why?"

Even Clovis didn't understand why he could actually do this. There was even Another World Mall appearing in his thoughts, thinking his Another World Mall had something special other than selling items.

Unfortunately, Clovis couldn't find the answer no matter how hard he thought and decided to just kill the incoming beasts that appeared in his mind.

As calculated, Jay was the first to come out. He managed to fully absorb two super injections within two hours, which was a normal time for someone with his evolution rate. Kanaria finished half an hour later.

Unbeknownst to them, Clovis was actually doing something amazing. Because the manager didn't react much after the initial shock, they didn't realize it.

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"Congratulations. You've completed the super injections." The manager's voice echoed in Kanaria's ears as the capsule was opened from the outside.

Kanaria looked left and right, feeling a bit weird because of the absorption earlier. Her memory was a bit fuzzy, but she soon found Jay in the corner of the room, waiting for them.

"Hmm?" Kanaria opened her data.

Name: Kanaria Renvolt

Tier: 0

Evolution Rate: 92%

Brain: 96.1%

Heart: 100%

Blood: 100%

Muscle: 92.09%

Bones: 98.05%

Kanaria nodded her head, confirming that the super injection was done. She only needed to inject a bit more essence to fill up the remaining progress before evolving into Tier 1 Explorer.

"Thank you."

"Please." The manager extended his hand before helping her up. Kanaria was guided by another staff to the changing room so that she could take a shower before changing back into her original clothes.

After she was done, she came to Jay so that they could wait together.

"Jay. How is Clovis?" Kanaria asked.

"There is nothing wrong for the time being. In fact, it's progressing so well that I'm about to doze off right now." Jay assured Kanaria.

"Is that so?" Kanaria felt relieved. At the same time, she remembered that Clovis's evolution rate required him to take at least six times longer than them.

"Should I go first? Maybe bring us something to eat?" Jay asked.

Kanaria thought for a moment. On the one hand, they had promised to leave together. On the other hand, it would still take a few more hours for Clovis, so Kanaria nodded her head.

"Sure." Kanaria actually agreed with the arrangement.

But to their surprise, the manager actually stopped them.

"Ah. You don't have to worry about that. It seems that your friend won't take too long." The manager approached them while asking, "Do you know who your friend is?"

"Is there something wrong?" Kanaria asked while furrowing her eyebrows.

"It's nothing much. His fusion rate is higher than yours, so I think he is extraordinary as well. If only he had a high evolution rate, I believe that he could become a one-of-a-kind talent." The manager explained, trying to probe for more information about Clovis.

"I see. We're not sure either. We joined his group not too long ago, so we were not at the stage where we could talk about personal topics like that." Kanaria shook her head helplessly, lying about it.

Clovis didn't want his personal information to be known. So, she just acted like she didn't know anything.

Even though Jay didn't care much about his identity, he was still an heir of a big family. So he instantly understood why Kanaria acted this way and nodded to confirm Kanaria's words.

Seeing their reaction, the manager could only let out a long sigh, saying, "I understand. From the looks of it, he doesn't seem to be someone who has just entered this city. I thought that you two would have known him for a bit longer."

"What do you mean?" Kanaria tilted her head in confusion.

"You don't know about his evolution attributes?" The manager raised his eyebrows. With Clovis's evolution rate, Clovis should have been hunting for at least two months, no, three months.

Kanaria shook her head helplessly. How could she know? She had never heard anything about this.

The last time Kanaria saw Clovis's attributes, they were still normal.

Seeing it was useless to ask for more information, he decided to shake his head, saying, "Well, that's fine. Either way, your friend is going to be done in about one hour and a few minutes. If you want to wait, then please wait. If you end up leaving, I'm afraid you guys have to wait outside."

Jay and Kanaria exchanged looks. It seemed that they had no choice. "Alright. We'll wait."

As the manager said, Clovis's capsule released a beeping sound, indicating that he was done.

The manager rushed to Clovis. "Congratulations. You have completed the super injections."

Clovis acted similar to Kanaria, feeling a bit clueless. It might be because of what he did earlier that before he could say something, his stomach was the one answering the manager.

Growl!

"!!!" The manager widened his eyes in shock. He thought, 'During the super injection, the liquid should slow down his body's metabolism. I haven't heard anything about them being hungry after completing the super injections. There are a few explanations for his hunger...'

The manager couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows, realizing that the reason Clovis had a high fusion rate was because he had been fighting those beasts. In other words, Clovis could actually move inside that place.

'How in the world?' The manager thought for a moment before asking, "You are quite good, young man. This is the first time I heard someone was hungry after this session. Maybe you have worked a lot during the process, like fighting those beasts?"

Clovis nonchalantly said, "It's tiring."

"I see. If you'd like to rest, we have a break room." The manager smiled, trying to lure him so that he could get more data.

However, Clovis noticed Kanaria and Jay behind him. Kanaria was gesturing that they should eat outside, while in reality, Kanaria was simply trying to drag Clovis out so that he didn't give more information than necessary. It might even be linked to his identity as the grandson of Michael Hacfield.

Clovis hurriedly shook his head. "No. I'm good. I have promised my friends that we will be celebrating in a restaurant after this, so..."

Clovis didn't continue, but that was enough for the manager. He let out a long sigh before saying, "Alright. Please take a shower to rinse off the liquid from your body."

"Thank you." Clovis smiled politely before standing up.

It didn't take too long for Clovis to change back and the group immediately left the room.

The manager might personally see them off, but he immediately called out someone once they were gone.

"Manager of Rizben Underground City Branch, Lornd. I have encountered an interesting case that I'd like to report to the main branch. Am I speaking to Mr. Frey?"

"Indeed. An interesting case? I will see the report later. There is no need for you to use the special line to inform me. I'm currently in a meeting."

"No, Sir. I think you need to hear this first. It appears that there is someone with a fusion rate four times higher than normal."

"..." The other end seemed to be silent for a moment before asking for confirmation. "Are you sure? The exact rate aside, who is that person? Is he Tier 3 or Tier 4?"

"No, sir. I'm talking about a new explorer. In other words, a Tier 0 explorer."

"Tier 0..." It seemed that the matter was so shocking that he couldn't believe it.

"A talented Tier 3 or Tier 4 Explorer should be able to increase their fusion rate, but Tier 2 or below shouldn't have awakened the power, right? Do you know who he is?"

"I'm afraid not, sir. The only thing I have is 'Clovis.' That's all."

"Alright. I will try to inquire about that name later. Make sure you keep a close eye on him. Also, I'm sure that he has sold his essence to the bank, so track his record. If he shows an abnormal exchange rate, inform me again."

"Yes, Sir."

The manager hung up, but the intention was already clear. Clovis didn't know yet that his name had been registered as a special individual at Essence Bank.

On the other hand, Clovis, Jay, and Kanaria happily entered a restaurant to celebrate their victory, not realizing the damage they had done.

While waiting for their food, Clovis couldn't help but ask, "By the way, do you want to come to my house? I am thinking about going back to the surface soon."

"Are you talking about the facility that my mother told us about?" Kanaria asked.

"Yeah. I'm a bit curious about it." Clovis didn't deny it. "Well, we're planning to join a raid in one month, right? I'm wondering if we should go up right now and roam on the surface to familiarize ourselves with the battle on the surface. Unlike the underground world, there are a lot of buildings humans made on the surface."

Kanaria and Jay exchanged looks. It didn't seem to be a bad idea, considering the battle would be a bit different from what they had experienced so far.

"I don't see a problem." Jay shook his head. "It's been almost two months since I left home. Since your mother saw me here, I believe she talked it out with my parents. Though, I might have to stay in your house, Clovis. I don't want to get reprimanded by my parents."

"If you don't mind my humble home, then sure."

"That's settled then."