

World Mall 471

Chapter 471 Promotion

"Kh! Come out!" Erwin shouted as a pair of spider legs emerged from behind.

"This is...a partial summons?" Doctor Gen raised his eyebrows. "Wow. This is just the first step. You should be able to completely summon all eight legs in a few hours. I believe in you."

"..." Hana's eyebrows twitched. Why did these people manage to summon their beast souls so fast? It had only been two and a half hours since they started training.

While it was true that knowing the trick would hasten the progress, she never thought they could do it at such a speed.

The one who remained calm this whole time was Jay. He was sitting in a lotus pose as though he were meditating.

But even after everything that happened, there was no reaction from Jay.

They didn't know if Jay had failed or not, but his eyebrows twitched the moment he heard Erwin had almost succeeded.

There was no way he could afford to lose against Erwin.

Meanwhile, Cain and the others were still trying hard, unable to figure out how to do it.

Clovis was observing them as well. Since they were so talented, one person should have succeeded by now, but the result was a bit disappointing.

'Is there something missing? Is there an item affecting their success rate? The items from Another World Mall?

'I have been feeding them all the food items, so does that help them? Or is it because of the equipment, either the clothes or accessories?

'Or maybe those books are useful? Kanaria's night vision should be similar to the vision book I gave, right?'

Clovis looked down, falling into deep thought.

Meanwhile, Hana came to Cain and the others and said, "Don't feel down. I know you guys can do it. Just don't compare yourself to these guys for a different reason. They're talented, but..."

Hana didn't continue, but she basically told that Clovis' team had a secret. It was probably why they were recruited.

Of course, Hana didn't know about Another World Mall.

She just misunderstood that Clovis' unique ability was something related to the group. That was the reason why Jay and Kanaria would be so abnormal. In fact, Erwin, Ragna, and Melody progressed by leaps and bounds after meeting Clovis.

If Clovis continued on this path, it wouldn't be weird for people to figure out about this ability.

At the same time, he didn't seem to be keeping it a secret. He only didn't tell people openly.

"Is that the reason why you invite them here, Miss? Are you trying to recruit them to the company?"

"Nope. They will be close to us but won't ever be a part of us." Hana shook her head helplessly. She, too, wanted Clovis to be under her, but as the grandson of a Tier 9 human as well as a person with a big ambition, there was no way Clovis would be someone's subordinate. "Anyway, just don't ask them about anything. They have a lot of secrets that are better left alone."

Cain could only sigh and change the topic by asking, "Should we also do the promotion like them, Miss?"

Hana nodded. "Of course. However, I have prepared a different type that will be suitable for you guys."

Cain nodded, his eyes kept glancing at Clovis and the others.

Noticing his gaze, Hana knew what he thought. But the first team of her OpenSky company would be them, so he didn't have to worry.

After taking a look at the clock, Hana returned to Clovis and the others.

"Please take a break for a moment. There is something I want to say." Hana raised her voice. She had to get back to her work soon, so it was better to explain it to them first.

"Hmm?" Clovis frowned. "About the promotion?"

"Yep!" Hana confirmed it with a nod.

Jay and the others chose to stop for a moment, considering they would be responsible for this.

"What do you want us to do? I hope it's not something hard." Clovis was already suspicious because of her smile.

And it seemed he was right. Hana smiled, "You are going to school!"

"Stop! Stop it!" Clovis grabbed Hana's shoulder. While Clovis was not an idiot, there was no way he wanted to learn things that didn't matter in his life.

Hana ignored him as she continued, "I have registered your names. You will be a transfer student affiliated with the OpenSky company. There is an event that you need to participate in at that school to promote this item."

"Can I not study? I don't like studying. Call me stupid, but I don't know how to calculate an integral in my life." Ragna took a step back.

Erwin was probably the smartest in the group academically, so he didn't mind either way.

"Don't worry. You won't have to worry about that. In fact, it will only take a week. You just have to participate in that event so that we can popularize the items. And this event is sponsored by my company, so of course, please win it and get the prize."

"Even though you told us to not worry and it would only take a week, it still doesn't change the fact that we have to sit down in the class, right?" Clovis glared at her from behind.

Hana maintained her smile, but her back was already drenched in sweat. She once again ignored Clovis and said, "Anyway, you guys have endured a lot of things. Just sleep in the class if you don't like it. Besides, it's only a week, guys, so no need to be that annoyed."

"I'll send you the uniform and the ID cards. It's perfect for you guys since you aren't from this country. It seems that you don't have any questions, I'll take my leave then."

Clovis grabbed her shoulder and said, "I don't have questions, but I have an objection here."

"Sorry, I only accept a question!" Hana hurriedly slipped away, leaving the annoyed Clovis behind.

"..."

Chapter 472 Prepare for Trouble

Hana stood in front of all the reporters as she said, "In seven days from now on, the OpenSky Company will be selling a new product. Have you ever wondered how it feels to fly? Have you experienced the darkness of the night turning so bright? Have you seen a person with a strength incomparable to a beast?

"With this new product, you will be able to get stronger... much stronger than you currently are."

"Miss Hana. You have been purchasing a large number of beast souls. Is this related to your new product?" A reporter asked.

"Indeed. While I can't reveal everything to you right now, I can give you a little hint. This new product is a new application of beast soul. A power that we have never seen before." Hana nodded with a confident look.

"Miss Hana. Why do we have to wait for seven days?" Another reporter came with a question.

"All of you must know about the Teslonaka Academy. In seven days, they will be holding an annual event. In this event, I will show you the power of the new product that will take the world by storm." Hana took a step back. "I have said everything that needs to be said. Please look forward to the launch of the new product. Thank you."

"Miss Hana..."

"Miss..."

The reporters raised their hands, wanting to ask their own questions, but the other party had left.

Still, one thing was clear. There were some people that would compete with the students in the academy for this annual event.

Who were they? In an instant, numerous articles were made, trying to figure out their information.

If one had to ask, what was Teslonaka Academy? It was the best academy in the country. All the students were elites picked up from all corners of their country. Those who managed to graduate from this academy must have monstrous talent, a lot of experience, and more importantly, a lot of connections.

Hana was actually one of the students of the academy, but she didn't attend the academy as much as the others due to her identity.

She was about to graduate from the academy.

And after that press conference, she came to the academy.

The principal was a Tier 8 explorer like her grandfather. His expression was quite terrible as he couldn't help but complain, "You can't really force us to accept new students."

"Is that so?" Hana took a sip of the tea calmly. "I have donated a lot to this academy. You surely don't mind accepting several students just for the sake of the event, right? They will only be here for seven days. Just consider it as exchange students experiencing the academy."

"They are from our neighbor, so we should show them how this country treats them," explained Hana.

"Still..." the principal scratched the back of his head. He couldn't really say anything, considering Hana had become their biggest donation. She had even sponsored the annual event.

"I have taken care of everything. All that's left is your signature." Hana gave him a small bag containing all the paperwork.

The principal looked at the document and clicked his tongue. He had never thought that a brat like her was actually forcing him to accept her request.

"In exchange for their stay, I can give you some quotas for my new product. I'm sure that you will not regret it. Of course, it will depend on whether the students want it or not."

The principal raised a finger. "On one condition. We will treat them like normal students. In other words, they might be challenged by other students. The rest of the benefits will only come from your company, not the academy."

"Of course." Hana smirked. "It's a pleasure to work with you, Principal."

"Just graduate already." The principal sighed. "You have enough points to graduate, right?"

"Once this is over, I'll be preparing for that." Hana waved her hand while leaving the room.

The principal couldn't help but glance at the people that Hana picked. A lot of people were curious about these six people.

In fact, several of his friends had been asking him about them.

However, this was the first time he found out who they were.

Their names were definitely unknown to him.

The group was divided into three. The first one was the oldest, Melody. "A 24 year old mobile operator, huh? She is not bad, but not good either. In addition, she will be 25 years old in a few months. I guess she will be joining the senior class.

"The second group is these two... Ragna and Erwin... I'm not familiar with them. Erwin is a Tier 4 explorer with wires as his weapon choice. He actually chooses such a unique weapon? But he is a Tier 4. His talent is considered top-notch even in the academy.

"Meanwhile, Ragna has..." The principal fell silent. "Isn't this body condition similar to that person? The one who is known to be the Undead Knight? His only weakness is his strength, but as he grows to learn utilizing his trait's unique ability, he will be able to solve that weakness.

"And lastly, the youngest ones among them. They have reached Tier 2 when they are only 16 or 17 years old? That's impressive, but not unprecedented.

"There are a lot of rich kids who use their family's money to grow that strong. Even Hana Skylark is the same when she first comes to this academy.

"However, only after knowing more about the gap between their Tier 2 and the true Tier 2 humans would they understand how important it is to have skills.

"I guess they are the real targets in Hana's plan. She must want them, who are using their family's money, to show that the gap can be closed with this new product. I see. I'm looking forward to what kind of product she is planning to reveal."

Little did he know, Clovis, Jay, and Kanaria were actually the real monsters in the group.

In the junior class, the trio were standing in front of a hundred students as the teacher asked with a warm smile. "Please introduce yourself."

Chapter 473 Challenge

"Please introduce yourself. Just a simple introduction is fine, like your name, age, tier, and aspiration." The teacher put on a gentle smile, unlike other students who were staring at them like they were prey.

Jay stepped forward and introduced himself with a nonchalant expression, as if he wasn't affected by the atmosphere.

"Jay Havenson, 17 years old, Tier 2 swordsman. I want to cut everything."

"Tier 2?" The students widened their eyes in shock.

"He is only 17 years old, but he has reached Tier 2? Is he cheating?"

"He must be. He should be using money to artificially increase his strength!"

"Kanaria Renvolt, 17 years old, Tier 2 Sniper." Kanaria also did the same. However, her priority was different. Instead of her ambition or something, she just pointed at Clovis and said, "I'm his girlfriend. Thank you."

"..." The students widened their eyes in shock. It was true that Kanaria was beautiful. Even in the school, she could be listed among the top.

However, she was much bolder than they originally thought to actually declare such a thing. They all turned to Clovis.

His face looked a bit familiar, but they didn't know where they had seen him. It was probably because of the top gene that he was handsome, at least based on the aura his body naturally released as well as his cold face.

The female students couldn't help but wonder who Clovis was. That kind of atmosphere wouldn't come from a normal countryside boy. Kanaria even declared that he was her, and no one should try to approach him. What actually made him special?

It was Clovis' turn to introduce himself. Rather than a normal approach, Clovis changed his introduction a bit. "We'll be here only for seven days, so I guess our aspiration is to win the annual event... not that we know what it is for the time being. I hope that everyone can play nice. I'm Clovis, just Clovis. 16 years old, Tier 2 fighter."

"!!!" They heard the warning clearly. Obviously, some of them didn't like it because they believed Clovis, Kanaria, and Jay were the same. They managed to get that far only by relying on their parents' money.

The teacher scratched the back of her head, wondering what she should do in this situation. "How about taking the empty seats over there?"

They all nodded, wondering what they taught in this kind of school. It was probably something related to being an explorer, so Clovis thought it would be fine to listen to them for a bit.

To his surprise, someone actually stepped on Clovis' foot.

"..." Clovis looked down before glancing to the side, finding this muscular boy with spiky brown hair. With a cold tone, he asked, "I assume... this is intentional."

"You don't have to assume. It is." The guy smirked.

That conversation was heard by all the students in the class, including the teacher.

"Daniel is provoking the exchange student."

"It's Daniel, the troublemaker."

"What is he doing? They are exchange students. No matter how they are increasing their strength, don't provoke them so openly. It will be a bad image for this country."

"It's over."

The teacher glared at him. "Daniel! What are you doing?"

"Oops! My apologies, Teacher." Daniel smirked. "I'm just thinking it's better for them to understand the gap between us. I can't simply let it slide when they are looking down on our academy."

"This is the best academy in the country. There are differences between the Tier 2 explorer, who has a lot of skills and experiences, and the Tier 2 explorer, who relies on other people."

"Showing the difference between them will give these people a lot of benefits in the long run! I'm doing this for the sake of the academy." Daniel's smile became even bigger. "I challenge you to a duel."

"Daniel. That's enough! If you are going to say another word, I'm going to expel you from today's class!" The teacher stomped, glaring at him. She was on the verge of releasing her own strength to suppress him.

The students thought it was a pity that Daniel had targeted one of them. However, Jay and Kanaria could only pinch the bridge of their noses.

Out of the three, how could Daniel be so unlucky that he picked Clovis, the strongest among them?

Jay wanted to stop him from making such a big mistake, but Clovis said, "Fine by me. Let's do it. I guess letting people like you know will stop future harassment. It's better to be in the countryside where you can focus on getting stronger by fighting the beasts than in the city focusing on petty politics."

Veins bulged on Daniel's forehead before he stood up, showing his two-meter-tall body. He shouted, "Did you hear that, Teacher? He has accepted my challenge!"

The teacher had to persuade Clovis because he didn't understand the true nature of their academy. "This is a duel between two people. To establish a duel, both parties need to bet on something. They also need a teacher to supervise the match. All fatal attacks are forbidden, but the school has promised to help with the recovery."

"You are just a new student, so I don't need you to put up something! I just want to teach you the difference between our strengths." Daniel grinned.

"No need. I know what I'm planning to bet. If I lose, I won't participate in the annual event."

"!!!" That bet was huge because it was a very important event where the whole country watched the most prominent younger generations. It was the reason why Hana wanted to use this event as a promotion for the new beast souls.

Daniel smirked. "In that case, I bet the same. I won't join the annual event if I lose!"

"They are really going to fight?" The students became excited. It seemed that Daniel would end up bullying the new student. They wondered what Kanaira would think when her boyfriend got humiliated in front of a lot of people.

Clovis simply glanced at the teacher.

"Are you sure you won't regret it?"

"Yes."

The teacher let out a long sigh. "Fine. I will authorize the duel. I'll personally oversee the duel myself. However, this fight will only happen after the class."

Chapter 474 Disappointment

After class, the arena was filled with the entire class. Not a single student actually missed this match because they were curious how Daniel would defeat this person.

If Kanaria were sad, the boys would be there to comfort her.

Unfortunately for them, Daniel's opponent was Clovis.

Before the match started, an old man suddenly came to the arena, mingling with other students.

"To think that there would be a duel like this on the first day. I'll surely be busy in the next couple of days." The old man sighed. "Let's see the talented individuals that Hana Skylark sent to this academy."

No one noticed him yet because he had been erasing his presence. He didn't need to be an assassin, with his Tier 8 strength, even Kanaraia wouldn't notice him.

Daniel had changed. He was wearing a tight body suit that didn't cover his muscular body in the slightest.

He rested his giant axe on his shoulder as he said, "Use this defeat to understand your place!"

Clovis remained silent, not wanting to give attention to this idiot.

The teacher sighed. "No fatal attack is allowed. Once I see it, I will stop it. Other than that, you are free to use all your strength in this battle. I'll be stopping the match if I deem it necessary. Please say yes if you are ready."

"Yes!" Daniel grinned.

Clovis pulled out his swords. Compared to Daniel's giant axe, Clovis' sword felt like they were going to snap if he ever received Daniel's attack head-on.

"Yes. I'm ready." Clovis nodded to the teacher.

"Match starts!" The teacher declared as soon as she got the confirmation from both parties.

"Get ready!" Daniel jumped toward him. Despite being big, he was quite fast. He slammed his giant axe at Clovis.

Clovis squinted his eyes. It seemed that even though this guy was a bully, he still had a very good foundation.

Despite swinging that big axe, Clovis didn't see any gaps in his movement. If he overwhelmed him with his speed, he wouldn't be able to block that axe.

Hence, Clovis changed his approach. He swung multiple times at the axe to stop that attack, but Daniel simply overwhelmed him with his strength. "It's useless!"

Bang!

The axe pushed the two swords to the ground before it cracked the arena's floor.

After that, Daniel stretched his hand, trying to grab Clovis' neck. Clovis skillfully kicked the hand up, but this was actually what Daniel wanted.

Now that Clovis' stance was unstable, he swung that big axe with only one hand to throw him off balance.

Clovis simply jumped with one foot and landed on top of his axe, using it to propel himself up.

"!!!" Slightly shocked, Daniel charged forward. "Dodging alone won't kill the beasts!"

"You are absolutely correct," said Clovis with a soft tone, his expression turned a bit more serious.

Daniel swung his axe horizontally, forcing Clovis to put both blades in its way to block it.

Sadly, it wasn't enough to stop Daniel's strength as he launched him more than ten meters away.

"This is useless."

"The exchange student is going to lose soon!"

"As expected, it's useless. Daniel is among the top in our class. There's no way he can beat him."

"He won't be able to join the annual event then!"

The students lamented the fact that the exchange student was so arrogant that he accepted Daniel's challenge.

But the table was turned around right after.

Daniel swung his axe vertically. If Clovis blocked it, he would definitely die or at least get pinned to the ground.

Clovis inhaled deeply as his vision turned slower.

Right before the axe hit him, Clovis took a step to the left, barely avoiding it. After that, he swung his swords multiple times as he passed him.

"This is a disappointment." Clovis sighed.

"!!!" The students couldn't help but widen their eyes in shock. Just for a split second, Clovis moved so fast that they didn't realize he had actually walked past Daniel.

In fact, over fifteen sword marks suddenly appeared on Daniel's body as blood suddenly spurted from each of them.

"Gaaahhh!" Daniel screamed in pain as he didn't understand what actually happened.

Kanaria and Jay smiled, fully aware that Clovis had gotten serious.

Only the teacher and the old man were able to see what actually happened.

'Impossible. He leaves behind 20 hits in that split second? If that is a full second, he should be able to swing his sword over 45 times. It's already at the level of a Tier 4 explorer with blood affinity. At that level, they have also learned the Flow Control.' The teacher sucked a cold breath.

'What kind of strength is this? Someone who is able to fight a person two tiers above him? Although he is still at the low tier and the gap between each tier is still small, only several people in the country are able to do it.' The old man shuddered, realizing what kind of monster had actually entered his academy.

Daniel didn't know what happened.

"You... What did you do?!" Daniel gritted his teeth.

"Nothing. You are simply too weak." Clovis shook his head helplessly. "Maybe if you are stronger, you will realize what I did earlier."

"You motherfucker!" Daniel roared and charged at him again, this time swinging his axe horizontally. He would do the same attack that blew Clovis away.

However, Clovis gathered his momentum and released it in one go, hitting Daniel's axe. The force that came out of that swing overpowered Daniel to the point where his hands lost their grip and the axe was flying several meters into the air.

"This is the end. Such a disappointment." Clovis jumped into the air and launched a back kick on Daniel's head, crushing his jaw and sending him flying all the way to the arena's wall.

Bam!

Daniel crashed into the wall, completely getting knocked out with his jaw dislocated.

The students dropped their jaws to the ground, not believing that Daniel lost miserably against Clovis.

Even the teacher was so speechless that she forgot to announce the winner.

Chapter 475 Principal

All the students dropped their jaws. The battle ended in a flash. Daniel wasn't weak. He was among the top in terms of ability.

However, Clovis actually toyed with him so badly that the other party couldn't even put up a decent fight.

Even other top students could only suck cold breath, believing that Clovis' strength was beyond them.

In other words, Clovis might come from the countryside, but he had proven that his strength was genuine. Reaching Tier 2 was nothing but the result of his hard work.

Compared to him, they were trash.

"How can this be?!"

"He is so strong. He is only 16 years old, but that strength... it's beyond what everyone has in the junior class. He might end up fighting the senior class or even the graduation class!"

"And he is only 16 years old? Why haven't we heard any information about him?"

"Is our neighboring country's quality that good?"

Amidst the shock, there were obviously people who admired the strong, especially the ones that could make Kanaria's eyebrows twitch.

"Kya! He is not only handsome, but extremely talented."

"I need to get to know him!"

"But isn't that new student, Kanaria or something, claiming he is hers?"

"Everything is fair in love and war. No, wait! Why are we even arguing this when polygamy is already legal?"

"Shut up!"

Kanaria clenched her fists, wanting to slap these girls. With a wry smile on his face, Jay said, "He is sure popular."

"They are not qualified. You need a unique quality if you want me to accept you."

"That's your problem?" Jay shook his head helplessly. It seemed that he didn't have to worry.

Still, the teacher was in shock, not believing that Clovis actually had the strength of a Tier 4.

'Even though Daniel was only a Tier 2, he should be able to put up a fight against a Tier 3.' The teacher gasped. 'To think that he would be toyed like this. He has rich experience in fighting. I doubt that a Tier 4 human can defeat him easily. No, he might even win against them. He...'

The old man grabbed the railing so hard that it actually bent. 'He... he has the ability to fight against a person two tiers above him? And it doesn't seem that he is serious either. More importantly, how can he utilize the Flow Control when he hasn't even reached Tier 3?

'Even though he is strong, that is a limitation of one's traits. It's not a matter of personal's strength.' The old man was trembling in excitement. 'Genius. He is a genius! He is one in a ten million... no! He is one in a hundred million!

'Don't tell me, is the group he leads also as strong as him? There are also two other Tier 2s who have just turned 17 years old not long ago. How about them? If they are as strong as him...'

The old man finally understood why Hana actually pushed them this hard.

The old man hurriedly leaped into the arena.

"!!!" Clovis raised his head, sensing an incoming presence. However, he was far too late. The old man had grabbed his shoulders before his body could even twitch.

"Who?!" Clovis instinctively asked.

"Hahaha! Young man. Do you want to be my student? I can promise you everything!"

The teacher snapped back to reality, noticing the old man in front of her. "Principal!"

"What?"

"The principal has come?"

"Has he been here this whole time?"

"The principal is asking him to be his disciple? And he is giving him a blank check?!"

"The principal is one of the strongest people in our country. And he is going all the way to invite him..."

"His future is limitless!"

"I need to grab his thighs before he becomes too big!"

"I got the dibs!"

"Shut up, you dinosaur!"

Clovis was surprised, but he didn't show it in his face. He observed the man in front of him, thought for a moment, and answered, "I'm sorry. I already have someone who teaches me."

"Huh?!" The principal didn't think he would be rejected. He only had one disciple, despite thousands, if not tens of thousands, of people asking him to be their teacher. And Clovis would be the second one.

Then again, he almost forgot that Clovis didn't come from this country. He might not have heard about him.

"Ahem!" The principal took a step back and coughed to clear up their conversation. "I am Cole Lesdan. I am a Tier 8 explorer in this country. I'm currently holding the position of the principal of this academy.

"You might not have heard this, but I have a student who has been learning from me for more than a decade. That person has become a Tier 6 explorer right now.

"If you learn from me, I promise you that within ten years, you will surpass that record. You will reach Tier 7. I won't hesitate to give you any resources that you want."

Clovis shook his head. "It's not a matter of resources. I already have someone who has taught me. I don't plan to take on any more teachers."

"What?" The principal grabbed his shoulders, wondering if this kid understood what kind of opportunity he had been given.

Clovis stated with a stern expression, "Just like a teacher can choose their teacher, a student can also decide his teacher."

The principal wanted to persuade him, but Clovis cut him off by adding, "Well, if you can beat up the person who has taught me, I'm okay with taking you as my teacher."

"Hoh?!" The principal felt challenged. "Who is that person?"

"The only thing I can tell you is that he exists. If you are going to rise through the ranks, it's important to have access to information. If you can't even find the name yourself, then I don't think you're suitable to be my teacher!"

"Good, good, good! If I manage to beat him, you're going to accept me as your teacher. Don't you dare to take back your promise later." The principal declared.

Clovis nodded while adding inwardly, 'The only person who has been a kind of teacher in my life is my grandfather. Well, if you can beat up my grandfather, then so be it. It's not like finding his information will be easy for you.'