

World Mall 501

Chapter 501 Riot

Utaha and all the viewers couldn't help but drop their jaws in disbelief. Did they hear it right? Did Clovis just give up the competition?

"W-What?!" The people almost threw their phones to the ground.

"What is going on?"

"How can they just surrender?"

"This is unbelievable."

"What the heck?"

"Cancel them!"

"Show us the freaking power of the beast souls!"

The people were rioting so badly that Utaha couldn't help but say as if she wanted to cry. "Please calm down. It's outside my control. Don't click that dislike button because you are angry! NO!"

Hana smiled wryly, fully aware that there would be a 1-star review bomb coming to her company after this.

'You are really a handful guy, Clovis.' Hana wanted to get angry, but she simply couldn't do it. 'I guess there is a reason why you suggest that plan when I show you the power armor.'

Hana couldn't help but sigh.

By giving up early, the people couldn't really figure out the extent of their power. The beast soul might be weaker than they expected, or they could even surpass their wildest imagination.

They had to test it themselves before they understood it.

Of course, there would still be a lot of people coming to buy them since they didn't want to miss out on such a new thing.

At the same time, the backlash would be insane.

'Then again, I guess I have to thank him. By doing something like this, there would be a lot of people scared of making a deal with me because they don't want to deal with the angry masses. However,

those who dare to come would definitely be powerful and throw a lot of money.' Hana pinched the bridge of her nose.

"Miss Hana. Please explain why they're giving up so suddenly?!" Utaha wanted to cry as she was getting butchered by her viewers live.

Hana shook her head. "Our cooperation is equal, so I don't have control of what he is doing. Even I am in shock right now. I have never thought that he would give up so easily."

There were a lot of things she wanted to say, but it wouldn't stop the angry citizens.

The principal couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows. 'I see. So that's what Clovis is planning to do. It seems that he is more dangerous than I originally thought.

'Clovis must have at least three reasons. First of all, it's to create a stable business. A lot of people are curious about it and will most likely come to test it. And Hana will be quite troubled with the influx of buyers.

'By doing this, he pushes away some buyers to the second wave. They will wait for the testimony of the people who are buying in the first wave. After realizing how good it is, the second wave of customers will come at a much higher number.

'At this point, Hana should have gotten accustomed to it and made preparations. She won't feel overwhelmed at that point.

'More importantly, Clovis gives up to actually save himself. If he shows everything he has in the camera for everyone to see, people can easily study him and kill him.

'But with this, he is able to make the people guess... Is he strong? How strong has he become with the new beast souls? Kanaria and Clovis haven't shown their beast souls.

'Considering they are the promoters, they should have one, so they will wonder what kind of beast souls those two have, which will make the people hesitant to attack them.

'Last but not least, he must have realized that he would be getting targeted after this. By angering people like this, those people will definitely support those who want to harm Clovis while saying, 'Serve him right,' or something.

'However, it will return to the second benefit. Unless they have very high confidence, they won't attack Clovis, which will create a dilemma and tension. Is he also planning to use this to grow even stronger? If I'm not wrong, he is planning to become a Tier 3 human this month.'

The more he thought about it, the more he realized how deep Clovis' plan was. The new beast soul and reaching Tier 3 would definitely make them unpredictable.

Meanwhile, Hana looked at the viewers and said, "I'm sorry, but I can't do anything about his decision. The only thing I can say is that if you want to understand the full potential of the new beast soul, you should get one for yourself in my company."

"Screw you!"

"There's no way I'm going to buy it."

"A freaking shady company!"

"A 1-star review is incoming!"

"Kill yourself."

The viewers kept commenting on all negative things, including death threats. However, Hana politely bowed to them and said, "You can already start ordering on our website. We'll receive our first customer tomorrow. Thank you very much."

Hana didn't pay any more attention to those viewers because there wouldn't be anything good coming from their comments. Utaha could only cry because she couldn't control them anymore.

Little did they know, Clovis and his group were actually having a fun time.

They were relaxing on top of the building, waiting for the competition to start or the airship to be filled.

Before that, they couldn't do anything.

"Clovis. Are we done here? What are we going to do next?" Kanaria asked.

"It's probably going to be quite busy for Hana in the next one month or two. As for us, we'll have to wait for another week or so before our bus arrives. Hence, we'll probably focus on getting accustomed to our beast soul.

"After that, we'll try hunting in this country for the first time. I'm a bit curious about the benefits the academy has to offer, so we'll just make a relaxing trip.

"Only after that will we focus on reaching Tier 3. You and Jay should be able to reach Tier 3 on the next trip, right?"

"True. All of our evolution traits are already above 90%." Kanaria nodded.

"That's our plan." Clovis paused for a moment. "Maybe once things settle down a bit, let's go to the beach. Let's have our business tycoon go together with us!"

Chapter 502 Chaotic Response

As Clovis and Hana predicted, the OpenSky Company was being overrun by customers.

"Please. Where can I get the new beast soul?"

"Shut up and take my money. I want the beast soul now!"

"Where is the manager?"

After Clovis gave up the competition, they knew they couldn't see new things from Clovis anymore, so they could only do one thing. It was to go to the OpenSky Company to get it themselves.

The company staff were stopping them from entering, trying to explain as much as possible.

However, the enthusiasm was simply too high. For these people, it was an opportunity that could get them ahead of the others.

Of course, what Clovis had done invoked the outrage of the rest of the people. They wanted to see the finished product and its full potential, like a review video.

Sadly for them, Clovis never had the intention to share in the first place. That was why they could unleash their anger at both Clovis and the OpenSky Company.

There were even people demanding Hana do something to Clovis, like forcing him to apologize or cut his contract.

The last party was for those who didn't care about this new beast soul. They either had no money or thought this was a scam.

Nevertheless, Kanaria had gotten the initial response that she wanted, and all she had to do was ride the wave and get all the money.

It didn't take too long for the story to spread to the international forum, seen by numerous people all around the world.

They all went straight to Utaha's livestream, but there was nothing else that piqued their interest.

"New Beast Soul. External Beast Soul or Beast Soul EX is taking the global market by storm."

"Beast Soul EX is currently the number one trending topic in the world."

And this was the exact reason why Hana wanted to advertise it. She had some connections from a few countries. With them publishing this information, other countries would definitely find out and spread it even further.

In an hour or two, the news was filled with the new beast soul.

Hana had a plan for expansion, but the first thing she needed to do was establish the patent.

They would put three names on it, the first one being the researcher who found it, the second one was Clovis, and the last one was Hana.

This way, they could get the legal grounds to sue other people trying to copy or steal the technology.

This was the reason why Hana's grandfather considered the possibility of him intervening in the situation.

Becoming big was good, but becoming too big would garner unwanted attention.

Hana received a lot of calls from multiple people, but she ignored every single one of them, using the annual event as the excuse.

While the event was still ongoing, the first batch of students being transported back to the academy had finally arrived.

They were all the students that didn't manage to survive, but there was Clovis who chose to give it away.

Unlike the usual events where the losers would be ignored, this time, the reporters had actually been waiting for them outside.

Of course, they all wanted to cover Clovis and his team, not anyone else.

Clovis had already sensed the trouble, so he wanted to jump away from the top of the airship, but Kanaria caught him, forcing him to stay with her as they dealt with the reporter.

On the other hand, the rest of the group couldn't escape from the reporter, considering these reporters were curious about the new beast soul.

...

Aisha and Gerald couldn't help but furrow their eyebrows.

"It seems that the event is a big success." Gerald crossed his arms. "As expected of the business genius, Hana Skylark. If this goes on, he won't have to worry about money for the rest of his life."

"But..."

"Yeah. Clovis won't stop in continuing his dream as an explorer. Besides, the number of people who will target him must have increased. Depending on the situation, they can probably figure out his true name." Gerald scratched the back of his head.

"I guess erasing his family name is still not enough."

"It is enough, but those assassins will end up getting linked to him in one way or another. Hence, it probably won't be too long for people to figure out the Hacfield family name."

Aisha contemplated for a moment. "In this country, how many influences have enough power to find out his affiliation?"

"Probably less than five. They need to have influence all around the world to pinpoint his connection to the family after all. But if we consider the whole world... something like fifty of them."

"Doesn't that mean there will be people coming to him, especially Father's enemies?" Aisha asked.

"Indeed, but they won't make a move that easily either, especially those elders. If they make a move and Father somehow injures them, those who don't care will be eyeing them. Unlike our Hacfield family, it's easy to find them since they have established a proper base."

"That's true. That's why, even though Father has a lot of enemies, not a lot of people are attacking head-on."

"Yeah. At that stage, getting injured will be hard to heal, at least in a short amount of time. If other Tier 9 humans attack them in their vulnerable state, they will lose everything they have achieved. What we should worry about is their children."

Aisha frowned. "Will they send their children to this country under the pretense of 'competing' in order to kill him?"

"Most likely. That's why Clovis needs to get as strong as possible. I'll also be doing my job to stop those old foxes from interfering with the battle between youngsters." Gerald nodded.

"I guess we can't really hide Clovis' identity anymore."

"That is fine. He has built his own reputation here, so let's trust him."

"En." Aisha nodded. "By the way, I think it's time for us to drop a bit of a hint regarding our information, right? We have promised him that he will find out sooner or later."

Gerald sighed. He couldn't say no to the excited face of his wife. "You do it."

"Hehe."

Chapter 503 Busy

The sound of the alarm once again filled the fallen city as the president of the student council fixed his glasses while looking at the enemies they had just defeated. The battle royale had finally ended, and obviously, the student council was the last group standing.

However, the student council president couldn't help but click his tongue because the vice president had been bragging nonstop.

"Look at this. I have gotten the quota, Miss Secretary!"

"Come on. You usually calculate money. How much is the first quota worth?"

"I'm going to get my beast soul right after we return."

"Oi!" The president gritted his teeth, glaring at the vice president. The latter skillfully looked away while whistling as if he had done nothing wrong.

Despite winning, he couldn't help but feel annoyed. It was clear that the true victor of the battle royale was Clovis and his group.

After all, they managed to make the biggest impact in this tournament. And they quit when they were ahead.

There was no way he could savor the taste of victory.

...

While the others were being transported back to the academy, Hana had ended the broadcast and immediately took care of the company. There was an explosion in the number of customers, which made the company's staff feel overwhelmed.

As soon as she returned, she received the report from her assistant.

"Hmm." While looking at the report, she said, "So 3,000 customers are already signing the agreement. There are at least ten times that number ready to do it as well."

"Yes. We are thinking about doing a pre-order. I'm afraid that the pre-order will last for more than half a year at this rate. And if they see the effectiveness, the line will become longer."

"We should increase our staff." Hana squinted her eyes.

"Actually, your grandfather came to the company earlier."

"Grandfather?"

"Yes. He gave me this." The assistant gave a name card.

It was a name card of the president of a hospital. When she flipped the card, there was actually a message left behind.

'This guy needs some funding.'

Hana realized that what her grandfather was planning to say was that they were strapped for cash. If Hana gave them the money they needed, they wouldn't mind sending a few of their doctors to help with the beast souls.

It was a win-win solution. She had prepared the patent as well, so they couldn't steal it.

"It seems that he has seen through the problems." Hana smiled wryly. Even though her grandfather wasn't involved in this type of business, he still had a lot of connections in this field.

Hana thought for a moment before asking, "Do we have a list of the people who are trying to contact us?"

"Yes. I have separated them according to the tier list. Also, there are multiple overseas companies willing to discuss the deal for the overseas expansion. And apparently, there is also a call coming from the government and the army."

Hana's expression darkened. "As expected..."

"What should we do, miss?"

"First of all, let's give a bonus to the employees since we'll be quite busy from now on."

"What?" The assistant looked shocked as if wondering why this money-oriented person suggested such a thing.

Hana obviously didn't want it, but it was Clovis' request. Then again, this was just a preparation for the power armor. Clovis might even have a bigger secret she could utilize to make more money. That was why she had to make a good reputation for the time being.

After all, there was also a huge backlash because Clovis gave up all of a sudden.

Although the intention was impure, bonus is still bonus. The assistant nodded, "I'll deliver that message."

"Good." Hana checked the list of the companies and said, "For now, I have no other choice but to see the people from the government and the military first. If possible, I want to do it now. If not, tomorrow."

"Understood. I'll convey the message to them."

While looking at the report, she couldn't help but ask, "Is there any attack yet?"

"No. However, your grandfather is thinking about sending reinforcement."

"Alright. Tighten the security. We have been employing a large number of people, so it's time for them to be put to use."

"Understood. Also, this is what happens right after the new beast soul is introduced. The opinions in the media are split. Some criticize what we are doing as inhuman. Some are thinking about the future possibilities and looking at it positively due to the fact that they are removable."

Hana closed her eyes, muttering inwardly, 'I can probably get rid of them by accepting the offer from either the government or the military.'

Hana suddenly remembered something. "Now that I think about it... Isn't there someone in the military..."

"Hmm?" The assistant tilted her head in confusion.

"Let's push the date to tomorrow. I have another plan for tonight."

"Understood." The assistant didn't know what Hana was trying to do, but she was here just to give her report.

"How is the beast soul price?"

"For beast souls from Tier 1 to Tier 4, there is about a 5-10% increase, and we believe it'll continue rising for a while. For higher level beast souls, they are more stable because they need to be more careful whether to use it with the new application or the traditional one."

"They will definitely come to us later. For now, secretly buying beast souls through our channels."

"Understood."

Hana pinched the bridge of her nose. "There are simply too many things to do at once. Anyway, I'll be meeting..."

Hana began to pick several companies to know what kind of offer they had prepared.

Meanwhile, Clovis and the others had returned and were just waiting until their truck arrived.

However, they would never expect that night they would receive a very special guest. She was supposed to be locked in her company, but for some reason, even when she was very exhausted, Hana visited them.

Chapter 504 Visit

"Heee..." Hana let out a small groan like a zombie.

Clovis, who opened the door for her, was taken aback. "Hana? Aren't you supposed to be busy?"

"Something like that." Hana casually entered the mansion and headed to the living room. She dropped on the sofa as if she could fall asleep at any time.

Clovis didn't know what Hana wanted, but she definitely planned to do something if she visited them.

That was why he just brought some water and a towel for her to freshen up.

While lying down and her eyes staring on the ceiling, Hana asked, "Clovis. From what I know, you have been searching for your teammate manually, right?"

"Indeed. Most of the time, I'm just lucky to find a unique individual."

Hana paused for a moment before asking, "I hope that you are not offended by this, but have you tried to search for your teammate a bit more aggressively? For example, scouting them in the open."

Clovis frowned. The fact that she was careful with her words meant she had thought about it thoroughly. That was why he calmed down and asked, "Why do you ask this question suddenly?"

Hana paused for a moment. "I'm thinking whether you want to recruit a person that I recommend or not. I believe she can be a good addition to your team."

"What kind of person is she?"

"She is an army doctor. A 28-year-old woman who is currently serving as a doctor in the military base 059. She is a rather unique woman.

"First of all, I can guarantee that she is an exceptional doctor. She learns from one of the best doctors in the country, who is also a Tier 7 human. She is serving the army to gain a lot of experience.

"At the same time, it is also because of her nature. She is what you know as a mad doctor. She loves to dissect the beasts. That's why she goes there."

"Dissect beasts?" Clovis raised his eyebrows. "Are you a human?"

"I am!" Hana sighed. "I know what you're worried about. It's Reolf, right? To be honest, I have thought about it as well, but for you, you should be able to get her attention even more, especially with that blood of yours."

"..." Clovis squinted his eyes. "So that's your plan... shifting her target from Reolf to me?"

"Yes. And if she knows about your identity, she won't dare to do it. And Reolf is yours, so she can't touch him either. And that leaves her to one route."

"A soft approach?" Clovis crossed his arms, falling into deep thought.

"Indeed. She will probably ask you questions and do tests under your consent. You can even incite her to do something for you with some sort of deal."

"I don't really know her, so I can't come to a conclusion."

"I know that." Hana raised a finger. "That's why I'm preparing something for you. Tomorrow, a representative from the military will be coming to my company. He will most likely want to cooperate with me regarding the beast soul. I'm planning to use that opportunity to give you a chance to recruit her."

Clovis tilted his head. "Are you sure about it?"

"I have to accept their terms anyway if I want to succeed in this country. I'm still not big enough that I can escape from their politics. So... might as well do it for you."

"Ehm. I feel like you are going to ask me for something in return."

"Am I that type of woman in your eyes?" Hana protested but immediately added, "I know I am that type of woman, but this is different. Just consider me hoping you have a long life. You are getting injured a lot, so having a doctor will definitely help you."

"In addition, while she is indeed old and she is only Tier 4 right now, she uses those few years to study medicine from her teacher. I don't know what your unique ability is, but I know that you don't have a problem turning someone who is already a genius into a monster, right?"

Clovis closed his eyes, not denying or confirming her claim. It seemed that she was able to fight. He couldn't help but wonder if she could help with Melody's younger brother's situation.

Then again, he was also curious how a doctor would fight on the battlefield.

"If you agree, I'll make an arrangement tomorrow. You probably have to wait for your bus to come, but that should be the date, right?"

Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose. "Yeah. However, let me get the agreement from the rest of the group first. I openly scout someone after all."

"Understandable. Give me the answer in the morning." Hana nodded.

"Alright."

Hana asked, "One more thing. What are you planning to do now?"

"That is something I would like to ask you. Do you have any free time in the next few months?"

"Hmm? Why do you ask?"

"I'm thinking about inviting you to go to the beach or something."

"Doesn't sound like you're there just to enjoy the beach."

"Haha. I mean, you can also take that time to introduce the power armor."

"That's fair, but I don't see your reason."

"I can't say for the time being." Clovis shook his head.

"A beach, huh? I don't think I can do it within the next four months, but I should be able to free up my schedule." Clovis never gave them an unprofitable offer, so Hana didn't really have any reason to reject. It would be nice to take a rest as well.

"Alright." Clovis smiled as if he had got what he wanted.

"Alright. Then, see you later... Ehm, never mind. I will just sleep here. I'm too tired to move."

Clovis' eyebrows twitch. "Why don't you take one of the empty rooms? I'll just grab the sheet for you."

"I'll just sleep on the couch. Too tired to drag my body there."

Clovis smiled wryly. She had been working hard because of the new beast soul, and some of that money would go to him as well.

Clovis thought he could do a small favor like this.

"Should I carry you then?"

"I don't care. I just want to sleep. Tomorrow is going to be more hectic." Hana just closed her eyes.

Clovis shook his head helplessly and carried her upstairs.

Chapter 505 Next Mission

"Thank you very much." Hana politely shook the hand of an old man wearing a military uniform.

He looked at Hana with a serious expression before saying, "I now finally understand why you are said to be scarier than your grandfather. It seems that the Skylark conglomerate doesn't lack a successor."

"Hahaha. You are jesting. I'm just a simple student."

The man shook his head helplessly. "Then shall be it. I hope that there is no need for the military and businessmen to have a conflict in the future."

"That's what I hope as well." Hana smiled.

The old man closed his eyes before taking his leave. Two people were waiting outside, each of them was Tier 7. The first one was wearing the military uniform, so once the old general came out, he followed him.

On the other hand, Hana's guard—sent by her grandfather—checks her condition before standing by on the outside.

Hana let out a long sigh. "It's better like this. Anyway, I have gotten the permission."

Hana immediately transmitted the information to Clovis.

...

One week later.

"So the mission is to take down a Tier 5 beast?" Jay frowned. "Is this too easy? I don't like to underestimate the enemy, but we have taken down several Tier 5, right?"

Clovis shook his head. "Nope. The mission is to hunt three Tier 5 beasts. However, these beasts are quite different, especially because of the location."

"Location?" Jay was confused, thinking it didn't really matter.

"The location is in the Great Beast Forest. This is a Tier 7 zone that is managed by the military. Not only does this place pose extreme danger, but the Tier 5 enemies we are going to take are nothing but a henchman compared to the Tier 7 overlord," explained Kanaria.

"Hoh?" Erwin grinned. "This is getting exciting."

"You shouldn't underestimate this place and mission." Kanaria paused for a moment. "Our mission this time is much harder. Even though the academy will be stopping people from coming to us, there is a chance that we will encounter a Tier 6 beast."

"Hence, we have to move carefully. More importantly, we have to find a way to recruit that person."

Melody frowned. "The mission is just a pretense to recruit the doctor?"

"Yes." Kanaria nodded. "If you look at it, we can't really meet her on the base. After all, Reolf's secret will be out right away. Hence, we have to fight without Reolf for a while."

"Uu..." Reolf looked down with a weak growl.

"No. I mean, we'll be fighting together later." Kanaria panicked, trying to cheer up Reolf.

Clovis chuckled and rubbed Reolf's head while saying, "I'm sorry for involving everyone in this. While I do want to recruit her, it won't be the priority. Our main priority is for Jay and Kanaria to reach Tier 3 after this trip.

"I'll be reaching Tier 3 soon, so it's not going to be a one-week trip," explained Clovis, revealing the true mission. "The beasts in this place have a higher tier as their standard, so it's easier to find beasts of our level and use their essence to reach the next tier."

"That is true." Kanaria nodded.

"Well, I heard she is crazy. Will she be a good addition to the group?" Ragna asked.

"I don't know. We leave that to Clovis and don't talk about it." Melody shrugged.

"True. We just let that crazy doctor focus on him." Erwin nodded.

"I can't help but agree." Jay crossed his arms.

"Eh?" Clovis' eyebrows twitched before glancing at Kanaria, seeing her big smile as if telling him the same thing. "..."

Reolf placed his paw on Clovis' shoulder as if he were saying, 'I'll help you.'

"You are my only friend here, Reolf."

"But Reolf. That crazy doctor might be trying to dissect you, open your stomach, and cut you into pieces."

"Waf?!" Reolf looked shocked, this time, his face looked hesitant.

"What are you doing? Don't poison him." Clovis shook his head helplessly. "In any case, I hope that we can get some money. It's been a while."

"Money? Don't you get it from Hana?"

"Not yet. The product has just been launched, and the royalty is paid monthly. Even if I can get it right now, it won't be a lot since most people are still in queue." Clovis shook his head helplessly.

"Is that so? That's a shame." Erwin crossed his arms.

"For now, Hana should have taken care of everything. We'll probably meet her when she is going on a mission by herself. And that we'll 'escort' her during her mission along the way."

"That sounds suspicious, you know. And the military agrees to this?" Ragna tilted his head in confusion.

"Yes. That sounds like how much they need the new beast souls. The forest itself is one of the highest danger zones in the country. It is experiencing a lot of raids from the beasts, so the soldiers need something new to boost their strength. Besides, this place is no stranger to explorers like us," Kanaria explained.

"And Hana has taken care of another problem, which is the location. We will be hunting in a more secluded area so that no one can see Reolf. I'm planning to let out some rumors gradually, making people gradually accept Reolf was different," Clovis added.

"So what is she like?" Jay asked.

"A psycho, I think? The rumors going around her are that she loves to dissect beasts, she loves to see brutal things, and she loves to do some unusual treatments... Even though they're effective, it's just too scary to explain." Kanaria explained.

"Yep. That's Clovis' problem." Jay nodded.

"Aren't you planning to take my seat, Jay?" Clovis chuckled.

"This and that are two different problems."

Suddenly, Clovis' phone rang. It was Hana who called him, which definitely piqued everyone's interest.

Clovis accepted the call and listened to what Hana said before closing it again. He pointed to the window while saying, "It seems that our bus has arrived. Let's check it out."

Chapter 506 Discussion

Military Base 059.

"What? Are we going to really allow this? Their intention should be clear enough to us. Are we letting them just snatch one of us?" A lieutenant asked while furrowing his eyebrows. "This doesn't make sense why you would allow this."

"It's not me who allows it, but..." The general pointed up. The only one that could make him follow orders would be the headquarters. The old general that might have retired but still held an extremely high position in the military.

Some crossed their arms, some looked excited, and some remained neutral.

"I think this is a good opportunity," one of them said while raising his hand. "If they want to take Lucifania, I'll support them."

"What did you say? She is our doctor."

The guy looked back with a dark expression. "Do you think I don't know that? However, even though she is our doctor, the men are scared of her. You should know what she has been doing in the past three years, right?

Going around with a knife and bloody appearance after dissecting the beasts, grinning when staring at the guys as if she wants to chop them up, playing around with corpses, even outside her laboratory."

He wanted to list everything, but all of them already knew what she did.

He coughed to calm down and speak in a calm tone again. "While I can acknowledge her skill, she is still too much for our army. It won't be good for our men. It's better to get a more normal doctor."

"But don't you think we have to convince that old man? Her teacher is that Marcus. Don't you know how many people he has saved in his entire service?"

The people were arguing whether to let her meet them or not until one of them asked, "But the fact that the higher up is allowing them to meet means the higher up has also persuaded Marcus Solm. Isn't that how it usually goes?"

They suddenly fell silent. That was probably the case. There was no way the higher up left everything to them.

"Does that mean we have agreed to let her meet them?"

"Not yet. We don't know anything about them. Isn't the higher-up too hasty with their decision? What are they going to give us?"

All of them looked at the general. The latter simply said, "100 men will be going to the capital city to receive the new beast soul right away."

"New beast souls?"

"Haven't you seen the new beast soul that the OpenSky company introduces?"

"Oh, that? We can get one?"

The general nodded. "We'll be giving 500 beast souls that we manage to find in this place no matter the tier. In exchange, they'll give 100 new beast souls every month until a thousand people receive them. And Lucifania will meet them. Whether they manage to convince her or not, it's up to their luck. Is there any other concern?"

One of them raised his hand. "This is not a concern, but shouldn't we ask Lucifania's thoughts about this?"

"If there is someone who will give her an explanation, it will be her teacher, not us." The general shook his head.

"In that case, we should meet these poor guys who decide to take her in."

"Poor guys..." They all exchanged looks. Even though they didn't admit it, they couldn't help but agree.

After all, each of them knew how bad she behaved.

While she didn't break any rules, she had indeed traumatized most of their men.

"As for that..." The general raised his head.

...

A few days later.

"Hmm? A mission?" Lucifania crossed her arms.

"Yes. This is a mission. I want you to go with Team Exa02 to a designated spot. After that, you are to go to the east and stop in this location." The general showed the location on the device.

Lucifania squinted her eyes before asking, "Does this mean I'm getting kicked out of the army?"

"Have your teacher told you something?"

"Only that I should meet a group of kids and consider their offer carefully. He leaves the decision in my hands."

"It seems that you know everything."

"So I have to meet these kids here?"

"Do you know them?" The general asked.

"I searched for them on the Skynet. Their reputation didn't look so good. They were canceled on Skynet, but..." Lucifania paused for a moment. "They look strong. It's not normal for a Tier 2 kid with a strength equal to that of a Tier 5. In addition, the group does seem unusual.

Maybe I will find something interesting in them."

"Is that so?" The general nodded in understanding, thinking that Lucifania would definitely go with them.

However, she added, "Still, they are kids. Even their captain is 12 years younger than me. In addition, they don't have the resources that I can receive in this base. It'll be different if they get the full support of the OpenSky company though."

"Anyway, you'll be meeting them in that place. I don't know why exactly either. If you want to ask, it's better to ask..." The general pointed up again.

Lucifania sighed. "Alright. I'll pack up my luggage. When do I leave?"

"In 2 hours."

"Understood." Lucifania thought for a moment and chose not to salute.

The general smiled wryly. She must understand that they were trying to dump her away, but he had to admit that she was better than most doctors.

...

Thirty minutes after Lucifania's departure, a bus entered the military base. The bus was fully covered with curtains so that no one could see what was inside.

However, the bus was still allowed to enter inside the base.

After parking next to the main building, Clovis came out of the bus while looking around. It was true that they had to meet Lucifania outside, but they had to accept the mission from the general first.

"So this is the military base." Clovis smiled, finding a lot of people. As Kanaria said, there were a lot of normal civilians and explorers coming to this place.

Chapter 507 New Member?

"You are to proceed to zone B23 and meet Lucifania. Kill three Tier 5 beasts before returning to the base. Is there any problem?" The general asked.

"No." Clovis shook his head. "Good. In that case, you may go right now. Take this with you."

He was giving him a radar with an arrow on the edge. "What is this?"

"A radar. Just follow that arrow. It will show you her location. I don't even know why you two have to meet outside the base." The general shook his head helplessly.

"Ahaha." Clovis let out a hollow laugh. "I understand. I'll take my leave."

The general nodded.

To his surprise, the soldiers on the base seemed to be staring at him. The soldiers should have been accustomed to the presence of outsiders, but for some reason, they were staring at him.

"Is that him?"

"Yeah. That is the poor guy."

"No, no. We should consider him a hero of Base 059."

"Right? He has finally taken away Lucifania from our base."

"Good. We don't have to see all those horrifying scenes anymore."

Clovis couldn't help but overhear their comments, thinking, 'What the hell did she do to actually traumatize these soldiers?'

Clovis just focused on the mission and left the base as quickly as possible. He would deal with whatever they were talking about later. In the end, he also had the right to not recruit her.

Once they reached the destination, Clovis and his team immediately exited the area.

"Clovis. Should we let Reolf out right away?" Jay asked.

"Hmm. If we let him out right away, she will recognize him right away. If she ends up attacking him, we will be in trouble. If we don't let him out, it will be a surprise, which might end up changing her decision." Clovis looked down, falling into deep thought.

"Waaf!" Reolf took a peek from the inside before pointing his paw up as if telling them that he could stay above the bus.

"Ah. I think we can do that." Clovis nodded. "Alright. You should be up there, Reolf. Don't worry. We'll be protecting you."

"Waf!" Reolf felt delighted. Finally, he could stretch his body.

"Haha. Are you excited? We'll get a new member. It means that you will be his senior, Reolf!" Clovis smiled.

"Waf!" Reolf patted his chest proudly as if saying he would be a good senior. As more time passed, Reolf became more and more intelligent. His growth surprised even Clovis.

But the moment he leaped onto the bus, he suddenly turned his head around as if noticing something.
"Waf!"

Melody couldn't help but take a look at the radar and say, "There are multiple dots approaching our direction."

Kanaria immediately jumped on top of the bus to confirm those dots. "They are beasts. The lowest among them is... What? Tier 2? There are seven beasts coming in our direction: one Tier 4, one Tier 3, and five Tier 2. I can't see anything below Tier 2."

"I guess this is the reason this place is considered a high level danger zone." Jay smirked while pulling out his weapon.

"Wait. I'm the one going to defeat them." Erwin frowned, grabbing Jay's blade.

"Huh?" Jay glared at him.

"Don't fight. You guys can go at the same time with Kanaria as support."

"Huh?" Both of them looked unwilling, but Clovis reminded them, "We are about to meet another person here, so clean it up quickly."

The two couldn't help but grit their teeth as if they didn't like it. Meanwhile, Kanaria was handing Reolf a noise-canceling headphone. "This is for you, Reolf. So that you don't hurt your ears when I shoot. It's been customized for you."

"Waf!" Reolf lowered her head so Kanaria could put it on him. It looked quite funny how Reolf reacted when his hearing was suppressed by the headphones.

"Hahaha." Kanaria couldn't help but chuckle, while Jay and Erwin were charging forward, competing with each other to see who could defeat more enemies.

Meanwhile, Ragna looked around the bus so that there wouldn't be any sneak attack.

Clovis turned to Melody and asked, "What is her position?"

"According to the radar, she is currently approaching us. It shouldn't take too long for her to arrive.

"Got it." Clovis nodded.

As ordered, the trio killed all seven beasts within a minute, with Kanaria skillfully killing the Tier 4 and Tier 3 beasts so that these two didn't continue to fight.

"I cut it first!"

"No. I strangled it first!"

"I won!"

"I won!"

The two kept arguing. In fact, they had been arguing about every little thing to the point where Clovis and the others just ignored them.

Clovis chuckled, wondering what the new member would say about them.

"Are you guys waiting for me?" A female's voice echoed from the side.

The group couldn't help but turn around and immediately widen their eyes in shock.

They found a woman. She had long brown hair with her messy bangs almost covering her eyes. Her hair and clothes were sprayed by blood, but fortunately, it wasn't her.

At first glance, people would definitely consider her a beauty, but when they looked at everything about her, they would have a different thought.

After all, she was walking toward them, dragging a beast five times her size. Despite not being muscular, she was actually strong enough to drag a beast that even Jay would find difficult.

The most surprising thing was that the beast had been skinned. The blood trail continued for as far as they could see, meaning that she had been dragging this beast for a while.

Her right hand was holding a scalpel, and they could see several knives of different sizes hanging on her waists.

Despite doing such a thing, her face remained expressionless as though this was just another day in the office.

She raised her head and asked, "Are you guys from Libation Fiesta, the people I am supposed to meet?"

This was the person they had been waiting for, their eighth member after Reolf, Lucifina Solm.

Chapter 508 Danger

"Are you guys from Libation Fiesta, the ones I'm supposed to meet?" Lucifania asked, but her eyes shifted to the wolf on top of the bus. "A wolf?"

Clovis noticed her fingers were twitching. It became even worse when she suddenly dropped the beast she was dragging this whole time.

"A WOLF?!" She suddenly screamed as she suddenly leaped forward.

Clovis hurriedly stood in her way and grabbed her arm.

Lucifania tried to push him away but to no avail. Hence, she spun her body and kicked Clovis, albeit the latter managed to grab her knee.

Clovis didn't hesitate to activate his perfect state. He pushed down the knee to spin her body.

"!!!" Lucifania looked shocked at first. Her strength was stronger than Clovis, but because she was shocked by his change of pace, she didn't manage to fix her form before too late.

He ended up slamming her to the ground and punched the soil next to her head. "What do you think you're doing?"

Kanaria and Melody aimed their guns at her, while Ragna had stood between her and Reolf so that he could stop her if she somehow slipped past Clovis.

"That's a wolf. A dire wolf! And it looks so intelligent. How is it not attacking you yet? How do you even tame it? Is his brain different from any other wolf?"

What does he eat? What kind of virus or bacteria does he have to change him? What—" Her mouth was gagged by stuffing Clovis' sword handle between her jaw.

"Calm down!" Clovis couldn't help but frown. Lucifania was struggling, while Clovis said, "It seems that she is too dangerous. I guess we don't have to invite her to our group. It will just endanger Reolf."

Before the others could react, Lucifania had already stopped moving.

"..." Clovis couldn't really understand Lucifania. Seeing how she stopped moving, he actually pulled his sword handle out of her mouth. To his surprise, she didn't say anything or even struggle anymore.

Her eyes were still glued on Reolf with numerous questions, but she didn't move as if she was able to contain herself.

Even the others felt weird. What was wrong with this woman?

Since she had stopped fighting, Clovis let her go slowly, preparing himself if she did anything.

"Should we even do this? Can Reolf sleep in peace with her in our group? I have thought that it'll be good to have a doctor, but this one is endangering us more than helping us, don't you think?" Jay asked.

"But Reolf has been discovered. The rumors will spread." Kanaria frowned.

"Can't we just kill her here?" Melody shrugged.

Clovis could see the different reactions she made whenever one of them asked. It was so obvious that Clovis wondered if that was her true feeling or not.

Clovis paused for a moment before asking, "Why do you stop speaking?"

"Can I speak?"

"As long as you don't go insane like earlier."

Lucifania's eyes brightened. "You guys want to recruit me? I accept. I will immediately go to the base and take care of my paperwork. It'll take a moment. I—"

Clovis' eyebrows twitched as if he couldn't follow what she was saying. "Do you speak like that?"

"When excited, yes." Lucifania nodded furiously.

Clovis crossed his arms.

"I will do anything if I can join your group. I will give you my body and my possessions. Let me know what is wrong with that wolf. It's called Reolf? I can—"

She spoke so fast again that Clovis had to cut her off. "If you don't slow down, we'll probably think you are crazy, and I don't think you are suitable for our group."

Lucifania trembled before slowing down. "I can promise you anything."

Clovis never thought that he would be handling someone like this. She was controllable and uncontrollable at the same time.

She was unable to suppress her desire and would do anything to reach her goal. She was basically insane.

Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose and asked, "First of all. Can you give me your name? Even though we want to recruit you, there is not much information about you."

"My name is Lucifania, people call me Luci. I am a doctor from Danavard University, specializing in neurosurgery for both humans and animals. I have several qualifications and certificates. I have been studying under Professor Marcus Lamento.

"My dream is the harmony of humans and beasts. There are potential friendships that might be untapped, just like how a dog evolves from a beast to a household pet.

"For some reason, I have been good with knives since I was a child.

"My three sizes are 86-68-89. You have given me the potential that I have been looking for. I'm willing to exchange myself for the sake of knowledge.

"I will do whatever you want me to do as long as I can do that."

"..." Clovis blinked his eyes a few times. She truly never stopped talking.

Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose. He wondered what to do with this woman.

If he rejected her right away, it was clear that Luci would do anything she could to join them. She might even resort to politics or threats.

He started regretting his decision to follow Hana's suggestion.

Even if she had excellent skills, she might be more than he could handle.

'Even though I have anticipated this, she is just... I don't even know how to describe her.' Clovis was thinking hard about what to do with her.

"Isn't she dangerous?" Jay frowned.

Her body shook when she heard Jay's response, making it harder for him to reach a decision.

'Killing her means endless problems, rejecting her means endless chase, and accepting her means endless danger.' Clovis took a deep breath. "What do you think, Reolf?"

Reolf jumped off the bus and approached her carefully.

"Ah..." She looked like she couldn't contain her excitement.

Reolf examined her first before sniffing her.

"I can't move! I can't move! I can't move! He is trying to recognize me." Luci muttered. It was a bit surprising that she even understood Reolf's intention.

Chapter 509 Interview

Reolf sniffed her and started licking her, which surprisingly made Luci so excited that her body was convulsing uncontrollably.

In addition, it seemed that she understood Reolf's intention.

And despite being in front of Reolf, she hadn't done anything that would hurt him.

Clovis couldn't help but think, 'Is she holding herself back? Or is this just pretense? Or is she able to control that impulse?'

On the one hand, taking her in right away would be quite dangerous. On the other hand, she would be a good addition to the group.

Her ambition aside, she was quite strong as an individual. It was true that she was much older than them, but her knowledge in the medical field would definitely help them.

Reolf turned around as if he had finished recognizing her. "Waaf!"

Clovis looked at him, but surprisingly, the one who interpreted him the fastest was Luci. "Oh my. It's really recognizing me. Is it really fine if I join the group? What do you mean by waiting for your approval?!"

Luci turned to Clovis and said, "Please. Let me join your group. How do I get your stamp of approval?"

Before he could say anything, Reolf suddenly raised his head. "Waf!"

Both Melody and Kanaria could also sense them, while Luci interpreted him. "There are enemies!"

Kanaria turned around, observing the enemies from on top of the bus. She reported, "There are 15 beasts coming, two of them are Tier 4, and three are Tier 3, while the rest are Tier 2."

"I can also fight..." Luci raised her hand.

He was curious about Lucifania's combat prowess, but at the same time, this was a chance for him to test her.

Clovis said, "With Reolf as the focus, deal with them. I will have a chat with her."

"Waaf!" Reolf looked excited while Luci dropped her jaws in disbelief.

When the others started going, Clovis said to Luci, "Here's the deal. I'm going to ask you a couple of questions. You are to look at me in the eyes. If I see your eyes looking away, I'm going to consider you unable to control your desire and will just endanger Reolf. Understand?"

"!!!" Luci gulped down. Her body was trembling, but she had to do it. She nodded furiously, showing that she was ready, but of course, there was one question in her mind. "Can I know how you tame him?"

"I will tell you if you manage to join the group." Clovis nodded.

"I understand."

Clovis raised his finger. "First question. How good are you as a doctor? Suppose I'm hurt, what will you do?"

"That depends on what kind of injuries you suffer." She pointed at the bus. "Do you have a recovery pod inside your bus?"

"No."

"In that case, I suggest you have it as it will help you heal most of your injuries, especially inner injuries. If I join your group, the first two things you need to do are probably to have a recovery pod and a shelf of medicine, from painkillers to antibiotics.

"This way, if it's necessary, I can operate on you right away. I'm not as good as my teacher right now, but if I can gain more stability, which I might get after reaching Tier 5 or even Tier 6, I should be able to operate you while the bus is moving. I can take care of the sterilization myself."

Clovis crossed his arms, seeing Luci was still shaking. It seemed that she was doing her best to endure her curiosity.

That was why Clovis added, "This is a problem. I wonder if there will be enough space for a recovery pod. After all, Reolf is inside."

"Then, there's no need for a recovery pod!"

Clovis' eyebrows twitched. She sure changed her answer fast. However, that reaction from Clovis didn't escape her eyes, as she immediately added, "I will just do first aid until you are done. Or you can actually add a recovery pod under the bus. If you design it perfectly, it should be possible."

Clovis thought for a moment and nodded. "Second question. If you join the group, what can you offer to the group?"

"EVERYTHING!"

"..." Clovis took a step back when she shouted like that. Clovis asked, "It looks like you are someone who will join another group if they have a better offer, especially if it involves a beast like Reolf."

She shook her head. "That won't happen. I might be that kind of person, but I can assure you it won't happen."

"So you don't deny it?" Clovis blinked a few times.

"..." She was sweating, but she immediately added, "I don't know what is going on, but the research of the beast and the human relationship have been going on for a few decades.

"If it's possible, then someone would have figured it out already. The fact that you, a random kid, manage to do it only means two possibilities. The first possibility is you having a unique ability, which is an ability that differentiates a normal person with a future Tier 9. Or you have something else, such as connection or even friendship with a higher level beast.

"The higher the beast's tier, the higher their intelligence is. Hence, if you have a Tier 8 or Tier 9 beast ordering a beast to join your side, it will probably happen. However, a low tier beast is supposed to have low intelligence, which means he will show aggression even after being ordered to protect you.

"This is something you can't see from Reolf. Hence, the second possibility is most likely not the case for Reolf.

"That's why my conclusion is that you have something unique that can turn Reolf that way. And it doesn't seem that you can do it easily. If not, you would have multiple beasts already. No, you might not even need your teammates and call yourself a beast king.

"Hence, the conclusion is as I said before... It won't happen."

Clovis blinked his eyes in disbelief. This maniac actually analyzed all of that in a short period of time, especially when she was so excited that it wouldn't be weird if half of her mind was thinking about Reolf.

Chapter 510 Regret His Choice?

Clovis looked down, falling into deep thought. It seemed that she was smart enough to see through his secret despite getting distracted.

"Suppose you join the group, what is the first thing you will do?"

Luci thought for a moment as if she were thinking hard about it. This was weird. She had been able to answer all his questions in an instant, so how could this question be so hard?

"What's wrong? You don't know what you're planning to do?" Clovis was ready to reject her if she said she would like to get a sample of Reolf's blood or something that felt dangerous.

To his surprise, she was actually much more insane than he originally thought. She clutched her head while saying, "Kh. I can't choose. I can't choose between asking Reolf all the questions I have in mind or getting your seed!"

"My what?" Clovis widened his eyes in shock, as if he heard it wrong. No, he wanted to believe he heard it wrong.

"I told you that you have something special, whether it's a unique ability or anything. And you expect me to stay sane? There's no way I will do that! I want it right now to see if the future generations are actually able to dominate the beasts or if future conversation is possible or not."

"Can I shoot her?" Kanaria couldn't help but hear it from the top of the bus.

"Your mother is the same though." Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose.

"..." Kanaria couldn't deny that accusation. "Anyway, if someone wants to be your wife, she needs to get my approval first. You are not going to have a one-night stand for 'research' purposes, right? Literally!"

"Do you think I'm that type of guy?" Clovis looked as if he was wronged.

"Well." Kanaria shrugged and turned back to the battlefield.

Clovis let out a long sigh, having a hard time with the interview. "I start wondering if I should continue or not."

Clovis imagined the moment he told her that the secret was his blood. Would she become a vampire next to get his blood?

"I'm sorry. My desire is like this, but my fetish is consent."

"I don't know what I'm supposed to do with that kind of information." Clovis scratched the back of his head. The last answer just made him forget about the next question.

He took a few seconds to calm down before asking, "What are you planning to study from Reolf and possibly me?"

"Depending on your consent. The first step will definitely be a simple observation. Looking at both of your growth, especially his intelligence. What kind of food does he eat? What kind of environment is he living in? What kind of interaction do you have?"

"Even if Reolf is different, it still can be set as an example and provide valuable data that no researchers have in the world. By the time you are going to announce him in public, I would probably have gained a lot of data and come up with any bullshit do you want me to say?"

"Bullshit?" Clovis frowned.

"Yes. To protect Reolf, of course! I'm not going to let them have him! How dare they? If they come, I'm going to skin them alive, piercing all their nerves, and giving them the most grueling pain they have ever experienced in their life before dying."

From the killing intent that she emitted, she was definitely serious about it.

"Your teacher might stop you, you know?"

"Oh! You don't have to worry about that. He has told me that no matter what I do, he won't stop me. He will take care of it if he can, but leave me behind if he can't."

Clovis looked at the sky for a moment before continuing with the question. "In that case, if you get my consent, what will you do?"

"I will not do anything extensive. A living specimen is the most precious thing. I will probably ask for some blood samples, DNA, and other things in a low volume. I'm not going to risk it and cause the research to stop! I will probably get overwhelmed by guilt if I do that."

"I see." Clovis raised two fingers. "In that case, I have two questions left. To what extent are you going to do it? For example, you say that you are waiting for consent, but I don't think you are the type of person that will just wait until others give you their consent."

She stopped for a moment before placing her hands on her breasts. "It's nothing much, but I have these. Do what you want! I'm willing to endure all kinds of things you plan to do to me as long as I can get a bit of a sample."

"What the hell?" Clovis looked away. "I'm not talking about that. We are a group that plans to rise to the top. Do you have that kind of resolve?"

"I can be anything. If you want me to become a Tier 9, I will become one even if I have to research a way to extract someone's unique ability."

"Hmm. In that case, the only thing left is to test your skill." Clovis crossed his arms.

"I can fight. I am good at using knives. All these knives are pretty good in quality, and I also have Muscle Affinity, so I'm quite strong. As for my role on the battlefield, I can be a buffer zone to protect your sniper and operator. If the monster is too big, I'll probably find a way, such as hitting their weak spots. I can also be a distraction or just block it with a shield if needed."

Clovis nodded in understanding. Luci had been staying still even though her body was trembling. She managed to control that desire, so it seemed it was time to end the interview.

"And last question." Clovis sighed. "If my blood is the one allowing this to happen, what will you do?"

"Are you injured? Where is it?" She looked around, examining his body. "It is said that licking the wound is the best way to recover. Where? Where are your injuries?"