

World Mall 51

Chapter 51 Thanks

Kanaria looked at the money and roughly calculated their shares. It seemed that her plan worked. Clovis really didn't sell that much after seeing that much money.

'It seems that this can work. With this, he will have enough essence to get stronger. But I'm concerned about the next person that will join us.' Kanaria thought for a moment.

On the other hand, Jay was more concerned about another thing. "What's wrong, Clovis?"

"It's nothing. I'm just wondering if it's alright to increase our strength like this. I mean, a few super injections will transform you into a different person. It feels like everything can be bought with money." Clovis looked at his arms. He was still having a hard time adjusting to his current strength.

Jay shook his head. "I think it's fine for the time being. There isn't much difference between Tier 0 and Tier 1. As you said, strength can be bought with money. However, I believe that money can't completely buy strength.

"While you can increase your physical abilities with the essence, you still need experience. Basically, a lot of big families are strengthening their members through this method, but most of them are lacking in experience. When there is a fight, they won't be able to defeat the opponent on the same level.

"That's why I don't think it matters that much. They just have a head start, but in the end, we are much faster and will surpass them soon.

"Even my father told me to gain as much experience as I could while getting stronger. It would definitely improve my overall abilities and wouldn't make me an empty shell."

Clovis could agree to Jay's explanation. It was probably the reason why he was never introduced to the greatness of the Hacfield family in the past. His grandfather should know that this was just an empty strength, and he wanted Clovis to survive numerous life-and-death battles to hone his skills.

At the same time, he knew that even though it was just raw strength, it was still a much more effective way to get stronger. What if they reached Tier 2 first before experiencing the fights? Wouldn't it be much safer?

Then again, the Tier 2 beast would be much more powerful and aggressive. If someone who didn't have any experience fought them, the result would be horrendous.

In the end, Clovis decided to drop this topic. He had already decided his path after all.

"In any case, when are you free to visit my house?" Clovis asked.

"I'm thinking about going back to my room and immediately preparing for the evolution to Tier 1. So, I should be free tomorrow."

Kanaria thought for a moment. "Yeah. I'm free as well. I mean, there isn't much I can do here. Even if I buy all our stuff, we will have to transport it to the surface. In that case, it's better to buy everything on the surface."

"Then, that's decided. We will be meeting in front of the elevator tomorrow."

"Yep." Jay waved his hand as he was the first to leave.

Kanaria glanced at him before saying, "Just to remind you that I will be buying everything for our exploration."

"I know. Do you need my help? Jay will probably find another excuse to train."

"I will let you know later. I'm also quite curious about your home."

"You are not going to become like your mother, right?"

"Do you prefer that?" Kanaria smirked, teasing him. "For your information, my mother learned how to play with codes simply because she wanted to know your grandfather's information, since most of them were classified."

"I'm kind of afraid of your mother's dedication right now."

"Well, I believe she has stopped doing all that after meeting my father. She is very loyal, like me."

"..." Clovis chuckled. "See you tomorrow, Kanaria."

"Mhmm. See you tomorrow." Kanaria waved her hand. She didn't know that Clovis had prepared two big surprises for them.

Although he didn't know what his grandfather left behind in that house, it was clear that things weren't as simple as everything on the surface.

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Unbeknownst to Clovis, the current president of Essence Bank was actually lurking around to find out about his identity.

"Huh? Clovis? His name is only Clovis? This is registered both at the country's registration and explorer associations. This is weird. Does he not have any family name?" Mr.

Frey looked at his screen and couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows.

Suddenly, his assistant entered the room and reported, "Sir. We have begun our investigation into this person called Clovis. However..."

"What's wrong?" Mr. Frey asked.

"His information seems to be classified."

"Huh?" Mr. Frey raised his eyebrows, not believing what he had just heard. "Are you—"

Before he could complete his words, there was a sudden call from an unknown number. Although he was a bit hesitant, he still answered the phone. "Hello?"

"Hello, this is me."

"!!!" Mr. Frey widened his eyes in surprise. "To think that the minister of justice is calling me through an unknown line, what do you need from me?"

"I am merely warning you. Don't proceed with what you're doing right now."

"What do you mean? I don't understand what you're talking about."

"I'm sure you know what I'm telling you. This is a warning, not from me, but from someone above me. If you continue, then you won't be suitable to become the president of Essence Bank anymore."

"..." Mr. Frey furrowed his eyebrows. "I still don't understand. Is he someone important?"

"I can't tell you everything because his identity is classified. However, you won't like to provoke his grandfather. That's all I can say."

"Huh?" Mr. Frey was confused, but the other party had hung up the call. Mr. Frey couldn't help but look down, contemplating.

"Sir..."

Mr. Frey said, "Cancel the investigation. For now, we will wait for more information from our branch. If possible, inquire about his name or his affiliation without alarming him or the people around him. Instead of him, we will investigate the people around him, his allies or his enemies. That should give us a picture about his identity."

"Understood."

Mr. Frey leaned back on his chair, looking troubled. "Who is he actually? Even the government is warning me... It seems that their backer is so powerful that his influence can even change the name in the registration. No, did he say grandfather earlier? Who is this grandfather he is talking about?"

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In the distant land.

A bald old man was laughing out loud after being smashed into the ground.

"Hahaha. That's a nice fist you've got there!" He looked at the giant gorilla in front of him before jumping forward.

"!!!" The gorilla felt something in his fist and hurriedly dodged it, causing the old man to punch the cliff behind him.

The punch didn't look anything special, but all of a sudden, a crack formed on the cliff and expanded to the entire cliff. It was a twenty meters cliff, but it actually started to crumble with a single punch.

"Oh no..." The old man gave a wry smile while looking at the falling rocks. Suddenly, a beast with a very long neck smacked all the rubble to the side, protecting the old man. If one took another look, it seemed similar to that of the brontosaurus.

The dinosaur looked at the old man as if he were telling him something.

"Alright, alright. I'm done with the sparring." The old man let out a long sigh. "You kill my mood... Can't you just let me be happy for a bit more?"

"..." The dinosaur didn't say anything. It only lowered his head, asking the old man to hop onto its head.

While jumping, the old man said, "My grandson has become an explorer, you know. And I'm sure that he will come sooner or later."

The dinosaur looked concerned, forcing the old man to say, "He is not like me. He definitely won't change the terrain alright? Come on, the last time was an accident. I didn't intend to remove that mountain from the map. Ah, I almost forgot. Since they took care of that matter, I will solve the Tier 7 beast not far from their city as thanks.

Let's go to the east!"

Roar! The gorilla pumped its chest before letting out a thunderous roar that caused the land to tremble.

The old man smiled. "How long will it take him to reach me? As much as I want to meet him again, those meddlesome people will not look at it that simply. Ah, I hate politics."

While taking out a fruit from his pocket, he said, "I am waiting for you here, Clovis. You are an explorer now, so explore the unknown territory if you want to meet me again."

Chapter 52 Tier 1

"Kh." Jay gritted his teeth as he felt his body burning. He had just consumed the last bit of essence required to push all the remaining evolution attributes to one hundred percent. "I have heard about this before.

"When evolving to a Tier 1 Explorer, the human body will be torn down and made anew. After all, the only difference between Tier 0 and Tier 1 is physical strength. If I want to surpass a normal human's limit, I have to endure this."

Jay's body was covered in sweat. The pain was much more durable than the one he experienced in the essence bank. At the same time, the excitement he got from a Tier 1 prospect made him ignore a little bit of the pain.

Crackle!

Crackle!

Jay felt like he was hallucinating because he actually heard his bones cracking earlier.

Kanaria was experiencing the same thing. But unlike Jay, she was moving around on her bed while clutching her body. "Kh. Come on. Just evolve already."

Both Jay and Kanaria suddenly noticed something. When they evolved to Tier 1, their eyes went blurry for a minute. During that time, they could actually see a few lines in the air, swimming around like an eel.

They didn't know anything about these lines and soon forgot about them due to the fact that this was the last part. After that one minute, the pain gradually subsided.

Their bodies were releasing a lot of sweat, to the point that it looked like someone poured the bed or the floor with a bucket of water. Yet, to their surprise, they didn't feel thirsty. Instead, they felt refreshed as if they had just gotten a good night's sleep.

"Huh?" Jay looked down, specifically at his sword. "Have I become a Tier 1 human?"

Curious, Jay picked up his sword, which, surprisingly, became extremely light. Even when he added the usual weight, he realized that it was nowhere near his limit.

It might be because of the super injections as well, but it felt like his strength had increased by at least three times.

"This is..." Jay understood why a Tier 1 Explorer still had the ability to fight against a Tier 2 beast. Not only his strength, but also his speed, had been enhanced. If he had this strength previously, he didn't need to fear a Tier 2 snake. In fact, he could slice the snake after several hits.

"I wonder how high Ivan's evolution attributes were. Was he close to Tier 1? No, I shouldn't think like this. Everything I should know is that Ivan was stronger than me back then, so I shouldn't find any reasons to think otherwise. It would just dampen my mood to get stronger."

Jay let out a long sigh.

On the other hand, after finishing her transformation, Kanaria noticed something different in her senses.

"What is this?" Kanaria frowned. Her eyesight became much better, to the point that she could easily find the individual threads that made her bed sheet. Her nose, her hearing, and all her other senses had been enhanced.

Although she felt the increase in her strength, she didn't think the difference was bigger than what she was experiencing with her senses.

"This is weird. I think I need a bit more time to adjust to this sense..." Kanaria frowned. "From what my mom said, it seemed that a powerful explorer didn't need binoculars anymore since they could simply see their enemies from afar.

"At the same time, I heard that everyone has a different kind of upgrade whenever they evolve to a higher tier. It seems that I have more affinity for my Brain Evolution Attributes compared to the other four. I wonder what Jay has."

Kanaria tried to get up from her bed, but she suddenly felt a sharp pain.

"Hmm?" Kanaria instinctively fell to her bed while clutching her foot. "Ouch. What the hell?"

She noticed that there was a wood splinter sticking to her foot. It wasn't supposed to be that painful, but because of the enhanced senses, the pain increased severalfold.

"I guess there's no way that everything only has benefits. They definitely have a flaw." Kanaria clicked her tongue. "Well, this is fine. I can get used to this pain after a while."

While Jay and Kanaria had become Tier 1 humans, Clovis couldn't follow them right away. If he wanted, it would be a simple matter for him to become a Tier 1. However, he had to introduce the Another World Mall first.

At the very least, he had to make up this story until he could finally reveal the truth about the Another World Mall.

Both Jay and Kanaria spent the rest of the day getting accustomed to their new strength.

Meanwhile, Clovis was buying everything he needed to upgrade to Tier 1 immediately. At the same time, he absorbed the remaining essence so that the items from the Another World Mall would be enough.

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The next day.

Clovis was walking down the street to meet Kanaria and Jay. He took this time to check his status again to confirm his evolution attributes.

Name: Clovis Hacfield

Tier: 0

Evolution Rate: 15%

Brain: 92.1%

Heart: 89.5%

Blood: 88.6%

Muscle: 100.0%

Bones: 88.8%

'I should have enough food to boost everything to one hundred percent. So, I can definitely attempt my evolution once I go back to my house. The problem is that... Do those people ransack my house when I'm gone?'

Clovis couldn't help but feel a bit troubled. He could only wait until they arrived at his house to know the answer.

Jay and Kanaria had been waiting for him next to the elevator. Clovis could faintly notice the difference that Jay and Kanaria had, albeit he couldn't describe it.

"Congratulations, both of you." Clovis smiled.

"Thank you." Kanaria smiled while Jay teased Clovis, "I will be challenging you once you become Tier 1."

"Hahaha. I'm looking forward to it." Clovis smiled. "Anyway, let's go."

"Sure." Kanaria extended her hand, asking for their IDs so that she could register them together.

It had been a while since there was another person in his house. After the beast wave that destroyed his city, he never had anyone's company anymore. Even his living condition grew worse every single day.

So, it was kind of exciting to have his friends come home with him. Still, he was kind of curious what they would think when they saw his empty house. He had sold most of its furniture after all.

"Alright. Let's go, boys." Kanaria returned in just a minute before asking them to follow her.

Chapter 53 Hidden Door

"So, this is your home." Jay looked at the house before him. It was quite a big house for a normal family.

It was a two-story house with a small garden and training hall on the back. There were only three bedrooms and three bathrooms inside, which was enough for Clovis's small family.

The appearance was quite similar to the houses in the neighborhood, and the security didn't seem to be that good for someone who bore the name Hacfield.

"Yeah. Let's go inside." Clovis nodded with a smile. "I hope you don't mind my humble home. No one is taking care of it, so I guess there's going to be a lot of dust."

"Sure." Jay was quite excited to see what kind of facility was hidden underneath Clovis's home. Meanwhile, Kanaria had her focus elsewhere.

Because of her new heightened senses, she could faintly see people's gazes ever since they entered this neighborhood. It felt like they were waiting for Clovis to come back.

However, she didn't say anything yet until she deemed it fine to say it to Clovis.

Still, the moment they entered the house, they couldn't help but get startled to find a lot of things missing from the house.

The living room was completely empty. There was no couch or any electronics. If they took a look at the kitchen, there was only a place to cook, not a place to eat.

It was clear that Clovis sold his furniture not long ago.

"You're living in a place like this?" Jay asked with a wry smile. "I have never thought that your family doesn't mind living in a place like this. Knowing your grandfather, I thought that it would be a mansion."

"Well, I didn't have money after my city was destroyed. Selling the furniture was the only way for me to sustain myself for a while. Besides, I couldn't really go look for a job because I wanted to focus on becoming an explorer."

"That's true." Jay nodded in agreement. "Still, I truly didn't expect this."

"So, Clovis... did you notice that your neighborhood..." Kanaria interjected but paused for a moment, wondering if this was the perfect time to talk about it.

"It's fine." Clovis nodded in understanding. He was aware of them after Gregory told him.

"I see." Kanaria felt a bit relieved. At the very least, they wouldn't really cause a problem for the time being.

"Do you mind if I explore your house a bit? I am kinda curious where the hidden door leading to the facility underneath your house is." Jay asked.

"In that case, I am going to cook for us. The stove is working, right?"

"I should have paid the bill until next month, so it should be working." Clovis nodded.

"I will cook us some simple meals. You can go with Jay for now." Kanaria was placing the bags on the kitchen table.

"Alright." Clovis turned to Jay and pointed to the back of the house. "In that case, let's go to the training hall first."

"Let's go!" Jay pumped his fists.

Kanaria couldn't help but chuckle, looking at this peace. Though, it was soon disturbed by the message.

When she checked the message, her face was immediately distorted.

Mom: So, how is his house? Is he living well there? Since the house is not properly cleaned, it's time to show your ability and clean it. And after you are done, just tell him that you are tired and will stay for the day. Don't forget to use his bedroom.

"This... should be ignored." Kanaria hurriedly put it back inside her pocket and tried to forget about that cursed text.

On the other side of the house, there was a huge room where Clovis always practiced his swords. There were a lot of sword marks where Clovis threw his short swords. The hall wasn't that big, but there was nothing suspicious in it.

Meanwhile, Jay was completely immersed in his curiosity. "Is this for real? Damn, you've really practiced your throwing skill for a long time."

"It should be perfect if I want it to be useful." Clovis nodded. "Still, I don't think the hidden passage is here. This place is where I usually spend most of the time, so I should have found out about the passage a long time ago."

"Nope. I think this room is where the hidden passage is. I mean, if it's something that you're meant to find, I will definitely put it in a place where you're going to be around the most."

"..." Clovis couldn't deny that idea. However, he had caused a lot of destruction here, especially holes. So, he didn't think there was anything hidden.

The walls, the ceilings, everything had a hole in it from his short sword. So, he thought there was nothing else that could be found.

"So, if you think that this hidden passage is here, where is it?" Clovis asked while looking around, wondering if he had missed something.

"Hmm. Since it's the passage leading to the underground, wouldn't it be..." Jay looked down, pointing at the floor. The floor hadn't been harmed that much since if it were filled with holes, Clovis would have a hard time moving around. He might trip on one of the holes. "...the floor?"

Clovis thought for a moment. "Should we destroy the floor or something? But completely destroying this place and making it unusable are kind of..."

Clovis was uncomfortable with the idea that he couldn't use this place anymore.

"Maybe, we should look around first and check if there is anything wrong with the floor." Jay shrugged and started knocking on the floor gently to see if there was a hidden space underneath the floor.

It was a rather good idea, so Clovis also followed suit. However, no matter how hard they were trying to find the hidden passage, they couldn't find it.

In fact, Kanaria finished first and couldn't help but fetch them. "Hey, guys. The meal is ready. It's just a simple carbonara, so I hope you like it."

Clovis and Jay raised their heads. They were ready to give up at this time, but Kanaria abruptly stopped when she asked, "Clovis. Did you notice that?"

"What?" Clovis furrowed his eyebrows. Notice what? He had been living here, so he never really noticed anything.

"The small beeping sound." Kanaria raised her finger before pointing it in the direction of the noise. She actually moved to the left wall, especially toward one of the holes Clovis made back in the day. "There. I heard a beeping sound and pointed at the hole. There seemed to be a button inside the hole."

"Button, sound, what?" Clovis was completely bewildered. He tried to check the hole, but the hole was quite deep and small. Light couldn't really enter this hole. He used the flashlight to see what was inside and he noticed another small space inside. However, he couldn't find the button.

"Are you sure there is a button?" Jay asked. He was the same as Clovis.

"Yeah. I could see it. Maybe it's because my Tier 1 evolution sharpened my senses to a new level that I can see it, but yeah, there should be a button there. The question is how we can reach that button."

The question had a rather simple solution. The hole was made of his short sword, so Clovis immediately grabbed his short sword and handed it to Kanaria. "I can't see the button, so you can try to reach it with this."

Kanaria nodded, noticing the trust Clovis had. Even though she was the only one who could see it, Clovis could simply do it himself in a few tries, so they didn't know much about the secret.

So, Kanaria felt a bit of responsibility on her shoulder as she carefully stuck the blade into the hole and slightly twisted it to the right.

Clack!

They could hear a sound coming from inside the wall. In that instant, the beeping sound became a bit louder, allowing Clovis and Jay to hear it.

There seemed to be a gear sound coming from behind the wall that gradually stopped after a minute. After that, the wall suddenly detached from the rest of the wall and moved backward.

"This is..." Clovis gulped down and pushed the door carefully, not knowing what was hidden behind the wall.

And it turned out to be a metal door. There seemed to be some lock mechanism that required a fingerprint, but the only ones who could actually open the door might only be those who were related to Hacfield. Yes, it was only Clovis.

However, there was something else he noticed. On the corner of the door, there was actually a small piece of paper. Clovis approached it carefully and read what was written inside as his expression couldn't help but change.

"What's wrong, Clovis?" Jay asked while Kanaria stopped him, implying that they shouldn't try to find out about the Hacfield family's secret unless the rightful heir deemed it alright for them to see it.

Clovis let out a long sigh before handing the paper to them.

'If you manage to find this hidden passage, it means that you are either lucky to find it and hit the button during your training or that girl, Vania, is with you... or probably her daughter.

'However, opening the door will definitely change your perspective on strength. So, if you find this button like in the first scenario, the password is '629.' If it's the latter and you think that your teammates are trustworthy, the password is '912.' So, make your decision before you enter the password. It will destroy the other one.'

Chapter 54 Message

While they were reading, Clovis had already returned to the door as if he had already made a decision. It was spontaneous.

Clovis created his group in order to become stronger together. Hence, there was no need to choose.

He inputted the password '912' and immediately put his thumb on the scanning screen, which immediately produced a beeping sound as if it had confirmed Clovis's identity.

The door without the handle suddenly opened, inviting them in. "I think we should go inside."

Jay and Kanaria were a bit stunned that Clovis had already invited them in before they finished reading the note.

"..." Jay and Kanaria didn't know what to do. On the one hand, they were curious about the content. On the other hand, they didn't think they should know about this secret. They had just known Clovis two weeks ago after all. It was rather inappropriate to immediately know his secret.

However, Clovis immediately returned to them and grabbed their hands. "What are you guys doing? Let's go inside. The door might be closed soon."

"But can we really know about this?" Jay was a bit unsure. Kanaria also agreed with him. "It's not that we're trying to deny our relationship, but..."

Clovis chuckled. "So, you're thinking about that? Then I'm going to tell you that you're underestimating me. Do you know why I said that Vina is incompatible with us? It's not because of her strength or her fighting style. It's because I know that even if she is with us, she won't be with us for too long.

You guys are different. I recruit you guys with that thought in mind."

Jay and Kanaria felt so moved by those words that they didn't realize that Clovis had dragged them inside.

And it turned out that the door was leading to stairs with a plain white room at the bottom.

Clovis didn't know where this place led to, but he immediately dragged the two.

The secret facility that Kanaria's mother told them about was actually just a plain white room. There was nothing special about it other than a small television and a chip on the ground.

"Hmm?" Clovis frowned, looking at the chip. "How do we use this?"

"I think you should insert it there. The television should have a slot for it," Kanaria replied.

"Oh!" Clovis picked up the chip and found the slot on the right side.

When he inserted it, the television turned on, showing a woman with a mask. She dressed in a glamorous red dress, which made people think she was in the middle of a party.

However, the mysterious atmosphere immediately changed as she asked the question playfully. "Guess who I am? Lady Death, Maiden in Love, or H-yaa—! What are you doing, dear?"

Suddenly, a man entered the screen, hugging the lady from behind. "I choose the first option because I'm courting death."

"Oh my! If you say that, our son will definitely be crouching while covering his face with both of his hands right now."

As the lady's voice echoed in everyone's ears, Kanaria and Jay couldn't help but lower their vision, realizing that Clovis was doing exactly that.

He was just trying to hide his embarrassment.

"Clovis. You need to have thick skin and know how to make good and bad jokes. If not, your life will be boring." The lady smiled proudly.

"That's not important. What matters is... that if this video is the one played, he should have come with that woman or maybe her daughter." The man pointed at the screen and shouted, "That's why I have to say this! I won't let you have my son!"

"..." Kanaria and Jay were speechless.

"Isn't that the other way around?" The lady chuckled.

Kanaria and Jay exchanged looks.

"You know. I'm kind of nervous to know what the secret of the Hacfield family is. But I never thought it would be this amazing." Jay gave a wry smile.

"I don't know what to say." Kanaria nodded in agreement.

"Just leave me alone. Can't they actually behave like people their ages?" Clovis kept covering his embarrassment.

"Alright. Let's get into the current matter." The lady smiled. "Let me properly introduce myself. I am Clovis's mother, Aisha. Thank you for taking care of my son. The one next to me is his father, Gerald.

We're here to tell you three important things.

"First of all, if you find out about this place, it means that you are really serious about achieving your dream. Your father and I should still be alive, but in another place, dealing with all the amazing people that might target you. The second thing is..."

Gerald stepped forward and raised two fingers. "I don't know how powerful you currently are, but I believe that you are still too weak compared to those old monsters. Hence, I'm going to tell you how to get strong.

"There are two simple ways. It's to get the essence while honing your skill. However, this will only allow you to achieve mediocre strength. The other way is much more torturous, but it will give you the strength to protect yourself.

"This is an ability that everyone will get eventually. Around Tier 3, you should be able to faintly sense it. Tier 4 will allow you to completely sense it and even train it. I don't know if you have heard about it, but this power is called Imaginary.

"Think about it, the beast becomes much stronger and can do a lot of crazy things like releasing a powerful breath that melts an entire city. How about a human? We can use their beast soul to produce a similar result, but it's not the power that humans possess.

"In the past when we knew that the world we currently lived in was a simulation, we knew that there should be a balance between the two sides to show a good simulation. Imaginary is the power that resides in every single human and can be utilized with enough practices.

"Of course, normally, you need to wait until you are Tier 3 before you can harness this power. Even the great power will need to wait for their descendants to reach this level before teaching them this.

"However, what I'm about to tell you is a bit different. It's a specialized training method that will allow you to harness this power before reaching Tier 3. So, when you are Tier 3, you can utilize this power much better than anyone else.

"This method is called the Star Method. If you are here, it means Clovis has decided to trust you, so you may use this information as you see fit.

"As you know, humans have five evolution attributes: Brain, Heart, Blood, Muscle, and Bones. Each human has an affinity for at least one attribute. You will usually find it out when you evolve to Tier 1.

"If you have affinity with the Brain, your senses will become much more powerful, the Heart will allow you to have extraordinary regenerative ability, the Blood will give you a boost in utilizing your power, the Muscle will drastically improve your strength, and the Bones will allow you to have a powerful defensive ability.

"This Star Method will allow you to harness that power early on, so listen to this simple lesson."

Clovis's father, Gerald, began narrating about the method to utilize a human's latent ability briefly. There was no note whatsoever to make sure there was no record that could be found about the method.

Kanaria and Jay were completely astounded by the sudden influx of information. At the same time, they also came to the realization that what they experienced was related to that affinity.

On the one hand, they were quite surprised that they could get this kind of information. On the other hand, Clovis didn't seem to mind them listening to it.

This was indeed the Hacfield family's secret, since this would cause a huge uproar if it were known by people worldwide. And it might be the reason why the Hacfield family was targeted by a lot of people.

The most concerning thing was the fact that his father actually didn't push away anyone here as if he completely trusted his son's judgment in choosing the people for his group.

Jay felt excited. He was indeed overwhelmed with this favor from Clovis. At the same time, he had never intended to leave the group in the first place. Even if he managed to get the captain position in the group, he would still consider Clovis one of his best friends. He was sure that Clovis would do his best to take the captain position from him again.

So, knowing this ability made him realize that their rivalry would be something legendary. And both of them would bring Libation Fiesta to the very top.

On the other hand, Kanaria had a wry smile. She indeed thought that Clovis was a great leader and she had also officially joined the group. However, her relationship with Clovis was rather awkward.

Her mother might push her, but it felt so forced. She also didn't want a forced relationship, even though her admiration for Hacfield was high.

At the same time, she didn't think that she would leave this group. The memory of her celebrating with them or hunting with them just made her feel at ease like she was at home.

Clovis was slightly different from her. He had been vocal about how he wanted to have a group of his own that could rise together with him.

The real reason why his father gave this method to not only him but also his group was that he approved his goal and wanted to support him. Although he wasn't with him physically, he was still near him.

Clovis promised once again that he would become strong together with his group, showing his parents that he would be their pride and joy.

Chapter 55 Private Message

"There you have it. I have given you a simple lesson on how to utilize the Star Method. I hope that you can work hard and become strong enough to protect yourself."

Once Clovis's father was done with the explanation, his mother immediately interjected. "Alright. Since you've received the knowledge, I hope that you can vacate the room as we have important news for our child. I will give you a minute to leave."

Jay and Kanaria understood the assignment. Even if Clovis wanted them to stay, they should leave. His parents had given them enough that they shouldn't be too greedy.

Clovis didn't even look at them as if he were respecting their choices.

Kanaria tugged Jay's sleeve, implying that they should get out. Without hesitation, both of them walked back to the training hall as the door closed on its own after a minute.

After one minute, Aisha finally opened her mouth. "Alright. I assume that everyone has vacated the room. So, I am not going to beat around the bush anymore. Clovis, I don't know if you have realized it or not, but the beast wave that destroyed our home was not natural."

Clovis's expression darkened. He remembered what Kanaria's mother said regarding the unnatural movement of the beasts.

"As you might already know, your grandfather is one of the top ten explorers in the world. The real reason why your grandfather is currently missing is because it involves other top explorers as well. You could say that he is distracting them right now.

"Do you know why the top explorers are respected? It's because of the power they have. If a single of them wants it, they can destroy a few bases in a country and the latter can't do anything about it. That's the power they have.

"And if the top explorers fight each other, it will be extremely hard for them to kill each other. Even if they manage to do so, the winner will definitely suffer severe injuries. The other top explorers might take this opportunity to swallow them.

"Your grandfather is missing to make them think about the potential of him appearing out of nowhere and killing them in an ambush or just causing enough injuries so that they will be destroyed by others.

"I know that you are fond of your grandfather, but I don't suggest you search for your grandfather right now. You simply don't have the strength to do it and even right now, we're being targeted.

"Your father and I are moving around so that they will chase us instead of you. All you can do right now is bid your time and get stronger as quickly as possible."

After reaching that part, his father, Gerald, suddenly stopped Aisha. "That's enough. I know that you are curious about it, but even if you say that you are not interested in it, your actions will subconsciously move toward it. And being reckless and getting yourself killed are things that we don't want to happen.

"So, we won't tell you any more clues about it. If you wish to know about it, just find it yourself. You are an explorer, right?"

While it looked like it was better to tell him everything, Gerald chose to let Clovis discover everything by himself. It was impossible to stop Clovis, so it was better to do this. After all, finding the truth would take time and that time was what Clovis needed to get stronger. In other words, Gerald was just trying to delay the time so that Clovis could grow stronger.

"Actually, there is one more thing that you need to know about this Star Method. Even though each tip of the star represents one evolution attribute, there is one thing that I don't tell anyone. It's about the sixth attribute."

"The sixth attribute?" Clovis widened his eyes in shock. He had never heard about this.

"Well, the sixth attribute itself can't be described. It's like the sixth sense of a human. It's said that one can predict the future, or in another case, there is a human who can see a ghost. It's that kind of stuff.

"I don't understand it myself because I don't have it. However, your grandfather has it. And I don't know if it's true or not, but according to your grandfather, you have it too. Unfortunately, he doesn't tell me anything about it.

"Instead, he tells me one thing. Explore your unknown power and find out the truth yourself. That's what an explorer does, right?"

Clovis looked down, falling into deep thought. He wondered if this sixth attribute was the one that allowed someone to become a Tier 9 Explorer. If that was true, then it was possible that the Another World Mall was his sixth attribute.

Still, this theory didn't make sense. Another World Mall wasn't that related to the evolution attributes, and every item looked fictional.

That was why he believed that the Another World Mall was actually not his sixth attribute but something much more mysterious.

"There you have it. While it's true that you will definitely have a better affinity for one evolution attribute, I hope that you don't neglect your training on other attributes. Even if their progress is slow, it will definitely benefit you a lot."

Clovis smiled, taking note of this matter. Though, he truly wanted to meet them again, especially after knowing that they were still alive.

As if understanding his thoughts, Gerald said his last piece. "Once you reach Tier 5, we might be able to reunite. If you come to us weaker than that, you will die. Also, you may use the Hacfield family's names as you see fit. We might not be a big family, but we're certainly powerful and mysterious. Use it to your advantage.

"And don't forget, if you have enemies before then, list their names and tell your dad about it. I'm going to crush their bal—"

"Dear! Don't show your real thoughts." Aisha smiled coldly as if reminding him that he shouldn't be brutal in front of their kids so that Clovis didn't turn like him.

"..." Gerald looked away, having no choice but to comply.

"That's all from us. I'm sorry that we can't meet you right now, but believe us, we miss you and love you. You have your own path, so make sure you walk through it to the very end. Also, I don't mind a few kids along the way. Don't be like your father and grandfather, who stick to the old morals. I want to play with a bunch of kids."

"You can say that and I can't say my things?" Gerald's eyebrows twitched. "Aisha. I think we need a family meeting after this. You—Beep!"

The recording ended abruptly, leaving Clovis speechless. In the end, they couldn't maintain their serious facade.

"Kh." Clovis let out a long sigh before smiling. In the end, this kind of memory was good too.

"I will definitely work hard." Clovis remembered that they told him that he could use their family name in any way he wanted, so there should be no trouble in using this name to procure the goods from the Another World Mall.

And there was something he had to do before leaving this room.

He opened his inventory and immediately took out all the food he had bought in the past two days.

Without hesitation, he opened them up and ate them.

Name: Clovis Hacfield

Tier: 0

Evolution Rate: 15%

Brain: 100%

Heart: 100%

Blood: 100%

Muscle: 100%

Bones: 100%

"Hoh?" Clovis smiled since he finally filled up everything.

It seemed that his body began to mutate once he ate the last piece of his food. The bones started to crack and the muscles seemed to be torn apart.

The excruciating pain was endurable for Clovis. He had experienced worse during the special injections.

Just like the others, he endured this pain for a while.

After about twenty minutes, the pain started to subside as Clovis gradually opened his eyes, checking his body's condition.

Name: Clovis Hacfield

Tier: 1

Evolution Rate: 15%

Brain: 0%

Heart: 0%

Blood: 0%

Muscle: 0%

Bones: 0%

The Tier had been updated, and the evolution progress had been reset.

Clovis wondered what his affinity was. He tried to clench his fists but felt not much different.

"It seems that Muscle is not my affinity. How about Bones?" Clovis tried to hit himself to check if he experienced the same pain or not.

It felt slightly different, but not worthy enough to take note of.

So Clovis moved on to the next experiment, which was the Brain. Unlike Kanaria's supersenses, his senses were enhanced, but not that much different from what he felt earlier.

There was something a bit extreme that he wanted to try. After some consideration, he pulled out his blade and cut a bit of his thumb to see if there was a change in the regenerative ability.

In the end, he bled like normal. It didn't seem that there was any sign of it stopping, causing Clovis to suck his thumb to stop the bleeding.

"Ugh. If these four are not my affinity, then my affinity must be with Blood. I don't know how to test this, but this is the only explanation. I guess I have to wait until I have the chance to test it."

"I wonder how the affinity can boost my ability to utilize my power. I should ask Kanaria and Jay about it. Also, I have to think of a way to give them a present."

Clovis thought for a moment while taking out the shorts for Kanaria and the sweatpants for Jay. After sorting the words in his mind, Clovis headed back up and opened the door, finding Kanaria and Jay waiting for him. It seemed that they hadn't eaten anything yet.