

World Mall 551

Chapter 551 Insanity

"Ah. I'm satisfied. The food here is the best. I guess they truly bring good chefs. I even feel stronger after eating." Hana stretched her body.

"Yeah. The food is indeed different. No wonder why we need a cook for something like this." Kanaria nodded.

Clovis walked silently before they were stopped by Christina.

"Is there something wrong, Miss Christina?" Hana asked.

"No need to be polite. I just wonder if I can have a spar with..." Christina glanced at Clovis. "...It doesn't need to be in the arena. Somewhere more secluded is fine to prevent anyone from seeing your secret. Besides, we all want to hide our unique ability as much as possible."

"Clovis?" Hana and Kanaria turned around, looking at Clovis, who had a nonchalant expression.

Clovis thought for a moment before nodding his head. "Sure. I don't really mind."

"In that case, at the back of the hotel? There should be an empty field within the forest. I saw it yesterday."

"Alright. Ten minutes from now? I have to grab my weapons."

"Of course."

After Clovis accepted her offer, Christina immediately left. Her face didn't show any sign of excitement, as though she was just trying to test Clovis.

Kanaria and Hana were confused but decided to follow, wondering what would happen in this battle. Christina was a strong Tier 5 and had a unique ability. It wouldn't be weird for her to defeat Tier 6 easily.

Clovis probably wanted to gauge her strength as well.

Since they didn't need to bring their equipment, they just went straight to the field and waited for them.

Hana couldn't help but ask, "Are you jealous?"

"Jealous of what?" Kanaria tilted her head in confusion.

"I'm talking about Christina. Considering her strength, family, and even her potential, it wouldn't be weird for her to be the one standing on his equal."

"Is there even a need to do that?" Kanaria shrugged. "I have gone past the stage where I care about it. Whether I'm coping or accepting it, it doesn't really matter anymore... at least for me."

"Hmm..." Hana fell silent for a moment, not knowing how to respond. She thought Kanaria would be jealous and tried to prevent him.

Fortunately, she didn't really have any inferiority complex. It was probably because of her mother that she ended up accepting it much easier, since being one was much better than not, like her mother.

"Besides, having a bigger family will also allow me to realize my dream." She smiled. "And Clovis' family will be in a much safer situation."

"Fair enough." Hana was speechless. It might be because she expected a different answer, she couldn't reply to her answer. "Still, it sounds like they're trying to sell her off."

"What's the difference between you and her then?" Kanaria squinted her eyes.

"That's slander. My intention is much purer than hers!"

"And what is that?"

"Money!"

"..." Kanaria chuckled while looking away.

Meanwhile, Clovis and Christina walked to the field together.

As soon as they reached the field, Christina said, "We'll be fighting for several minutes. Since there will be an auction soon, we'll need some time to make sure our injuries recover. So, keep that in mind while unleashing your full strength. I'll also be using my unique ability."

"Got it." Clovis nodded.

"In that case, I will be calling the shot." Hana raised her hand. "Are both of you ready?"

Clovis and Christina nodded their heads at the same time.

Without wasting any more time, Hana immediately shouted, "Start!"

Both of them moved forward.

Since Christina was a guardian, she was holding two shields and abandoning all weapons, unlike Ragna.

These two shields were even bigger than her body, making him wonder if she could actually see him if she accidentally covered her vision with those shields.

Clovis immediately began the spar with several diagonal strikes, attempting to make her twist her shields so that it would cover her vision.

To his surprise, Christina actually blocked his attack with almost little to no effort.

"What's wrong? If you don't use your full power, you won't be able to make me budge."

"..." Clovis frowned and immediately activated his perfect state, trying to overwhelm her with the sudden change of strength and pace.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Their weapons collided more than fifty times in a second, but Christina actually remained steadfast.

"Have you truly eaten your breakfast?"

"..." Clovis maintained his silence but he tried to use his full power this time. He gathered all his strength and momentum and unleashed it in a single swing.

Christina instinctively sensed it and immediately pressed the ground harder with her feet. For some reason, Clovis noticed the change in her atmosphere as she stopped the attack with her shield.

'This one is too strong for a Tier 3 human. As expected, he has a unique ability.' Christina didn't show her shock in her face. She simply smiled and asked, "What's wrong? Are you done?"

Clovis frowned. There was something he couldn't describe from her that made him want to unleash his full strength without caring about anything. If it was her, she could definitely take it.

Clovis didn't realize that the system was glitching once again because he was fully immersed in the fight.

No matter what kind of swing he made, Christina actually received them with no trouble.

Normal people would start to lose hope, wondering if they could even hurt her at all. In fact, most people who fought her were defeated like that.

But the thought that appeared in Clovis' mind couldn't be any more different. 'This is fun. So I can try everything in my mind without worrying about her. If it's her, she can definitely take it... She won't... break!'

Clovis didn't realize that his thoughts had changed. It might be because he had been using his Perfect State multiple times in a short period of time or it was because of last night's battle, but something had changed inside Clovis.

Because no matter what he did, Christina would be able to receive it. Clovis gradually changed his fighting style from the systematic way of fighting to something random. It was as if Clovis had turned into a beast that was trying to do everything he could to defeat her.

"!!!" Christina noticed the change and worried inwardly. Did she do something wrong? Clovis had gotten stronger, but his fighting style had changed. If his form ended up changing because of her, she wouldn't be able to explain it to her father.

However, Clovis didn't care about it. He increased his pace and struck her shield relentlessly.

'This is... What is going on?' Christina frowned. 'This strength is not normal. Is he getting stronger in a fight? I can believe it if it's his technique, but there's no way strength can get stronger during a fight.'

Clovis, on the other hand, felt something different. The more he used his Perfect State, the more he realized the state he was in.

Right now, he was in a trance, feeling as if he was sinking in the bottomless sea.

'What is this? I get stronger? I actually haven't utilized the Perfect State to its full potential? Anger can activate it, but this feeling... Does this mean I'm in the zone? No, not yet. Maybe I'm approaching the zone. I should try it. Christina should be fine.'

Clovis chose to trust his instinct this time. Little did he know, a smile—different from his normal excited smile—appeared on his face. This one was much creepier and filled with bloodlust.

'This is exciting!' Clovis struck the shield.

Bang!

Christina clicked her tongue as she couldn't help but take a step back as though she was overwhelmed by that attack.

"!!!" Kanaria and Hana were stunned. Clovis actually began to overwhelm Christina.

Christina took a deep breath and pressed the ground even harder, increasing her strength to withstand Clovis.

But the latter had actually prepared for something else. He had gathered his strength and momentum and tried the same strike again, this time with his stronger self.

Bang!

"!!!" Christina used all her strength to block it, only to find it much stronger than anything she could imagine. 'What is this strength?'

"NO!" Christina twisted her shield a little bit so that both her shield and Clovis' sword were knocked away together.

After that, Christina used her other shield to block him, but Clovis stopped it with his short sword.

Christina saw the incoming hand, so she grabbed it as hard as possible. However, Clovis seemed to not feel any pain as he forced his arm to slide on her hand until his hand reached her face.

Both Hana and Kanaria dropped their jaws in disbelief. No one in this place, including Clovis, thought this was possible.

"!!!" Christina was trying to escape, but Clovis held her hard before slamming her head to the ground.

What terrorized her was not this absurd strength. For some reason, Clovis was grinning like an insane person. It was as if he found enjoyment in doing something like this.

Chapter 552 Reason

Kanaria and Hana were stunned. How could Clovis overpower Christina? The latter should have been using all her strength, so it didn't make sense.

Surprisingly, the one who first reacted was not Clovis or Christina. It was Lues.

He seemed to have been watching the battle from afar so as not to disturb them. But as a guardian who had dealt with a lot of opponents, he could discern the change in Clovis' mind. It was as if he wasn't Clovis anymore.

That was why he planned to put a stop to this battle.

Even more surprising was the fact that Jeremy suddenly appeared in front of him, grabbing his arm.

"Let go!" Lues gritted his teeth.

Jeremy shook his head. "It's for their sake."

"What do you mean? Do you know something about this? It doesn't seem like his girlfriend or your granddaughter is aware of this matter. Why does he suddenly change?"

"I will tell you about what that old madman told me about his unique ability. But there's something I want you to promise. Let them be."

Lues frowned. "What did you say?"

"Why do you think you came here? It's not to meet Clovis or us, right? It's because you're instructed to meet all three of us."

"!!!" Lues' body shook. That clue made him realize everything had been prearranged, including this spar.

No, it was more like the two Tier 9 humans had come to an agreement about something and Jeremy knew about it.

After thinking for a moment, Lues recalled all the strength he put into his body, showing Jeremy he would go with his arrangement.

Jeremy smiled and took a step back. He glanced at Clovis with a sad expression. "Do you know what his unique ability is?"

"Something like physical ability strengthening. There's a huge gap when it's active and not, so it's quite apparent. However, I don't think that's all, considering his team is also growing exponentially."

Jeremy raised a finger. "In the past, there was someone who was called a mad kid. When someone bullied him, he fought back to the point where he broke the nose of that bully."

"Hmm? Clovis?" Lues frowned.

Jeremy smiled and continued, "When the apocalypse happened, that mad kid unleashed everything he had and became the one dominating the entire area.

"He fought, fought, and fought. Even when his entire body was covered with blood, he still fought.

"Eventually, he became a person feared by the whole world. Anyone who wanted to pick a fight against him would be in trouble."

"!!!" Lues gasped, realizing who he was talking about. "Michael Hacfield!"

Jeremy nodded. "Later, he said that whenever he fought, he would feel a surge of strength. That was why he could continue fighting. The more he was injured, the stronger he became.

"That was also when he met a woman. Unlike him, the woman was calm and collected. Every time he looked angry, she would be there and soothe him. No matter how mad he was or how bloodthirsty he was, he couldn't lift his hand against her.

"They thought it would be the end of it, until their grandson was born. When he was born, the first thing that child released was... killing intent."

"!!!" Lues gasped and grabbed Jeremy's shoulder. "Are you saying that kid has activated his unique ability since birth? And killing intent... Who did he want to kill?"

"No one? Or probably everyone? After seeing how the young kid murdered a chicken in such a cold-blooded manner, the grandfather chose to seal that kid's ability by teaching him how to fight. If the kid was able to fight and had no need for that ability, it might be suppressed completely in the future.

"Unfortunately, he couldn't be more wrong about it. The kid ended up utilizing that ability, but in a suppressed manner due to the training he had done so far."

Lues shuddered in fear. "Suppressed? Are you saying that kind of overwhelming strength is suppressed?"

He couldn't imagine what kind of strength Clovis would possess if he unleashed everything.

"Not long ago, his grandfather ended up finding a certain guy fighting against his enemy. Due to the feud between them, the grandfather thought, 'Would it be good to have them as an ally and let their grandchildren meet?'"

Lues looked down, falling into deep thought. Why would Michael want them to meet? After listening to the story, she noticed some similarity between Clovis and Michael as well as Christina with his grandmother.

In that instant, he understood the reason why his father wanted them to attend this banquet. It was so that both of them could meet.

Michael believed that Christina had the strength to contain Clovis. If he could get used to it and get full control over the full potential of his unique ability, Clovis would definitely stand at the peak. Nothing would bring more joy to Michael than seeing his son safe from this power.

On the other hand, Ezekiel saw this as an opportunity. Since they had the same enemy, they should join hands. And if Christina was able to help Clovis unleash his full potential, the Elseingarde would have a strong ally in the future. That ally even had a monstrous group.

'So that's the reason...' Lues frowned. "This joint training... Is it your idea? You're planning to have this joint training because it will allow Clovis and Christina to keep having a spar."

"It's Hana's idea. I would have suggested it if Hana hadn't suggested it first, though. That's why we should leave them alone. Let the youngsters settle it themselves and grow stronger together. Who knows? Maybe with his influence, he can actually make her much stronger like his companions? At the very least, that's the secret that not even his grandfather knows about." Jeremy shrugged.

Lues glanced to the side, finding his daughter pinning Clovis on the ground with her shield as if trying to suppress his bloodthirsty nature.

As Jeremy said, his daughter might have the strength to do it. Lues lowered his head, falling into deep thought. "I will have to go back to my family. I will leave Christina to you. Make sure nothing goes wrong."

Jeremy smirked. "You can leave it to me."

Chapter 553 Overthinking

"Ha... Ha... What are you..." Christina panted heavily while restraining Clovis on the ground. She pinned his head on the ground while her other hand stopped his hands from moving.

Now that they were in this position, Christina could finally recall whatever had just happened earlier.

Even Hana and Kanaria couldn't help but furrow their eyebrows. "What is going on?"

They noticed the change in Clovis but, at the same time, couldn't believe Clovis was capable of doing such a thing.

As if realizing he was unable to do anything, he calmed down. The bloodlust in his eyes gradually disappeared. "Ah. What happened?"

Christina was confused. 'Did he not remember what he had just done?'

"Well, how about we end it here?" Jeremy's voice echoed in everyone's ears.

"!!!" They turned to Jeremy. Hana frowned. The timing was so perfect that she couldn't help but question whether he was waiting for them or not. "Grandfather..."

Jeremy smiled. "Hana, Kanaria. Can you guys go back first? I need to talk to these two."

Hana and Kanaria didn't like this fact, but it seemed they had no other choice but to comply.

They both nodded to each other before taking their leave.

After that, Jeremy turned to the two. "I want to talk to both of you, but don't you think that position is rather inappropriate?"

To restrain him, Christina had to sit on Clovis' back, so it really wasn't appropriate for a serious discussion.

Christina released him and stood up. "My apologies. I was too shocked earlier that I had no choice."

Clovis didn't understand what was going on, so he just stood up with a confused expression, expecting anyone to explain it to him.

"Clovis. What's the last thing you remember?" Jeremy asked.

"I was fighting against her and I felt my ability could increase further, so I sank deeper..."

"Huh?" Christina frowned. She had never heard something like this. "Sank deeper? Ability? Do you mean a unique ability?"

Clovis thought for a moment before deciding to answer honestly. "Yes."

"How can that be? Sank deeper? Don't tell me. Your unique ability hasn't been awakened completely?"

"Awakened completely?"

"Yes. Normally, people will awaken their unique ability at a certain age. You can utilize it to its full potential, but I have never heard of someone who needs time for its ability to fully awaken. I can't really describe it." Christina clicked her tongue. She didn't understand much herself, so she could only click her tongue.

Jeremy raised two fingers. "That's the thing. First of all, I will be telling you the two pieces of information your grandfather wants me to convey. You awakened that unique ability the moment you were born."

"What?!" Christina widened her eyes in shock. "How can this be? Awakened the moment you were born? That's impossible. The baby wasn't strong enough to handle such a thing."

Jeremy nodded in agreement but continued nonetheless. "And the second will be... you."

"Me?" Christina pointed at herself.

"Yes. How about joining his group?"

"Huh?" Christina frowned. "I have the Elseigarde family."

"I know, but your grandfather has given permission about it. As long as you agree, you are allowed to do everything you want."

"No way. I'm not going to leave the Elseigarde family."

He smiled. "Of course, if that's your choice. However, I'm just going to tell you one thing. Joining his group will certainly be beneficial for your family. And that's all. Just consider it. Obviously, the captain will be the one to decide it, so don't feel too pressured about it."

Clovis crossed his arms.

When he thought about it, Luci was a suggestion from Hana. If he also took Christina, it felt like there were a lot of people involved in the creation of his dream team.

It felt like the group wasn't his anymore.

Still, Christina's strength was precious. With her unique ability, she shouldn't have any trouble joining Clovis' group. As a future Tier 9, she should have enough ambition.

However, Clovis noticed that the reason they wanted her to join must be related to him, specifically his unique ability.

Clovis crossed his arms, falling into deep thought.

"Well, this is not something that can be decided easily." Clovis turned to Christina.

"I agree." Christina nodded her head. "There's still the joint training."

"Indeed."

Jeremy smiled. "Is that so? In the end, your grandfather has just given you a suggestion. He by no means has any intention of dictating what you need to do. Anyway, I have passed the message. It's up to you what you're going to do with it."

Jeremy waved his hand and disappeared.

Clovis and Christina looked at each other.

'That strength of his... It's certainly extraordinary. If he can truly utilize it to its true potential, he might surpass me. I don't know what kind of ability it is, but it's clearly much stronger than what the world has seen so far.

'After all, according to my grandfather, the sooner the unique ability is awakened, the higher its potential.

'The fact that he awakened it when he was born meant he held the current record. But it might be due to the nature of its power, but it brings a certain side effect, which is that bloodlust state.

'If they want me to join his group, it means my existence is somewhat useful for that side effect.'

Christina fell into deep thought.

Meanwhile, Clovis had another way of thinking. 'A side effect, huh? Mara should have something similar. Do I need to train with Christina or is anybody fine?

'And if Christina can help me, being in my group is not necessary, right? I can offer a trade or owe her a favor. If it's in the future, I can probably give her something like the collar for a beast pet or items from Another World Mall. No, should I just give her a painting that will be suitable for a guardian?

'This is a much better solution.'

Clovis and Christina looked at each other, not realizing Jeremy was still observing them from a distance. He chuckled, 'Two youths overthinking such a simple thing.'

Chapter 554 Learning about Parents

After the sparring, there was a banquet. Unfortunately, there was nothing that could catch Clovis' eyes. He had almost everything in his Another World Mall, so he wasn't bothered to buy anything.

Meanwhile, there was a huge battle fighting for the quota of the new beast souls.

Hana bought several items, but there wasn't anyone in the country that had more money than Hana and Jeremy combined. So, it wasn't wise to fight them.

In the end, Hana got everything she wanted. There were a lot of deals, but the one in which Hana was interested the most was the overseas deal. She was preparing to expand overseas after the contract with the military ended.

While everyone was excited for the auction, there was one man who had to return home. It was Lues.

After knowing his father's intention, he immediately prepared everything back home from the training, the people, and their resources. They couldn't be caught lacking in this department.

In the end, Christina chose to stay with Hana until the people who received the quota got their beast souls.

Instead of going home, Clovis decided to follow Alan to get more information about his father.

Surprisingly, Alan showed a few books to him, which all had been signed by his father.

"Look at this..."

"Huh?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion. "What are these books?"

"These are the techniques that your father has made. Don't you know that even though your father doesn't have a unique ability, he is still much better compared to the rest of Tier 8?"

"That's because he is a genius in martial arts. He has transformed hundreds of techniques and even perfected them. Whenever he sees a new technique, he can study it and make some changes to make it better.

"There are a lot of techniques out there created by your father. In the past, I met your grandfather when we were both Tier 6. He gave me these books, which allowed me to become a formidable Tier 8 human.

"It could be said it was due to his help that I could achieve all this. That's why when your father asked for my help, I immediately accepted it."

Clovis looked down, falling into deep thought. These books reminded him of the Star Method. It had helped a lot since he could utilize the special traits coming from an affinity much better than any of his peers.

After listening to him, he finally understood how brilliant his father was.

"I see. I don't know if my father is that kind of guy." Clovis shook his head, feeling impressed.

"Of course. I don't know how many techniques he has improved or created. However, it should be at least in the thousands."

"In our world, your father is known as the martial grandmaster. After all, the techniques he modifies aren't necessarily a single weapon or something he simply uses. He creates techniques for all types of weapons. Do you really not know anything about your father?"

Clovis shook his head. "I don't know. This is the first time I've heard of him having that kind of ability. Then again, I have never really thought much about it. The only thing I know is that he is a Tier 8 human and my grandfather is Tier 9."

"Hahaha. I guess he is overshadowed by your grandfather." Alan chuckled.

"Not really. I just never really have the interest in it."

"You're quite a peculiar person." Alan crossed his arms, looking amused. "How about your mother? Do you know anything about her?"

"I only know her as a Tier 7 doctor."

"I see. I guess it can be seen that way. But your mother is much more amazing than that. She is one of the leading neurosurgeons as well as an important scientist.

"There is a lot of research coming from her. You might not be aware of her research, but the impact of those researches is a lot, even though it's hard to see."

"Well..." Clovis could certainly see it, considering the new beast soul was the work of her student. And she might also be helping him a lot.

That was why he wanted his mother to check his body condition. It would be better if she could help Luci as well.

In the end, Clovis asked a lot of questions about his parents, trying to know more about them. Alan gave all kinds of information, especially about things that the public never knew.

The most surprising thing was that despite having all these achievements, they had to hide.

He couldn't help but wonder how big the enemies that his grandfather had were. To think they could force them to hide.

Multiple Tier 9 humans? Giant organization? The world?

Alan could only shake his head because he didn't know the details. No matter how hard he thought about it, it didn't really make sense that they were hiding, unless there were things that they planned to do.

During his stay, the Elseingarde family had sent their people to receive the new beast souls.

Hana oversaw everything personally, considering Christina was an important force. She wasn't aware of what Clovis' grandfather had in mind when he forced Christina to this country.

Nevertheless, the project was successful. All the beast souls had been delivered to the elites of the Elseingarde family.

Due to the power of the Elseingarde family, there was no one trying to mess with Clovis anymore, especially since Jeremy had openly shown his support.

As a result, they had a peaceful time.

The biggest problem Clovis had to deal with was whether he should bring Reolf on this trip. On the one hand, he would be discovered if he truly came with them. On the other hand, it would be too pitiful if they didn't let Reolf join, especially since Reolf was about to reach Tier 3.

In the end, Hana sent forth her airship and even prepared for a small place for them to stay. She didn't bother ordering a hotel. She bought an entire villa. Of course, the money came from the beast soul.

Two weeks later.

Clovis and the others finally reached the Elseingarde family.

Chapter 555 Arrival

"Listen up. Soon, there will be esteemed guests coming from Absalom. As the elites of the Elseingarde family, I want all of you to keep up with them and make sure not to embarrass the family." A middle-aged man glared at the twenty elites of the family.

They were from the younger generation, so most of them were Tier 4 and Tier 5. There was only one person with Tier 6's strength.

Out of these twenty people, five of them had the new beast souls and more might get it if they performed well during the joint training.

"Sir. As the instructor of the Elseingarde family, why are you looking down on us? We are the elites from the Elseingarde family. We should be able to keep up with random people." One of them asked.

"If you are able to slam the young miss' head to the ground when you are only a Tier 3 human and when the young miss uses her strength to the fullest, you can say that again." The instructor snorted.

"What?" The people looked at each other in disbelief. "Are you serious? Her?"

"No, wait. Can you even say that?"

"The young miss' reputation will take a hit."

"Idiot. This is where you should remain quiet and pretend as if you have never heard about it."

"But still, a Tier 3, you know?"

The people turned solemn. The fact that he revealed such a sensitive topic meant he wasn't lying. In other words, the guests this time were not ordinary.

The instructor reminded them once again. "Remember. Make sure to keep up with them. Their captain is able to do it, but his people are not ordinary either. Each of them is at least capable of fighting someone above their tier. Some of them are even capable of fighting two tiers above them. If you underestimate them, your position as an elite in this family will be gone. Understood?"

"Yes, sir!" They became a bit tense after hearing the information.

There was a hidden reason why the instructor revealed this information. If there was any information leak, it meant there was a mole among them. And he would have to deal with it.

This information might hurt her reputation a little bit, but compared to finding a mole and the cooperation with Clovis and Hana, it was nothing. That was the decision of Lues as the family head.

"Alright. Let's welcome them."

The instructor brought them to the huge field reserved for Clovis and the others.

Their airship arrived on time, which startled the people. Even though they knew that air travel was the safest mode of transportation, it was still quite amazing to see the rumored battleship of the OpenSky Company.

The sheer size alone created a majestic pressure for them.

Still, as one would expect from the elites, they remained calm and stood in front of the airship, waiting for them to come out.

The door was soon opened, revealing the seven people that were going to train with them.

As the one handling the negotiation, Hana was obviously coming. Of course, it was due to Clovis urging her to take a vacation. And this would lead to them having more deals with the Elseingarde family.

After all, Hana's 'training partner' was none other than Lues.

Meanwhile, Clovis walked next to her as if showing that his status was equal to hers. Jay and the others followed right behind with Luci operating their bus.

"Welcome to the Elseingarde family. We are pleased to have you here." Lues smiled and shook Hana and Clovis' hands.

"Thank you for receiving us." Hana smiled.

Lues tilted his body to the side and extended his hand, introducing the people that would be important for the joint training. "As you already know, my daughter will be the one in charge of the joint training.

"Behind her is our chief instructor, Sir Marhan. He will be the one giving instructions from training to schedules."

Marhan nodded to them.

"Accompanying him will be the captain of our elite fighters, Xilva. He is Tier 6 and has a lot of experience in this field. Behind them are our elites who will be training with you. I hope that you don't take any offense to the harsh training." Lues smiled.

"Of course." Hana nodded. "And this is Clovis, the captain of the Libation Fiesta. Behind him are Vice Captain Jay, another Vice Captain Erwin, Sniper Kanaria, Operator Melody, Guardian Ragna, and Doctor Luci. Please don't hold back against them."

Hana skillfully added two vice captains to avoid Erwin and Jay fighting. She even winked at them so that they could restrain themselves, fully aware Erwin would make a retort if she didn't present him that way.

"Yes."

"Although this is embarrassing, there's something I'd like to ask right off the bat. Because of a condition of one of the members, is it possible if we start the training tomorrow? He has to take a rest due to the change of climate."

"Is that so? In that case, I can arrange your place... Or do you prefer to go to the villa you've just bought?" Lues smiled wryly. As expected of a rich person, she would just buy the entire thing and deal with the problem.

"Yes."

"In that case, Christina and Sir Marhan can guide you to your villa. In the meantime, they will be explaining about the training schedule. What do you think?"

"Sounds good." Hana nodded in agreement.

Lues then signaled to Marhan to proceed with that plan and rearranged the schedule.

In the end, Clovis and Hana went with Marhan and Christina, while the rest followed in their bus with Reolf.

Marhan explained, "The training will be divided into three categories. The first will be physical training. The second phase will begin with sparring. The last phase will be filled with field training. In other words, you will hunt some beasts."

"Does the training include the sea training?" Clovis asked.

"Of course. Although there is no sea beast capable of climbing the tower, it doesn't change the fact that there are some mutations that occurred to the present fish. And it causes the fish to be more violent.

"The field training will be held on a tropical island located not far from here, so we will go there by boat." Marhan pointed in the sea's direction.

"Got it."

Chapter 556 Relaxing on the Beach

"Haaa... I guess it's fine to relax like this once in a while." Hana let out a soft moan while stretching her body. She was closing her eyes while relaxing on her beach chair.

"I guess. You don't regret that I brought you here, right?" Clovis was sitting next to her.

"Well, I can make more money, but I guess it's fine. Spending time with my precious investor is good too."

"Investor, eh?" Kanaria looked at Hana.

"What?" Hana tilted her head in confusion.

"Nothing." Kanaria shrugged.

"By the way, what is Erwin doing? He has been fixated on his phone this whole time." Hana pointed at Erwin, who was sitting underneath the umbrella. His eyes had been glued to his phone for more than an hour. It looked like he was drooling.

"Oh that?" Kanaria sighed. "He has been telling Aileen, his girlfriend, about the beach. He is practically begging her to get a bikini to keep his head cool."

"She ends up giving in?"

"Yes. It seems she has just gotten in and tried it on at the mall over there. I don't know. Maybe he will get several pictures of her."

"Heh..." Hana made a sly smile as if she found enjoyment in it.

"Right?" Kanaria chuckled.

Hana then turned her head to Ragna and Jay, who seemed to be doing the same thing.

Jay was swinging his saber again and again, trying to split the sea. Whenever the waves came, he would slash it as if trying to increase the range or power of his ranged attack.

Meanwhile, Ragna simply stood in his position, letting the wave hit his body at full force.

He did his best to remain still as though he were withstanding the charge of a huge beast.

Yes, they were training. Even though they could rest today, they still ended up training.

Still, the one enjoying the beach the most was actually Melody.

"Mmmfff?!" She had just returned and tried to talk.

However, when they turned around, they found her mouth completely filled with food. There was even a fried squid in a stick hanging on her mouth. She had bought a lot of food and drink. There was even a bag of clothes on her arm.

Clovis knew what he was planning to do with it. Knowing her personality, it was most likely that she was trying to enjoy it to the fullest so that she could tell everything to her younger brother. She would definitely give some of those souvenirs to him.

Clovis only chuckled and let her be. "Are you enjoying this?"

Melody nodded multiple times.

"Good. That's all that matters." Clovis smiled.

"I'm sorry. I'm late!" Last but not least, Luci finally appeared.

Clovis and the others turned around. Melody looked shocked while Hana dropped her jaw in amusement. Kanaria's eyebrows were twitching as if she couldn't believe what she saw. Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose as if he was tired to even react to her choice of bikini.

It was a micro bikini that barely covered anything.

Fortunately, it was a private beach, so no one could really see her. But Clovis was completely speechless. He never thought Luci would use something like this.

"I'm finally done changing!" Luci smirked, proudly looking at Clovis.

"What am I supposed to say?" Clovis let out a long sigh.

"Ehm... Don't ask me. It's your problem." Kanaria turned around as if she didn't know Luci.

"Look at this. What do you think?" Luci proudly showed it to Clovis.

Clovis' eyebrows twitched. "And what am I supposed to see, eh?"

"Everything!"

Clovis ground his teeth. "And what are you planning this time, Luci?"

"What am I planning?" Luci hesitated for a moment before looking away. "Make you look at me. If you're seduced, it's good. If you're not, make your nosebleed. Then, I can get your blood sample."

Clovis' body was twitching in anger. He grabbed Luci's head and started applying more pressure.

"W-What are you doing?" Luci smiled wryly while tapping his arm a few times, trying to free herself.

But Clovis just kept applying more and more pressure as if he were trying to crack her head.

"It hurts. What are you trying to do? Please stop. Arrggghhh!"

"I'm going back so that this woman doesn't bring any shame to the group." Clovis dragged her by the head back to the villa, forcing her to change.

"Pfft!" Hana laughed out loud. "He must be tired dealing with all that."

"He sure does." Kanaria nodded in agreement.

"Oh. Is that Reolf?" Hana raised her head, looking at the white wolf digging the sand in the distance.

"Yeah. This is the first time he is going to the beach. Well, we do too, but yeah..." Kanaria shrugged. "Just let him be. I don't know if he can even participate in the training this time, but it's good to have him go around the world."

"Are you not going to reveal him?"

"Not yet. Clovis wants to become Tier 4 or Tier 5 first before revealing it. Besides, it's good to have Reolf get stronger as well. Revealing him will not be as troublesome by then."

"Fair enough. If I were other people, I would be asking him to reveal the secret for the sake of 'justice' or for the sake of the people. Then again, I couldn't care less about it." Hana thought for a moment before noticing something. "Now that I think about it, even though you are on the beach, you are still wearing accessories. Look at Jay. Why does he even wear his bracelet? Is he trying to show off? But this is a private beach."

"..." Kanaria's heart skipped a beat. Hana's eyes were truly sharp, especially for something like this.

Still, Kanaria maintained her poker face, acting as if he didn't do anything wrong. After all, Clovis didn't want to reveal the item yet.

She said, "Oh. Jay is too lazy to even take them off. It's his bad habit. Don't you know that he didn't even take off his watch when he was bathing when he was young? His parents ended up buying him the water-resistant watch."

Chapter 557 Training

"Today, you will be training in this facility." Marhan pointed at the big building behind him. When they entered, they could see a lot of different facilities, from gym to pool.

"Hoho... This is quite nice." Hana looked around. "Should I build something like this too in your place, Clovis?"

"You truly hold nothing back when spending your money, eh? What happens to using that money for other projects?"

"If I want to start another project, I can always use a loan. With my name, I can easily get a loan. Don't you know that if you have a good reputation to build up a business empire, the bank will tend to believe you again even if your company goes under? The rest of my project doesn't really need much funding right now.

"Of course, if you are worried about money, just give me something that I can sell, preferably something that I can sell continuously."

Clovis smiled wryly. "Just look at this girl. The only thing she talks about is money."

"Hehehe." Hana chuckled. "Well, I will be looking around for an hour or two before talking with Mr. Lues. Don't embarrass me, will you?"

"Who knows?" Clovis shrugged.

"Welcome to my training ground." Christina's voice soon echoed as she walked toward them after training some elites.

"Thank you for having us." Clovis nodded.

Christina nodded back. "Sir Marhan. Why don't you brief them on what we're going to do for today?"

"Yes. We'll begin with physical durability." Marhan pointed at a few machines on the left.

Each machine was different. The first one had a huge sphere hitting one's body as the person had to remain standing without putting any guard. It was as if they would be hit by a bull charge or something.

The second machine was much more ridiculous because it was working with a huge boulder.

Marhan continued, "After that, we'll move on to the second one. It's the stability."

This time, he pointed at the sand area and the pool.

"If you don't know about it, the sand can increase your stability. Because the sand is not hard, you will find your feet sinking into it.

"I'm sure you have experienced this in a muddy field or at least wet soil. By properly stepping in the sand, your body will get used to the unstable ground, which will improve your stability.

"The second part is the pool. We have a wave generator equipped there. In the pool, the water is pulling you up, which causes your body to be unstable, especially against the wave.

"The purpose of this training is to ignore other things, such as wind, which will improve your overall foundation.

"And the third one will be the simulation room over there. It's to test your reaction speed and other things." Marhan smiled. "So, is there any question?"

Clovis looked at the others before shaking his head. "No. We'll be in your care."

Marhan nodded.

"Wait. Before you start training here, I want to add one more condition." Christina stopped them.

"Miss?" Marhan furrowed his eyebrows.

Christina pointed at Clovis and said, "We'll end every day with a spar. What do you think? No need to hold back in that fight. This will be a good show for the others as well. And it might be possible that others will also participate in the spar... maybe with your guys."

Clovis thought for a moment. "I don't have a problem, but..." He looked at Kanaria and the others.

Since they didn't seem to have any objection, Clovis nodded his head. "Alright. Let's do it that way."

He had been curious about his Perfect State ever since that day. If fighting her could invoke that feeling again, he didn't mind having another spar even if it meant others would be watching.

Their purpose coming here was to learn and train anyway.

In the end, Marhan guided them in every single training. The people from the Elseingarde also joined them because Marhan ordered them too. Even Christina had to participate.

Clovis never had this kind of training, so they struggled at first. However, all of them showed a rapid improvement and strength beyond their tier, which shocked the people from the Elseingarde family.

The one who showed the most promise was actually Ragna. Considering the Elseingarde family produced a lot of guardians, Ragna benefited a lot from the training. It was as if everything had been made for him.

It was even more shocking for Christina when she learned about Ragna's strength. After all, she had heard from her grandfather that his body's constitution made him extremely weak.

It would only soar at higher tiers. That was why it was shocking to see Ragna having all that strength when he was only a Tier 3 human.

She was so shocked that she wanted to report it to her grandfather right away, asking what he thought about it.

However, the people in Libation Fiesta showed unprecedented growth. Even Melody and Luci, who were the operator and the doctor, showed that they could keep up just fine.

Still, Jay and Erwin were competing like usual as if trying to show that they were the ones worthy to be the vice captains.

When Clovis asked them, they answered him with, 'We know it's impossible to only have one vice captain in our group. Even a great leader has one right arm and one left arm. We are debating who will be your right arm, who will be your left arm.'

Clovis never stopped them after that. It was clear what they meant by those two arms. The right arm was given the responsibility to lead the second group when they split up. The left arm would be assisting him, the leader.

That was why Clovis just let them compete since it wasn't hurt.

Because of their competition, Clovis felt he couldn't lose and showed why he was their leader, especially during the spar against Christina.

Not a single person from the Elseingarde family could believe Clovis had that kind of power as a Tier 3 human. But all those doubts were dispelled after that sparring, which allowed the training to progress even more smoothly.

Chapter 558 Competition

Clink!

Clink!

Clink!

A series of clicking sounds echoed continuously for the next several minutes until they were replaced by the sound of heavy breathing.

"Ha... Ha..." Christina furrowed her eyebrows. "Have you gotten used to it?"

"My mind was blank earlier, but it felt like I could get a part of my consciousness to stay." Clovis nodded.

"I see. It seems we can gradually unlock the full potential of your unique ability." Christina nodded.

"Sorry. It just feels like I can only do that when fighting you. I have tried sparring with other people, but no one is able to do it." Clovis shook his head helplessly.

"It's fine." Christina thought for a moment. "Once you are able to unlock your full potential, make sure you don't forget my family."

"What is this? Your family is also quite strong." Clovis smiled wryly.

"You precisely know what that means. Our meeting has been arranged by our grandfathers. You should understand what it means, right?" Christina sighed.

"Oh." Clovis looked away. Clovis sighed before asking, "Then, why don't you join my group?"

"Huh?" Christina frowned. "Are you implying that my people are inferior to you guys?"

"No. I don't mean that." Clovis shrugged. "I just can't trust anyone outside my group right now, even if it's my grandfather's arrangement."

"Trust? What next? Are you going to reveal your secret if I join your group?"

"Yeah." Clovis nodded.

Christina frowned. "How about this? You know that we're going to a tropical island for hunting training, right?"

"Yes."

"That tropical island actually has a tower leading to the underground world. That's the private property that this country gives to my family as long as my grandfather remains in the country. And if I become a Tier 9 as well, I will be able to protect that property."

"Heh? Having a private tower..."

"Yeah. It gives a lot of resources and provides good training. My grandfather often uses it to conduct training for our people.

"Anyway, that place is quite spacious and we'll hunt there. I will form a team of six and compete with you. If you hunt more than my group, I will join your group as a guardian."

"What if I lose?" Clovis closed his eyes.

"I haven't thought about it. Let's see... give more quota so that all the elites of my family get the new beast souls?"

"I can do that." Clovis nodded. "However, I don't think it's fair for you. Let's do it this way. It seems there are 20 elites you have here.

"You and all these elites against my group. Of course, I will ask Hana to hunt with my group. If we win, you will join our group." Clovis smirked.

"What? Are you looking down on us?"

"No. I should be the one asking you. Are you looking down on us? Besides, if we are able to do this, it means we are better. You will have no reason to refuse us," explained Clovis.

"Not all of them. At least, I will take the Tier 6 and Tier 5 out. So there should only be 17 of us."

"No need to take out the Tier 5 as well."

Christina glared at Clovis. As a result, Clovis looked away and changed his words. "How about letting one Tier 5 in the group? At least he can be your vice captain to handle your group. And during the hunt, we will split the island into two so we will hunt within our respective area."

"How do we split the island?"

"Coin toss?"

"Coin toss." Christina nodded in agreement. "In that case, 18 of us against 7 of you. If I still lose to you guys, I truly have no reason to reject your invitation."

"Sounds good to me."

Christina fell into deep thought. "My unique ability can be summarized in one word. Provoke. That's the name. I'm able to provoke anything."

"What is this? Unique ability is a trump card. You're telling me about it?"

"I just believe it is only fair if I do that." Christina pointed at the pillar in front of them. "Why don't you try striking that pillar?"

"Huh?"

"Just do it."

Although confused, Clovis still did it. To his surprise, the next thing he realized, his sword was already in front of Christina's neck instead of the pillar. "This is..."

"There are a lot of reasons for my unique ability, but I'm able to subconsciously make you focus on me.

"That's probably including your unique ability. This might be the reason I'm able to bring out your full potential during our sparring.

"If I want to get stronger, I will provoke the ground so that I can gain more strength when I step on it. You know, the foundation of strength starts from the lower body, like how we're using horse stance as the first practice.

"By provoking the ground, I am able to get the surge of strength, which allows me to withstand all kinds of attacks. In addition, beasts will come to me subconsciously. That's why I don't really want you to challenge me when I clearly outnumber you. I can bring the beasts to me quickly.

"By telling my unique ability to you, it can be considered fair... a little bit?"

Clovis chuckled. "I call my unique ability Perfect State. Whenever I activate it, I will have all five affinities. My senses from Brain Affinity, my vision from Blood Affinity, my defense from the Bones Affinity, my regeneration from the Heart Affinity, and my strength from the Muscle Affinity... all of them increase drastically."

"Why are you telling me this? I told you about my unique ability because it was fair for the competition. Now that you have told me about your secret, what's the point of the competition?"

Clovis shrugged. "I have more secrets than you think. Why am I even saying these things to you? Don't tell me. You are using your Provoke to subconsciously influence me to say these things?"

"Who needs to do that? Anyway, we'll be competing. Will that be fine?" Christina extended her hand.

"Sure." Clovis nodded and shook her hand.

"In that case, I will continue training." Christina smiled. "Womanizer."

"Wo-What?" Clovis raised his eyebrows.

Christina immediately escaped.

Chapter 559 Hunting Competition

Marhan looked at all the participants and said, "This island has the size of a small city. We have also built roads all over the island to allow our teams to move freely.

"As such, you can use these roads to travel around the island.

"There are no buildings you can use since we don't need to maintain this place, considering it has been surrounded by the sea. Hence, no beasts will travel outside.

"We have been thinning out their number once every month. Right now, it has been about 24 days since the last activity, so there should be a large number of beasts occupying this island.

"The area underneath this place has the threat level 7. However, Tier 7 beast rarely comes to the surface. At most, Tier 6. And it usually appears one or two times a year.

"If there is a Tier 6 or even Tier 7, the training will be canceled and I will immediately take action, eliminating.

"It doesn't matter whether you have the strength to kill the Tier 6 beast or not. If you end up taking it down, it means insubordination. You will be immediately disqualified from the competition.

"Last but not least, to make sure everything is fair, we have split the island into two diagonally. Is there any question before I do the coin toss?" Marhan asked.

"No." Christina shook her head.

Clovis raised a finger. "I have one."

"Ask away."

"Are you going to stay here all the time, Sir Marhan?"

"Yes. To avoid favoring anyone, I will remain on the boat. We'll be 50 meters away so that my presence won't bother the beasts on this island. And it's enough distance to cover in a single leap, which will allow me to react almost immediately in case of emergency."

Clovis nodded. "Understood. Thank you for the clarification."

"Alright then." Marhan took out a coin from his pocket. "Head or tail?"

Clovis and Christina looked at each other. Both of them smiled as they answered at the same time.

"Head," said Clovis.

"Tail." Christina picked the other one as if they knew who would have the head and tail from the beginning.

Marhan tossed the coin up as the clicking sound echoed in their ears. The coin didn't bounce as it fell right on top of the sand, meaning the rotation immediately stopped.

And the result was clear.

"Head." Marhan turned to Clovis. "Which part of the island do you want?"

"East."

"In that case, I will take the west." Christina nodded.

"Alright. Since the condition has been set, I will go back and return to the water. I will shoot out a flare, which will mark the start of the competition. Both teams, go to your respective positions or vehicles and get ready."

Clovis and Christina shook hands.

"Thank you for the quota. I don't mind having more sparring after this." Christina smirked.

"Welcome to the Libation Fiesta in advance." Clovis smiled.

After saying their pieces, both of them walked to their group.

Christina had four minibuses, which they would use to set up a camp.

Meanwhile, Clovis only had a single bus. Jay and the others were inside, including Reolf, the eighth member of Clovis' team.

When Clovis entered the bus, he was greeted by Hana's grunted face. "So, why am I even participating in this competition? We are lucky that we came here with my airship. I have some spare drones over there, but don't expect me to fight. I'm not as strong as you guys."

"I know, I know." Clovis scratched the back of his head. Hana would continue to complain if he pushed her around. At the same time, it would be better if Hana joined their hunt, since it would help them a lot.

That was why Clovis had prepared something that Hana couldn't refuse. "How about this? I invite your grandfather to the art room if you help us. Considering your grandfather is a Tier 8, I'm sure the effect of the art room will be better, no?"

"!!!" Hana looked shocked. She understood full well the worth of the art room. Even a single painting couldn't be measured with money. After all, they would gain an understanding of a technique just by looking at the paintings.

If her grandfather visited the art room, his strength might progress by leaps and bounds. He would become even scarier.

Looking at the tempted face, Clovis had one more thing he wanted to give. This would be a kind of introduction.

After interacting with Hana for a while, he knew that giving this item wouldn't cause as much ruckus as before.

Hence, Clovis took out a ring from his pocket. "And I will let you keep this. But don't tell anyone about this ring."

The others couldn't help but widen their eyes.

"Clovis. Are you sure about that?" Kanaria stood up.

"Yeah. It's fine right now. If she is still like the greedy little pig she was, I wouldn't have made this decision. Let's just say this is an introduction." Even though Clovis said it this way, it was more accurate that Clovis decided to expand his wealth through Hana, not anyone else.

"Well, if you say so." Kanaria nodded and sat down.

"Hey, hey. I also need a ring. Why did you not give me a ring?!" Luci raised her hand, protesting.

"You, shut up for a moment. You're going to make her misunderstand!"

And she did. Hana looked at the ring and asked with a dumbfounded expression. "I am happy that you feel that way to me, but isn't this too early?"

Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose. "Just wear it first and you will understand. But this is not an engagement ring, so please don't misunderstand."

"Is that so?" Hana dumbfoundedly inserted the ring into her middle finger.

In that instant, her mind felt refreshed and it felt like her body was floating. If she moved around, she felt like she would move much faster and with less effort.

"This is..." Hana gasped. Her eyes were going back and forth between the ring and Clovis as if she couldn't even describe what kind of feeling she currently had.

Her mouth was shaking as if trying to form a word, but ultimately, she repositioned the ring from her middle finger to her ring finger. Clovis told her not to misunderstand but she actually did exactly what Clovis tried to avoid. "This position is much better. I might be inexperienced, but please take care of me."

Clovis facepalmed as though he had expected this. "Don't be like Luci please... I beg you."

Chapter 560 Begin

Marhan looked at the island once more to confirm both teams were ready. After that, he nodded to his assistant next to him to shoot the flare.

The flash changed the color of the blue sky for a bit, which allowed the two teams to notice.

With no hesitation, each driver stepped on the gas.

"So, where are we going?!" Clovis asked while his hand was busy stopping Hana.

"We are going to this area." Kanaria pointed at the map. It was a spot located not in the center of the island but slightly toward the edge.

"Hoh? You're not going to take the center? If we are staying in the center, we will be able to go in all directions easily." Hana asked, stopping for a second.

"That's true, but our camp needs safety instead of mobility. If we look at the map and the elevation, this place has a natural terrain that we can take advantage of to ensure the safety of the camp.

"Besides, by looking at the roads, we know that this road doesn't have a lot of turns, which will allow us to travel in all directions quickly.

"In addition, looking from the logistic standpoint, it's clear that we can transport things pretty easily for example, essence or their corpses.

"From the looks of it, this place also has a good natural advantage, such as fruits and vegetation. This will allow us to have a good balance in our diets for the next seven days. And last but not least, this place is not far from a river. Any more questions?" Kanaria crossed her arms with a smug smile.

Hana looked surprised. "You're good at this. Are you really going to revive a dead city?"

"Mhmm." Kanaria nodded with a serious expression.

"Alright. The destination has been decided. We'll form our camp first."

"Got it!" Erwin acknowledged the order.

"In that case, I will be providing firepower and additional support. Melody is the team's support operator, right?"

"Yep. Do you need my help?"

"No. I can do your job, not as good as you, but I can help with the map and other things. With my drones, we can change the way the beasts are moving, so I'll be providing that information and you will change the way the team fights."

"Oh! Alright then." Melody nodded.

"I think I don't need to tell you this, but our plan is simple. We'll kill the island starting from the shore. Do you have any problem with it?" Clovis asked.

"Why the beach? I mean, there are usually fewer beasts around there."

"We will be able to calculate the number of beasts on this island, albeit roughly. This way, I can use a much bolder plan if the number is not too high."

"A plan, huh?"

They couldn't help but look at each other. Clovis' plan was usually bold but dangerous. At the same time, he was pretty calculative. The fact he suggested this plan meant he had calculated the risk.

After thinking about it for a while, they nodded in agreement.

Suddenly, Luci entered the bus. "You guys... There are a lot of beasts coming. I and Jay won't be enough to handle all of them."

Clovis nodded. "I will be with you soon."

"Got it." Luci exited again as she and Jay were on guard duty. After Clovis assigned the task to each of them, he joined those two and started picking up the pace.

It only took them three hours to reach the camp, which allowed them to set up everything before lunch.

While everyone was having lunch, Clovis took Reolf to the side so that he could talk to him privately.

"Reolf. Can you not order the beasts around this area?"

Reolf shook his head.

He recalled what Christina said regarding her unique ability, so he reworded his question. "I mean, can you provoke them or something? At least make them move toward us."

Reolf thought for a moment. They wouldn't acknowledge Reolf was because of his low strength as well as his smell. Since he had been with Clovis and the others, he smelled like a human.

However, what about provoking them? What if he challenged them?

His howl could reach a very vast area. It seemed Clovis wanted to take advantage of it to bring the beasts toward them. He just wanted to see whether the number was too much or not. After all, the hunting competition had just started, so it was better to be careful. Still, if this worked, the situation would go in their favor. In fact, they might be able to steal some beasts from the other side of the island.

Reolf nodded his head. "Waaf!"

"Hahaha. Is that so? Don't worry. I won't be reckless. We will only provoke an area at a time. We have Hana now, so we'll see how well we will fight."

"Waaf!" Reolf showed an agreement.

"Great. I will leave it to you then." Clovis nodded with a serious expression.

Meanwhile, Christina seemed to be planning the same thing.

They first picked a spot to be their camp.

"Miss. What are we going to do now? Should we split up into three groups and start killing the beasts? We have 18 people, so we can split evenly like a normal group."

Christina crossed her arms. "Hmm."

Another person explained, "But we will have a bad reputation if we end up splitting into three groups. In the end, we have a numerical advantage. It'll be bad if they say we win because we have three groups."

Christina shook her head. "Never mind that. We'll split into three groups. Clovis should know perfectly that we have the number. If we end up underestimating him because of it, I'm sure he will be angry. So, we'll proceed with the original plan and kill as many beasts as possible. Once I've picked up the spot, I'll use my unique ability and kill those beasts."

"Understood."

While they made their preparation, Marhan was sitting on the boat while staring at the screen.

Libation Fiesta: 310 points.

Elseingarde: 340 points.

Each group had their respective device that showed the number of their kills, which was converted to points according to their tiers.

Marhan smiled. "The competition is about to begin."