

World Mall 581

Chapter 581 Raid

The leader squinted his eyes before waving his hand down. "Fire!"

In that instant, several people holding their RPGs immediately pulled the triggers.

The Tier 7 rhino saw the incoming RPGs and immediately moved away, but due to the size of its body, it only managed to avoid the ones coming from the left as its body moved to the right.

The ones coming from the right ended up hitting him, causing a series of explosions.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

The beast let out a roar, dispersing the smoke from the explosion. At the same time, the leader couldn't help but squint his eyes, noticing that there wasn't a single scratch on its body.

The body of this beast managed to actually withstand such a blast. In that case, they had to change their tactics.

But before he could do so, there were still a lot of beasts near the rhino, whether they were within the encirclement or outside.

The beasts outside would have to face the people from the left and right wings. Hence, the beasts inside the encirclement found themselves to be suddenly attacked by multiple people.

"Stop them and kill them! Quick. We have to take them down and ensure that they can't mess with our formation."

A Tier 6 guy shouted, leading the people to take on these beasts. While there weren't any Tier 6 beasts yet, they had to completely seize the momentum.

More than thirty people immediately charged forward, fighting their respective beasts. Another thirty were gunning down the rest, trying to gain the advantage with their firepower.

The beasts were fighting fiercely, but they ended up getting overwhelmed by the humans. More and more beasts fell in battle, which allowed the humans to gain an easier time.

With such a development, the leader immediately ordered, "Attack!"

There were still about a hundred people who hadn't made their move. Half of them immediately brought out their guns and started raining bullets on this rhino.

The rhino let out a cry before charging forward.

All of a sudden, a man stood in its way while commanding, "Stop the bullets. I will take this guy on!"

When the bullets stopped, the rhino sped up and charged straight at this man. The guy placed his shield in front and planted his feet in the soil.

Even with such weight and size, the man didn't break straight away. Instead, it actually contained the rhino's charge.

Of course, the rhino pushed him for more than ten meters, but he eventually stopped.

In that instant, the leader leaped into the air with his glaive.

"!!!" The rhino noticed him too late. He wanted to avoid his attack, but the leader struck the rhino on the neck.

Due to the rhino's movement, the glaive slid from its neck and ended up slashing the side.

The rhino let out another cry as though it were painful. Then again, the wound might not be deep, but it wasn't shallow as well. A bit of blood spurted like a fountain.

The rhino stopped abruptly and smashed the leader with his long and big horn.

Fortunately, the Tier 6 guardian managed to sweep in and block it.

However, due to their position, the rhino managed to blow away the guardian even though he was unable to injure him.

To the rhino's surprise, the leader was already gone. The next thing he realized, the leader was already regrouping with the rest of the team and ordering, "Attack. Focus on the open wound!"

They released a few more RPGs, targeting the open wound. The bullets focused on suppressing the rhino's movement and, if possible, pierced through the rhino's open wound.

The rhino wriggled its body around, trying to avoid them, but one actually hit.

Boom!

The wound was widened a bit, and the explosion scooped out a bit of the flesh.

"Raa!" The rhino let out a roar, trying to get away.

When Clovis saw this kind of raid, he couldn't help but mutter, 'So, they're trying to use the firepower to overwhelm the rhino. If this continues, it will be bad for the ammunition... Well, if they do this to every single beast, since most beasts have occupied the mines for ammunition materials.

'Still, they could probably pull it off under normal circumstances. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem they will be getting it...' Clovis squinted his eyes.

All of a sudden, a large centipede emerged from the ground underneath the right wing.

"!!!" The leader raised his eyebrows. "That's faster than we originally expected..."

"I will take care of it!" The Tier 6 swordsman shouted and moved to intercept the Tier 6 centipede. They had brought three Tier 6 humans precisely for this. As long as they could kill the Tier 6 centipede, the situation would be much easier for them.

Sadly, that wasn't possible. This time, the threat didn't come only from the centipede.

A 5-meter-tall mole suddenly came out of the soil as though it was observing the situation.

This Tier 6 mole exited the hole, which ended up allowing the tunnel it dug to become a passage for the rest of the beasts, mostly insects.

They immediately spread within the human ranks, which caused chaos.

"Stop them!"

"Need backup!"

The people panicked because they thought they could just suppress the enemy from afar.

The leader narrowed his eyes. "It seems we don't have a choice."

The Tier 6 guardian had already known his role and immediately shouted, "I'll take care of this. You have 15 minutes."

The leader nodded and immediately headed to the Tier 6 mole as twenty people came toward him and the mole, wanting to help the leader to take care of the rest of the beasts.

Clovis, who had remained still this whole time, examined the battlefield and everyone's condition.

Christina walked toward him while saying, "Should we go as well?"

Clovis turned around, realizing that the situation was still under control. However, with the addition of these two Tier 6 beasts, the number of beasts was simply too low. Hence, Clovis suspected they were actually going ahead and the rest of the beasts were going to appear soon.

And that was what actually happened.

There were a series of roars coming from all directions, surrounding them.

"Well. We might have to do something big. I don't know. Maybe taking down the Tier 6 beast. I don't know how big our gap is, though. But for now, remain here and take care of these beasts first."

"Roger." Christina smirked, feeling a bit excited.

Chapter 582 Killing Two Tier 5 Beasts with a Single Swing

Clovis was observing the battle closely. He never thought that the beasts were able to fight back despite their conditions. In addition, the Tier 6 beasts appeared at the perfect time, allowing other beasts to regain their momentum.

In the end, the leader had to split his force and even took care of a tier 6 beast by himself.

"Are you done?" Christina appeared next to Clovis.

"Mhmm." Clovis nodded. "I didn't think they would actually be able to harm the Tier 7 beast that way. They don't bring a lot of big guns, but those RPGs are enough."

"If I were Hana, I would probably say, 'What? You're going to spend all those precious ammunition and missiles to take down a Tier 7 beast? Just get stronger and take it down when you're strong enough. It's cheaper,' or something along the lines."

"Hahaha. I can definitely see her saying those words." Clovis chuckled. "Still, this gives me some inspiration. Unfortunately, we can't use most of the ideas here because we don't have numbers and won't ever have them."

"I know that. You're so stubborn in keeping this group small, but it's understandable."

All of a sudden, they heard a series of roars coming from the side.

"!!!" Both of them turned around, noticing a lot of beasts coming toward them. They were split into a few groups, so they wouldn't take them alone.

Melody immediately informed them, "25 of them are coming in our way. There are more than a hundred split into a few groups coming to others. However, we should bring the two Tier 5 beasts in our direction. I will mark them. Check the radar."

Clovis and Christina lowered their vision, seeing the two red dots that turned purple. One of them was heading toward Erwin's group, while the other was right next to them.

"There will be more beasts coming. Those Tier 6 beasts are presumably bringing all those beasts, but they're still catching up," Melody explained.

"Christina. You use provoke to grab the one coming to Jay. Melody. You are to explain the situation. There's a chance that we will have to join the fight against a Tier 6, so I want him to conserve his strength. Also, you and Luci will be stopping the beasts fir—" Clovis was stopped by Christina.

"I will provoke those two Tier 5 and return. You handle as many beasts as possible and get ready to handle one of the Tier 5 beasts after I return."

"Can you do it?"

"I am lighter now that I only have one shield, so I'm good for the time being."

"Alright. Melody. Try to inform Aileen about the situation as well. We might also need her power. Do it secretly."

"Understood."

"Let's go." Clovis leaped toward the incoming beasts with Luci. Since Clovis was going, Melody remained in her position and focused on supporting them.

Christina immediately headed to the side, planning to grab those two Tier 5 by herself. With her unique ability, it was possible to only grab those two and let the rest ignore her.

That was why Clovis didn't reject her when she offered to take the role.

As soon as Clovis reached the 25 beasts coming his way, he didn't hold back. He used his ranged attack even if it meant draining his stamina, killing multiple beasts at a time.

He did it with such speed that even others couldn't help but admire.

Still, Clovis could feel the glare coming from Gillian, as if he couldn't accept Clovis was being better than him.

"The situation is looking bad..." Clovis muttered while chopping two beasts in front of him.

It didn't take too long for them to actually kill all the 25 beasts. Then Christina returned with the Tier 5 beasts.

Before they could fight them, there was another series of roars coming from a distance.

"Huh?" Clovis leaped back as the Tier 5 bear almost smashed him. He used a bit of his time to take a glance at the incoming beasts.

"This is not good. There are at least 300 beasts coming in our direction." Melody's expression turned serious.

They had to kill the two Tier 5 beasts within a minute so that they could handle all the beasts.

Clovis squinted his eyes. On the one hand, he had been conserving his perfect state because he was afraid the situation would get worse. On the other hand, there was a chance the situation worsened after he couldn't use the perfect state anymore.

If he overused it, he would end up harming other people as well.

Still, if he let those 300 beasts reach here while they were still occupied with these two, they would lose their position.

Clovis sighed. "Christina. Change of plan. Let's work together and kill those tier 5 beasts right now. I'll be using my unique ability. To kill them in thirty seconds, I will need your trust."

Christina smiled. "Tell me what to do. You will know whether I trust you or not."

The leader couldn't help but see the situation developing. Not only the left side, the right side also got reinforcement. 'There are two Tier 5 beasts there. They won't be able to kill them so easily, and the situation will get worse.'

"We have to split the protection squad into two and send them to the left—!" Just when he was about to complete his order, he saw Christina taking the two Tier 5 beasts by herself. She only used a single shield, but the beasts looked like they were frustrated after not being able to hit her even once.

All of a sudden, Clovis came from behind her, moving at a speed comparable to a real Tier 5 human.

Then Christina ducked down and lowered her shield. If they failed, the two beasts would have a big opportunity to attack her.

But Clovis shocked him the moment he unleashed his ranged attack.

The two beasts raised their paws to stop the ranged attack, but their fingers were cut, and the ranged attack was so powerful it continued to travel to their bodies.

Both Tier 5 beasts wanted to get away, but for some reason, they moved toward Christina instead, throwing away any chance to survive.

Then, the ranged attack split their bodies into two.

The leader was dumbstruck. He couldn't believe how easy it was for both of them to take down two Tier 5 beasts.

Unfortunately, he couldn't be happy yet. There was another tier 6 beast lurking underground, ready to make its presence known.

Chapter 583 Clovis and Christina

Clovis and Christina shifted their focus back to the numerous beasts.

"Should we gather all the Tier 5 beasts like earlier?" Christina asked.

"It's going to be hard to find all Tier 5 beasts among them. Even if we can do it, a lot of beasts will be coming as well." Clovis squinted his eyes. "No. We won't do anything for the time being. Just kill as many beasts as possible."

"Alright."

Now that they had returned, Melody and Luci positioned themselves so that Clovis and Christina would take the full brunt of the beast wave.

The moment they were about to reach them, the first thing Clovis did was to cut as many of them as possible with his ranged attack.

The beasts fought back, but not a single one managed to break through.

Even though there was no reinforcement coming from the central, they managed to keep up with all these beasts.

On the other hand, the middle group was doing their best to hold back, but they started getting overwhelmed by the Tier 6 beasts.

As if realizing this was the best time to appear, another Tier 6 centipede suddenly emerged from the ground with a loud 'bang.'

"Scree!" The Tier 6 centipede made its presence known, causing even more chaos within their ranks.

"What?" The leader couldn't help but gasp. "Three Tier 6 beasts? The data only told us that there are only two Tier 6 beasts... Who can take on the Tier 6 centipede? No. It doesn't matter. The situation has become much more complicated.

"The right wing is messing up, and a lot of our people are redirected over there. As for the left wing..." The leader fell silent, shocked to find they were holding on. "Really? No. It doesn't matter."

The leader gritted his teeth and shouted, "Rei, Manuu! Stop that Tier 6 centipede! No need to kill it. Just buy enough time for me to handle this, and I will kill it after that."

"Yes, sir!"

Although both of them had done a great job of killing the beasts, they had to abandon their force and let go of their advantage in order to stop the Tier 6 centipede.

Little did they know, there were two pairs of eyes scanning the middle area at this time.

The moment the Tier 6 centipede made its appearance, their eyes lit up with excitement.

And those two individuals were none other than Clovis and Christina.

Of course, as their comrades, the people from the Libation Fiesta definitely knew what was going on in their minds.

Erwin panted a few times. The beasts were endless. They kept coming no matter how many of them they killed.

Erwin couldn't help but glance to the side and found Jay not far from his location.

He sneaked out of his position. "Jay."

"!!!" Jay looked shocked. After all, Erwin rarely talked to him, let alone confront him like this. "What are you doing here? What about your position?"

"I don't have a lot of time, so listen to me. There is no one that can handle the Tier 6 beast. Most likely, their Tier 5 humans will be the ones stalling him, but we don't know if we can do that for long. So..."

"I should go and kill it? In that case, I will ask Clovis." Jay nodded. If he and Clovis fought together, they might have some chance. Then again, he didn't know how strong a tier 6 beast was.

To his surprise, Erwin shook his head. "Are you an idiot? Look at them."

Erwin pointed to Clovis and Christina. They could see the sparkling eyes as if they were thinking, 'Come, Tier 6 beast. Come!'

"Both of them are raring to go." Erwin chuckled.

Although Jay would be the choice most of the time, they were in a separate group this time. In addition, they really needed Christina's strength if they wanted to win.

Hence, they had no other choice but to let both of them work together. If only he were Tier 4, he might be a better option, but there was no such thing.

Jay glanced around. "I guess I have to fill their position..."

"Yeah." Erwin nodded without hesitation.

"But are you going to be alright here?"

"Don't worry. While I can't use my string, it doesn't mean I'm weak. Besides, Aileen is here. It should be fine. Bring Ragna and fill up their hole."

Although he didn't really want to do it, he still nodded his head.

"Alright. Make sure the formation doesn't collapse. We'll let those two satisfy their greed." Jay sighed. He immediately headed to Ragna while Erwin went to fill their positions.

As if Aileen had been waiting for this, she suddenly appeared next to Erwin while asking, "What's the plan? You can't use your full power, no?"

"Don't underestimate me. Even though I'm Tier 4 while you're Tier 5, I'm stronger than you. I don't need your concern." He smirked.

"Sure." Aileen smiled, looking at all the surrounding beasts. "Shall we see who is stronger?"

"Yeah. Kill them all!"

On the other hand, Ragna and Jay were heading to the back, surprising Clovis and Christina.

"What are you doing here?" Clovis asked, confused.

"We'll take care of the beasts here. You two should go."

"Go..." Christina turned to Clovis, wanting to know what he meant.

"Don't act as if you don't want to fight the Tier 6 beast. We'll cover this place, so you two should go."

Clovis was taken aback, but when he looked at Christina, both of them couldn't suppress their desire. It seemed they really wanted to fight against the Tier 6 beast.

With a smile from each other, Christina and Clovis immediately turned around.

They moved toward the main battlefield where all Tier 6 beasts and the Tier 7 beast were located.

"Let's grab that mole." Sounds much easier for both of us," said Christina.

"Yes. You take care of the defense, and I will find a way to kill it." Clovis nodded. "Ready?"

"Of course."

Both of them took a deep breath as they activated their respective abilities.

"Provoke!"

"Perfect State."

Chapter 584 Fighting the Tier 6 Mole

"This is not good." The leader couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows. The Tier 6 centipede that had just emerged caused too much havoc.

The two Tier 5 were having a hard time fighting it. In fact, they were getting pushed around.

If this continued, the situation would become much more severe.

"Wait. Where are you going?!" All of a sudden, he could hear the voice of the Tier 6 human on their side. He was supposed to be fighting the mole, but when he turned around, the mole actually ran toward the left wing.

"!!!" The leader was stunned. What was going on? Did the beast actually plan all this?

'This is bad. If the mole comes to the left wing, it will completely crush them. The moment the left wing crumbles, all those beasts on the left will be coming to us. There won't be anyone to stop it.' The leader opened his mouth, wanting to give an order.

However, the words stuck in his throat the moment he shifted his gaze to the left wing.

Clovis and Christina were actually walking toward the mole as though they had expected it.

The leader didn't know what was going on. The mole was charging toward them, but there wasn't a single trace of fear in their eyes. No, it was more accurate to say they were excited to fight it.

At the same time, the left wing was somehow holding on without both of them. The front was held by Erwin punching all those beasts and Aileen killing them right after. The back was completely overwhelmed by Jay.

As a result, they were able to hold the left wing.

When the mole charged toward them, Christina also started running.

The mole's eyes turned bloodshot as it waved its claws.

Christina raised her shield and received those claws.

Still, the power of a Tier 6 beast was not to be underestimated. The ground underneath her cracked as Christina had to endure all that massive weight and power.

To his surprise, Christina was able to withstand it without any sign of being overwhelmed.

In addition, Christina twisted her shield and created a force that actually spun the mole's body.

"!!!" The mole was stunned, but before he realized it, the mole was actually falling sideways.

With a loud 'bam,' it touched the ground.

"!!!" It was the leader's turn to be surprised. 'What is that shield technique? It can actually spin the mole... Even though she is a Tier 5, it's simply too much. Does she not get overwhelmed by the mole's weight? After all, it should weigh more than a couple of tons.

What was more surprising was that Clovis actually came from Christina's back as if he knew this would happen.

With a single swing of the sword, he struck the mole with a ranged attack.

The mole sensed it and put his claws in front of him, blocking most of the power. However, its side was still hit by the ranged attack, leaving a shallow but long visible wound on the side.

The leader opened his mouth wide. That shock startled him so much that he lowered his guard down for a split second. The beast took advantage of it and hit him.

Even so, he raised back up and was still as shocked as he was before.

'Are they capable of fighting against a Tier 6? No. That Tier 5 girl might have the ability to stop the Tier 6 beast's strength, while that Tier 3 boy has that ranged attack. As an individual, his strength is nowhere near the Tier 6 beast, but his ranged attack is simply too powerful. No. I feel like his ranged attack has just become even more powerful. There is something weird about him... It is as if he has changed into a different person.

'His eyes are naturally emitting bloodlust. I don't know what's going on, but it's because both of them are working together, they can actually fight the mole. Of course, the mole is pretty tired after fighting our guardian, Menhe, but if they can hold the mole back...'

The leader saw Menhe chasing after the mole and looked pretty shocked.

Although it was a hard decision, the leader shouted, "Menhe. Take care of the new Tier 6 centipede. Let them have that one!"

"!!!" The guardian was startled. Although he still doubted whether Clovis and Christina could do it, they looked like they were going to be fine for a few minutes.

However, the Tier 6 beast would be everything they could handle. If the beasts started coming toward them, they would be overrun by them.

That was why, before going back to the middle, he shouted, "I need five people here. Make sure there are no beasts disturbing them. The rest will go back and handle the centipede with me."

The group split up as those five people immediately headed to the beasts, making sure they were unable to approach Clovis and Christina.

Both Clovis and Christina couldn't help but smile.

"It seems they've decided to give this mole to us," said Clovis.

"That's more like it." Christina nodded.

The mole had gotten up and attacked her from multiple angles.

Christina stomped the ground, gaining even more strength and actually blocking every single one of the attacks in rapid succession.

"Thanks to the item, they're easier than I originally thought."

"I know, but don't let your guard down. A Tier 6 beast is much stronger than a Tier 5 beast."

"Don't worry. My Provoke will keep his focus on me. Go rampage."

Clovis smiled. There was a reason for the unique ability becoming the necessary requirement to become a Tier 9.

The moment Clovis looped around the mole, it actually showed no sign of him moving around to protect his rear. It was as if he couldn't do anything other than attack Christina.

Clovis and all his teammates had experienced how scary Christina's 'Provoke' was. Of course, they had a hard time escaping Christina's unique ability.

With the addition of Clovis' perfect state, it was time to take down the mole.

Chapter 585 Provoke

The mole slammed Christina with all its strength.

Christina put her shield on top of her, shielding her from its claws. However, the mole tossed its entire body to pressure her, which caused the ground to crack. No, it was so powerful that the ground underneath her turned into a small crater.

"Ugh." Christina clenched her teeth. "This is definitely heavy. If I didn't have his items, I wouldn't be able to take this attack head-on."

"You good?" While asking, Clovis approached the mole and slashed its body.

The mole wanted to put its claw in front of him, but Christina suddenly spun her shield, which twisted the mole's body. As a result, the ranged attack hit the arm.

The blood spurted from the arm before the mole let out a cry. Its eyes turned bloodshot, as if it didn't expect that the two humans could injure him.

It smashed Clovis, but Christina stood in its way again, blocking this attack. No matter how hard he tried to attack Clovis, for some reason, Christina was in the way.

In addition, there was an indescribable feeling that made him attracted to Christina and wanted to continue to attack her.

If not for all these wounds, the mole would have done so all the time.

It was the pain from the wound that actually made its mind remain sharp, reducing the power of Christina's unique ability.

"Be careful. The wound is already keeping its mind intact. The worse its condition, the more it can break free from my unique ability."

"Got it." Clovis nodded with a serious expression. He used his fastest speed to go around the mole. The mole was turning as if it was trying to follow him, but it suddenly stopped and turned back to Christina.

Bam!

Christina was being pushed back for several meters, which allowed the mole an opportunity to go toward Clovis.

Provoke.

The mole looked frustrated as it was moving toward Christina one more time. This time, Christina planted her shield on the ground and blocked the mole's all-out attack.

Clovis approached from the left to slice the mole's stomach, but the latter actually tilted its body forward.

In the end, the strike only grazed its body.

Prov—!

Christina widened her eyes when the mole's eyes turned bloodshot. It actually ignored her taunt and hit Clovis.

Fortunately, Clovis was able to sense it coming with his slow vision. He reacted at the last second and threw himself to the ground.

"Raaa!" the mole screamed while slapping Clovis. The latter just raised the sword with both hands, planning to take this attack by using the ground as his support.

Christina used the provoke once again, which caused the mole to tilt its body back toward her and hit an empty ground.

"Raaa!" The mole was furious. It just followed its instinct and hit Christina as hard as it could.

Christina blocked it perfectly, but to his surprise, the mole suddenly used its other hand to actually grab Christina.

"!!!" Christina was startled and tried to free herself, but before she succeeded, the mole actually threw her to Clovis.

Clovis was caught off guard. He should move away because Christina was fine, but his instinct actually made him halt his step to catch her.

In the end, he stumbled, and both of them ended up falling to the ground.

"Geh." Clovis ground his teeth. "Are you alright?"

"Yes, but..." Christina raised her head.

The mole was already right above them, swinging that giant hand.

"I need to get away!" Christina wanted to roll around, but it was already too late. Clovis recognized this and immediately stopped her by putting both hands around her and using them to support her shield.

In the end, they blocked it with both of their strength. However, the mole used the same strength as earlier, which caused the ground underneath them to shatter.

"Gah!" Clovis coughed up some blood.

"Oi!" Christina was startled. He ended up withstanding even her own weight. Luckily, the damage wasn't that bad due to him having his Perfect State that allowed him to enhance his affinity, specifically the Bones and Heart Affinities.

Before the second attack came, Christina dragged herself to the side, allowing Clovis to get up.

Clovis was struggling because the damage was a bit too much. As a result, the slap reached them before he could get away.

Christina blocked it by herself, doing everything she could so that the slap didn't reach Clovis.

"It's clever. Since it focuses on you, the mole is just making you be in the same direction as me or on top of me like earlier. This way, it can still injure me even though it's attacking you." Clovis hurriedly got up, panting.

Clovis' expression turned serious. "I guess a Tier 6 is harder than I originally thought."

Christina clicked her tongue. She had fought a Tier 6 before, but that was a siege battle as well. This was the first time she fought a Tier 6 with only two people.

Even though she had been equipped with items from Another World Mall, she was overwhelmed because of the unexpected action the mole took. It was completely different from the siege, considering the mole could focus on both of them instead of everyone.

Christina took a deep breath.

"By the way, can you use provoke on only its hand or something? Like concentrating it on something?" Clovis asked while getting away.

"Huh?" Christina frowned while blocking another attack from the mole. Now that Clovis asked about it, she never really thought about it.

Everything was fine because they targeted her after she used her unique ability. But she had never focused on a single limb.

When she saw the mole trying to hit her with the left hand, she tried to use her unique ability on the mole's right hand.

The mole suddenly had an urge to slap her with the right hand, but because of the movement of the other hand, the body ended up tilting forward in a weird way that killed the momentum.

"It... works?" Christina looked surprised.

The mole wanted to do it again out of confusion, but this time, she used it on the mole's right foot, which caused him to slip.

"This..." Christina was startled, wondering if she had just done something ridiculous.

Chapter 586 Steal Kill

"It works?" Christina still couldn't believe it.

Clovis chuckled.

"How were you able to think of that possibility?"

"No. The question should be, why did you not think about that? Well, my unique ability could enhance all five affinities to the maximum, gaining their respective strength, right?"

"I used to wonder if I could just enhance one, but with a much greater effect." Clovis explained.

"Unfortunately, it didn't seem to be possible, so I couldn't help but wonder if you could do it, since your unique ability is different from mine."

Christina blinked her eyes a few times, not expecting that such a ridiculous concept could actually be used.

Her unique ability boosted his ability and allowed him to control it better. On the other hand, due to the knowledge coming from Clovis' unique ability, her ability was also enhanced. It was as if both of them were doing everything to boost each other.

She couldn't help but smile.

"I'm fired up." Christina approached the mole, who had just stood back up.

The mole was still confused as to what had happened. Seeing Christina charging at him, the mole hurriedly smacked her away, but his right foot was taking a step forward, messing with his rhythm.

The mole held as much as possible and succeeded in not falling. However, it destabilized his position a bit.

Clovis took advantage of that opportunity and sliced the mole's body.

"Kree?!" The mole let out a scream. His body had been moving weirdly due to Christina. He couldn't help but wonder what was going on.

Clovis wanted to get another hit, but the mole was already spinning its body. This way, even if he wanted to attack Christina, he would still hit Clovis in the process.

However, this had become much easier for Christina to use her unique ability.

With just a single foot making a much wider step, the mole ended up tripping.

Clovis was already waiting for this. He slashed the mole's head. The mole wanted to block it, but the arm suddenly moved down, attacking Christina.

The attraction to his limb was much stronger than his body, which confused the mole. As a result, the head got hit by Clovis' ranged attack.

Although it wasn't enough to cut his head completely, it was enough to create a deep wound.

The mole was having a hard time focusing due to all that blood.

"Reee!" The mole let out another scream out of frustration.

All that blood was able to neutralize even more control from the unique ability.

Christina activated her Provoke again, but the mole was able to stomp the ground hard enough to plant his body on the soil. After that, he leaped toward Christina, throwing all his body and momentum against her.

Christina planted the shield into the ground, taking advantage of the soil to stop the mole. However, this was much faster and more powerful than what she took earlier.

"Kh. If only I had two shields... I could hold it completely." Christina bit her lips.

Clovis used his ranged attack to hit the mole's body.

The mole actually put his arm in front. Even with Christina's Provoke, it would still be in front due to the mole lying down.

As a result, the ranged attack only hit the arm, which wasn't a big deal.

Hence, Clovis changed his strategy. He approached the mole and attacked him directly with his sword.

He left behind more than twenty slashes all over the mole's body before jumping away as the mole was about to catch him.

"...not enough." Clovis squinted his eyes. If he had his short sword, he could make at least fifty slashes. After all, his short sword not only increased the slash count but also his maneuverability.

Even then, it didn't look like the mole could last any longer.

Their fight was observed sneakily by the leader of the expedition. He was in utter disbelief.

'Amazing. How in the world are they able to do that? This is not just an equal fight. Those two are dominating the battle the entire time.

'The Tier 5 guardian is able to hold the Tier 6 mole by herself. Of course, this is amazing, but not really unprecedented. However, that Tier 3 young master is able to injure the mole this much.'

The leader was more and more convinced that Clovis was indeed coming from a hidden family.

'Either way, our focus remains the same. We have to kill that Tier 7 beast. If they are able to kill the Tier 6 mole, they can either join the battle in the middle or guard the left. We have enough personnel to kill the remaining Tier 6 and Tier 7 anyway.

'Their help only hastens the progress, but there's a chance casualties would increase due to the left collapsing.

'I guess I will just let them decide and work around it. The youngsters have saved us from such a situation, so I guess it's fine to give this type of choice.'

Both Clovis and Christina continued their onslaught. Due to the amount of blood it was losing, the mole became weaker and weaker.

When its speed had slowed down enough, Clovis immediately sped up and started overpowering him.

Christina pinned the beast's two hands and feet, making sure it was unable to get comfortable with its movement.

Unfortunately, her control wasn't perfect yet. She still let a few attacks pass through.

However, it was enough to crush the mole.

"Reee!" The mole let out another scream, his body getting covered with numerous wounds. It was already having a hard time moving.

Christina glanced at Clovis and nodded her head. They should be able to kill him with one or two more hits.

Clovis was ready to take him down, but all of a sudden, he received a transmission from Melody.

"Clovis! Watch out. That idiot guy is coming toward you!"

"!!!" Clovis and Christina raised their eyebrows, trying to locate Gillian.

But they were stunned because they weren't Gillian's targets. It was the mole. He leaped into the air and hit the head, opening the wound and scooping out a bit of its brain.

"Hahahaha. I killed the Tier 6 beast!"

"..."

Chapter 587 Foolish Action

"Hahaha. I killed the Tier 6 beast." Gillian laughed out loud, as if he was proud of his achievement.

Both Clovis and Christina couldn't help but furrow their eyebrows. Christina was displeased because Gillian had stolen their kill. On the other hand, Clovis looked at Gillian as if he was looking at a fool.

From everything he could actually do, Clovis didn't expect him to actually do one of the things he shouldn't have.

It wasn't about anger.

This action would definitely have a lot of impact on him.

Clovis looked at Christina with a dumbfounded face, wondering how someone could be so foolish.

If they were meeting each other elsewhere, it would probably be a good idea to sabotage the others. However, if they had to fight together, especially under someone, this was the last thing they should do.

After all, it could raise into a conflict. In this situation, having a conflict was the last thing everyone wanted.

"You're pathetic. If you're strong, you should have killed it!" Gillian taunted them as if he was holding a lot of grudges from what happened earlier.

"..." Clovis stayed silent for a moment, but soon shifted his gaze elsewhere. The middle looked fine, so they didn't seem to need some reinforcement, even though it would be nice because they could speed up.

However, it was not necessary anymore.

Clovis simply turned to the left and said, "Let's go. We'll go back to our position now that we have taken care of the Tier 6 beast."

Christina nodded with a serious expression.

"You have taken care of the Tier 6 beast? Did you not see that I was the one who killed it? It was my contribution, not yours." Gillian screamed.

Clovis and Christina just ignored him, as if he didn't even exist.

Looking at the situation, Clovis gave an order. "It looks like everything is under control on the left wing. However, Ragna is already on the back, so I and Jay will keep the beasts at bay. You help Erwin and Aileen. They're strong when they're fighting together."

"Got it. Leave them to me." Christina couldn't help but ask, "By the way, are you not going to deal with him?"

"I will, but not now. It's better to use this group to weaken his relationship with the family. Don't worry. I'm not planning to let him off. Then again, he doesn't look like the type of person that you can let off even though you want to."

"Fine." Christina chuckled before changing her direction.

Since Clovis had activated his Perfect State, it would be better to take advantage of it completely. That was why the moment he returned to his position, he slashed multiple beasts all at once.

No, Clovis went beyond that. He killed more than a hundred beasts in just two minutes, like a war god.

Gillian misunderstood it as Clovis being frustrated because his target was stolen by him, which put a smug smile on his face.

Little did he know, the leader had been observing their situation the whole time. And he was pissed.

'What the fuck? Why did a famous family send this insufferable asshole? Did he not realize that his action might cause this expedition to fail?

'If both of them were offended because of that, they could make a fuss, and no one would even bother to help him, believing that he deserved it. After all, it wasn't any other beast. It was one of the three Tier 6 beasts.

'In addition, he kept taunting them after going all out in the front like a madman without caring about other spots just because he wanted to be known as someone who killed the most.

'Did he know that his selfish character would result in the expedition failing? Fortunately, that Tier 3 guy and Tier 5 girl didn't seem to let out their anger, even though I bet they were pissed.

'However, after killing the Tier 6 beast, they should still have some stamina to help the middle rank, which might result in another Tier 6 beast being removed.

'This way, the expedition would be concluded faster, which would allow us to reduce the number of injuries. Yet this guy actually taunted them in a way that they wouldn't even bother to go to the middle.

'Although we had prepared for all these things, it was infuriating to know that a hidden talent who was supposed to make the success glorious ended up being disappointed and not choosing the best route.

'Besides, the fact that they could kill the Tier 6 beast alone was enough to show that their status was extraordinary. Yet this guy picked on them like a jerk.

'No. He even left his post. If not for the left wing being capable of fending off the enemy, it would have been troublesome.

'Seriously... All I had about this guy was complaints. He's a fucking insufferable asshole.' The leader was cursing inwardly. 'I need to report this guy to his family. This will surely hurt the relationship between them, but it's their fault.'

Even though Clovis and Christina ended up returning to the left flank, it didn't mean the expedition had failed.

In fact, the leader managed to take down his Tier 6 beast opponent, allowing him to kill the last one. As a result, they were able to focus on the Tier 7 beast.

Even though the progress was delayed because of the third Tier 6 beast, they managed to subjugate the Tier 7 beast within 4 hours.

During that time, the beasts kept coming and coming, which exhausted the people's stamina. Fortunately, the longer the battle was, the fewer the incoming beasts.

In addition, the weapons were proven to be effective. They had used quite a lot of weaponry, but ultimately, they succeeded.

Without saying, the MVPs of this expedition would be Clovis and Christina. Without them taking down the surprise attack, the expedition would lead to a failure. Unfortunately, due to what happened earlier,

they just played along with the scenario and told the leader that they didn't do anything. As a proof, Gillian killed the beast, which infuriated the leader even more.

Chapter 588 Complaints

"Good work, everyone. We have finished the expedition." Clovis grinned while raising his glass, juice of course.

"Oh!" The others cheered.

"Did you learn a lot, Clovis?" Kanaria asked.

"Yep. I think I can understand what they're aiming for." Clovis nodded. "Normally, people are fighting with a large number of humans or with a small elite team of high quality. This is to ensure the safety of the people.

"More importantly, no death. One can get injured, but no death or retirement. That's what they're aiming for.

"If they can do this, they can kill a beast stronger than they are. Of course, using those weapons will just increase safety. After all, the beasts will die before they can kill anyone.

"If I take this into account, I can think of several ideas on how to approach a battle like that in the future.

"Well, Christina and I have no problems in taking down a Tier 6. It's hard, but doable. In that case, I'm planning to target one more Tier 6 beast and assign it to only four people. The remaining people will be dealing with the rest of the beasts for our next project."

After listening to Clovis' explanation, Jay couldn't help but ask, "Should I do it?"

"I'm not entirely sure." Clovis glanced at Aileen, who sneaked out of the hotel just to join them. "If there is a mission you're going to take that is related to Tier 6 beasts, I think it's fine to join."

"Oh! I think there is one." Aileen thought for a moment. "If I'm not wrong, there is a mission for us to kill a Tier 6 beast. We'll go in a small group and take care of that Tier 6 beast. It's just..."

Erwin crossed his arms with a grim expression. "After what happened, that idiot guy would definitely be reckless because he was hungry for achievements. That was why he even killed the Tier 6 beast that Clovis and Christina took down."

Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose.

"In that case, since we have split our group into two, should we just do what we had planned prior to our trip?" Jay remembered that split up. "Since it's a small group, it's better if we go."

"Ah!" Clovis nodded in agreement.

"Are you suggesting that Clovis will go behind the scenes while we four are fighting together with her?" Erwin asked, surprised that Jay would suggest such a thing. After all, it made him the leader.

Jay snorted. Even though he hated to admit it, he could at least give this much to Erwin.

Clovis agreed with them. "Sure. Let's do it that way. Make it look like you are joining casually and not expecting them. If the mission is a bit too hard, I will make my move.

"Since he has focused all his hatred on me, he will definitely not go if I'm around. However, since there's no conflict with the second group, it shouldn't be that much of a problem as long as you don't pick a fight with him."

"Pick a fight, huh? Should I punch him in the face?" Erwin grinned.

"You should cut him. No. I will cut him." Jay had the same grin. Both of them were pissed about how their captain got treated.

Clovis chuckled.

"But is this fine? His character is bad, and I'm afraid that the situation will be much more dangerous than you imagine." Aileen looked worried.

"Don't worry. While he will be reckless, he will be pretty much restrained."

"Restrained?" Aileen raised her eyebrows.

"Yep, restrained. Not by me, though." Clovis smiled evilly.

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As Clovis said, the moment he killed the Tier 6 beast, Gillian had become a complete clown.

Tap!

Tap!

Tap!

A middle-aged man passed over the person who led the Tier 7 beast subjugation previously.

"What's this? Mr. Dee? What are you doing here?"

The leader, Dee, continued tapping the table for a few more seconds as his expression worsened as time passed. "Hello, sir."

"Yeah. Hello. Is there anything bothering you?" The middle-aged man raised his eyebrows. "Is there a problem with the expedition? You have succeeded, right?"

"Yes. I have succeeded. There are no casualties, but one person has to retire due to injuries."

"I see. Isn't that fine? You are one of the best leaders in our company."

"It's just..." Dee gritted his teeth. "I don't know if I should say this or not..."

"You can just tell me. Even if I can't do anything, I can still listen to you."

Dee hesitated for a moment before explaining everything that had happened during the expedition.

The middle-aged man was in utter shock when he heard a pair of Tier 3 guy and a Tier 5 girl manage to take down a Tier 6 beast.

He couldn't help but feel sour the moment he learned about the steal.

"Who is that jerk? I thought you would be inviting them here or at least forming a good relationship with them, but I could understand when you didn't mention such a thing now."

Dee sighed. "The person I mentioned was the guy the Heshton family sent?"

"Heshton?" The middle-aged man frowned. "Ah. That family. They were pretty big in Axolonia. What the fuck?"

"That incident could cause the failure of the expedition and numerous losses to our company. In addition, it also stopped us from at least forming a good relationship with this mysterious young master. Even if he wasn't a young master, his strength alone was extraordinary that anyone would definitely want.

"Yet not only did he almost cause the failure, but he also cut that chance..." The middle-aged man clenched his fists. "Unforgivable."

"I know, right? Then again, I'm nothing but a small captain. What can I even do against such a family?" Dee shrugged.

"Try to find that guy... Never mind. I will try to find him personally. Since it's the chairman's recommendation, I will directly mention this to the chairman. The chairman only allows them to send this guy because he is known to be a powerful guy, but since they're trying to harm us, the chairman won't take this lightly."

Chapter 589 Reprimanded

As Clovis and the others expected, the Heshton family ended up receiving the complaint. Although they were quite a big family, the organizer of the expedition was not someone they could easily brush off.

In addition, the result and Gillian's action were obvious. If Nathan and Christina didn't take it maturely, they would end up facing a much more serious predicament.

Hence, the Heshton family was furious.

"Do you know what you've done?" A middle-aged man roared at the screen, glaring at Gillian.

Gillian gritted his teeth and could only lower his head.

"Do you? If there is a strong person out there, you should have befriended them instead of fighting them. The fact that he can injure a Tier 6 beast with his Tier 3 strength has said a lot about his strength and background.

"It's clear that the person in question is not your average person. If you have befriended such a person, your time in that country will be much easier. In addition, the family will have another good relationship with a huge influence.

"Do you fucking understand what you've just done? And now, tell me. What will happen if they retaliate?

"What if you're being chased by a hidden family right now? There's no trace about them, so if they act, you will be gone without anyone finding out what happens. Even if I use all the resources in the family, I might still not find out about them.

"Argghhh." The middle-aged man gnashed his teeth. "At this rate, you should just return home. It's too dangerous to stay over there. What an embarrassment."

"To think I would have to apologize to someone. This is why you would never surpass your brother."

Gillian clenched his hands into fists. He said, "I can still make it right, Father. There are still several missions!"

The middle-aged man glared at him as if telling him that it had become impossible the moment he messed up.

He sighed. "I sent you there not only to build the relationship with the people over there but also to give you time with Aileen. At this rate, I don't have the face to see that girl's master."

"In addition, she has told me that everything is due to a woman. Are you a lustful beast? What differentiates you and a beast right now? Is your dick and brain switched?"

Gillian opened his mouth, wanting to say something, but the words stuck in his throat.

He changed his intention by saying, "I can still do it. There are still a few missions. At least, please allow me to go on the next mission. I can still make it right!"

The middle-aged man frowned. He was fed up, so he shouted, "Do whatever you want. If you die over there, I won't even care. You're fucking useless."

The screen disappeared as the call was disconnected.

Furious, Gillian stormed out of the room and came to Aileen's room.

He banged the door multiple times while calling her name out loud. "Aileen! Come out now!"

He never thought a lowly woman like Evelyn would dare to do something like this.

Little did he know, Aileen had been standing right behind him this whole time, smiling as she watched everything. However, Gillian couldn't notice her presence.

She finally understood what Clovis meant.

'I see. Clovis is making Gillian focus on him to create a rift between them. Well, even though his father said he didn't care, it would still be troublesome if he dies here.

'On the other hand, Gillian is desperate right now. And if he meets Clovis again, I don't know what will happen. That's why it will be with Jay's group next time.

'If he screws up again, he will be recalled back to the family, leaving us behind. And this means I will have an alone time with Erwin.

'Of course, I will be questioned by my teacher after this. However, Clovis told me that he will start pressuring the Heshton family with Hana.

'Everything that happens here is just buying time for Hana to make her move. I'm really grateful to Clovis for doing something like this.

'After all, it means my family can avoid the responsibility as well. As long as we don't push them into the corner, my family will remain safe.'

Aileen squinted her eyes. Now that she had observed everything, she disappeared once again. Of course, she needed to have another date with Erwin.

The Libation Fiesta, on the other hand, was preparing for the next mission. Each of them was busy finding their own role, since this was the first time they had to split up completely.

Everyone... except for Clovis. Clovis had to be on the call.

"I know, I know. This is something that is not easy to do, but isn't the money from the beast soul enough? You don't have to give me the royalties for a few months or years to compensate for it." Clovis smiled wryly.

"That's probably enough for the capital venture, but do you understand that what you're requesting is basically making me be put on the blacklist in Axolonia? In addition, I have to take the Heshton family on.

"While they're not the strongest, they are still a top family in that country. This is not something I can easily brush off. Even I will get reprimanded by Grandfather because of this."

Clovis scratched the back of his head. "Don't tell me. You're going to ask me for more artifacts? Do you want to sell them or something?"

"I don't think you will accept it, even though I want to create an auction for it. Then again, if I have them, I'm not strong enough to protect what I have, especially with the fact that multiple Tier 9 will be looking at my family. Without your grandfather's protection, I will be destroyed in no time. Even though I'm greedy, I'm not foolish enough to do that."

Clovis thought for a moment. "In that case, what do you want? If it's something I can compensate for, I don't really mind. Besides, Erwin will work twice as hard with Aileen here. Aileen is also an extremely powerful assassin. She doesn't have a unique ability, but that talent alone is almost equal to it."

Hana smiled slyly. Clovis realized at that moment he would indeed be sucked dry from this.

Chapter 590 Removing the Heshton Family from the Top Family

"This is the mission this time." Aileen projected the mission detail that they had just got. "It's to kill a Tier 6 beast. The mission itself shouldn't be that hard, but killing a Tier 6 beast means we have to find the number of the enemies.

"Due to his reckless behavior, Gillian has been pressured to at least take a group with him. This will check his leadership, which is the original objective for coming here.

"Of course, I have been tasked with monitoring him and reporting everything secretly.

"The Tier 6 beast alone is enough for all of us, but there is one problem. In this mission, the location of this Tier 6 beast is not that far from another Tier 6 beast.

"Normally, they won't intrude on each other's territory, but this time, they might do such a thing.

"Hence, I hope that Clovis' team can handle the other Tier 6 beast by themselves."

Clovis squinted his eyes, reading the details of the enemies. "Hmm..."

Jay crossed his arms. "So, our mission is to work together with him and somehow make him do reckless things?"

"I don't think you need to do that. As I mentioned previously, his family had reprimanded him. Gillian will definitely become much more achievement hungry than before. Hence, he will most likely make a lot of blunders this time.

"This will definitely destroy him. His family will drag him back to Axolonia." Aileen shook her head.

Erwin frowned. "Won't it be a problem if we let him go back right away? This would cause his family to realize something was off."

"Now that I think about it, that's possible. If we let him go like this, you will be called back as well. And most likely, you're going to be married off immediately to avoid other problems."

Clovis tapped the table a few times as he was thinking hard about the problems. The others couldn't help but look at him, wondering what he had in mind.

After a few minutes, Clovis stood up. "Let me make a phone call first."

Clovis stormed out of the room. As everyone expected, the person he called was none other than Hana.

"Yep. Do you think it's possible?" Clovis asked.

"Are you serious? This is half the time you previously mentioned..." Hana sounded angry. How could she not? She had prepared everything with thirty days as the limit.

If she had to shrink it to half, it meant she had to change her plan.

"I know, I know. I just wonder if it's doable or not." Clovis sighed.

"Why don't you just become a businessman like me? With everything you have, you're going to be a rich businessman in less than three years. I believe it. And see if you can deal with this problem." Hana sighed.

Well, Clovis had considered it as well. However, becoming a businessman would take too much of his time. He'd rather spend that time either practicing his skills or killing some beasts.

That was why he needed a proxy to handle all that stuff. And that person was Hana. She was trustworthy, even though she was greedy. Besides, her business skill was top-notch.

As long as she managed his items and sold them, he would get a constant stream of money.

That was why, after some consideration, Clovis asked, "I know that talking with you is going to be like this. That's why I'm going to tell you this. I can pay the price. It's just... I need to know whether it's possible or not."

Hearing those words made Hana fall into deep thought.

"If I have to deal with it for such a short amount of time, I need to fully focus on this matter. That means the beast soul business will take a small hit, so I have to warn you first.

"If this is the case, that means I have to go to Axolonia personally in the guise of a business trip. It's going to be dangerous, but I might have to use my grandfather's business for it. As a result, my grandfather will definitely get involved.

"For the Heshton family, having the richest man in Absalom visiting them should be an opportunity for them. As a result, they will do whatever they think they can to obtain me, which makes it easier for us to trap them.

"Because of this matter, we might need to direct that fund to something else. In other words, you might not receive any royalties for at least a few months. This is the only way to bluff Axolonia."

Hana paused for a moment, which allowed Clovis to speak.

"If that's possible, what do you want? Considering it involves your grandfather, I think allowing your grandfather to come to the art room is enough, right?"

"My grandfather has been distancing himself from business because of his past injury. Do you have something that can help him?"

"No. If you're talking about the item, then no. Since it's made of my blood, the effect is limited to my tier. In fact, for Tier 5 people like Christina, the effect is much less, so it won't be effective. However, I can probably ask my mother to help him. I don't know if it's going to work or not."

"That sounds good as well." Christina nodded. "Your mother is a monster in the medical field. A doctor with three professorship titles. The genius of a medical field who is not only an expert in practical fields but also research, so having your mother take a look at my grandfather's condition should be good enough. After all, it's hard even for my grandfather to see your mother due to the Hacfield family's mysteriousness."

"Alright. I can arrange that." Clovis thought for a moment. "As for you, your business clothes... or more like only the shirt and pencil skirt with speed or something similar that is useful for your work."

"Make it two sets."

"Fine. But I can't guarantee the power for the second set."

"That's fine."

"We have a deal."

"Give me three days. I'll make the Heshton family get removed from the top families in Axolonia's capital."