

## World Mall 601

### Chapter 601 The Second Tier 6 Beast

Roar!

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The beasts went on a rampage the moment they sensed the Tier 6 beast coming. Clovis' strength might be surprising for a normal human, but it didn't change the fact that he was only a Tier 3 human.

As long as there was a huge gap between their strength, Clovis would definitely die.

The Tier 6 beast this time looked similar to a meerkat. Its height reached 3 meters, but they couldn't grow too big as it would destroy this cave. However, the long claws looked quite dangerous. It was much sharper than the Tier 6 mole's claws they were facing previously.

"I need to help him," muttered Christina as soon as she sensed the Tier 6 beast.

However, Clovis suddenly warned her through the radio. "No. Don't come yet. This guy will be my beast bulldozer."

Christina was confused for a moment, but Melody was already the strategy that Clovis really loved.

The Tier 6 beast hurriedly attacked him with his claw, but the latter actually jumped to the side, avoiding this attack.

As a result, the Tier 6 beast twisted its body so that it could continue its sweep. Little did it know, this was exactly what Clovis wanted.

As soon as the sweep was coming, Clovis jumped one more time, letting the sweep miss him and hit the beasts instead.

After that, Clovis struck the meerkat's side with his full power, but the latter had tougher skin than he originally thought. It actually left only a shallow wound behind.

However, this was enough to provoke the Tier 6 beast. It smacked Clovis from the side, but the latter skillfully leaped into the air and struck the beast's body multiple times without using anything special. The wounds were even shallower than the first one, but it enraged the beast.

The beast let out a scream before striking Clovis from above. Other beasts were also coming toward him from all sides, making sure he was unable to escape.

But that was when Clovis' strategy began. He used the perfect state to slow down his vision even further, allowing him to find all the escape paths.

He chose the one with the smallest gap since it would reduce his speed slightly, which made the Tier 6 beast think he had the chance to strike him.

And it worked. The beast struck Clovis, albeit Clovis sped up at the last moment and slipped past the two beasts. As a result, that sweeping claw sliced two beasts into pieces.

Clovis didn't stop there. He continued to provoke the Tier 6 beast by sending another Tier 6 beast toward its eyes.

The Tier 6 beast covered its eyes with the other paw, but Clovis suddenly laughed, forcing the Tier 6 beast to lower its arm and finding Clovis running away.

The Tier 6 beast roared and chased after Clovis, not caring about the beasts around it. It simply smacked all those beasts away or even crushed them if they were standing in its way.

Clovis intentionally slowed down from time to time, allowing the meerkat to catch up and strike him.

Clovis even acted as if he was blown away by that smack, even though it was just him throwing his body to the ground. He even got up smoothly and swiftly.

Unfortunately, Clovis' expression was just too realistic. It was similar to the human whose plan didn't work in their favor. Clovis looked like he was struggling so much that just a bit more should be enough to hit him.

And that was when the chase began. The beast would be too focused on him that he thought once would be enough, albeit that opportunity never came. The Tier 6 beast continued killing a lot of lower-level beasts in rapid succession, which worked in Clovis' favor.

Due to its size, Clovis didn't really have to use his strength to block his attack, allowing him to conserve a huge chunk of his stamina.

Clovis planned to use this beast to kill a few hundred beasts at the very least. Only after that could Christina come to kill this beast together. He expected it to last for another 20 minutes and he would kill this beast in less than 5 minutes together with Christina, as he had to go berserk after that.

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Just like Clovis' plan, Gillian's plan seemed to work out perfectly fine.

Gillian appeared on top of the beast and punched its head with a beast soul. That power knocked the Tier 6 beast's head to the ground.

Meanwhile, Aileen appeared from the right side, moving at fast speed and leaving behind numerous wounds before disappearing again.

The other two members fired their guns, suppressing the beast so that it couldn't escape.

Gillian's strength alone was high enough to keep this battle simple, so with the addition of Aileen, it shouldn't be that hard to kill this beast.

At the same time, Kanaria and the others had complete control over the battlefield. It was especially true on Erwin's side, as he was killing the beasts with a grunted expression as if he didn't like that Aileen and Gillian were working together. At least, she had to get a proper person, unlike the trash Gillian, if she wanted to team up.

However, Jay and the others were actually using their full power to cause a lot of destruction in the area, as if they were trying to find a way to lure the other Tier 6 beast here. After all, Erwin would rather struggle together with Aileen than see her working with trash.

And their plan worked perfectly. Ten minutes after the battle began, Melody issued a warning, followed by the radar.

"A lot of beasts are coming in your direction. Looking at this number and direction, I'm afraid it's the Tier 6 beast. In other words, we'll proceed according to our original plan. Erwin, get ready for your acting. Aileen too. Make sure you don't slip up."

"Got it." Both Erwin and Aileen acknowledged their order as an excited smile appeared on their faces.

Chapter 602 Can't Hurt My Queen

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

"!!!" A series of roars echoed in everyone's ears.

Gillian couldn't help but turn around. "What?"

"Gillian. There is an incoming group of beasts toward us."

Kanaria suddenly shouted while pointing in the beast's direction. "There is actually a Tier 6 beast among them. What? The second Tier 6 beast?"

Kanaria acted as if she was surprised to find this beast, which made Gillian panic.

'What? Another Tier 6 beast? How can this be? We don't have enough people to deal with it. Is it going to fail again? No. If I fail again, it will be troublesome. My family will be disappointed in me, and my life will be ruined. We can't abandon this mission. Those four can die. I can't care less about it... as long as I can complete this mission.' Gillian gritted his teeth.

He opened his mouth, trying to give an order.

To his surprise, Erwin suddenly jumped out of the formation while shouting, "I'll be taking care of this Tier 6 beast or the mission will fail."

"!!!" Gillian looked surprised before smiling. To think that they would be so eager to die.

Nevertheless, this was an advantageous situation for him. As long as Erwin brought enough time, he could kill this Tier 6 beast and retreat right away even if it meant leaving Erwin's team behind.

As if knowing his evil plan, Aileen was glaring at him from the side. However, she couldn't pick a fight with him right now.

Right when Gillian was about to continue his fight, Aileen leaped away, causing the distracted beast to return to Gillian. She then turned around and chased after Gillian while shouting, "I will be helping him!"

"What?!" Gillian looked shocked.

If she lost Aileen at this time, the battle would become much harder. After all, her ability was so overpowered that she had been the one dealing the most damage to the Tier 6 beast.

However, Aileen simply added, "He won't last long if he faces them alone. I will have to assist him.

"There is a small wooded area on our right. We'll be using it to buy time from the beasts. Make sure to kill the Tier 6 beast within that time."

Gillian wanted to complain. She couldn't leave him for the sake of the mission.

Aileen continued nonchalantly. "Isn't it good for you too? With this, you don't have to worry about me observing you? Tsk. You're lucky today."

Aileen was complaining to make it look real.

That was right. Aileen wouldn't observe him anymore if she helped Erwin. In addition, she planned to bring the beasts away to a more secluded area.

Even if she was an assassin, there was no way she could watch him from that far.

The Tier 6 beast in front of him was already injured, so killing it should be a matter of time. At the very least, he would finish first and help them, which would result in Aileen giving a better judgment to his family.

This was the best plan he had in mind, one that allowed him to complete the mission while getting more recognition. If he could succeed, he would be recognized by his family.

With that thought in mind, Gillian shouted, "Suit yourself! Don't come back crying if you end up getting overwhelmed by those beasts."



Aileen harrumphed as if showing her annoyance, which made Gillian happier. He didn't realize that both of them just wanted to get some alone time on the battlefield.

All of this was a plan to lift him up before throwing him to the bottom of the ocean.

Nevertheless, Erwin couldn't be happier. When he was about to reach the incoming beasts, he leaped into the air.

The beasts did the same, trying to pounce on him. Erwin skillfully punched them in rapid succession. He even grabbed one of them before tossing it toward the Tier 6 beast. Sadly, he couldn't reach the Tier 6 beast who was being protected by a lot of beasts.

Either way, Erwin continued wreaking havoc on their rank, forcing the Tier 6 beast to focus on him.

The plan didn't work perfectly, but the majority of the beasts were focused on him. There were still some left who ended up passing through him and heading straight toward the others.

All of a sudden, several slashes hit them in rapid succession. Those slashes felt like they were brought to this world without anyone doing it.

So that Erwin didn't get confused, she first released her presence so that Erwin didn't have a hard time identifying her.

As soon as he got a grasp of her position, Erwin positioned himself slightly to the left so that Aileen could take the right.

They killed twenty beasts in rapid succession. Their battle prowess was actually higher than they actually had, especially Aileen's.

She killed so many beasts that the Tier 6 beast paid special attention to her.

Roar!

The moment the Tier 6 beast roared, the beasts shifted their target, leaving Erwin behind.

Aileen smiled before pointing to the right. "This is not good. We have to go there immediately. We'll use the trees to confuse them."

"Understood." Erwin replied as if he were an obedient junior.

The beasts had no choice but to follow them as the Tier 6 beast considered them a threat.

The moment they entered the woods, Aileen immediately turned around and started killing one beast after another as she said, "You have one minute."

"Aye, Ma'am." Erwin chuckled and started spreading his wires. He had to make it fast and unpredictable, which would kill most of the aliens that came after them.

As a result, the beasts ended up focusing solely on her, not realizing that Aileen had been guiding them into Erwin's territory.

Roar!

Roar!

Two Tier 1 beasts let out a roar before pouncing on Aileen. To their surprise, Aileen didn't run this time. In fact, she didn't erase her presence anymore, making them think they had a chance to do it.

Unfortunately for them, that was when their bodies suddenly got sliced into pieces.

"Sorry, I don't allow you to hurt my queen." Erwin had returned, this time with the entire territory.

Chapter 603 Perfect State

Aileen leaped from one thread to another, leaving one strike after another. The Tier 6 beast was trying to catch her, but to no avail. Even other beasts that were trying to help the Tier 6 beast were stopped by Erwin's net.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

The beasts ended up getting sliced as they passed the thread. Some were strong enough to push through, but Erwin suddenly appeared and crushed their neck with his thread.

After that, he set up a few more nets so that no beast could help the Tier 6 beast.

The Tier 6 beast was fully enraged because he had a hard time finding Aileen, let alone stopping her attacks. It frustrated him so much that he stomped the ground, wanting to destroy the ground and topple all those trees that had been supporting her.

Unfortunately for him, even though he could destroy several threads, Erwin's net consisted of several layers.

Aileen simply moved to the second layer once the first one was destroyed. Her main goal was to stop this Tier 6 beast long enough until Erwin killed all other beasts.

She was a bit worried that Gillian would see them, but with this distance and position, it was extremely hard for him to find them, let alone when he was fully occupied with his respective opponent.

Still, their situation was much better than Clovis' group underground.

Clovis was being chased after the Tier 6 beast.

Clovis kept parrying one attack after another and directing the enemy's attack to kill some beasts. In addition, with the size of this beast, he was perfect as a bulldozer to kill other beasts.

Christina couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows once Clovis moved away. The only thing she had in her heart was worries.

The only one who could stop Clovis was her. But with this distance, it would be hard for her to take him down.

Even though she had refused to let him go berserk alone, it would be troublesome if Clovis chose to ignore her opinion and just headed deep into their nest. There was no way Christina could break through the enemy's ranks alone. No, even with Melody and Lucifania's help, she wouldn't be able to succeed.

That was why she was worried that Clovis didn't fulfill his promise.

"Melody." Christina called her out loud. The question was clear, even without her saying it.

Melody shook her head. "Not yet."

Clovis had promised to activate his camera once he was close to being taken over by his unique ability. However, the fact that Clovis hadn't done it meant he was still able to perform well.

In fact, it had only been ten minutes or so from the time he activated his perfect state, so there should at least be 20 more minutes to spare.

Christina clicked her tongue.

"Haiz. Why are you so worried? You're more worried than Luci and Kanaria." Melody shook her head helplessly.

Christina didn't answer that question. After all, she was the one Clovis asked to lead the group when he wanted to sacrifice himself.

On the other hand, Clovis was gradually immersing himself in his perfect state.

Just like how he had always used his perfect state, everything looked normal in the start. He shouldn't feel anything for the first thirty minutes, but because he had been killing so many beasts at the moment, he somehow noticed a bit more detail.

'What is this? It feels like the world is being painted red. It's gradual and right now, it's still extremely clear to the point I barely see them, but once I look at it a bit closer, I realize that they're like the indication of me getting taken over by my own unique ability.

'Blood, blood. All I want is blood... if I follow what this perfect state desires. The longer I continue, the clearer the red color in my vision... even though there's no blood flowing into my eyes...'

Clovis skillfully parried the attacks and even launched several counterattacks. The Tier 6 beast continued blocking every single attack from Clovis since Christina wasn't here to distract the Tier 6 beast.

Nevertheless, Clovis was still dominating the battlefield. The moment the effect of the food was gone, he immediately ate another set.

'Was it because I had been using the perfect state too much lately? Or was it because I had grown accustomed to the perfect state and learned more about it? The perfect state was like bringing everything inside me...

'What was the word they used to describe this feeling? Bringing one's full potential? Yeah, it was something similar to that, but everything, not just potential. It was bringing something inside of me...'

The longer he continued, the stronger he became.

In fact, parrying the Tier 6 beast became much easier from when he began. 20 minutes in, he could see the red world clearly, but his mind remained calm for the moment.

"..." Clovis wondered when he actually started to activate his camera. If he glanced to the side, he could clearly see Christina's worried face, which looked worse and worse as time passed.

It looked like she was going to charge at him first at this rate.

Clovis took a deep breath. After some consideration, he asked, "Melody. How many beasts have I killed?"

"I don't know. Don't you count them?"

"Not really."

Melody frowned. Even though he didn't count, he should know the rough number. It seemed Clovis' mind had become unstable to the point where he couldn't even remember such a thing.

"From what I can see, you and that Tier 6 beast have killed about 300 beasts in the last 20 minutes. We have killed 120 beasts or something. However, the beast is still flooding in. I expect there are around 800-1,000 beasts in this nest."

Clovis squinted his eyes after getting that report. "I see."



Clovis took a deep breath before unleashing his full might, cutting down 10 beasts in a single ranged attack. After that, he unleashed another attack that killed five beasts in the same direction as he continued onward.

"!!!" Christina was slightly surprised because he was heading in their direction.

"Let me go all out for the next five minutes, and we'll kill this Tier 6 beast after that. The time limit is five minutes."

Chapter 604 Toying the Tier 6 Beast

"Let me go all out for the next five minutes, and we'll kill this Tier 6 beast after that. The time limit is five minutes."

As Clovis promised, he went all out in the next five minutes, cutting down a few beasts at a time.

Those five minutes allowed Clovis to single-handedly kill more than two hundred beasts alone.

It was already a shocking feat, but the fact that he wanted to kill a Tier 6 beast afterward made it even more challenging.

After all, there would be a stamina issue. Once he was done with the beasts, Clovis immediately returned to the Tier 6 beast, who had been growing impatient from following him around without being able to kill him.

Clovis couldn't help but smile as he finally challenged this Tier 6 beast. After staying in his perfect state for so long, his ability had increased tremendously in exchange for his sanity.

There was already a voice ringing in his head, telling him to have more blood.

Knowing that he wouldn't last long, Clovis hurriedly passed Christina. "I'm counting on you."

Christina smiled. At least she could finally put her worries to rest. Once the beast was charging toward Clovis, Christina hurriedly stood in their way and stopped the beast with her shield.

Bang!

The force was different from the mole, as the meerkat was simply ramming his entire body and momentum into Christina. It wasn't something the mole would do.

As a result, she was pushed back by two meters.

If not for Clovis' items, she would have done worse. Nevertheless, she held on and noticed the incoming attack. She first blocked the claws from the right before repositioning herself so that the beast couldn't get past her.

On the other hand, Clovis was actually attacking other beasts that this Tier 6 beast brought with him. It would be too much for Luci and Melody to handle alone, so he had no choice but to waste his time on these beasts.

Once the number was low enough, he hurriedly turned around and struck the Tier 6 beast's back.

"!!!" The beast widened its eyes in shock because there was a sharp pain in his back. Enraged, the beast turned around, only to find himself getting hit by Christina's shield in the face.

Bang!

The beast was confused. On the one hand, he wanted to kill Clovis. On the other hand, Christina had been annoying.

If he focused on Clovis, Christina would do everything she could to annoy him. If he focused on Christina, Clovis would try to kill him.

Looking at the situation, the best choice was to focus on Clovis. After all, Christina would only annoy him instead of killing him.

Hence, the beast continued toward Clovis, only to be shocked that his right leg suddenly turned around, which caused him to trip.

"!!!" The beast became even more confused, wondering what happened to his legs.

Clovis took advantage of this opportunity to reach the beast and swung his blade toward the beast's eyes. The latter closed his eyes while putting his claws in front of the eyes.

Unfortunately for the beast, Christina used her unique ability on these arms, forcing them to swipe back toward her. In fact, she had positioned herself so that the arms would know they could reach them, which made her unique ability even more effective.

After testing it on the mole, Clovis had been helping her with the experiment, allowing her to find out how to utilize her unique ability more effectively.

If the target realized that she was out of reach, the unique ability would cause confusion, asking why they would attack her when she was literally out of reach.

Even Clovis got used to it and somehow broke free from her unique ability.

That was why she had to position herself carefully if she wanted to make her unique ability more effective.

This time, the beast was unable to resist it, unlike Clovis or the mole. As a result, Clovis swung his blade at the right eye.

The ranged attack clashed with the beast's tough skin. It lasted for one second before the ranged attack sliced through the eyelid and hit the eye.

"Reee!" The beast wailed, but Clovis hadn't stopped. He waved his blade toward the second eye, but this time, the beast wriggled around so that Clovis couldn't reach his remaining eye.

"Tsk." Clovis clicked his tongue after missing his target, but this was fine as well. The moment the beast's eyes were gone, there was no telling how this guy would react. Hence, having one eye wasn't that bad, considering he would keep fighting.

Now that the right eye was gone, Clovis immediately looped around the right side and struck the beast from his blind spot.

The beast had no way of knowing the incoming attacks, resulting in him getting hit by several attacks, each deeper than the other.

The beast forcefully spun his body to get Clovis, but such a quick movement made his body unstable, allowing Christina to use her unique ability on his legs, causing him to trip.

The moment the Tier 6 beast was brought to their pace, even the Tier 6 beast became a child.

However, there was one more problem Christina was concerned about.

If she glanced at Clovis, she would notice the smile on his face. It was a smile filled with excitement, madness, and bloodlust.

At this rate, Clovis would get taken over by his unique ability.

"Clovis, this is enough. No need to continue using your unique ability. You've killed a lot of beasts that the rest can be handled normally." Christina bit her lips.

If only it were that simple, Clovis thought. When he checked the radar, the number of beasts coming toward them was still not decreasing. There might be at least a thousand beasts inside this nest.

That was why he still couldn't deactivate his perfect state.

So, he just activated the camera on his Skyglasses, showing that he had gradually lost control before continuing the attack on the Tier 6 beast without saying anything to Christina.

Chapter 605 Worse

On the surface, Erwin leaped into the air while stretching his hands, releasing all the threads around his fingers. All those threads grasped the Tier 6 beast's paws, stopping its movement.

Then, Aileen sped up, charging head-on. The beast thought it could still overpower Erwin a bit and used that little movement to stop Aileen. Even though Aileen looked blurry to him due to her unique talent, he could still sense her perfectly fine.

That was why the beast released everything he got at the last moment, pulling the threads and making a small movement to stop Aileen's movement.

Unfortunately for the beast, it would have worked on anyone else except for them. Aileen tried to avoid the beast's paws despite being fully aware it would make her miss.

However, instead of going too far, Aileen also dodged with minimum movement. She then stretched her hand to one of the threads and pulled herself back.

"!!!" The beast was stunned. The next thing he realized, Aileen had returned and struck his left side a couple of times.

The wounds spurted out blood, causing the beast to wail in pain.

Once the beast was struck, it also noticed that something was going on in his body. It all started with the fuzziness he experienced.

If he looked closely, Aileen's short swords were actually covered in poison. For a Tier 6 beast, Aileen preferred to use a paralyze poison, which might not be enough to stop it completely but is enough to slow it down.

With the beast unable to fight to its fullest potential, Aileen and Erwin hurriedly surrounded him.

The Tier 6 beast focused on Aileen, who injured him. However, Erwin annoyed the beast by circling his body with threads before pulling him back, causing the beast's body to tilt to the side.

At this rate, Aileen would strike him again, which would worsen his injuries. That was why the alien turned around at the last moment and struck Erwin instead.

Erwin simply smiled and withstood the attack with his power and equipment. No matter how annoying Erwin was, that was the last thing one should do when fighting these two.

After all, Erwin, who was usually arrogant and wanted to be in the spotlight, was always willing to give Aileen the spotlight when they fought together.

And this time was the same.

The moment the beast focused on him, Aileen reached the beast and struck it multiple times.

Roar!

The beast was screaming in pain. It uncontrollably wriggled around, trying to shake both of them off.



Erwin skillfully attached the wires to the trees to restrict the beast's movement before stomping the beast.

The beast spat a mouthful of blood as Erwin's foot landed on its belly. Then, Aileen came for the head and stabbed the beast.

The first sword was blocked by the mouth, so she planted the second sword lower, which was its neck.

"!!!" The beast almost lost consciousness because of that injury. Its lung was filled with blood, which was fatal even for a Tier 6 beast.

The beast struggled a few times, but Erwin and Aileen simply kept him on the spot, letting the beast lose too much blood and succumb to his injury.

It took them two more minutes, but the Tier 6 beast finally stopped moving and fell to the ground.

"Ha... We did it." Erwin smirked. He couldn't help but look at the surroundings. Their battlefield was a mess. The Tier 6 beast was strong enough to create multiple craters that caused his net to crumble.

However, it was fortunate that the trees around were still thick enough to cover everyone's eyes.

With this, they wouldn't have to worry about his identity being found out.

"We have killed it. Finally." Aileen jumped to Erwin as the latter caught her and hugged her. "Yep. We did it."

Aileen smiled. This was the first time she fought against a Tier 6 beast. She personally thought it would be impossible to kill a Tier 6 beast by herself. After all, the gap between Tier 5 and Tier 6 was huge. Even Clovis couldn't do it if not for Christina.

The fact that they were able to kill it meant they were not inferior in any way compared to Clovis and Christina's pair.

Even though they wanted to celebrate their victory, Melody's voice suddenly echoed on their radio.

"You two lovebirds. It's good that you can kill that Tier 6 beast, but get back out there. There are still a lot of beasts over there, so get your asses there and help. We're risking our lives underground, so save your flirting for later. Go, before I'm angry."

"..." Aileen and Erwin looked at each other with a shocked expression before chuckling.

Both of them just replied playfully. "Yes, Ma'am."

Then they headed outside the woods, which was immediately noticed by almost everyone in their group.

"!!!" The one who was shocked the most was actually Gillian.

'What? Did they abandon their duty? No. I didn't see any Tier 6 beast behind them. Did they kill it? So fast?

'No. It was impossible for both of them to kill a Tier 6 beast that fast. I couldn't believe it.

'They were not strong enough to do it. That was right. They must have trapped that beast somewhere.

'That was the reason for them to come out so quickly. I would still be the only one who could kill the Tier 6 beast.'

Gillian was in denial even though the proof was right before his eyes. He just didn't want to believe it because it was the same as recognizing his inferior skills. No. He even blamed the people around him because they couldn't support him better, even though they had done their best with the current situation.

However, no matter the situation on the surface, it was incomparable to what Christina, Lucifania, and Melody were experiencing underground.

"Clovis..." Christina gasped while gulping down.

Clovis was standing on a small mountain of corpses while looking down on the rest of the beasts as well as the three of them like they were his prey. His eyes were oozing bloodlust to the point where Christina broke out in a cold sweat.

The situation had just gone from bad to worse.

Chapter 606 Breaking His Body

"Clovis..." Christina gasped, noticing the change in Clovis' expression.

His eyes were filled with bloodlust and killing intent. In fact, a part of that killing intent was coming toward her as if he couldn't recognize his friends anymore.

However, Clovis had truly become a monster.

The beasts kept coming toward him, but Clovis actually leaped toward them. He swung his blade, sending forth a ranged attack much stronger than anything he had released before. It reached almost 30 meters and cut more than 20 beasts at once.

He had a big smile on his face, as though the killing was exciting.

"This is..." Melody gasped. The moment Clovis lost control of his body, the camera had become frantic. Clovis moved like a madman but at the same time, the movement wasn't as polished as what he was supposed to have.

It was true that his physical abilities had gotten stronger, but his previous skills felt like they were erased.

Even the ranged attack was something that the current Clovis replicated by swinging his sword as strong as possible.

If the real Clovis was the one handling that strength, he would be able to unleash an even stronger ranged attack.

The problem came from Luci.

When looking at Clovis' current condition from afar, Luci furrowed her eyebrows. "This doesn't look good."

"Yeah. We have to stop him later. For the time being, we'll let Clovis kill as many beasts as possible while tiring himself out. Once we reach a certain threshold, Christina will stop him." Melody nodded. She was able to grasp Clovis' plan in an instant even though she wasn't aware that Clovis wanted to overuse the Perfect State.

Christina couldn't help but agree. If Clovis was exhausted, he shouldn't be a threat anymore. They just had to make sure Clovis wasn't that far from them so that they could rescue him before stopping him.

That was when Luci dropped a bomb.

"No. I'm not talking about Clovis' current state or our current situation. I'm talking about Clovis' condition, specifically his body condition."

"!!!" Melody raised her eyebrows. "What do you mean?"

"That's the level of strength he is not supposed to have. I know that unique ability is supposed to be beyond one's limit, but this is not it.

"I can't be sure because I'm seeing it from this far away and it's dark, but from the looks of it, he is exerting much stronger strength than what he's supposed to have.

"You can say that he's overworking his muscle to the point where it might start getting torn up at any moment.

"Once that happens, Clovis' condition might not be good... Even the recovery pod won't be enough. He will need to rest for at least a few weeks.

"Right now, it should still be fine, but we can't let him exhaust himself. At a certain point, we have to stop him so that he doesn't destroy his own body."

The moment Melody and Christina heard Clovis' condition, they couldn't help but gasp. They had never thought about this. That was right.

Even though the unique ability was like a superpower. Clovis' unique ability was to draw out his potential in five affinities. It didn't draw that potential out of nothing. It was basically something he unleashed from within his body.

In other words, Clovis' body should be the main concern.

"We have to stop him!" Christina bit his lips.

"Wait. It's fine for now. If we stop him now, he might not be able to kill more beasts. At this rate, we won't be able to rescue him. We should let him kill a bit more beasts before stopping him. It will be better if we can stop him before he breaks his body, but even beyond that limit for a couple of minutes should be fine. Clovis would have no qualms if he was hurt for one or two days.

"And with him losing his mind like that, his skill is not used completely, so stopping him should be easy." Luci stopped them.

Although she wanted to argue with her, Christina had to continue dealing with other beasts that came in their way. She simply didn't have time. They should conserve their strength until that time.

And that was 12 minutes after Clovis went berserk.

"Now!" Luci shouted. "We only have 3-4 minutes to save him!"

In those 12 minutes, Clovis had gone around the nest, killing more than 500 beasts with his ranged attack. In fact, he had been using the ranged attacks in most of his attacks, which should exhaust him quite a bit.

Now that there weren't many beasts that stood in their way anymore, Christina and Luci hurriedly chased after Nathan while Melody remained at the entrance.

Luci cut down the beasts standing in their path until they could see the path to Clovis.

"There he is. I will kill the beasts around him. You handle him, Christina."

Christina nodded. To lure Clovis out of the beasts' encirclement, Christina used her unique ability on Clovis.

"!!!" Clovis abruptly turned around and charged ahead, cutting the beasts standing in his path. "Hihi..."

Clovis had a big, creepy smile on his face as he excitedly rushed to Christina. Once she was within his range, Clovis released his ranged attack.

Christina finally understood why Luci said he was breaking his own body. The moment she received that attack, she was being pushed back for seven meters.



'This strength is not possible. He was supposed to have only Tier 5 human's strength even with his normal Perfect State and those artifacts. But this is... already near Tier 6...' Christina was stunned, but this wasn't the only reason. "But..."

Seeing Clovis charging straight at her, Christina raised her shield.

Clovis looked like he wanted to cut her through that shield, but Christina used the unique ability and directed his swing toward her shield. It was strong enough to almost knock down her shield, but Christina noticed the side effect of this Perfect State. "As Luci said, you don't have any of your skills!"

Clovis spun his body to launch another attack, planning to beat her with his speed.

However, the sword felt like they were getting sucked by her shield, missing her once more. Christina then tilted her body forward and clenched her fist before punching him in the cheek. "You are nothing but a child with a bit more strength. Just get back already!"

Chapter 607 Knocking Clovis Out

The punch launched Clovis at the beasts as he ended up crashing into them. The beasts tumbled over while other beasts who were free immediately reacted by surrounding Clovis.

"Hihi..." Clovis looked like he was smiling, but his eyebrows kept twitching as though something inside was making him uncomfortable.

Still, he slashed all the beasts around him in rapid succession, freeing himself from the encirclement.

There were some beasts that annoyed him, so he continued on hacking them one by one until he could sense a clear path toward Christina.

Without hesitation, Clovis leaped toward Christina and struck her like he slashed the beast.

Christina planted the shield into the ground to barely stop the first attack before raising it up.

Seeing this chance, Clovis lowered his body and struck her from below. But that weird twist on his body might use the flexible foundation Clovis had, but it didn't account for Christina's unique ability.

All of a sudden, his right foot moved in the opposite direction, causing him to trip to the ground.

"!!!" Clovis looked shocked because he didn't understand what was going on.

Before he realized it, Christina had lifted up her shield fully and kicked him in the stomach.

"Gah!" Clovis spat some acid from his stomach before getting launched back to the beast crowd.

Some beasts followed Clovis. Once they saw Clovis was flying away, they switched their target to Christina. Fortunately, Luci stepped forward and killed all the incoming beasts, allowing Christina to focus on Clovis.

Christina, on the other hand, felt something was wrong. He had gone a little too deep to the point where a punch and a kick couldn't bring him back.

'This is weird. We have fought a couple of times to the point where he is berserk, but this is the first time he is not going back.

'Do I have to hit harder? But if I hit harder, it will be troublesome if his organ is damaged severely or his bones crack...' Christina was confused. On the one hand, she couldn't afford to hurt Clovis that much. On the other hand, her attack might go nowhere.

Christina asked, "Luci. Do you have something that can wake him up or at least put him to sleep?"

"I don't bring it. Our group doesn't really need such a thing, so I don't bring them right now." Luci shook her head. "Shouldn't a time like this require you to just hug him and tell him to come back?"

"You are a freaking doctor. Say something scientific, not fiction!" Christina clicked her tongue. "I will just knock him out with my shield then. Cover for me."

Luci chuckled. "Sure. I will assist you."

Both of them charged at Clovis. Luci sped up and dealt with the beasts that came to stop them, opening a path between Christina and Clovis.

It was fortunate that the beasts were keeping Clovis at bay, so she swiftly swept in.

Clovis sped up and sliced the remaining beasts around him, creating a small opportunity to attack Christina.

Christina used her unique ability on both of his feet, telling them to move in different directions.

Clovis was still confused about this attack, but he managed to adapt at the last second and struck her with his full force.

Fortunately, it was an attack from the side, so Christina placed her shield on the left side of her body and skillfully used that momentum to loop around Clovis.

"!!!" Clovis looked shocked and wanted to stop her, but it was too late. Christina banged his head with her shield.

"Gii?" Clovis almost lost his consciousness from that attack. However, he held on and hurriedly stood up so that she could fight her to the fullest.

Christina could hit him again, but the beasts had already surrounded them. Hence, she switched her stance and stopped the beasts with her giant shield, even for a second.

During that time, Clovis swung his blade to her exposed side.

"Tsk!" Christina clicked her tongue. She might have to get hurt a bit to stop him.

However, Luci suddenly lifted up her skirt and grabbed the hidden throwing knife before skillfully throwing it to Clovis' arm.

"!!!" Clovis stopped abruptly because of the pain.

Christina was surprised by the throwing knife, but she took advantage of the distraction to punch Clovis in the guts.

"Gah!" Clovis spat a mouthful of blood before falling unconscious.

Christina hurriedly grabbed his waist and dragged him out of there. Luci also covered for them, allowing them to have a gradual retreat.

Christina checked on Clovis' condition by using her unique ability. The fact that Clovis didn't react to her 'Provoke' anymore meant he wasn't conscious anymore, which was relieving at this point.

She shouted, "Melody. Take care of him. Shield Toss!"

She spun her body and tossed Clovis like that of a shield. The toss was so powerful that it managed to launch him almost twenty meters away, despite his body weight.

"What the—!" Melody tried to stop it, but she didn't have enough physical strength to do it. In the end, Clovis crashed into her stomach.

"Geh!" Melody gritted her teeth while falling on her butt. "You monster. What the hell are you doing? Are you planning to kill me? And what's with the weight of your shield... for you to be able to throw this guy this far?"

Christina just ignored her since she had to help Luci. She first banged several beasts with her shield, giving Luci a chance to cut them.

"You're even more surprising to me. A hidden throwing knife?" Christina narrowed her eyes.

"Well, it can't be helped. Clovis has told me to only use this one blade, but I'm just afraid something will go wrong and I will need other knives. Unfortunately, this is the only thing that I have." Luci shrugged.

Christina chuckled. "Now that Clovis is already out of the way, there are only a hundred or so beasts left. Let's gradually retreat and kill them around the entrance, shall we?"

"Your lead." Luci nodded.

Chapter 608 Woke Up

"Mhm..." Clovis let out a small groan while opening his eyes.

"Are you awake, Clovis? Can you hear me?" Christina's voice echoed from the side.

"Yeah?" Clovis answered normally as his voice was still hoarse. He couldn't help but glance to the side, wanting to thank them for taking care of him. It appeared he had been knocked out, especially after losing control over his body.

To his surprise, the sight that greeted him was Christina holding her shield in front, while Luci and Melody stood behind her. It was as if they were on guard against him, but if he thought about it, they had the right to do so.

Although he didn't know what he had done after going berserk, he definitely knew they reacted like this because of that reason. They were worried whether Clovis could return to normal or not, especially after waking up.

Clovis smiled wryly. "Sorry. It seems I have put you guys under a lot of stress. It must have been hard..."

Seeing his reaction, Christina couldn't help but lower her shield. "It seems you're finally back."

"Yeah. I'm in control this time. I have never thought that the situation would be so bad that I didn't even realize I had lost control..." Clovis sighed. "Can you tell me what happened?"

Clovis leaned to the side, wanting to use his hand as a support to push him up. However, the right cheek was swollen and ended up touching the ground, giving him the pain that made him realize he wasn't completely alright.

"Hmmm?" Clovis touched his swollen cheek and couldn't help but raise his eyebrows. "What is going on? What is my condition? How did I get my cheek swollen? Is there any other wound that I don't know?"

Luci smiled wryly. "There is nothing for you to worry about. I've dealt with most of your wounds. Though, someone was a bit too excited and punched you a little too hard. There might be small fractures inside your body, so you shouldn't move too much. It's better for you to get the recovery pod treatment once we return, since you were pretty roughed up before."

"..." Clovis turned his head to Christina.

Instead of feeling apologetic, Christina simply smiled, showing her frustration. "What? Do you want me to show you how your cheek gets so swollen again? I don't mind helping you."

Clovis blinked a few times before chuckling, "It's alright. I don't need it. It must have been frustrating to deal with me. Sorry and thank you."

Christina sighed. "You truly..."



Clovis scratched the back of his head. He noticed that they were already out of the cave and the sky was already dark. "How long was I out again?"

"Seven hours," Luci answered while checking the clock on her skyglasses.

"Damn, that's long. That's right. I should hurry and extract the beast's essence."

"You're not worried about their condition?" Christina frowned. "You're the captain, so shouldn't you worry about them?"

"What a foolish question." Luci shook her head.

"Yeah." Melody agreed. "Clovis never worries about the team. He just trusts us to be able to complete the mission accordingly. Besides, while I'm still here, the worst thing that can happen to them is retreating.

"So, there's no need to ask such a foolish question." Melody sighed.

Christina looked at them in disbelief. It was great that they had that kind of trust, but shouldn't they still be worried?

Clovis chuckled. "Well, I don't know what's happening to them, even though I believe they're safe. Mind filling me in, Melody?"

Melody nodded. "After you passed out, we dealt with the rest of the beasts in a more defensive manner. It took us a bit longer due to that reason, but we managed to hold on.

"After a long three hours, the battle was concluded. I protected your body while Luci and Christina checked the underground nest and confirmed that every beast inside the nest had been taken care of.

"We hadn't started recovering their essence since it was a quite exhausting battle and chose to wait for tomorrow to clean up.

"As for Jay's group, Aileen and Erwin were able to kill a Tier 6 beast alongside the various beasts that followed it. Erwin utilized his threads well and killed those lower-tier beasts before both of them worked together in taking down this Tier 6 beast.

"On the other hand, Kanaria had to work hard for the main group, considering they were lacking manpower. You should comfort her once we return, since she got chewed out by that jerk pretty badly, even though everything went smoothly because of her.

"Jay had done his best, but his contribution was still less to Kanaria from what I can see. Then again, the condition of the battlefield is rather special today.

"For the time being, they have returned to the city. They only recovered the essence of Tier 4 beasts or higher, so we should recover the remaining essence tomorrow.

"They should have reached the city by now, so you should make a call since you're up now."

Clovis nodded in understanding. "I see. Everyone has worked hard. Sorry that I'm unable to help you more than that."

"What are you saying..." Melody sighed. "You had killed almost 800 beasts by yourself, not counting the Tier 6 beast. In addition, your plan has helped us through this situation. In terms of contribution, you're definitely the highest."

"It's just... spare me with this kind of plan. Do you know how worried we were? Kanaria is going to have a lengthy discussion with you once we're back."

Clovis scratched the back of his head. "Hahaha. Sorry. I will resign myself to my fate. Anyway, the mission this time is successful, so thank you for your hard work. We'll recover the essence tomorrow and return to the city. As for Gillian, I believe Hana's got it covered."

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As Clovis said, Hana had finally launched her first attack.

She ended up having a meeting again. This time she was crossing her arms with a dark face, glaring at the opposite party.

She presented a tab that showed another scandal of the Heshton family.

"Say... what is happening? Haven't you promised me to control your family for the time being?"

Chapter 609 Crisis

"Say... what is happening? Haven't you promised me to control your family for the time being?"

"..." Damian Heshton looked down. He had never thought that the situation would just cause an even more uproar.

Because of this second news, the public opinion had turned against them.

In fact, there were a lot of articles saying that the Heshton family's dominion would start the moment they built the facility. As a result, the Heshton family would become a tyrant who was strong enough to even fight the government.

When that happened, the law could be disregarded, which would cause an even greater injustice. Hence, the public opinion would turn against them.

The article that Hana bought actually stated, "Reshia Foundation is better than the Releson Medical Center for the OpenSky Company's collaboration."

In the end, the Reshia family was much more stable and didn't have a lot of scandals, so their reputation was much better than the Heshton family.

If this continued, the collaboration would end in a failure due to a single reason. When Damian thought about it, he realized that this was an attack against the Heshton family.

It could be seen that there were a lot of keyboard warriors that dug up all kinds of scandals from the past, which would hit their reputation much more harshly.

As a businessman, Hana didn't care whether to work together with the Heshton family or the Resshia family, considering the benefits she got would most likely be the same. The Heshton family was chosen simply because of their scale. If she chose the Resshia family, the Heshton family would definitely attack the Resshia family as well.

However, when he investigated the matter, Damian couldn't find the Resshia family in the attack. It was as if they weren't the ones doing it.

Although it hadn't been confirmed, his source of information told him that the ones attacking him were other families in the royal capital, which confused him, considering their business wasn't even in the same field.

Damian gritted his teeth. "This is clearly an attack toward the Heshton family. Miss Hana—"

Hana's expression turned colder. "Of course, this is an attack. Even I can see that much. Someone is targeting you. However, why do I need to care? You're not the only one that can collaborate with me, Mr. Damian."

Damian's face turned pale. He definitely couldn't afford to have the Rsshia family succeed. That was why he stated, "Don't worry, Miss Hana. I will definitely handle this properly."

"That's what you said a few days ago. And look what we have right now! Am I a joke to you, Mr. Damian?"

"No." Damian gritted his teeth. "I'm sure that—"

Before he could finish, someone knocked on the door.

"Miss Hana. This is Quinn. We have a problem."

Hana frowned and turned to the door. "Come in."

A middle-aged man entered the room and handed over the tab.

Damian wasn't aware of what was going on.

However, the next thing he realized, Hana's face had already turned dark.

"Miss Hana..." Damian gulped down.

Hana simply put the tab on the table before sliding it to Damian.

It was another piece of news.

'Hana Skylark is planning to marry someone from the Heshton family?'

'Clovis, the man who is with Hana Skylark, can't be seen anywhere?'

It was news about her relationship. After everything that happened between them, including the banquet, Clovis was rumored to be extremely close to Hana Skylark, to the point where Jeremy, her grandfather, had given his approval.

It was a rumor that was never confirmed, but a welcome rumor for the Skylark family. Besides, Clovis was probably the only one that could mess around or make her do something aside from working.

That was why Jeremy had never had a problem with Clovis.

But the problem came the moment they started questioning her problem. After all, this had become an attack toward her. And the cooperation with the Heshton family was the one triggering it, especially with how the Heshton family behaved in the past few days.

"I came purely for business, but I wonder... who is actually the one spreading this rumor?" Hana narrowed her eyes.

Damian understood her meaning. "Are you suspecting us?"

"If I were to marry into your family, you could basically rule both this country and mine. In addition, all kinds of rumors would be dispelled and the people would be scared.

"By spreading this rumor and forcing me into such a situation... I don't think there's anyone that will benefit more than you, Mr. Damian." Hana looked furious.

"This is not us. There's no way we will spread such a rumor!"

"Who knows? With how your family behaves, it might be possible." Hana snorted. She stood up with an annoyed face. "Is it really possible for us to still cooperate, Mr. Damian? If this is how you treat your business partner, I think it's better for me to find the Reshia family."

"No. This is not how we treat our business partner! Please believe in us. We'll prove that the one spreading the rumor is not us! Please give us three days... no, two days! I will definitely show you the result."



Hana glared at Damian. If they let go of this opportunity, they would definitely become a laughingstock.

In addition, a lot of people would flock around the Resshia family, as the latter would start to suppress them.

That was why he had no other choice but to prove it.

Hana narrowed her eyes. "I will give you one last chance. You should know that this cooperation has become a double-edged sword for us... All of this is because of you. You better find that person, Mr. Damian."

"I know... I mean, I understand." Damian lowered his head. He never bowed to anyone, considering he was the one who was always in power. However, he had no choice. With the help of the Resshia family, Hana could even kick out the Heshton family from the capital.

Hana harrumphed and took her leave, not wanting to hear a single word from him anymore.

Chapter 610 Traps

'Breaking News: Damian Heshton was threatening Hana Skylark.'

The news spread like wildfire as it was followed with pictures and videos.

It looked like their discussion had become pretty heated, and Damian abruptly slammed the table in anger.

Both parties stood up, as Hana looked scared. In the end, she was a Tier 4 human, while Damian was a Tier 7 human. If Damian wanted to kill her, it would be possible.

That was why when Damian forcefully grabbed Hana's hand, Hana's Tier 8 bodyguard immediately came into the room and tackled Damian away, protecting Hana.

He wrapped his hand around Hana's shoulder to offer more protection while bringing her away. Hana's body was shivering, as if she was scared that something would happen to her.

If not for her bodyguard, the situation would be worse for her.

Even if the Heshton family was strong enough to suppress a bit of the media, they couldn't suppress everything. As a result, more and more news appeared on the Skynet, taking the country by storm.

And the one who did it couldn't help but stare at the tab that showed such news. He was clutching his head with despair on his face. No one would ever think that the situation would be this dire after falling into a trap.

Yes, a trap that had been laid out sneakily by Hana and Jeremy.

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Two days ago.

"Sir." A middle-aged woman entered the office, bringing a tab.

"What's wrong? Have you found out the culprit?"

"Yes. It's just..."

"What?" Damian frowned.

The woman put down the tab, showing everything to him. "The culprit of this incident seems to be the Resshia Family as well as the Godlen Corporation."

"Godlen? Aren't they supposed to be maintaining their neutrality?" Damian frowned.

"Yes. Godlen Corporation is known for their high-level resource, which is not losing to our family by any means. However, the information is extremely credible. The Godlen Corporation has switched sides to the Resshia Family."

"Are they so foolish that we still have the upper hand against the Reshia family?"

"They should know, but I'm not so sure anymore... whether we have the upper hand against them or not."

"What do you mean?"

The woman pointed to the next page. "These are the list of the people the Godlen Corporation had been approaching as of late. Two of them were actually our allies. This Renbeat Group was the one providing the necessary scandal to make the situation this bad."

"What? How dare they betray the Heshton family! I want them dead!"

"..." The woman shook her head helplessly and continued, "Please take a look at these two names, sir. The Quinn Conglomerate and Welles Family are actually joining the Reshia family's side."

"They're planning to work together and defeat us. In addition, they're still approaching our allies to abandon us."

"If the situation continues, the situation will get even worse."

Damian shouted, "We still have the deal with Hana Skylark. They won't dare to switch sides."

"That's the problem, sir." The woman continued on the next page. "Please take a look at this, sir."

"Hmm?" Damian frowned. "What's wrong with Jeremy Skylark?"

"When Hana Skylark came to this country, she registered two Tier 8 humans as her bodyguards. According to our source of information, the Skylark family only has 4 Tier 8 humans, including Jeremy Skylark.

"However, when we are investigating them, it appears that two of the Tier 8 humans are still in that country."

"Isn't that supposed to be normal?" Damian crossed his arms.

"The problem is that... neither of those two is actually Jeremy Skylark."

"!!!" Damian instantly understood what was going on. "You're saying that Jeremy Skylark actually sneaked into this country as a bodyguard?"

When he thought about it, Hana was accompanied by only a single Tier 8 bodyguard this whole time. Was it her grandfather? Was it someone else?

If it was the latter, then where would her grandfather be?

The woman answered that doubt. "We believe that Jeremy Skylark has sneaked in and is the one responsible for all the situations.

"He has been very sneaky, but this is still our country, so he can't completely erase his trace.

"Please look at this video. Although he has managed to cover up almost every trace of his movement, he is still careless enough to be seen in one of them.

"This is the video of him entering the Resshia family. I'm afraid that Jeremy Skylark has made a deal with the Resshia family. With the backing of the Skylark family, the Resshia family convinced all these people.

"They're trying to take us down. And by sending his daughter to us, he is able to stall for time and bait us like this. In other words, this entire project has been a scam against us. I don't know their motive, but it appears they're trying to destroy us."

"!!!" Damian widened his eyes in shock.

Damian gritted his teeth. He realized that the day he had previously set to meet had backfired. This was the third day where they were supposed to meet again. He was supposed to explain everything to Hana and get rid of the enemies.

However, what if Hana was the enemy all along? If he didn't attend this meeting, Hana would definitely realize that he had realized the culprit and would continue to the next phase of her plan.

On the other hand, if he confronted him without any plan, there was nothing he could actually do. And this kind of plan required more than a day to make, considering it would be a declaration of an all-out war against the Skylark family.

That was why the situation had turned grim for the Heshton family. The moment they publicly revealed the cooperation with the Resshia family, all their allies would switch sides and work together to crush them.

At the same time, he could reveal this truth to the world, but who would believe it? There had been scandal after scandal about the Heshton family, so public opinion was at an all-time low.

No, it might even be their idea to create a situation where no one would believe the Heshton family. Besides, they thought of the Resshia family more highly, so switching sides would get the support of the people.

He needed to stall for time.

"I need to meet Hana Skylark. I can't even denounce her like this and have no choice but to play dumb..." Damian gritted his teeth. "In the meantime, gather our people and come up with a plan to go to war against the Resshia family. We'll crush their main link in this country and make the Skylarks regret it."

Little did he know, this meeting itself was nothing but a trap.