

## World Mall 66

### Chapter 66 The Power of an Operator

The hyaenodons were munching on the small animal they had found not long ago when a bullet suddenly hit one of them.

\*Haooo?!\* The one that got hit was wailing in pain, but due to the distance, she couldn't really aim at the head since it was small.

Meanwhile, the other two hyaenodons turned around and charged at them, finding Clovis in the process. The other hyaenodons seemed to be alarmed as well and tried to check what was going on.

As soon as Clovis could see the beasts, three panels appeared above the hyaenodons, showing the same thing.

[Tier 0 Hyaenodon]

"Is this the skyglasses or you, Melody?" Clovis asked.

"Me. Look at your right," Melody replied while updating their information.

Clovis saw the same panels in the distance. They seemed to be moving toward him.

"I see." It took only an instant for him to understand what was going on. This little thing made their hunt more efficient.

After calculating the distance, he should have enough time to take care of the beasts in front of him.

The two hyaenodons ran forward while the other one was still wailing in pain.

There seemed to be something different with his vision. He didn't know why, but it felt like these hyaenodons weren't that fast.

When they were about to reach him, Clovis took a step to the left. The movement was at the last second, causing the hyaenodons to be unable to change their directions.

With a single and sharp swing, Clovis smashed the hyaenodon's teeth before slicing the body horizontally. Seeing the dying hyaenodon, the other froze for a bit. Clovis threw his short sword at it, killing the hyaenodon.

He never thought that killing a Tier 0 would be this easy.

However, he didn't realize what actually happened in other people's eyes.

"Huh?" Kanaria blinked her eyes a few times. "Isn't that... kind of slow?"

She didn't know why but it felt like Clovis was moving at a slow speed but that movement was actually so effective that the beasts couldn't do anything other than die in his hands.

However, her observation was distracted by a group of hyaenodons that tried to check things out. As soon as they saw Clovis, they stopped for a moment.

Clovis provoked them by throwing his short sword at the injured beast, killing it.

\*Haoo!\* The three hyaenodons charged forth.

Clovis remained in his position as if he were waiting for them. All of a sudden, a bullet flew from the side and took down one of them.

\*Haoo?!\* The other two didn't know what was going on. When they tried to look at the source of that bullet, Clovis used his fastest speed to reach them and slice their heads.

In just a single move, he could actually kill these two beasts as if they were nothing.

'Is this the power of Tier 1? Or is this the power of the Star Method?' Clovis thought, surprised by his change.

Melody, who watched everything from behind the camera, couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows.

'It seems that I underestimated them. So, he is the captain, Clovis... He must be more important than these two, who are heirs of big families, since his information is protected when I try to check their background before the missions.'

She couldn't help but remember the time Clovis threatened her. It was clear that Clovis wasn't scared of her and had dealt with people like her in the past.

Melody scratched the back of her head, feeling a bit scared. 'Maybe I should work a bit harder this time? I can also earn a lot of money because of this and simply enjoy a peaceful life for a while.'

Clovis reported, "They are dead. You can come here, Jay. We'll find a spot in the city before we begin our hunt. Melody should be able to find a safe spot for herself, right?"

"Understood." Jay and Melody acknowledged the order while Kanaria remained on top of the car to make sure they didn't leave any beasts.

After gathering the essence, Clovis remained outside to escort them.

Fortunately, there were no other beasts around the city gate, so they entered carefully. The city was similar to the one they were living in.

However, the glasses were shattered, the roads were cracked all over, and the building had become desolate. If they thought about it, the beasts shouldn't have a problem using one of the buildings as their hiding spot.

It was no wonder why the fights on the surface and in the underworld were different.

Looking at the radar, Clovis called, "Melody!"

"On it. I'll update the route and the beast's positions." As she replied, a light appeared in their vision. This light created a path that asked them to move forward and turn left two blocks from their position.

There were also several pillars of light that indicated the presence of the beasts. The buildings made it hard to see, but it was quite good that they were updated in real time. In fact, he could see two of the pillars moving.

'So, this is an operator. If we had this kind of help during the competition, we could easily find beasts. Then again, we have to find an operator who doesn't mind walking or running with us. Or maybe we should get a specialized car or minibus?'

Clovis had a lot of plans in his mind. Considering this was just the beginning of his exploration road, he felt excited about what was to come.

In that case, he had to hunt a lot of beasts here.

Without hesitation, Clovis moved to the left to chase after the pillar of light. However, Clovis didn't immediately make his appearance when he was close to the light since it might be a Tier 2 beast.

When he leaped over the wall, he noticed another hyaenodon in front of him. But this time, it was alone.

The name immediately popped out.

[Tier 1 Hyaenodon]

Clovis smirked as he leaped over after making sure there weren't any beasts around.

Chapter 67 First Time Fighting in City (1)

[Tier 1 Hyaenodon]

Clovis smirked as he leaped over after making sure there weren't any beasts around. There were no other pillars, so it looked like it was safe to make his move.

Without hesitation, he jumped off the wall and rushed to the Hyaenodon. This Tier 1 beast had faster speed and a more robust body.

However, Clovis still felt the difference between being a Tier 1 human. The movement of this beast seemed much slower than he originally expected.

When the beast was about to reach him, Clovis stepped to the side, trying to slice the beast like he did to the Tier 0 hyaenodons.

As one would expect from the beast, its reaction speed was much faster. It actually managed to catch his sword with its teeth while trying to take it away.

Clovis waved his short sword, but the beast managed to sweep it with its claws, pushing it away. Clovis ended up kicking the beast from below.

\*Aoo?\* The hyaenodon was wailing in pain, but it also meant that the teeth-grip on his sword loosened a little bit. Clovis took advantage of this to complete his slash, cutting the beast's upper jaw.

The beast was completely frozen after that slash, allowing Clovis to impale its head with the short sword to end its misery.

"To think that a Tier 1 can be this easy..." Clovis muttered. Before, they needed some effort to kill one. In fact, Jay or Kanaria had to help him during the fight.

But after becoming a Tier 1 human, he managed to eliminate a Tier 1 beast in just a few clashes.

He didn't realize how absurd Clovis was. Because Kanaria and Jay were his companions who had never worked together with a Tier 1 human, they didn't realize how abnormal Clovis was.

'Is this really a Tier 1 explorer?' Melody squinted her eyes. 'I have worked a lot with Tier 1 explorers, but they are much weaker than him. In fact, the other two are also a little bit abnormal, even though they can't be compared to him.'

On the one hand, she was curious about Clovis, who could produce this level of power. On the other hand, she was too lazy to handle the consequences in case Clovis was someone important.

'Either way...' Melody typed a few things.

Clovis instantly saw multiple arrows. Instead of the light pillars, he saw a few dots in his vision, including their distance.

Considering his vision was blocked by the building, this method was much more effective. In addition, there was also a path that Melody created.

"There should only be four beasts near this area. Once you clear it, we will head straight to the location I set. It's time for the real hunt to begin," said Melody.

"Got it." Clovis nodded in understanding. Although he was enjoying the feeling of being backed by an operator, Jay was still stuck as a driver. So, it was about time for Jay to join the hunt.



However, there was a problem. When Clovis headed to one of them, he noticed something different.

"Hmm?" Clovis abruptly stopped in front of a building. According to the information that Melody gave, the beast was hiding inside the building. At the same time, it felt like they were only being separated by a thin wall.

He raised his head, looking at the building.

The building looked like a store, but he didn't know the kind without seeing the interior.

'If I go in, won't it be an ambush?' Clovis looked at the building, believing that the beast was actually waiting for him inside the building. If he pushed open that door, the beast would pounce on him.

This was actually one of the differences between fighting in the wild and in a ruined town.

Unfortunately, Clovis had no other choice.

Melody should have seen everything through the camera. Since she didn't say anything, there should be no difference.

Clovis headed to the door and kicked it as hard as he could.

\*Bang!\*

The moment it was opened, a beast leaped into the air, trying to pounce on Clovis. As expected, it had been waiting for him.

Clovis hurriedly blocked its teeth with his long sword, but the paws pushed him down to the ground.

The beast was quite heavy, considering its size was slightly bigger than his body. Still, it didn't mean that he was hopeless in this situation.

He hurriedly kicked the beast and launched it up.

\*Roar!\* The beast let out a small groan but still landed on the ground safely. It didn't wait for Clovis to get up to charge again.

Clovis threw the short sword toward the beast, which was easily avoided by the beast. But this was just a distraction because that split second allowed Clovis to roll his body and stand on one knee.

The beast was also Tier 1 like the previous hyaenodon, but this was much stronger and faster.

Clovis swung his sword horizontally, causing the beast to leap over the sword. After that, it tried to push Clovis back to the ground.

Unfortunately for the beast, Clovis had predicted this and threw himself to the side. It could be said that Clovis had actually lured the beast to take such an action.

After he was on his feet again, Clovis switched to the offensive. He rushed straight to this beast, swinging his sword from below.

The beast seemed to have learned its lesson because it chose to go to the side instead of jumping into the air to follow the sword's movement. It specifically chose Clovis's right side since he would have a hard time throwing his other sword.

Melody suddenly said, "Enter the store. The other beasts heard the commotions and went straight at you."

"Do you know their tier?"

"We don't have the specialized radar, so no. You have to enter the room and kill them one by one."

"Got it." Clovis knew that this was the best choice. So, he immediately charged at the beast, trying to attack it.

The moment the beast was baited to dodge his attack, Clovis hurriedly entered the building, which turned out to be a nightclub.

He could see a lot of bottles and shattered glasses on the ground. However, instead of a grand dance floor, it seemed to be similar to a hostess club with a lot of couches. He could definitely use them.

"Alright. Time to dance with this beast." Clovis smirked.

#### Chapter 68 First Time Fighting in City (2)

There was something that changed the moment they fought inside the building. First of all, there was a restriction on space, meaning that Clovis had to make sure that he didn't reach the corner, which put him at a disadvantage.

However, this also brought some advantages to him.

Clovis rushed to one of the couches, which caused the beast to chase after him.

With a smile, Clovis grabbed the table and flipped it toward the beast.

\*Roar?!\* The beast was startled and smacked the table, but this was just a distraction.

Clovis wanted to cover the beast's vision for a second as he slashed the table and the beast from above.

\*Ro—!\* The beast couldn't even react as its vision split into two.

Still, the beast's momentum hadn't stopped and it ended up crashing into Clovis.

"Gah!" Clovis coughed a few times as he fell to the floor. He wanted to avoid it earlier, but the shattered bottles and couches restricted his movement.

He slid on the floor for a bit. Fortunately, his shirt was special, allowing him to not suffer any injuries.

"I have to get accustomed to fighting inside a building for now. There is also a chance that they will destroy the building. Clovis hurriedly pushed the beast away from him before stabbing it with his syringe.

While waiting, Clovis looked left and right, finding a better position to take on the other beasts.

The first beast came into the store to check what was going on. However, it couldn't find any sign of Clovis. The only suspicious thing in the store was the corpse of the beast Clovis killed earlier.

As soon as it saw the corpse, it suddenly heard a clicking sound as if another bottle had just shattered.

"!!!" The beast turned around and chased after that sound, thinking it was Clovis.

Unfortunately for the beast, it was a trap. Clovis threw a bottle there while hiding behind the couch not far from it.

Without hesitation, Clovis popped out from the couch and tossed his short sword.

\*Ro—!\* The beast couldn't release any sound as the short sword impaled its head. Clovis pulled it before cutting the neck.

Although he wanted to get the syringe from the first corpse, he noticed that the two other beasts were approaching. This time, they came together, which would be pretty annoying.

In that case, there was only one thing to do. Clovis rushed to the stairs to hide on the second floor. Fortunately, there was a void on the second floor to make the first floor look spacious.

Clovis immediately grabbed another bottle to lure the beast. As soon as they entered the room and scanned the building, Clovis instantly smashed the bottle to the ground.

"!!!" The two beasts wanted to go up, but they had to search for the stairs first.

\*Roar!\* One of the beasts found it and informed the other before going first.

Meanwhile, the second beast turned around and chased after it. It didn't realize that everything was a trap.

Clovis had actually attached the short sword to the railing. When the first beast had gone up and the second beast was about to reach the stairs, Clovis jumped off the second floor.

He used the chain to swing around like a Tarzan and impaled the beast's body.

\*Roar!\*

Clovis hit the body, so it didn't die immediately, allowing the beast to inform the other one.

Without hesitation, Clovis pulled back the sword and sliced it. The beast had been weakened after all, so it couldn't resist Clovis's attack and died.

After that, Clovis immediately climbed back to the second floor. The clicking sound of the chain gave his location away, so the beast hurriedly turned back to the second floor, finding Clovis, who had yet to leap over the railing.

The beast charged at Clovis, ready to pounce on him from the second floor and use him as a cushion to land on the first floor. Even if Clovis was a Tier 1, he would definitely be injured from this, let alone the floor filled with shattered glasses.

That was why, instead of leaping over the railing, he actually released his short sword and tossed it into the ceiling.

When the beast pounced on him, he ended up swinging upward while the beast fell to the first floor.

\*Roar!\* The beast was wailing in pain as numerous glass pieces stuck to its body.

Clovis climbed down gradually before pulling out the short sword. He then delivered the killing blow to the injured beast, which ultimately ended the fight.

"Huu..." Feeling a bit relieved, Clovis muttered, "So, this is how you fight in a building... It's going to be troublesome because of the limited space, but there are a lot of ways to hide or fool the beasts. It's extremely different from the wild since there is almost nothing I can use to distract the beast."

Clovis hurriedly grabbed the syringe. He had cleaned up the area, so there should be no problem for the group to come here.

However, it seemed that the city was so enclosed that it was much easier to encounter an enemy.

Right after he finished his battle, Melody immediately warned him. "Clovis. Return to the car. We're getting attacked."



Clovis raised his eyebrows. Because he had gone to the left, he didn't check the right side. He even leaped over the wall that separated the two blocks instead of turning right at the junction. It was no wonder why their vehicle would catch the beasts' attention.

Without even bothering to get back the syringe, he rushed outside while replying, "Give me the route."

The path was projected into his skyglasses, allowing him to run at full speed. He could get back the syringe later, but it would be troublesome if the car was damaged.

So, when he reached the main road where the vehicle was, he became infuriated when he saw Jay fighting two beasts. Kanaria wanted to shoot, but it would cause too much noise and they were still not prepared to fight a large number of beasts.

There were even more beasts approaching. Clovis clicked his tongue, realizing the mistake on his part.

Chapter 69 Setting Up!

A moment ago.

"There seem to be some beasts noticing us," said Melody while looking at the screen. "You might have to protect this car, saber guy."

"..." Jay furrowed his eyebrows, saying in an unsure tone. "Kanaria can't do it?"

"Her weapon will alarm the others. If that's the method you want to use to lure out other beasts, feel free to do it. But not right now. We have to find a place to do that first." Melody pointed to the right. "Anyway, you should go out now if you don't want them to attack this car, but don't get too far. I'll inform your captain to return."

"Alright." Jay nodded and came out of the vehicle. Kanaria seemed to have waited for him as she immediately pointed at the beasts fifty meters away from them. "Jay. Take care of them. I will use my pistol if they come too close, but I hope it's not needed."

"I know." Jay looked at the incoming four beasts. Without hesitation, Jay ran toward the beasts to grab all their attention.

The four beasts split into three. Two of them came from the front, while the other two flanked him from both sides.

Jay waved his blade horizontally, trying to reach the left one. After that, he took a step to the right to shift his center of gravity and make a complete swing to reach the other three.

The four beasts suddenly jumped back to avoid the blades. Even though they were quite close to each other, there was still at least one or two meters of gap between them. It was surprising that Jay managed to reach all of them.

The four beasts realized that challenging Jay would be a tall hurdle. They were Tier 0 beasts, so they didn't have to fight him.

The two beasts in the front approached Jay. Meanwhile, the other two faked their actions by flanking him first and changing their directions to run past him.

"!!!" Jay hurriedly turned around and chased after them. Since he was able to utilize his muscles better, he didn't only gain strength but also speed. In addition, Clovis's special sweatpants also boosted his speed to another level. That was why he was able to catch up to them.

'That speed...' Melody furrowed her eyebrows. 'It's much faster than a normal Tier 1 human, who has affinity for muscle. As expected, they are far more talented than normal people even though they have just become Tier 1. I guess I should expect this much from a big family's heir?'

The beasts suddenly ran to the side, trying to get away from him. The other beasts also tried to stop Jay so that they could attack Kanaria and the car.

However, Jay's eyes flashed for a split second as he suddenly turned around, swinging his blade horizontally.

"!!!" The two beasts that were running behind him were too fast to change their direction. That was why Jay's blade ended up hitting them.

Their teeth and jaws were destroyed upon impact before Jay cut the rest of their heads in one swift swing.

Jay smiled, never expecting that he would be able to release this much strength before. However, he immediately regained his composure and chased after the beasts.

Kanaria, looking frustrated, grabbed her pistol as though she wanted to kill them. But Jay could actually see something behind her.

Without hesitation, Jay changed his target to the beast that seemed to be targeting the car's rear.

"?" Kanaria was confused as to why Jay only chased one until her ears picked up something.

The beast was about to reach the car, but she was distracted by the footsteps behind her.

When the beast leaped into the air, a banging sound echoed as Clovis entered her vision. He was leaping over the front cap of the car and stabbed the beast's mouth with his long sword, killing it.

Jay had also caught up with the other beast and sliced it.

It was no wonder why the two became friends as soon as they met. They truly knew what each other was planning to do and adjusted their roles without the need to talk about it.

'Still...' Kanaria took a deep breath. It seemed that she was a bit too tense, as she only heard Clovis's footsteps when he was already close to the car. With her sense, she should have sensed him at least a few seconds before that.

With both of them saving the car, there should be no more threats.

"How is the situation?" Clovis asked Melody in the transmission.

"We're good for now," replied Melody before adding, "We have secured a place for me. And after gathering their essence, we should begin the hunt. I have located a spot that we can use to lure a large number of beasts."

"Good." Clovis then turned to Kanaria. "You can go with me now. Jay will take the car to the safe area with Melody. Since you need to climb the building, you need to go first."

"Got it." Kanaria nodded her head. She grabbed a few things from the car and walked alongside the car.

Meanwhile, Clovis returned to the nightclub to gather the essence while Jay took care of the beasts near the car.

It seemed that the place Melody assumed to be safe was a small alley between two establishments. The right one looked like a boutique, but everything had been ransacked and destroyed. The left one was a family restaurant.

Jay sneaked the car into this small alley. If necessary, Melody could escape to both buildings through the back entrance.

But in the meantime, Melody remained inside the car. Her reasoning was that she sweated easily and wanted to cool her body inside the car.

Kanaria was infuriated as usual, but she couldn't do anything as Clovis allowed it as long as Melody did her job.

It was at that time that Melody introduced a place for them to lure the beast. It was located fifty meters from the car, so it wasn't so far away that Clovis and Jay couldn't return to save Melody.

Chapter 70 Tier 2 Again

The place they were using to hunt was actually a parking lot. The parking lot had a lot of space. While they couldn't hide, they should have no trouble getting help from Kanaria.

After all, Kanaria was stationed in the building diagonal from the parking lot. It was a five-story building, which should give her a height advantage.

"How many beasts are around us?" Clovis asked.

"From the radar, there should be about 24 beasts. One of you should go to the building to set up an ambush on the building while the other remains in that parking lot to split up their number."

Kanaria looked at them from the top floor of the building. "I have visuals for a lot of them. There are even some beasts a bit further away that might join the battle. So, expect about thirty or forty beasts."

"In that case, Clovis, you should hide." Jay pointed at the building with a smirk.

"What? No, no. I should be the bait." Clovis shook his head.

"While I'm not foolish, I don't like using my brain. Hiding and ambushing the enemies requires a lot of timing and precision, so you're more suitable." Jay shrugged.

Clovis's eyebrows twitched when he heard the desperation in that first part. He sighed, "Fine. You can take this place. But beware... While the majority in this place are Tier 0 beasts, the number of Tier 1 beasts is much higher than anything we have seen."

"I know. This is a Tier 2 territory while the center of the city is Tier 3. So, you don't have to worry about that."

Clovis nodded with a serious expression. There was another reason why he chose to agree with this arrangement. The building was much closer to Melody, so he could react in case something unexpected happened.

He remembered the case of the Tier 2 snake after all. If there was indeed someone who was targeting him, he thought they would send multiple Tier 2 beasts to them in one way or another. In fact, Tier 3 might be possible.

When Clovis entered the building, he could see multiple infrared sensors that had been set up in the building. He was hiding on the second floor and was ready to ambush them.

Kanaria aimed her weapon at one of the beasts while Jay unsheathed his saber.

"Clovis. Your call," said Kanaria while observing the entire area.

"Let's hunt."

The moment she got the confirmation, Kanaria pulled the trigger.

\*Bang!\*

Even though she had used a suppressor, the loud gunshot still broke the peace in the area.

The beast she targeted earlier died on the spot, but the beasts in the area raised their heads. All of them were moving in unison toward the source of the sound.

Before shooting them, Kanaria took another look at the beasts while saying, "There is a Tier 2 beast. I'm not sure about this one, but from what I can see, there are at least 5 Tier 1 beasts. The rest are Tier 0."

"What is the Tier 2 beast?" Clovis asked.



Melody gave the answer by showing information about it.

Name: Megaloceros or Giant Deer.

Period: 400,000 to 7,700 years ago.

Description: A large herbivorous mammal with enormous antlers that could span up to 4 meters in width.

Strength: hard antlers, fast, ridiculous power.

Weakness: The body is inflexible.

"You can get us this kind of information as well?" Clovis couldn't help but smile.

"I can do that for all of them, but I think they are too much to process within a short period of time. I mean, not me, but all of you."

"Fair enough. We don't have a lot of time to read a lot." Clovis nodded in understanding.

Jay couldn't help but get excited, thinking, 'Come, deer. Let me fight you.'

"Kanaria. Kill as many Tier 0 beasts as you can. Make sure that every single shot counts. We don't know how many we will hunt in this exploration, so conserve your ammunition as much as possible." Clovis made his decision.

"Got it." As soon as Kanaria acknowledged his order, she aimed at another Tier 0 beast and pulled the trigger.

\*Bam!\*

The beast didn't know what happened until it was too late. The Tier 1 and Tier 2 beasts seemed to notice the bullet and hurriedly raised their heads, knowing where they were supposed to go.

However, when the beasts were approaching, Jay smacked his weapon to the light pole, causing a ringing sound that took away most beasts' attention.

They abruptly stopped for a split second and turned around to check on Jay. Since they could easily see Jay, they changed their target to him.

But during the time they stopped, Kanaria hurriedly shot multiple beasts in rapid succession.

Jay smirked, looking at the incoming beasts.

"Haaaa!" Jay started running toward them. Since most of them were Tier 0, there should be nothing that could stop his blade.

Meanwhile, some beasts still entered the building as if choosing Kanaria as their priority.

The infrared sensors immediately found them and Melody simply created a projection from Clovis for their locations. He now finally understood why she arranged the sensors in that way.

Currently, he saw five beasts entering the building. One of them was already climbing up, so when it reached the second floor, Clovis immediately came out behind the wall and stabbed the beast in the head. The other beast noticed the commotion and went to the stairs.

However, Clovis simply kicked the corpse toward this beast, causing it to be unable to move. After that, Clovis jumped and struck the beast with his sword.

"Clovis. The Tier 2 beast seems to be coming at you," Melody warned him.

"Okay." Clovis acknowledged it while trying to look through the stairs' railing. He expected the beast to come through the door, but he didn't know that the beast was actually bigger than the double door.

"No. Hurry up and go to the second floor!" Melody warned him in a panicked tone, bewildering Clovis.

However, it seemed that there wasn't enough time. The wall suddenly crumbled to the ground, revealing the giant deer outside. Now, he finally understood why Melody panicked.

"Oh... this... He's going to tear down the stairs."