

World Mall 701

Chapter 701: Three Teams

Aoo!

Reolf howled at the top of his lungs, challenging the beasts in the area.

As if understanding his language, the beasts started to move, following the origin of the sound. Hundreds of beasts were moving toward Reolf, who had broken through to the side of the bank.

The group managed to swiftly come out to the main lobby earlier, and they headed to their respective positions in less than two minutes. Even though the beasts had been entering the building one after another, they would have a hard time facing Clovis and the others if they couldn't surround them all at once.

As a result, each of them managed to reach their respective positions.

The next phase of their plan began with Reolf's howl. With the beasts approaching him, Reolf could shatter the window before him to reveal his location.

"!!!" The beasts noticed that unexpected disruption, so they couldn't help but turn their heads. It was there they saw a white wolf emerge from the building.

He grabbed the beast in front of him and slammed its head to the ground with a terrifying force. Then he jumped to another beast and bit his neck before continuing to the next target, killing one beast after another in rapid succession.

In that instant, the beasts turned around and chased after Reolf, immediately surrounding him.

Reolf harrumphed and turned to the west before charging forward.

The beasts in that direction wouldn't allow him to leave. They chose a head-on confrontation, believing that their number was enough to stop Reolf.

Of course, Reolf was only a Tier 4 beast, so there was a limit to how much he could fight, especially since there were Tier 5 beast in the mix. But it didn't really matter.

After all, another person emerged from the window earlier and caught up to Reolf before waving her giant blade.

Taken aback by the sudden appearance of the woman, the beasts couldn't prepare a countermeasure and died instantly.

"How dare you try to harm my Reolf?" With the way she talked, the identity of the person who joined this group was none other than Lucifania. "I'm going to kill all of you."

Reolf looked at Luci with a troubled look as if asking, 'Since when am I yours?'

But it didn't really matter. After all, Luci was indeed a great help here.

Both of them hurriedly charged forward, killing so many beasts to forge their path to the east side of the city.

Obviously, the beasts around them hurriedly came after them, not letting them break through their encirclement.

Fortunately, their right side had been protected by the bank's building, but there were still so many beasts coming from the opposite sides. They climbed over the buildings or simply slipped past the alleys.

They came straight to Reolf, who was the nearest. As long as Reolf was stopped, Luci had no choice but to stop as well.

Unfortunately, it was the last thing they could do because the third person that joined this group was Kanaria.

There were gunshots echoing from inside the bank. Each shot was accurate as they took down the beasts that had jumped off the building.

Kanaria came out of the building and started shooting everything on the side so that they couldn't reach Reolf. As long as they kept moving, there shouldn't be any problem with their position.

Still, even if Luci and Reolf could break through the enemy's rank and the building protecting their side, there was one problem they needed to handle.

It was none other than the beasts that chased them from behind.

In the end, breaking through was a much slower process than just chasing after them. That was why there was a need for someone to take on that role.

Melody had two choices, but it seemed she wanted to make sure the main party had all the firepower they got.

As a result, Ragna emerged last, protecting their rear. This was the first group that Melody had chosen. It consisted of four people who acted as bait.

Their combat prowess was not the strongest, but at the same time, they were not necessarily the lowest. Hence, they were more suitable to drag the enemies away from the main party.

The Tier 5 beast among them wouldn't allow them to break through. It jumped into the sky and smashed Reolf as if telling him that he was an embarrassment who chose to lower its head to the likes of humans.

Unexpectedly, Reolf swiftly avoided him by using his special ability before slapping him away. If it was a normal beast soul, he wouldn't have been able to overwhelm him with his speed, but this beast soul had been strengthened by the painting from Another World Mall.

Even if it wasn't enough to kill the beast or even injure him, it was enough to create a gap in their rank.

As such, Luci and Reolf sped up, approaching the last line of defense.

With this kind of development, it wouldn't be weird for Reolf and the others to break through their formation. However, there was one beast that definitely couldn't allow it to happen.

It was none other than the Tier 7 beast.

Grooo! The rhino blasted the building on the side, creating a path toward Reolf's group.

The Tier 7 beast, Morganucodon, leaped toward Reolf, wanting to personally end him.

Kanaria hurriedly tossed a grenade, but the explosion could only stop the rhino for a few seconds. Meanwhile, the Morganucodon still continued toward Reolf.

"Reolf!" Kanaria shouted.

Reolf turned his head around, but it was too late. The Morganucodon had already reached him and swung his claws.

Clink!

Instead of the sound of flesh being ripped apart, a clicking sound actually echoed in the area.

"!!!" The Tier 7 beast looked shocked because it couldn't sense Aileen this whole time. It was only when she was about to go after him that he noticed her presence.

"Just like you, I'm also stealth." Aileen smiled. She never intended to fight the Tier 7 beast head-on. Once she stopped the first strike, Aileen stepped away as three gas grenades landed on the ground and began producing the smoke.

"!!!" There was no way the Morganucodon would let them leave, but before it could chase after Aileen, her presence had disappeared. A split second after the shock, the Morganucodon suddenly felt his instinct was urging him toward another direction.

With this, the Morganucodon wouldn't be able to follow the rest of them to chase after Reolf's group, and the smoke screen would make the beasts not notice what was actually going on.

"I've caught him."

"Well, well. Don't get too excited. That beast is still not alone."

"Either way, it's time for us to have a fight with this so-called Tier 7 beast."

"Yours truly will show you how to fight a high tier beast like this."

Once most beasts had passed, four people emerged from the building. They were none other than Clovis, Christina, Erwin, and Jay. These four were the last group, the ones who were responsible for killing the Tier 7 beast.

Chapter 702: Fight

"I've caught him."

"I'm getting excited." Jay pulled out his sword.

"I will be fighting it first." Erwin harrumphed.

Clovis glanced to the side. With most beasts going after Reolf's group, they only had to deal with the remaining beasts here.

Even then, there were still around 150 beasts left in the area. And one of them was a Tier 6 beast. That was why it wouldn't be an easy fight, even for the four of them.

This Tier 6 beast was a miscalculation in the plan. This mistake was so big, to the point where Aileen and Melody planned to help Clovis.

But seeing such a situation, Clovis simply smiled. "Erwin. You are to assist Christina in stopping the Tier 7 beast. You will deal with all the beasts that come your way by yourself.

"Jay. You take the left and I take the right. We don't have time, so we'll kill them as quickly as possible. Once I'm done, I will head to your side and help you with the Tier 6 beast. Only after that will we encircle the Tier 7 beast.

"Melody, Aileen. You two should stick to the original plan. We will handle these beasts by ourselves. You don't have to worry."

After listening to Clovis' calm voice, Melody took a deep breath to calm her heart down. It seemed she was a bit too panicky. She almost forgot that they were not like before.

It was true that Clovis, Erwin, and Jay weren't among the people who had evolved, and Christina had to focus on the Tier 7 beast, but their strength still increased drastically.

Clovis' Another World Mall had helped them adjust their equipment to match their own fighting style. In addition, they had eaten the food from the restaurant. The boost of their strength was much greater and had a longer duration.

For Clovis, he got 30% strength and 20% speed for 30 minutes. Jay had a 40% strength boost for the same duration. Erwin and Christina had their own respective boosts to focus on the Tier 7 beast.

With all this preparation, their strength wouldn't be similar to what the beasts had seen when they were running away.

Besides, now that there was nothing to stop him anymore, Clovis was free to utilize his Perfect State.

Clovis glanced at the clock and mentioned, "We only have 24 minutes, so make it count."

Once they heard Clovis, they all jumped to their respective targets.

"!!!" The Tier 7 beast hurriedly roared, ordering the surrounding beasts to coordinate. The beasts shifted their direction and headed straight to Christina.

Although Christina didn't use her Provoke on these beasts, the Tier 7 beast couldn't move to somewhere else because of Christina's unique ability. Hence, he had to eliminate Christina first before he could do anything.

Of course, the ones who had to stop most of them were none other than Jay and Clovis.

"Let's try this!" Jay stomped the ground and gathered all his strength in his blade. The beast souls, both new and old, were activated. He then waved his blade with all his might while roaring as if trying to draw 120% of his strength.

The ranged attack was different than before. It didn't have the technique to increase the range, but it had the power that obliterated everything in its path.

In just a single attack, Jay actually killed 18 beasts, chopping them into two.

It took a toll on his body if he used it continuously, but this was a good enough first strike, especially to grab the beasts' attention.

"!!!" The beasts looked confused. On the one hand, they wanted to shift their target from Christina to Jay, considering they would be massacred if they followed the order of their leader. On the other hand, they couldn't really disobey their leader or else the others would kill them and eat their bodies.

The Tier 7 beast felt fear for the first time in its life. Jay was terrifying, but Clovis was monstrous.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

Multiple roars echoed from the opposite direction. If one glanced in this direction, they would see a complete massacre.

Clovis simply moved past them and beasts would suddenly get split into multiple pieces without having the chance to fight back.

Even though Clovis hadn't used his ranged attack yet, he killed 18 beasts at almost the same time as Jay.

And without using a beast soul or ranged attack, Clovis managed to conserve a lot of his energy to deal with the Tier 7 beast later.

The only thing he relied on this time was his Perfect State. This unique ability might have a terrible side effect, but they planned to take down the Tier 7 beast before the food boost ran out. Hence, it was fine for him to unleash everything he could, considering his time limit was 32 minutes.

Seeing its kin was cut down one by one, the Tier 7 beast was enraged. It shouted, changing his order.

The beasts that could fight the two sides would remain in their positions. Meanwhile, those who had slipped past had to go straight to Christina.

"Hmph. I hope you don't forget about me." Erwin harrumphed and spread his arms as threads were extended out of his hands, killing two beasts at a time.

Even though this kind of battle was not his specialty, especially without being able to set up his thread to create a terrain advantage, he could still stop them for a few minutes.

As a result, the Tier 7 beast had no choice but to confront Christina head-on. It barely contained itself from rushing to Christina due to the unique ability, but that was the extent of its power. It couldn't even move away because its body refused to leave Christina, which stopped it from hiding among the beasts.

So, the beast leaped forward. Since hiding was not an option, it could only overpower Christina.

Bang!

The swipe was so hard that the sound echoed in everyone's ears. Even Christina's feet slid back for two meters.

"Whoa? You okay?" Erwin asked. He still remembered helping Ragna take an attack in the past, so he could do it if Christina needed his help.

But Christina simply harrumphed and put the other shield in front. "It's a bit painful to receive it, but it won't be enough to break my arms. It can't defeat me."

Chapter 703: Powerful Captain and Vice Captain

"It's a bit painful to receive it, but it won't be enough to break my arms. It can't defeat me," said Christina while raising both her shields in front.

She activated her unique ability to the fullest, forcing the Tier 7 beast to attack her. Christina blocked every single attack. Despite her body swaying left and right after each attack or getting pushed back, she managed to regain her balance right away, stopping any gaps that could form from each attack.

Erwin saw an opportunity. When the Tier 7 beast was about to attack, it would expose its side for a brief moment. If he took advantage of that gap, he should be able to hit the beast.

Hence, he first looped around Christina and maintained a perfect distance. The moment the Tier 7 beast attacked, he hurriedly launched his wires.

As if predicting Erwin's movement, the Tier 7 beast suddenly spun its body as though it had been waiting for Erwin to attack him the whole time.

'It's actually smart enough to leave that gap to lure me out?' Erwin raised his eyebrows.

The beast caught the wires and used its overwhelming strength to pull Erwin toward him.

Of course, as someone with Muscle Affinity, Erwin stomped the ground and stood firm. In the end, this was his specialty, unlike Christina, who had Bone Affinity.

But it was useless. The Tier 7 beast was that overwhelmingly strong. In addition, the moment he was occupied with this beast, other beasts would attack him from the sides or his back. There were seven beasts that charged toward both Erwin and Christina.

"!!!" Erwin noticed them and clicked his teeth.

'As expected, this Tier 7 beast is immune to my unique ability to a certain extent. Is this the gap between us? But it's still not enough to escape from me.' Christina used her Provoke again.

The beast was forced to let go of Erwin's wires and charged at her again.

She realized that the beast's instinct could overwhelm her unique ability for a moment, but it was not enough to fully escape from her unique ability.

With Erwin being released from the Tier 7 beast, he hurriedly looped around Christina and sent forth his wires, killing one beast after another.

Since he wasn't extremely useful in this situation, he should let Christina focus on the Tier 7 beast. The only way he could attack was when Clovis and Jay attacked this beast as well, which would create an opportunity for him to mix in his attacks.

Now that he understood the situation, Erwin completely focused on supporting Christina instead of going on the offensive.

Meanwhile, Clovis and Jay were overpowering the beasts around them. However, Jay had to face a Tier 6 beast that wanted to break through and helped the Tier 7 beast.

Jay looked like he had a hard time doing it, considering he was only Tier 4 and he didn't have a unique ability. But if it was all it took to take down Jay, Jay would no longer become a vice captain.

The reason Jay remained as Clovis' vice captain was because of his sense of responsibility. Even if his body was destroyed, Jay would do that job.

That was why Jay fully activated his beast soul, using the excess strength to stop the Tier 6 beast.

In the meantime, Clovis was on a rampage.

Beasts roared and surrounded him, but it didn't really matter. Clovis cut down one beast after another at a high speed. Despite having several Tier 4 beasts in the mix, they didn't manage to stall Clovis for over ten seconds.

As a result, Clovis killed all the beasts on his side in less than 3 minutes, even though there were about 60 beasts on this side alone.

Once he was done, he went directly to Jay's location instead of helping Christina. For him, Christina was their sturdy wall, able to take on the Tier 7 beast for as long as they needed.

However, without the blade to kill the Tier 7 beast, it was all useless.

Roar! The Tier 6 beast noticed Clovis' presence and told the rest of the beasts to stop him instead.

"You just made a wrong decision." Jay grinned. The moment he didn't have to pay attention to other beasts, Jay could unleash his full strength.

With the beast's paw pinning him on the ground, the beasts were supposed to kill him and Jay was forced to attack them in one way or another.

Now that there was no distraction, Jay could push his blade up with every bit of his strength.

"!!!" The Tier 6 beast was stunned, not expecting Jay to be able to overpower him. It wondered where this strength came from.

Unfortunately, that was the least of its worries.

Once Jay pushed back the paw, Jay took a deep step forward and slashed diagonally.

The beast panicked and put the other paw in front to stop that strike, but this one strike carried every bit of his strength. It had been boosted by the power of his beast soul.

Even the Tier 6 beast's paw was actually cut.

Roar! The beast screamed in pain as it watched its fingers dropping to the ground.

Furious, the beast rammed Jay with all its strength. That was when Clovis came, striking the beast from the side.

His momentum caused the beast to tilt to the side, ultimately stopping the charge.

"Took you long enough." Jay smirked.

"The traffic jam is quite horrible." Clovis smirked back.

What Clovis meant by traffic jam was definitely all the beast corpses behind them. If it was anyone else, they would have needed much more time to reach Jay, let alone strike the Tier 6 beast, but Clovis only took 30 seconds to cut down all those 20 beasts.

With Clovis and Jay joining hands, there was nothing a Tier 6 beast could do to save its life.

Jay started with a slash in both eyes, blinding the beast. Then, Clovis looped around while leaving one strike after another on its entire body before cutting its tail.

Then, Jay cut both ears, rendering the Tier 6 beast useless.

Once the Tier 6 beast couldn't do anything else other than struggle on the floor, Clovis struck its heart while Jay hit its head at the same time, killing the Tier 6 beast while still fending off attacks from the remaining beasts.

Chapter 704: Christina's Struggle

Clang!

Clang!

A series of banging sounds filled the air.

Christina couldn't help but grit her teeth, having a hard time fending off the Tier 7 beast's attacks. Each attack was powerful enough to push her back and gradually her hand became numb.

If this continued, she would end up losing. Meanwhile, Erwin had been taking care of the beasts that surrounded them, having no chance to help her. Besides, the Tier 7 beast was able to ignore her unique ability for one or two seconds.

But for some reason, the Tier 7 beast grew stronger and stronger as time passed. She could faintly feel that each attack was stronger than the previous one. At the same time, she sensed something similar in this beast, as though she had experienced it herself.

It was like Clovis, specifically his perfect state. The beast gradually lost control of its body, but in exchange, its power gradually increased.

Bang!

The beast swiped from the side, which she managed to block. However, the other claws came from above.

Christina used her other shield and turned it at an angle so that the claws would slide on her shield all the way to the ground. And it was when the beast gave her the shock.

Crack!

A suspicious sound entered her ears from below. This crack didn't come from his shield, which had been built from a Tier 8 beast that her grandfather defeated.

Instead, the sound came from the ground. The beast's attack shouldn't scratch the ground, but for some reason, the ground looked like it had been scraped from above.

"!!!" Christina was shocked. After all, the next attack contained even more power. This time, it was enough to knock her back.

Christina hurriedly put her shield in front and shifted it diagonally to match the incoming attack's direction. The claws once again slid on her shield and eventually struck the ground. It didn't touch the ground, but the attack looked like it traveled from the claws to the ground, scraping even more asphalt.

'A ranged attack?' Christina instantly recognized the attack. It was definitely similar to what humans called Ranged Attack, which Clovis and Jay excelled at.

While they were shocked by the intelligence the beast had shown so far, there was a reason for Tier 7 beasts to be categorized as high-tier beasts. It was because their power was so strong that it could imitate or even surpass humans.

With every single attack, the stronger the attack became. In just twenty seconds, the attack had become so strong that a claw mark was clearly visible on the ground.

"Kh." Christina closed one eye, enduring the pain of each attack. Her arms, which carried the huge shields, began to hurt. If the beast continued to become stronger, in just several minutes, a single attack was enough to break her arm.

"..." Erwin couldn't help but worry, noticing that she was being more and more at a disadvantage. He had to somehow help Christina in order to relieve her burden, but these beasts were in the way.

"Tsk!" Erwin clicked his tongue. There was only one way. This should be quite reckless, but it should be enough for Christina to get some breathing room.

Erwin observed the beast's movement with his keen eyes. He realized that the beast had grown significantly stronger than their first clash, but it shouldn't be a problem just yet.

Hence, Erwin waited patiently until a perfect opportunity came.

Christina, on the other hand, activated her beast soul to boost her strength, believing that the strength she got from the food and equipment began to be not enough against this beast.

'The Elseingarde way of fighting is the same. Although it's the most annoying, it's the most effective.

'We don't go for the offensive. Instead, we keep going on the defensive, blocking every single attack to exhaust our enemy. We have learned how to take a beating and waited for a perfect opportunity to counterattack.

'That's why I have to endure here. Even though it's exhausting, I can still last long enough until Clovis and Jay are here.

'How long do they need? Will this Tier 7 beast become so strong that even four of us can't defeat it by the time they come?' Christina couldn't really glance to the side to check everyone's progress, since she would die if she was distracted, even for a second.

And waiting for them was like burning in hell. Her body was itchy, as if it was screaming, "Come already!"

At the same time, her mind was telling her body to be patient. It was the suffering a guardian would always experience. They had to wait and kept blocking the enemy. They felt the world was completely

dark except for a single light illuminating them and the beast in front of them. They didn't know whether the group had retreated or not.

If the group had been exterminated, they would have been too late to notice and died in the process. Once they sensed that despair, their body would grow colder and colder as they started having a hard time breathing.

Despite all that fear, she chose to become a guardian. It was because a guardian was the group's sturdiest shield. Even if the beasts suddenly crept behind her and killed her, she had to remain firm.

'Huuu...' Christina forcefully took a deep breath while switching her stance. Normally, she would just focus on blocking the attack even if it meant being pushed back, but she was the guardian from the famous Elseingarde family, the family that boasted of producing the strongest guardians in the world.

And that was because the guardian that hailed from this family had broken that stigma. If they couldn't see their surroundings because of their overwhelming enemy, they just had to use their own way to do it.

Christina put her shield in front and rotated her body before pushing forward, ramming her body weight against the beast.

Bang!

The beast was quite stunned when his attack was blocked completely and the person behind the shield refused to budge.

In that small time window, Christina opened her eyes wide, trying to find Clovis and Jay. But the Libation Fiesta was an existence that had also broken the norm.

"Raaa!" The beasts screamed as Clovis and Jay broke through their rank and finally reached Christina.

Chapter 705: Fighting the Tier 7 Beast

"Raaa!" The beasts screamed as Clovis and Jay broke through their rank and finally reached Christina.

"!!!" Christina and Erwin were surprised by their sudden appearance. These two were actually much faster than they originally thought.

The Tier 7 beast hurriedly spun its body as if trying to slam them away, but Erwin hurriedly waved both his hands, sending forth his wires.

Of course, the beasts around Erwin immediately struck him, but eight spider legs emerged from his back and blocked their attacks, even just for a second.

He wrapped the Tier 7 beast's arm with his wires and pulled with everything he had.

"!!!" The beast looked shocked and used the last bit of its strength to swing Erwin.

With a few beasts hitting him from behind and the pulling force of the Tier 7 beast, Erwin lost his footing. He got pulled up into the air, swung around, and launched to the building on the left.

Bam!

"Kh." Erwin gritted his teeth, enduring the pain. A smile formed on his face as he muttered, "Got you, bitch."

Erwin's effort managed to slow down the Tier 7 beast, resulting in Clovis and Jay reaching the beast and striking it at the same spot before the claws arrived.

The beast's skin was extremely tough. Even with Clovis and Jay's combined power, they could only graze its body, while most of their power was directed to the body and launched the Tier 7 beast to the opposite side.

Bam!

The beast crashed into two pillars and destroyed them before rolling on the ground until it stopped.

Christina hurriedly activated her Provoke to the highest degree, not letting the beast disappear from their sight.

"Sorry for making you wait." Clovis smiled.

Christina smiled wryly. It seemed Clovis understood how lonely it was to be a guardian. Then again, she realized she had been pressured so much that the despair came much faster than she originally expected. It was clear she needed more mental training after this.

"Raaa!" The Tier 7 beast emerged from the rubble and leaped toward them at its fastest speed.

Christina's expression turned solemn as she hurriedly moved her body to the front, blocking the charge.

She planted the shield to the ground, but it wasn't enough, as the beast still pushed her back. But a pair of hands came from behind, pushing her.

"!!!" Christina was surprised and glanced back, finding Erwin behind her.

"Don't forget about me, guys. My ego can't handle it." Erwin grinned jokingly.

There were still about 20 beasts around them, so they had to deal with them as well.

Without saying anything, Clovis looped around Christina and struck the beast on the right side.

The beast once again ignored Christina's Provoke and struck Clovis. The latter shifted his position and lowered his center of gravity, deflecting the force to the side.

Several beasts came toward him after seeing the opportunity presented by their overlord.

But Jay abruptly moved in their way while slashing them with his strongest ranged attack. Without any Tier 5 or Tier 6 beast among them, they couldn't hope to beat the four humans anymore.

Since Jay was the dangerous one and his back was exposed, the Tier 7 beast pushed Clovis down and launched another attack on Jay.

Christina focused the Provoke on the beast's claws, but it wasn't enough to stop this attack. That was when wires came in. Erwin wrapped the hand and pulled it toward Christina's shield.

With their combined efforts, the beast couldn't do much with its attack.

Jay skillfully turned around and swung his blade from above with his beast soul. Other beasts tried to stop them, but Clovis swiftly looped around Jay and struck them from below. Jay took a step forward and completed his swing even without saying anything to Clovis. It was as if both Clovis and Jay knew what was on each other's mind.

When Jay attacked, Clovis would cover for him, and vice versa.

Still, as one would expect from the Tier 7 beast, a single person's attack wasn't enough to injure it. While Jay could hit the beast and cut its skin slightly, it wasn't deep enough to make it bleed.

"Tsk." He clicked his tongue, but Clovis hurriedly spun his body and used that momentum to strike the back of Jay's blade, giving the additional push he needed to slash through the skin.

"Reee!" The beast screamed in pain. This attack actually went deeper than their first strike, but it was still considered a shallow wound.

Clovis squinted his eyes. If their attacks were this ineffective, it would take forever to kill this beast. On the other hand, they only had 16 minutes left for their food. At this rate, the boost would have disappeared before they could kill this beast.

There was only one way of winning this battle. Clovis had to unleash his full strength, even the one beyond his control.

With Christina, Erwin, and Jay with him, it would be fine if he lost control a bit.

'Let's go all out!' Clovis unleashed the limiter he set for his mind. He let his instinct take over as bloodlust began to leak out of his eyes.

"!!!" Christina looked surprised, but she couldn't say anything, as this was their last chance to win.

"Haaaa!" Clovis shouted, unleashing every bit of his strength to push Jay's blade deeper.

"Reee!" The beast screamed as the blade was pushed deeper and deeper. Blood started to flow down Jay's blade as the beast hurriedly moved away.

"You're not getting away!" Christina activated Provoke on the beast's feet.

Without much rationality left, Clovis couldn't change his target anymore. He was fixated on killing the Tier 7 beast, so he charged forward, ignoring all the surrounding beasts.

However, there was no need for him to worry. Jay and Erwin came to his side, slicing them with both the blade and wires.

Meanwhile, Christina became bolder and pushed the beast with her shield to pin its movement.

Clovis took advantage of it to hit the beast's face.

Chapter 706: Fierce Battle

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The beast used the arm to block the incoming attack, but surprisingly, both Jay and Erwin came in. Erwin wrapped its arm with his wires and pulled it down. Jay struck the arm down, opening a path for Clovis.

The beast closed its eyes, albeit it was too late. The eyelids were strong enough to block Clovis' attack from blinding him, but Clovis' speed was simply too fast. Before it could close its eyes, Clovis had already struck the right eye.

Unfortunately, the left eye was already closed when his blade arrived.

"Raaa!" The beast spun its body and pushed all of them away. Its right eye remained closed as blood came out of it.

Once the beast lost one eye, a lot of possibilities instantly appeared. There would be a constant blind spot on its right.

Without saying anything, Clovis and the others agreed to take down the beast from the right.

Christina first raised her Provoke to the limit while going forward. Jay and Clovis charged toward Christina while Erwin maintained his distance, watching for another opportunity.

Because the right side had become its blind spot, the beast ignored the Provoke and struck Jay, who was located on its right.

Christina actually switched her Provoke to its legs. Once it focused too much on the right, its balance shifted in that direction, allowing her to go to the other side and make the beast trip.

"!!!" The beast was stunned. It hurriedly waved its claws toward Clovis, who was approaching it.

It was Clovis' turn because the claws actually hit him when they weren't in contact with his blade. He got pushed back for several meters and his upper right arm got scratched.

"..." Clovis abandoned his approach and checked the wound with a glance before warning them, "Jay. It can do a ranged attack. Be careful. It seems to have gotten stronger as well. It might continue getting stronger in exchange for its sanity, like me."

Jay nodded. They didn't have a change of plan, but this information changed their way of approaching this beast.

The beast let out a high-pitched wail before waving his claws toward Jay.

Christina used her unique ability to force the beast to attack her instead. This ranged attack hit her shield directly, blowing her away.

Still, Jay saw the small gap to reach the beast. Erwin helped Christina while Jay struck the beast from above.

Clovis wanted to give the additional power to injure the beast, but the latter actually lifted up its body and stood on two feet for a second before waving its claws in all directions.

"Watch out!" Clovis warned them out loud.

Clovis and Jay put their blades in front, while Erwin created a net between his fingers while using the spider legs to give additional power.

"Kh." Clovis managed to stop it, but Jay saw his blade getting chipped in the spot it hit. Erwin had two of his spider legs sliced by the ranged attack.

"It's going berserk." Christina gritted her teeth. She finally returned to the battlefield. "There is no more beast around this guy, so it must have not cared about everything else anymore and focused on using its strongest power to kill us."

Clovis' expression turned grim. He, too, was experiencing the same thing. Although he managed to remain sane for the time being, he would go berserk soon.

With no other choice left, Clovis rushed to the beast. The beast reacted to his killing intent.

When Christina was about to activate her Provoke, Clovis actually shouted, "Don't!"

"!!!" Christina widened her eyes.

Because she didn't activate her unique ability, the beast waved his claws several times at Clovis.

Among the four of them, only Clovis had the speed and mastery to avoid all these attacks. That was why he asked her to save her power for another opportunity.

Clovis avoided the attack skillfully, which startled the beast. He leaped toward the beast, closing the gap between them.

The beast raised both arms and slammed him down. He positioned his claws perfectly so that it would launch a ranged attack in all directions.

Clovis saw through his intention and halted his step while raising both swords. He actually chose to take this attack head-on.

He didn't get pushed back immediately, showing that he had more strength than Christina. However, the beast actually smacked him from the side by simply spinning its body and using its tail.

Clovis smiled. After all, Jay understood it perfectly. The moment the beast focused on him, Jay had been closing in.

By the time the beast spun its body to smack Clovis, his face had turned to Jay and found him right before him. The problem was that the beast spun clockwise, which meant his right eye couldn't see Jay and he had to wait for the left eye to find Jay.

That was why Clovis let his guard down, specifically on his right side. He was baiting for the beast to come from that direction.

Jay struck the beast's nose with every bit of his strength.

"Haaa..." Jay shouted, but even with his strength, it wasn't enough.

The beast saw how ineffective Jay's attack was and tried to catch him, but Christina activated her Provoke at this time, stopping the beast's movement for a second.

Erwin leaped toward Jay and kicked the back of his sword. "You seem to need me, eh?"

Bang!

The blade slashed through the nose, rendering it ineffective. Jay tried to make it as deep as possible, cutting the nose in two.

Even though the beast was in pain, there was no better time than this to kill these two annoying humans. It endured the pain and caught Jay and Erwin.

Erwin had been prepared. He put his hand on Jay's back and clutched the other hand to tighten the wire, which bailed them out before the beast's hands could catch them.

Clovis coughed up blood. "Even if the beast has a tough skin, we have numbers. We will cut its nose, ears, and all other body parts first."

Of course, that was a lie. They didn't have that much time. Clovis just wanted to put up a tough front so that the beast misunderstood their confidence.

Chapter 707: Cornering the Beast

Clovis' tough front was actually successful. With the beast's intelligence, it noticed that Clovis definitely had the strength to kill him. Of course, the beast didn't know that Clovis' strength was only for a limited time.

However, with what Clovis had shown so far, even little by little, the beast would definitely die.

This was the first time the beast panicked, knowing that his life was in danger.

It could attack Clovis, but their cooperation was on point. If they continued this clash, the beast would be the first one to fall.

Hence, the beast instinctively realized that it was going to die.

Even though its rationality remained only a little, it matched with what the instinct told its body. Run.

"!!!" The beast hurriedly turned around.

That weakness was exposed. Christina hurriedly activated her Provoke to the limit, binding the beast.

The beast was gritting its teeth. It was supposed to run away, but its body was trying to go toward Christina.

Meanwhile, Clovis, Jay, and Erwin had figured out what they were supposed to do.

With Christina stopping the beast's movement, they hurriedly surrounded the beast.

'The beast has finally known fear. It has realized it will die after fighting us. And this is the sign for us to unleash all our attacks!' Erwin grinned. He stepped forward and waved his hands, sending forth his wires.

On the other hand, Clovis and Jay approached him from opposite directions, forcing the beast to focus on one direction at a time.

Before it could think of anything, Christina slammed her shields at the beast's head, pushing the sliced nose, which gave an excruciating pain.

"Raaa!" The beast roared in pain. However, it needed to do something fast. Because Erwin wrapped his wires on the left front leg, the beast chose to focus on the left.

It waved its front foot to mess with Erwin's position before using that front leg to slap Jay.

"Kh!" Jay gritted his teeth, trying to withstand this attack. But the beast's attack became stronger and stronger.

This time, he couldn't withstand it even with the help of Erwin's wires.

In the end, he chose to give up. He lowered his legs and let the attack slide on his blade upward.

The ranged attack continued and hit a pillar and shattered it. Even though Jay had withstood a large portion of that attack before giving up, the residual power in that attack was still strong enough to take out a pillar.

If this beast attacked a single building by itself, it might have the strength to half destroy an entire floor. If it targeted the pillar, two or three strikes was what it needed to make a huge building crumble.

Nevertheless, the attack didn't hit them. In addition, Clovis had approached the beast from the right, taking advantage of its blind eye to reach the beast unharmed.

The beast was confused because it didn't feel any impact from the right side when Clovis was supposed to have attacked. To its surprise, there was also less resistance coming from Christina's shield.

But before it could blast away Christina to find Clovis, a sword penetrated its eyes, using the wound on its right eye as the gap to pierce the head.

"!!!" The beast's body shook.

What actually happened was Clovis putting his sword right in the gap. Then Christina actually pulled back and hammered it like a nail with her shield.

With less surface area, the penetrative force multiplied and allowed them to pierce the beast's head.

However, they failed to hit any vital organ, such as its brain.

As a result, the beast only froze for a second before letting out a huge roar and shaking off anyone near him.

Bang!

Christina received the attack with her shield, getting pushed back by several meters. Clovis, on the other hand, got kicked by the front leg and blew it away to a building.

"Kh..." Clovis clutching his abdomen. Blood leaking out of the corner of his lips. His sword was still stuck in the beast's eye, leaving him with only the short sword and the gun on his back.

Since pulling out that sword was too dangerous, Clovis just grabbed the pistol and chose a different approach.

On the other hand, Jay and Erwin exchanged looks and came to a tacit understanding.

The biggest wound they had dealt with so far was the one Clovis had just made. It was also close to the brain.

If they could widen that wound or take advantage of Clovis' sword to slice the inside of the beast's head, they had the chance to win.

There was not much time left for the boost from the food. Hence, they needed to do it in one way or another.

Jay and Erwin were the strongest in terms of pure physical strength, even more than Clovis with his Perfect State. After all, Clovis might get a Muscle Affinity with his Perfect State, but he had never trained his muscles like these two. So, if anyone could move that sword, it was Jay and Erwin.

That was why both of them agreed to switch roles with Clovis, whether he wanted it or not.

Clovis had created an opening, so it was time for them to deal the finishing blow.

After blasting the people around it, the beast hurriedly turned around to escape. As expected, Christina's reaction was quick, stopping the beast in its tracks.

Annoyed, the beast turned around and rammed its entire body's weight on Christina.

Christina was launched several meters away, her body bouncing on the ground several times before coming to a stop. If Christina was going to stop it again, then the beast chose to kill her first.

Clovis hurriedly shot the beast so as to distract it, but his pistol wasn't as powerful as Kanaria's sniper rifle, specifically the Soul Weapon. His bullet was nothing but a little flick for the beast. Hence, the beast ignored him.

However, as Clovis got closer and closer, the beast remembered what had happened earlier. There was a chance for Clovis to attack him by using the blind eye, so it hurriedly turned around, finding Clovis right before its eye.

Clovis swung his short sword while the beast kicked him. Clovis tried to avoid it, but the beast used the tail to slap Clovis' legs, forcing him to fall to his knees.

Then, the beast lifted up its leg and stomped him.

"Ah... shit."

Chapter 708: Killing the Tier 7 Beast

"Ah... shit."

Clovis clicked his tongue as the beast stomped him.

Clovis hurriedly put his sword in front, but the power of the Tier 7 beast was not something he could stop. As a result, the beast pushed him down and smashed him on the ground.

"Gah!" Clovis spat out a mouthful of blood.

If it were a direct stomp, his ribs would have been crushed. Or even worse, that stomp would have made a hole in his chest.

Fortunately, the sword his grandfather left behind were not just a cheap sword. It was made of a Tier 9 material, known for its durability.

The sword managed to withstand the impact force. Once he was done, he put his lower arms straight while using the ground to support them.

In addition to his original strength, he managed to block this attack, albeit with a serious internal injury.

"GO!" Clovis shouted with a hoarse voice.

"!!!" All three of them hurriedly approached the beast.

Christina activated her Provoke from the left side of the beast, making herself as visible as possible so that the beast couldn't ignore her.

Meanwhile, Jay and Erwin had looped around and approached the beast from the right side. Their aim was clear.

The beast ignored Clovis on the ground and charged straight at Christina, ramming its entire body weight.

"Kh..." Christina gritted her teeth. This was the strongest charge she had to endure today. She almost got knocked back upon impact, but with the foundation of the Elseingarde family, she managed to hold the beast back.

'This doesn't look good...' Christina was sweating like crazy, feeling her bone had cracked. At this rate, she wouldn't be able to use her right hand anymore.

Still, Jay and Erwin wouldn't let such a precious chance go to waste.

Erwin wrapped the sword's handle with his wires.

"!!!" The beast noticed the sudden pressure coming from the sword stuck in his eye. It was clear what Jay was planning to do, so it was about to go on a rampage.

But at the last moment, Clovis rolled his body even in that state and aimed the gun at the left eye.

Bang!

Bang!

Several bullets hit the head, forcing the beast to close its left eye to avoid losing the remaining eye. In addition, Christina activated her Provoke again. Instead of provoking the beast, which could be ignored by the beast for one or two seconds.

Christina provoked the beast's feet to move slightly and created a different center of gravity. This way, even if the beast could ignore her unique ability, it couldn't move as intended.

"!!!" The beast noticed that his feet were sliding on the ground. In that instant, there was only one thing it could do left. Since moving its body had become impossible, the tail hurriedly swept right. This was the only direction he couldn't see Jay, so Jay should be there.

To the beast's surprise, there was no impact, as though Jay wasn't there.

What actually happened was Jay jumping into the air. In fact, he had jumped even before the tail came for him, as if he had predicted it would happen.

Jay then aimed for the sword handle and struck it with the combination of his strength, his beast soul, and his ranged attack.

Bang!

The loud clash with the blade's handle was crisp in everyone's ears. Erwin pulled the handle from behind, becoming an additional power to move the sword.

"Raaa!" The beast roared, but it was useless.

With their combined effort, the sword swung forward, cutting the inside of its eyes. It came out after slicing the other eye.

The beast screamed this time. It was shaking its body as though it was still alive even after its head got sliced.

However, it was just the last struggle of the Tier 7 beast. The blood spurted out of its eyes as the beast fell to the ground, lifeless.

Thud!

The loud falling sound echoed in their ears like a bell in their ears.

All of them looked at the fallen beast in disbelief, asking themselves, 'Did they just kill a Tier 7 beast?'

They kept glancing at each other as if asking for confirmation.

"It's our victory." Clovis grinned while raising his fist.

"Oohhh!" Erwin and Christina cheered.

"Yes!" Even Jay, who usually stayed quiet and avoided all kinds of celebration, couldn't help but shout.

They had really outdone themselves this time. They weren't supposed to be strong enough to take on a Tier 7 beast.

However, with two unique abilities, they managed to do it. Of course, their injuries were not a small matter either. Clovis had a severe internal injury and Christina's right arm cracked.

Still, they won... against a Tier 7 beast.

Unfortunately, even though they had won the battle, they had yet to win the war.

Clovis hurriedly said, "Jay, Erwin. Can you keep going?!"

Jay and Erwin raised their eyebrows, almost forgetting that they had to rescue the others. They hurriedly nodded since they had a light injury compared to these two.

"I will be fine with Christina here. Coordinate with Melody and take down the rest of the beasts. We'll free this base from any beasts in this town today."

"Understood." Jay and Erwin nodded and hurriedly rushed to the north side of the beast after seeing the radar.

"Ha..." Clovis let out a long sigh.

"You're okay?" Christina asked.

"Just opening my mouth hurts." Clovis smiled wryly.

"Jeez..." Christina dropped one of her shields, put his arm around her shoulder, and pulled him up.

"Thanks."

"..." Christina let out a sigh as she dragged Clovis and her body inside one of the buildings to get some protection.

Once she put Clovis down next to a pillar, she dropped to her butt while panting heavily. "To think we really killed a Tier 7 beast..."

"Yeah. Thanks to you, we're able to take it down. You're the key to defeating this Tier 7 beast." Clovis smiled.

"..." Christina looked at Clovis mysteriously before scratching the back of her head. "You know... I have been avoiding this topic for the last few days. Do you know that both of our grandparents engaged us even before we were born?"

"..." Clovis fell silent. He didn't know about it, but he had a feeling that his grandfather was pulling some strings in their meeting, since it felt so artificial. So, he expected it to a certain extent.

Christina sighed and just leaned next to Clovis while saying, "I'm just thinking it might not be bad at all. Since I have to inherit the Elseingarde family in the future, I'm not fit to be the main wife. I'm just thinking... if you are not against it, how about we do it?"

Chapter 709: Return

"..." Rena's eyebrows were twitching as she stared at the number that had been calling her for the last few days.

It was Hana.

"Is there any news about them yet?" Hana's voice immediately echoed the moment she picked up.

Rena smiled wryly. "Not yet..."

She wanted to say something else, but Hana's position was considered higher than hers, since she was related directly to Clovis, her boss. There was no way she could be rude, no matter how annoyed she was.

At the same time, she understood her worries. There was no news from Clovis the whole time, so even she couldn't help but wonder if something had happened to Clovis.

"In that case... tell me if they—" Before Hana finished her words, Hana suddenly raised her eyebrows as a silhouette emerged from the tower. "Wait. That's..."

"What's wrong? What happened there?" Hana panicked, thinking that Clovis had been killed by a beast and that beast continued to attack.

Rena hurriedly rushed to that silhouette as more and more people came out of the tower.

"Sir!" Rena greeted him. Even though she was not panting, she was breathing heavily, showing her worries.

"Sir? Ah. Did..." Hana immediately noticed what was going on.

That was right, Clovis finally came back.

Clovis smiled wryly when he heard Hana's voice. "You're in... a call?"

"Ah!" Rena panicked. She showed the number and said, "This is..."

Clovis just extended his hand, as if asking to give him the phone. He would be the one taking care of it.

Rena obeyed him. Once Clovis got the phone, he casually said, "You're bothering my agent now?"

"Clovis, you jerk! You promised to call me once a week!"

"Ahahaha." Clovis chuckled. "Sorry, sorry. The plan didn't work too well, so the situation got a bit messy. But I'm fine. You probably can begin to move your people one at a time to this city. Both the surface and underworld have been taken care of."

"This is not what I meant!" Hana gritted her teeth. It was probably because of her greedy nature that Clovis didn't know how much she was worried about him.

"I know, I know. Let me take care of this a bit and I'll call you tonight, okay?" Clovis smiled wryly.

"..." Hana fell silent for a moment before sighing. "Fine."

Once Hana hung up, he returned to the phone while pointing at the huge beast behind him. "It took us longer than we expected because of this guy. Can you take care of it? Of course, the rest of the best as well. We've cleaned up the underground city for the time being, and we'll soon set up a camp there to ensure the safety of the workers. For now, you can deal with this one and the inside of the tower."

"I... understand." Rena nodded. However, the moment her eyes shifted to the beast that Clovis was talking about, her jaw dropped to the ground.

The beast was dragged by almost everyone. It was the reason it took them so long to climb up.

After all, this was the Tier 7 Morganucodon. Although Rena didn't know what species it was, she could feel the immense power coming from this beast.

It was clear that this beast's strength had far surpassed hers. Yet, the Libation Fiesta took it down.

More importantly, the battle underground should also have numerous beasts. Yet, despite all odds, Clovis won.

"This is... a Tier 7 beast?" Rena gasped.

"Yeah." Clovis nodded with a smile.

Rena was speechless. She kept glancing back and forth between Clovis and the beast. Even though she knew how strong Clovis was, a Tier 7 beast was different.

Of course, Clovis understood it, but he didn't plan to explain himself. He simply said, "Anyway, it's your job now. This one is important, so I will take 70% of it. You take 20% and give 10% to the ones doing the job. Arrange everything for me."

Clovis walked away, not waiting for her response. Jay and the others were also tired, so they followed him, not planning to answer any inquiry. Though, unlike Clovis, they didn't have to deal with Hana.

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Presidential Office.

"Sir!" A man suddenly rushed into the office.

"Huh? What are you doing?" The president was startled.

"Ah!" The man realized what he had done and did his best to regain his composure. He gulped down. While breathing heavily, he explained, "We've got some more news from Agent Rena."

"Hmm? About Clovis?"

"Yes."

"What's wrong? Did someone find him and try to poach him?"

"No. It's not about such a thing." The man shook his head. "We've got a report that Clovis took down a beast overlord in the underground city. He's planning to set up a camp there to retake the city."

"Isn't that good? It's extremely fast, but it just shows how talented he is."

"Yes, but..." the man scratched the back of his head. "The beast ruling over that city was a Tier 7 beast."

Cough!

Cough!

He was so startled that he almost choked. "What did you say?"

"The overlord of that city was a Tier 7 beast. After a brief inspection, there were at least one thousand beasts there."

"And he killed them? With only the Libation Fiesta?"

"Yes."

Both of them knew how ridiculous the Libation Fiesta was, but this news just shattered that image. It appeared the Libation Fiesta was much more monstrous than he originally thought.

"According to Agent Rena, there were several people who had evolved to a higher tier. Christina Elseingarde has reached Tier 6. As for Tier 5, Melody and Ragna have joined the ranks of Lucifania, Erwin

Tyska, and Aileen Risevan. So, other than Clovis, Jay, and Kanaria, all of them are already Tier 5 or above."

"And is that even enough to take down a Tier 7 beast with all those minions?" The president scratched the back of his head.

"In my honest opinion, even with two unique abilities and one pseudo unique ability... no." The man shook his head. "The gap between Tier 6 and Tier 7 is nothing like they have seen so far. And they don't bring out enough equipment to take them down. There might be some leftover equipment in the underground city, but they're too outdated. There's no way to kill the Tier 7 beast."

"..." The president was speechless. It seemed he had to re-evaluate the Libation Fiesta. He asked, "How is the protection of their family members, especially in Axolonia?"

"Our elites are protecting them."

"Double their number."

"Yes, sir."

Chapter 710: 6 Months

"It seems they have managed to take down a Tier 7 beast." The old man Vina brought had returned, reporting everything he had found.

"Heh." Vina smirked.

"..." The old man let out a long sigh. "I admit my defeat. I originally thought their group was extraordinary, but I never expected them to be monstrous. When you told me you were going to bet your future on them, I thought you were joking.

"But for such a group to be able to kill a Tier 7 beast... From what I can see, there's nothing on that base that could be used to kill the Tier 7 beast. In other words, it was through their strength alone they could take down such a powerful beast."

Vina harrumphed. "Of course, I know what I'm betting on. Don't you know I hate gambling? However, I just like my odds so much that I can't help it."

"That's what gambling addicts usually say before losing even more..." The old man looked away.

"..." Vina's eyebrows twitched as she kicked the old man's butt. "Shut up. You have lost! Now, do you have any more objections to my decision?"

"No. I shall fully support you in taking the successor seat."

"That's more like it." Vina was satisfied with the answer. "In that case, let's begin. They will be busy soon, so we have to create misinformation to stop anyone from realizing it as long as possible."

"Well, creating a base in a newly built city is easy, but having a connection with its sole owner is hard."

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Meanwhile, Hana seemed to have changed completely after hearing Clovis take down a Tier 7 beast.

"My darling. You must have been tired. Do you know how much I was worried about you?" Hana's voice was so sweet that even her assistant, who was separated by a door, couldn't help but feel chills down her spine.

"You really changed your tone so easily..." Clovis shook his head helplessly.

"Hehehe... I can change it to the way you like it. Do you want me to be more seductive?"

Clovis pinched the bridge of his nose. "Well, whatever. It's not like I need it. I just want the essence and to store it somewhere. For the materials, you can handle it."

"Hehehe. I love you so much!" Hana winked playfully.

"And the city should have been cleaned up..."

Hana nodded. "Of course. I will send a few experts to help Kanaria measure the cost of the construction. The most important infrastructure is the Sky Lift. Hence, we will focus on it.

"However, to build such a massive thing, we probably need a lot of workers. And because you want it to be fast, we might need more workers.

"We might be exposed like this..."

"I know. It's something I have prepared. For now, my plan is to somehow get closer to Tier 5. In the meantime, I want you to focus on calculating the cost and creating the plan for the development."

"Yes. To calculate and even create a design will take at least a few months, especially a simple one. We also have to check the condition of the wall and equipment there to stop any outbreak." Hana thought for a moment. "To do all that before starting the construction... it might take 6 months... even with all my and my grandfather's connections. We can't go faster than that since we wish for it to be sustainable."

"Indeed. That should be enough time. Although it won't take me to Tier 5, I should be pretty close to it. There is an ample amount of essence from the bank and the number of beasts here is pretty high." Clovis nodded.

"You don't have to worry about property rights." Hana stuck out her tongue. "What's mine is yours, what's yours is mine. If both of us go our separate ways, you can have the city, but your management will probably mess up, and the city will most likely go into decline sooner or later.

"On the other hand, I will be branded as a ruinous woman who lost your protection, which would make me targeted." Hana shrugged. "That's why you give me money. I'll build you a world you want."

"This greedy little goblin." Clovis sighed.

"Hehehehe. That's not entirely correct. You should call me my greedy but beloved goblin." Hana smirked.

"Yeah, yeah. Whatever." Clovis facepalmed. She truly couldn't stop flirting. "Tell me how you plan to sneak people into the city? You're being watched right now, no?"

"Don't worry. I have a plan ready. For now, I will be sending my agents to multiple places like normal, but I'll switch my first group to go to that city alongside some experts in their fields to handle the projects.

"I will send one group after another accordingly to avoid the public's eyes," explained Hana.

"That should be good enough. I guess the rest of the discussion will have to wait until they meet Kanaria."

Hana agreed. "Indeed. No worries. I know Kanaria's personality. I will make sure that these people don't look down on her and teach her if she doesn't know something instead of scolding her."

"Yeah. I will leave it to you." Clovis paused for a moment, staring at Hana mysteriously.

"What's wrong? Is there something on my face? Or maybe you have finally noticed my charm?" Hana had a smug smile on her face.

Clovis chuckled. She really liked Erwin, but unlike Erwin, she had everything needed to claim that confidence. He paused for a moment before saying, "In the next few months, you will probably hear some weird reports... Just wait a bit, will you?"

"!!!" Hana understood what he meant. The weird reports meant Clovis planned to introduce Reolf gradually. And asking her to wait meant he was steeling his resolve to tell her about the artifacts and other items.

Hana's eyes lit up. "You don't have to worry about it. I'm very patient..."

"Say that with a poker face. You're really going to suck me dry at this rate." Clovis sighed.

"Oh my. Well, I wonder which of the two meanings you are implying in your words... I am ready for both."

"We know which one I'm talking about."

"Eh? Which?" Hana played dumb.

"Bye. Take care of everything!" Clovis hung up, escaping. He truly couldn't handle this girl, but at the same time, he left with a smile.