

World Mall 71

Chapter 71 Killing Tier 2

"Oh... this... He's going to tear down the stairs." Clovis thought as the giant deer charged at him. "Oh no."

Clovis tossed the short sword to the ceiling and pulled himself up.

Bam!

The giant deer destroyed the concrete stairs in a single charge, making Clovis panic.

"Lure that beast away, if you don't want the building to be destroyed." Melody warned Clovis.

It wasn't hard to imagine the deer destroying all the pillars that created this building. If he had destroyed enough, Kanaria would definitely be in danger.

Without hesitation, Clovis ran through the second floor and broke the window on the second floor to get out of the building.

Before falling, Clovis stabbed the wall with his short sword and safely landed on the ground.

The giant deer seemed to have noticed him and turned around, informing the other beasts to kill him.

"It seems that I have underestimated Tier 2 beasts." Clovis put the short sword on his armband and took out the pistol.

"Huu..." Clovis took a small breath to calm him down. Everything became slow again in his vision.

This was probably a sign of what his father was talking about. The Blood Limit would allow him to see the world in slow motion.

Even though it hadn't reached that stage yet, it still impacted Clovis's vision.

Clovis calmly pointed his pistol toward these beasts. Since he could see them more slowly, he took this opportunity to shoot them in the head.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Each shot was actually a headshot. Even Clovis was surprised at how easy it was to aim for the target.

The beasts fell down one by one, leaving the giant deer startled. Since he was Tier 2, he was like an overseer to these beasts.

That was why Clovis actually pointed at the giant deer before shooting another beast as if he were showing an example of what Clovis planned to do to him.

That sort of provocation angered the giant deer as it started charging at Clovis.

However, this was what Clovis wanted since he didn't want the building to collapse.

"I will lead away the Tier 2 beast and somehow defeat it. Kanaria will keep shooting down those Tier 0 beasts and try to find a way to protect yourself. Melody will assist her in moving around."

"Got it," Kanaria replied while searching for the next target.

"You only have about four minutes before you need to evacuate." Melody informed Kanaria based on the information she got from the sensors.

Since both of them had worked together, Kanaria should be fine even if the beasts managed to reach them. Unfortunately, he had his hands full with this giant deer.

While Clovis lured out the giant deer, Jay was frustrated with his current opponents.

"Why?" Jay roared while slashing a beast's neck.

"Why?" He shouted again while killing yet another beast.

"Why did he get that deer as his opponent? I also want to fight a Tier 2 beast." Jay gritted his teeth. He wanted to challenge himself with this new power, but he couldn't do it since Clovis was the one who got picked.

"You bastards!" Jay was slashing the beasts one after another. Not a single one of them could block his attack.

Two Tier 1 beasts were making their way toward Jay. They even used Tier 0 beasts to distract Jay while they were looping around him.

However, when they were about to reach him, Jay suddenly turned around to slash them.

"!!!" The two Tier 1 beasts tried to avoid it, but the right one ended up getting hit. The swing broke its jaw, but the toughness of the skin seemed enough to stop him. After all, most of the impact had been absorbed by the jaws.

The other beast took advantage of this opportunity to attack Jay, but the latter simply exerted more force to push the first beast along with this one.

In the end, both of them got pushed to the side. They might not be very heavy beasts, but they still weighed more than Jay. It was surprising that Jay was able to overpower them like this.

But this wasn't enough for Jay. As soon as he saw the opportunity, Jay slashed the injured Tier 1 beast to kill it. "You have to die because you are a Tier 1, not a Tier 2 beast."

The beast didn't know what Jay was talking about, albeit there was nothing it could do to stop Jay from slashing its head.

The other Tier 1 beast hurriedly escaped and took another approach to kill Jay. The other Tier 0 beasts also worked together to exhaust Jay.

"Ooohhh!" Jay roared as he started his killing spree. There was one way for him to fight that Tier 2 beast. He just had to kill all these beasts here and make his way toward Clovis to help him. And that was what he was planning to do.

While Jay was going on a rampage, Clovis was calculating the distance to the building where Kanaria was.

After getting enough distance, Clovis pointed his gun at the beast. He shot it a few times, but even with his current slower vision, the Tier 2 beast still managed to move the antlers around to block the bullets.

"..." Clovis knew that he had to somehow trap the Tier 2 beasts in order to kill them. But the question would be how?

After getting the power of Tier 1, he treated Tier 2 beasts the same as Tier 1 when he was only a Tier 0 human.

And this allowed him to see another way to kill a Tier 2 beast.

"Melody. Give me information about the building once I enter. Do you know which one I can use to destroy the building?"

"I don't have. But I can give you a path to ensure your safety."

"That's enough. I'll kill this Tier 2 beast." Clovis smiled and moved toward the second-story building not far from him.

The building seemed to be a family restaurant, which made things easier. He entered the restaurant, but the giant deer managed to close their gaps because of that sudden turn.

Without hesitation, Clovis jumped to the side at the last second. The giant deer was unable to stop its charge, causing it to bulldoze everything on its path, including some pillars and the kitchen's wall.

Rumble!

Rumble!

Clovis looked at the destroyed part and immediately said, "Give me the path to destroy only the right part of the building."

"Got it." Melody was assuming that this giant deer would act like a bull. Since the first charge had destroyed the middle part, they only had to destroy all the supporting pillars on the right side.

Clovis positioned himself near the toilet on the corner. As soon as the giant deer emerged from the rubble, it charged at Clovis again.

He skillfully avoided it this time, allowing the deer to destroy it.

After that, Clovis hurriedly ran away from this place on a straight path. This time, he didn't stop and just shattered the window to get out and go as far as possible.

The giant deer didn't know what Clovis was planning to do. It simply ran straight at him.

However, because he caused all the destruction and even destroyed the main pillars, the building had a hard time supporting its weight anymore and started to crumble.

"!!!" The giant deer raised its head and saw the concrete ceiling crack and fall apart.

It happened in an instant, so the deer could only raise its antlers to protect his body as much as possible.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to protect every part as the rubble started burying him.

Luckily, Clovis had gone out of the way. He even had enough distance that he could protect himself from any rubble that was launched in his way.

He could see that only a part of the right side collapsed, but it didn't matter. He took advantage of the cloud of dust to approach the giant deer that couldn't move anymore.

The deer's injury was not as heavy as he originally thought. But its body couldn't push away all these rubbles, allowing Clovis to loop around and shoot the deer from behind.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

The deer tried to stop Clovis, but what could it do? It couldn't twist its neck to stop the bullets, so it ended up dying from Clovis's bullet.

"Tier 2 is rather easy to kill now." Clovis muttered.

"However, I don't suggest using this method. It's simply too dangerous because one miscalculation can cause you to be buried along with the deer." Melody warned him. Even she was a bit panicked when she saw the building collapse.

"I know. I'm just trying to see how I can kill Tier 2 beasts. For the future Tier 2, I will just use the normal method, which is to use my weapons even if the battle lasts longer."

"That's fine, but because of the commotion you have made..." Melody didn't continue, but the radar on the skyglasses was glowing.

In the radar, he noticed multiple dots coming in their directions. It seemed that the loud crumbling sound alerted another wave of beasts.

"I know. I'll stop them here until Jay and Kanaria finish their sides. I won't be too reckless next time." Clovis sighed.

Chapter 72 Disappointed

Jay clicked his tongue while looking around. There were nothing but corpses around him.

Even though he had killed more than thirty beasts by himself, his thirst for battle hadn't been quenched.

"Kanaria. Are you alright?" Jay asked while looking at the building. He soon noticed Kanaria on the building's roof, attaching herself to a rope as she leaped down the building like a trained soldier.

"Yeah. If you have any time to chat, you better go to Clovis's side. There are a lot of beasts approaching from that side, so we have to help him. I will take care of the beasts chasing after me," Kanaria replied while looking left where Clovis was fighting all those beasts by himself.

"What? There are more?" Jay widened his eyes in shock. "Melody. You should have told me about it."

"I was planning to tell you once you cleared up the area." Melody responded with a slightly monotonous tone as though she wanted to say she was lazy.

Kanaria couldn't help but furrow her eyebrows. She wanted to comment on her reply, but she chose to let it go for the time being.

They had other tasks to do after all.

"I'm going." Jay immediately rushed to Clovis's side, finding those beasts. It seemed that Clovis was also taking a beating.

Even though he was a Tier 1 human, there were more beasts in that wave than the beasts Jay killed in the parking lot. And he didn't have Kanaria's support, so it was hard for him to handle all those beasts by himself.

"Huu..." Clovis took a deep breath while slashing one beast after another. However, one of the beasts suddenly emerged from the opposite side and struck him.

Although he wanted to block it, he wasn't fast enough to do it. Even when he shot the beast, the momentum caused the body to crash into him.

Clovis hurriedly stood up and continued the fight.

Fortunately, the reinforcement he had been waiting for had finally arrived.

When Clovis was about to shoot these beasts, a blade came from the sides, slicing several beasts' necks.

"Yo! You're having fun by yourself." Jay smirked. "I have never seen you without wounds during a battle."

"It can't be helped." Clovis shrugged. "Let's kill these beasts. According to Melody, there is no Tier 2 beast among them."

"Alright. But I will be fighting the next Tier 2 beast we find."

"Don't chat too much." Clovis harrumphed but didn't respond to his claim since he wanted to fight as many Tier 2 beasts as he possibly could.

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Rizben Underground City.

A few days ago, Lovelia grabbed Vina's shoulders while asking out loud. "What did you say? You were left behind?"

Vina gave a wry smile. "That was the agreement. Since I have to remain in the city and not cooperate with you, I will follow through on the promise. Besides, I want you to remember that I am not the main problem."

Lovelie shuddered. If Vina didn't follow them, her life would be in danger. How could she explain this to her grandfather?

"What are you doing? No, why are you asking me this?" Vina tilted her head in confusion. While they were in the same group, she wasn't like Lovelia or Elina.

She remained in the group because her master told her that they would be the rising group and that it would provide her with a good experience.

However, she was kind of disappointed by Ivan's action. He kept challenging things beyond his level and somehow saved himself in one way or another.

At first glance, it looked like he did something amazing. For Vina, he was simply reckless.

On the other hand, Lovelia had fallen too deep. She gritted her teeth, unable to answer Vina's question.

Vina looked at Lovelia before shaking her head helplessly. "Lovelias. I will just remind you of this. At the end of the day, you are just a substitute. No, we, including Elina, might be the substitutes. His eyes never looked at us.

"Just look at our names and compare them to Kanaria. That's right. Vina, Elina, or you, Lovelia... If they are combined, it rings similar to that of Kanaria. This is my advice, as someone who has been in the same party as you, don't fall too deep."

"What do you know?!" Lovelia grabbed her collar, looking frustrated. She had a lot going on.

At the same time, it didn't change the fact that Ivan saved her... even though it was the trouble he brought himself. However, Lovelia only saw the first part while Vina was calm enough to see the second part.

Vina grabbed her hands and shoved them away. "Well, the bet should do you good in one way or another. Since you are not at the party anymore, you don't have to be in danger. If your only purpose is to marry him, then you can approach him in another way. This way, you won't break any rules and maintain your integrity.

"But if you think you can't do it, then I have nothing more to tell you. After all, I will still remain in the city... or maybe return to the surface while waiting for the ban. I still have to maintain my integrity for my teacher after all. If you understand that, I hope you can leave."

Vina extended her hand toward the door, implying that she wasn't invited here anymore.

Lovelias couldn't refute her words at all. If she still came to Ivan, she would definitely be judged and the reputation of their Rusth Family would be hit once more. At that time, her grandfather would definitely disown her.

Lovelias had no choice but to walk away.

When she left the room, she looked at her device as Elina replied to her message.

Elina: Sorry, I believe it's better if you don't contact me anymore. The current situation is rather perilous and the president is angry.

Elina had chosen to cut contact with her, most likely due to the pressure from above. There was also a chance that she had known the matter from her grandfather.

Lovelias bit her lips as her eyes were filled with extreme anger.

Chapter 73 Processing

"I want you to do it," said Lovelias, looking at the middle-aged man before him.

"I can probably do that." The middle-aged man nodded with confidence.

"Then go. I will pay you accordingly," Lovelias said in frustration.

"..." The middle-aged man frowned. Instead of leaving, he actually said, "I need an advance payment."

Lovelias glared at him. She tried to pay him, but only half of it. "This is the payment. Once you're done, I will transfer the rest."

"..." The middle-aged man looked at the money before leaving the room. It seemed that the deal had been reached.

Unbeknownst to them, two people had been watching over the deal in the darkness.

"What do you think? Should we kill her?" One of them asked.

The other shook his head. "No. I think this is good. That kid is rather clever as a little villain. The rule is that no human should kill him. That old monster doesn't say we can't use other things to cause the beasts to kill his grandson."

"So, we should let her plan succeed?"

"Yeah. If it can work, it's good. There is a lot of jamming equipment, so if that can hinder them, the chance of them dying is pretty high. In fact, I heard in the black market that there is a device that produces a sound at a certain frequency that can trigger the beasts. We might be able to use it to lure a horde of beasts."

"But... will this be enough? Even Tier 2 beasts weren't enough to kill them during the competition. Should we add the cannibals to Zeven Fallen City? Cannibals have been treated as not human, right?"

"That's rather vague. We have to consult the master first if we want to do that. Even bandits are still questionable methods."

"So, for now, we should assist that lass?"

"Yeah. From our information, that kid is going out of town soon. It seems that they are thinking about hiring an operator."

"Oh! If that's the case, we can strike them when that kid is relying on the operator. It will definitely cause confusion."

"Indeed. Even if we can't lure out the Tier 3 beast hidden in the core of the city, we can still find a lot of Tier 2 beasts along with numerous lower tier beasts to overwhelm them."

"Alright then."

The two disappeared into the darkness.

Meanwhile, Lovelia was glaring at the empty air, imagining Kanaria's face.

When she was growing up, she had been compared to Kanaria all this time. However, she had never defeated her.

Kanaria was good at logistics and a genius at long-range weapons. At the same time, people said that she had such natural beauty that even without a lot of makeup, she was considered to be more beautiful than her.

The accumulation of jealousy had finally exploded after the previous incident.

She thought that she had won against her when she joined Ivan's group. However, Ivan had never looked at her. And after that bet, she had been thrown away.

All her messages didn't get replies, as though he chose to abandon her after losing her usefulness.

Meanwhile, Kanaria joined Clovis's group and seemed to be favored by Clovis. Compared to Ivan, Clovis's background was much bigger.

Lovelie muttered in a cold tone. "If I can't have it, I'm going to destroy everything. I will be the one having the last laugh, Kanaria."

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While Lovelia's plan was running in the background, Clovis and Jay had finally taken care of the rest of the beasts.

They had been sitting on the ground, tired. After all, they had eliminated about ninety beasts just after arriving here.

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

"There is nothing on the radar. All the beasts have been eliminated."

"Kanaria?"

"Nothing is moving around us. I don't think there are any other beasts around here. We can proceed to the next location if we want." Kanaria looked around with her binoculars.

"Alright." Clovis nodded his head. "We have to leave this area because the blood smell will attract the beasts."

Clovis stood up even though he was exhausted. "I'm going to get their essence. Kanaria remains in your position to make sure no beasts approach us."

"Melody should have been the one gathering their essence. You should get some rest, Clovis," said Kanaria while furrowing her eyebrows. Since she had to remain here, Melody should be the one helping them.

Melody ignored Kanaria's comments completely, while Clovis chuckled. "It's fine. I was the one giving permission."

"But in a fallen territory, we should be cooperating with each other." Kanaria complained, thinking that Melody was just getting their money without doing any hard work.

Although she was satisfied with her work, she also understood why she had bad ratings. In fact, other people's reactions should be similar to hers, causing them to hate Melody.

However, Clovis didn't mind all this. As long as he could still move, he would be the one to take care of the situation.

He might not know much about an operator, but he felt that Melody had done a good job as an operator to the point where he wondered if he should recruit her to the group. After all, whenever there was a challenge, the skyglasses would show something new.

In fact, there were a lot of times where the skyglasses showed a different color in the beast's body, indicating its weak spot.

What they didn't realize was that, in the car, Melody was drenched in sweat. She had even taken her top off to cool down and covered herself with a towel to wipe the sweat.

"Hu..." Melody let out a long sigh. "I really hate processing things. It took too much brain power."

On top of her body's condition, she was also similar to a person who could sweat by only thinking about things. She simply thought and processed a lot of things simultaneously, allowing her to provide any kinds of instructions or changes in the skyglasses right at the moment the enemies appeared.

"Still..." Melody looked at the screen, specifically Clovis. "This guy is rather interesting."

Chapter 74 Worry

"How is our catch?" Clovis asked.

"Not bad for the first day." Kanaria looked. All of them had become Tier 1, so they expected much more than what they usually got as Tier 0 explorers.

"Not bad? Do you know that your accomplishments are much greater than those of other Tier 1 explorers?" Melody's eyebrows twitched. She had become the operator for a lot of parties, so she knew a lot of their output.

And she had never seen a party as ridiculous as these three. She pointed at the loot and said, "You got about three times the usual Tier 1 party. And I have to tell you that they are usually a six-man party."

"..." Clovis looked at Kanaria, saying, "It's not that bad, right?"

"Yeah. We should have no problem getting three hundred thousand at this rate, four hundred with the mission reward and other stuff. And since we don't have a lot to split among a lot of members, we can get about a hundred thousand each." Kanaria explained. "Of course, I have removed the portion of pay for Melody."

"That's good." Clovis nodded, satisfied. Although he had to split them later, he would be the one selling all this. So, he could use this money to increase the number of visits or even unlock a new store.

That was why he became a bit excited. There would be a lot of things to do once they returned.

"..." Melody was completely speechless. On the one hand, she was tired because of their hunting speed which ended up causing more beasts to be killed. On the other hand, it also meant that she got a lot from this exploration.

Normally, she would only get about fifteen to twenty-five thousand for an exploration, which allowed her to be comfortable for a while. But with this group, she could get triple that number with the reward alone. If only she got a portion of the essence share, that number would increase tremendously.

Melody shook her head helplessly. It seemed that her greed was taking over her briefly, making her forget that she just wanted to laze around in her house and live comfortably instead of hunting so hard like them.

"By the way, what is our objective for tomorrow? Do we have any Tier 2 that can be turned in?" Clovis asked.

"No Tier 2 yet. From what I can see, there are two Tier 1 beasts, but they won't give a lot of money." Melody opened the map. "First of all, we have covered this area."

Melody showed the south side of the city in red. After that, she marked the west and north as green. "I believe we can smoothly cover this area tomorrow. And we'll take care of the last side on the third day before returning to the city through the east gate. What do you think?"

Kanaria nodded her head. "I don't have a problem with this plan."

"In that case, let's do it according to this plan." Clovis agreed with them before thinking about something else. There was something bothering him.

Kanaria noticed the slight frown but didn't say anything. On the other hand, Jay was training on the side, as he didn't care much about the discussion.

Melody said, "In that case, you guys can think of the route. I will adjust the data accordingly."

"Okay." Clovis glanced at Kanaria. "So, how is the night rotation this time?"

"I feel like I'm going to argue with her if we are together, so I will be on the lookout with you tonight. After four hours, Jay and Melody will be on the lookout." Kanaria glared at Melody. "That should be fine, right?"

"I want to sleep..." Melody looked away. "...is what I want to say. But I will probably sleep through the night. However, I will add a few sensors and an alarm, so it will alert us if there are any beasts around."

Kanaria's eyebrows twitched, but Clovis instantly put his fingers on Kanaria's forehead and gently pinched it. "Alright. That's fine."

"Clovis. Are you sure you can let her do whatever she wants?"

"It's fine." Clovis nodded. "If you don't like it, I don't mind being awake all night. It's my responsibility anyway."

"But..." Kanaria looked at Clovis's expression and ended up having no energy to argue with Clovis. "Fine."

Melody observed Clovis's movement. She had been interested in this weird man, who actually allowed her to do everything she wanted.

Unfortunately, it would be weird if she was asking him why he treated her this way, so she kept that curiosity in her heart, thinking that she would probably not meet them again after this.

"Alright. You can get some rest first." Clovis waved his hand, treating it as nothing big.

Because they had a car, they could bring two tents, so the boys and the girls didn't have to share anymore.

Melody didn't hesitate to accept that offer, leaving Kanaria and Clovis alone.

Since it wasn't time yet, Clovis chose to leave. "Sorry. I'm going up for now."

They were using an empty building for the night, so he wanted to get some fresh air on the rooftop.

"Do you mind if I accompany you?" Kanaria asked with an unsure tone.

"Sure." Clovis didn't reject it. Kanaria was concerned about the change in Clovis's expression earlier, so this should be a good time to ask.

However, her mind was distracted a bit when Clovis opened the door leading to the rooftop.

The sky was actually filled with a lot of stars like shining gems. In the city, she couldn't see any stars because of the light, but a fallen city like this had no running electricity, allowing them to actually see the real dark sky.

"Hahaha. No matter how many times I see this, it's truly beautiful. Unlike the subterranean world, we can see the stars from here." Clovis looked at the sky like a kid. It was just pure admiration.

But this was also the reason why Kanaria decided to ask, "Clovis... Are you worried about something that might happen during this exploration?"

Chapter 75 Kanaria's Dream

"Are you worried about something that might happen during this exploration?"

"..." Clovis glanced at her. Seeing her serious expression made Clovis feel a bit embarrassed. He scratched the back of his head while saying, "I guess I can't hide it from you."

"Is it concerning your family? No, it's more like the incident in the competition." Kanaria had been thinking about this. Since the incident was intentional, it was clear that someone was trying to harm Clovis. He might be afraid of talking about it because they would be scared to accompany him on this journey.

Clovis looked down, his expression looked a bit sad.

Kanaria moved closer to Clovis and said, "I haven't told you about my dream, right?"

"Mhmm?" Clovis was confused as to why Kanaria suddenly talked about this.

"Do you know why I learn logistics?" Kanaria smiled before pointing at the city. "This is my dream."

"The ruined city? No..." Clovis fell silent as if he were realizing something, but the word didn't appear in his mind.

Kanaria chuckled. "My dream is to rebuild the fallen cities. After the incident fifty years ago, the world was never the same again. Humanity turned a city into a giant base and people had to live protected like turtles.

"However, my grandfather told me that people in the past could travel to anyone they wanted... visit any country in the world, travel to many cities, and experience their delicacies.

"I am hoping for something like that too. I wish to rebuild these cities and travel anywhere I want. Each city will flourish and create a new culture. And to rebuild them, you will need a lot of materials and management. That's why I learn logistics."

Clovis widened his eyes in amusement. "Even if you have the money or strength, you won't be able to rebuild the city without having someone take care of the logistics. There is also a chance for multiple corruptions in the process."

"That's right. I am going to become the best in this area. Don't you think this aligns with your dream?" Kanaria made a genuine smile. "If the group becomes strong, I will have the influence to rebuild cities. And I will be the one taking care of all of it."

Kanaria's genuine smile somehow moved his heart. Just for a split second, he caught a glimpse of seeing this city bright again.

"That's why you don't have to worry about me. Tier 6 like my grandfather is not enough for me to do it. I need to be Tier 7 or Tier 8... to be able to do something like that. Even that is not guaranteed."

"I know that I will look greedy because I have benefited a lot from your Hacfield family, but I am planning to see through it. It's better if I die trying to accomplish this dream of mine than just let it rot away."

Clovis chuckled. "It seems that I have underestimated you."

"Not just me, but also Jay. While he doesn't look like it, he wants to have the power to slash everything. That's the thing I know about him." Kanaria grabbed Clovis's hands. "So, please don't hesitate to tell us your worries. Let us share that burden. We are Libation Fiesta, right?"

Clovis smiled and his expression mellowed a bit.

After a long sigh, Clovis said, "If we take a look at the previous incident, I am thinking that someone is targeting me. And for some reason, they are not doing it themselves."

"True. The previous incident only brought a Tier 2 snake to us. Still, we couldn't be so sure, considering that there was a group that delivered the snake's egg." Kanaria's expression turned solemn.

"I'm worried that they might do something during this exploration."

"This is Tier 3 fallen territory, so do you think they will do the same thing?" Kanaria asked.

"No. Doing the same thing is basically telling us that my worry is true. They are most likely using another method to make it look like an incident."

"I see. And what do you think about the Rusth family and the Drake group?"

"Assuming that your mother can stop them, then I don't have to think about them for now. However, what if they are using a third party?"

"That's indeed another possibility." Kanaria nodded in agreement. "Killing them shouldn't be a problem, right?"

"That's what I'm worried about. Considering they can lure a Tier 2 snake, I believe that they are strong, at least Tier 3. Right now, we don't have the strength to fight them." Clovis raised a finger. "I'm thinking about using the advantage that they don't touch us personally."

"Well, if they do it personally, they can easily eliminate our groups." Kanaria nodded.

"That's right. If something truly happens in this exploration, I'm thinking about catching the culprits. If they run away, I'm pretty sure that they are the culprits in the snake incident. If they fight us, they are a third party related to the Rusth family and the Drake group."

"What if it's the latter?" Kanaria asked with a solemn look. The Rusth family had been a thorn to her family after all.

"I will eliminate them." Clovis didn't hesitate to answer. "While I dislike killing my own kin, I also have my own patience. If they attack me once, I will simply defeat them. But if they attack me twice, I will kill them so that they don't do it for the third time."

"Why don't you just kill them after the first attempt?"

"Depending on the context, everyone deserves a second chance, is what I want to believe. After all, humanity is already pushed to the brink of extinction by those beasts, I don't want to reduce its population even more unless necessary." Clovis shrugged.

"But can't you just contribute to society by having children?" Kanaria smirked.

"What? Our relationship is not at the level where we can talk about this." Clovis's eyebrows twitched.

"I didn't say it was me." Kanaria's smile became even bigger as she began teasing him. "Oh my, does our Clovis have that kind of thought about me?"

"Wha—! You tricked me." Clovis gasped.

"Hehehe." Kanaria suddenly took a step back and said, "You are so serious, so I'm just trying to loosen you up. And don't worry. I will help you locate the enemies this time."

"Kanaria..." Clovis took a deep breath before his eyes looked annoyed again as he continued, "...don't change the topic."