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Chapter 76 Losing Connection

"Kanaria, in position."

"Jay, in position."

"Clovis, in position. It's your call, Kanaria," said Clovis while looking at the map.

Kanaria was looking at a Tier 2 lizard called Megalania. This lizard was considered one of the largest lizards to have ever existed. Its length was close to seven meters. It had a robust build, powerful limbs, and a long tail.

Their target this time was this lizard.

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A moment ago.

While watching the beasts from the top of the building, Kanaria noticed a giant lizard moving to a building. On the way, Melody immediately showed them the lizard's picture while saying, "This lizard seems to be in one of the requests."

"Really?" Clovis frowned. "What is the mission?"

"Wait a bit. I'll show you about it." Melody took a few seconds before showing the post about the mission.

Mission: Megalania Subjugation.

Description: Kill a Tier 2 Megalania and obtain its essence and blood.

"Blood? Do we have a container for that?" Clovis frowned.

"We can probably do it somehow. There is a small freezer on the car, so we can use it to preserve the blood sample. But it means that no one can enjoy a cool drink, and the car has to be active all the time." Kanaria explained.

"Will there be a problem?"

"Other than those two inconveniences, no."

Clovis nodded. "Alright. We shall subjugate the Tier 2 Megalania. Kanaria will go to the building on the north side, while Jay and I will protect the building. We will make the beasts come to the building before taking care of them as a team."

"Got it."

"There are about seven beasts around that building. You have to kill them first." Kanaria warned them while stepping back before running to her new spot.

Without hesitation, both Jay and Clovis moved toward the building as Melody showed the path to efficiently kill the beasts around the building.

After they killed the last beast, Kanaria entered the building without alarming all the beasts in the area before reporting. "Kanaria, in position."

"Your call, Kanaria. Shoot them anytime." Clovis raised his sword while Jay got excited to kill some beasts.

Kanaria was looking at all the beasts to choose which side to cover first. After finding her side, she aimed at one Tier 0 beast and shot it.

Bang!

The shot shattered the peace of the city once again, alerting all the beasts around them.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

A series of roars filled the area as the beasts began to rush in Kanaria's direction.

"There will be a lot of them, Jay. Get ready." Clovis smirked.

"Hehe. Want to make a little bet? Who can defeat the most?" Jay was fired up while looking at the beasts.

"Sure. Our target gives us five points. The rest will be counted as one."

"You're on."

After reaching an agreement, both of them ran toward the beasts.

Kanaria smiled when looking at these two. However, she had one more task to do, which was to confirm the target.

When she raised her aim, she saw the Tier 2 megalania emerge from the building to look for its prey.

"I have spotted the Tier 2 megalania. It's on the way here." Kanaria reported.

But to her surprise, she didn't get any replies from Clovis and Jay.

"Hmm?" Kanaria furrowed her eyebrows, looking down. Both of them were killing the enemies without any problems. In fact, their actions felt like they didn't hear anything from her. "Did they not hear me?"

Kanaria frowned. "Hello? Clovis? Jay? Melody? Anyone can hear me?"

There was no response. Kanaria instantly felt something weird as she immediately backed down and hid behind the wall. She checked her equipment to see if it was broken or not.

However, the skyglasses still looked normal. It was just that she couldn't say anything on the radio, which was weird.

"Mhmm?" Kanaria looked down, contemplating. It was then that she remembered Clovis's words last night. "Don't tell me..."

Without hesitation, Kanaria rushed to the stairs. In fact, she simply leaped over the railing and proceeded to go down the stairs. She even stayed outside the windows so that even her shadow wasn't seen.

'Aren't they moving too fast?' Kanaria furrowed her eyebrows. Even though there was a high possibility that they weren't going to get killed by a sniper, it didn't change the fact that she should be out of their sight in case it wasn't like what they thought.

Kanaria hurriedly climbed down the building and broke the window to exit the building so that she could use the alley to hide her position.

This way, the enemy wouldn't know her position and would constantly look for her.

Jay continued killing the beasts one by one, but Clovis noticed the gunshot had stopped.

"Kanaria?" Clovis called her name with a confused tone. "Melody?"

If Kanaria was taken out, Melody would definitely respond. After all, she was hidden from plain sight. In that case, it seemed that his transmission wasn't working, and coupled with the fact that Kanaria had stopped shooting, Clovis realized it was an enemy's attack.

"Jay!"

"Huh?" Jay glanced at Clovis while slashing the beast in front of him.

"Get into the building. Don't show yourself outside." Clovis ran toward the building on the right without hesitation. He didn't even bother to reply to Jay's question.

His action was enough to show Jay the severity of their situation, so he immediately used the building on the left as a cover. At the same time, the beasts were split into two groups.

On the other hand, Clovis kept trying to contact Melody. "Melody? Can you hear me?"

Since he had no way of knowing their situation, Clovis ended up with a dilemma. On the one hand, he had to check Kanaria's situation. On the other hand, Melody's fate was also unknown.

His heart was telling him to find Kanaria, but his brain asked him to go to Melody instead. After all that conversation last night, he had to believe in Kanaria.

"Huu..." Clovis bit his lips before cutting all the beasts in front of him, making his way toward Melody.

Chapter 77 Finding the Enemies

"Are you sure about this?" A young man asked while looking at Clovis's group with his binoculars. "If I'm not wrong, their members are from Havenson and Renvolt, right?"

The middle-aged man next to him said, "It's already common knowledge that the Renvolt and Rusth families are fighting. The Havenson family is currently backing up the Renvolt family, but because of the recent incident, the Drake Group joined hands.

"However, I've heard that there is another force involved in this situation. I am not sure about it, but according to our intel, they are much stronger than the Renvolt and Havenson families."

"What?" The young man gasped. "Are we picking a side now?"

"Not really. We are just a small explorer group that doesn't have any backing. We are lacking a lot of funds, so we don't have any choice."

"Is the pay that good?"

"Yeah. A hundred thousand per head, three hundred thousand for that girl." The man nodded.

"Well..." The young man couldn't really reply back after he said that. At the same time, a loud *bang* echoed inside the city, alarming both of them. "They are moving!"

"I will activate the jamming device." The man hurriedly went down and activated a device with a stick-shaped head. Once activated, the jamming device disrupted telecommunications in a large area.

"..." The young man kept observing their movements. "Damn. Those two guys are strong. The information said they are only Tier 1, but are we really picking a fight with them? Then again, the Drake Group also has a genius that is said to be the most talented in the city."

The young man was so occupied with Clovis and Jay's movements that he didn't realize that Kanaria had gone.

"How is the situation?" The middle-aged man returned.

"They are still in their place. By the way, if we want to kill them, can we just snipe them from here?"

"I'm not sure about it as well. But that lady said that we couldn't kill them directly. The only way to kill them is to let the beasts do it. All we can do is interfere with their equipment."

"What? That's annoying." The young man rolled his eyes. "What's wrong with all these big families?"

"Anyway, what's their situation?"

"They are still—" The young man abruptly stopped when he saw the beasts split into two groups. Clovis and Jay were now being covered by the building. When he saw this change, he hurriedly tried to find Kanaria but to no avail. "They are gone. It seems they have noticed us."

The man immediately grabbed him while saying, "That's it. We'll be hiding downstairs. If they are coming for us, we will retreat according to our escape plan."

"Alright." The young man followed the middle-aged man to take cover from the building. But he was kind of curious about how Clovis and Jay fought.

Unbeknownst to him, following his superior was the best thing he could ever do.

Not long after he hid inside the building, Kanaria had reached another building and came out to check on the one messing with their equipment. However, even when she checked all the rooftops, she couldn't find anything.

"This is getting annoying. This area is a business district, so a lot of buildings are pretty tall. Checking every single floor will take a lot of time and will simply expose my location."

Kanaria furrowed her eyebrows, wondering if there were any ways to deal with this.

Suddenly, a screen appeared on Kanaria's skyglasses.

The screen showed her the city's map with a few marks. There were four green dots, which were definitely them. There was a big red dot with a few circles that indicated the jamming equipment.

When Kanaria raised her head again, she saw an arrow pointing in the direction of the jamming device. It seemed that she worked on her way to deal with the jamming device and gave this information to her, who was the only one who could do it.

Since that was the case, Kanaria hurriedly came out to check the building that the arrow pointed at. However, she soon realized that she could find nothing on the roof.

"Inside the building? But I have to get a bit closer if I want to find it." Kanaria's expression turned solemn. On the one hand, she wanted to find the culprit and destroy the device. On the other hand, she was worried about Clovis and Jay.

While she was thinking, Clovis actually crashed into the wall.

"Kh." Clovis gritted his teeth, glaring at the Tier 2 megalania. "This damn lizard."

He was simply trying to go to Melody to protect her, but the Tier 2 lizard actually came to him.

Despite its giant body, the lizard was extremely fast.

After Clovis crashed into the wall, the lizard instantly closed the gap between them and waved its tail to pin him onto the wall.

Clovis ducked, avoiding the tail. However, two of the beasts surrounded him from two sides. Clovis shot the one on the left while striking down the other one with his sword. But this also meant that Clovis didn't have anything to block the attack from the lizard.

Without hesitation, the lizard flapped its tail and struck Clovis from his left.

Clovis raised his left arm to block it, but the impact knocked him down. Fortunately, the shirt was made of special material or his arm might be torn off. In addition, he was wearing the jacket he bought from the Another World Mall, the one that gave him 'Defense +7,' which allowed him to completely block the lizard tail as if wearing an iron gauntlet.

Clovis hurriedly shot the lizard multiple times, but the lizard skillfully twisted its body so that only a non-vital area got hit.

The other beasts were also approaching, so Clovis had no choice but to go up. It was at this time that a screen appeared in front of him. It was a rather large screen, but on the side to avoid blocking Clovis's sight.

There were only a few words on it.

"I'm safe. Kill them all."

Chapter 78 Killing the Tier 2 Megalania

"I'm safe. Kill them all."

"!!!" Clovis instantly understood whose message this was. Since Melody was alright, it seemed that he could fully focus on this beast.

Clovis saw the incoming beasts. He took a step back at the last moment, causing the beasts to collide with each other. After that, he stepped on the beast's back and jumped over as the Tier 2 megalania smacked the beasts with its tail.

Fortunately, Clovis was faster than him or the two beasts would end up crashing into him and ultimately pinning him to the wall.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Clovis shot the beasts multiple times, but the lizard actually raised its upper body to avoid the bullets. At the same time, it raised its arms to block any bullets trying to hit its head.

It seemed that the beast was much more concerned about its head than its body.

Now that he knew where to aim, Clovis put his pistol back and tossed the short sword toward the beast's arm.

Out of reflex, the beast raised its arm to stop it, but this time, the short sword was the one impaling its arm instead of a bullet.

Raa! The lizard was wailing in pain, realizing that the pain was at a whole different level. Clovis had just tricked him, especially with the fact that his eyes were covered by its arms.

The other beasts entered the building to overwhelm Clovis, but Clovis had regained his composure and looked at the world at a slower rate than before.

He skillfully moved to the gap between two beasts and let them pass him. Of course, he slashed the one on the right while he was at it. After that, he kicked the best on the left as he made his way toward another beast in front.

The lizard and the two beasts from earlier turned around, chasing after Clovis.

Unfortunately, he couldn't leave this building yet, as the threat was still there. He tossed the short sword, sticking it on the pillar. After that, he jumped and broke the window to exit the building.

Obviously, the other beasts were following him to go outside, but Clovis hurriedly pulled the chain and spun behind the pillar.

As if realizing his intention, the Tier 2 beast smashed the wall, which freed the short sword from the wall.

Clovis took a few steps to the side to adjust his balance. With a single pull, he recovered the short sword.

Like earlier, he retracted the short sword and changed to his pistol.

Bang!

Bang!

The lizard didn't block it this time. Instead, two beasts came between them, blocking the bullets. The lizard then charged at Clovis.

Unfortunately for the lizard, Clovis had no intention to fight the beast right away. He was actually running toward the stairs to go up.

"!!!" The lizard was bewildered, but it soon saw Clovis changing his magazine. It turned out that Clovis was fooling them so that he could reload.

The other beasts hurriedly chased after Clovis, but the latter shot them from above, killing them as their corpses became an obstacle for other beasts.

As expected from a Tier 2 beast. The moment he saw the route was blocked, he smashed the entire staircase. After that, it started crawling on the wall and headed straight to the second floor.

"Seriously?" Clovis had a wry smile, not expecting this strategy. He thought that the lizard would either destroy the building or exit the building to find another route, but he was wrong.

The other beasts seemed to be gathering the corpses to rebuild the stairs while the Tier 2 beast was buying time.

"..." Clovis took a deep breath, looking at the Tier 2 beast more carefully.

He should be able to kill a Tier 2 beast now that he has become a Tier 1 human.

When the lizard charged at him, Clovis took a step to the right to fool the lizard.

While the lizard's intelligence was extremely high, it didn't know martial arts, so there were a few weaknesses to exploit. The lizard fell for the fake and adjusted its position to stop Clovis.

In that instant, Clovis stomped the ground with his other foot to gain a surge of strength from his lower body.

Moving would cause his body's stability to be weak, so he tricked the lizard to do the same while he immediately raised his stance and solidified his form.

When the lizard noticed it, it was too late.

Clovis slashed the lizard from below.

The lizard lifted up its upper body to avoid it. The hands were trying to grab the sword, but Clovis released all his strength in one go, slicing a few fingers and the lizard's body.

Sadly, the fingers deflected the sword a little bit, causing his sword to only leave a shallow wound.

At the same time, the lizard immediately pushed forward its upper body to propel the entire body forward while opening its mouth.

If Clovis used his pistol, it wouldn't stop the lizard's momentum. So, he only had one choice.

Clovis raised his left arm as if taunting the lizard to bite it.

The moment the lizard closed its jaws, it was stuck because of the short sword. This was Clovis's aim.

However, the peaceful one-versus-one fight had stopped because the other beasts had begun to come to the second floor.

"Tsk." Clovis had no other choice. He threw himself back, specifically toward the window. The lizard didn't want to let him go, so it ended up jumping off the building with Clovis.

Clovis hurriedly spun his body and positioned the lizard below him, using the lizard as a cushion.

Bam!

The impact caused the lizard to open its mouth. Now that his left arm was free, Clovis pulled out the pistol. There were still a lot of beasts around, so he didn't have a lot of time.

He used the pistol to stop the beasts in his surroundings while waving his long sword to slice the lizard's neck. This time, the lizard didn't have the time to react and ended up dying from that slash.

At the same time, Clovis had to return to the building since their enemies were still observing him from a distance.

Chapter 79 Another Beast Wave

"Sir. I can't find the sniper."

"You still can't find her?" The middle-aged man frowned while maintaining the jamming device. "Hurry up and find her. She is the most dangerous one among them because of her weapon."

"I understand." The young man kept looking around behind the window.

The middle-aged man couldn't help but become concerned. The device itself was not very big. However, they still needed to be exposed and faced toward Clovis's group or the concrete would block the signal.

They positioned themselves at the limit of the device, so they truly couldn't afford to get their signal disturbed by the concrete.

But this was also the reason why they were in danger.

It had been several minutes since Kanaria disappeared.

The middle-aged man had two choices. First, he should retreat even if it meant he had failed. Although he agreed to this mission, he didn't want his face to be seen or they would find out about him. As for the second option, they remained in this place, believing that Kanaria couldn't find this place.

It seemed that the middle-aged man believed that a few more minutes would be fine.

Unbeknownst to him, his opponent, Kanaria, was a tougher opponent than he originally thought.

As soon as Kanaria got the enemies' position, she immediately leaped out of the building, specifically toward the rooftop of the building in front of her. There was only one floor difference, so she didn't hesitate to jump.

After getting the general location of their enemies, Kanaria made sure to jump outside their line of sight.

She even landed easily and rolled on the ground to reduce the impact. If it wasn't for Clovis's gift that increased her speed, she wouldn't be able to cover the distance.

Now that she had reached this building, she gradually made her way toward the next building. Unfortunately, the next building wasn't that tall.

Kanaria had to go down one floor first before she made another jump. The rest of the building only had two floors on average, which allowed her to make her way toward the enemies.

After crossing five buildings, Kanaria jumped off the two-story building straight to the ground. She slid down the pole and landed on the ground safely.

This was the reason why Kanaria was always better than Lovelia. As a sniper, it would be best to move after a few shots so that the enemies, whether they were beasts or humans, wouldn't know their location.

Hence, Kanaria learned parkour. Her movement, her positioning, and her aim were far superior to Lovelia's, who was a short-ranged combatant.

She stopped by a tall building that she believed allowed her to get her enemies in sight.

Without hesitation, she climbed the building. Instead of the rooftop, she used a broken window to aim for the enemy so that she had enough cover to hide herself.

Kanaria aimed her sniper rifle toward the building that was supposed to be the enemy's hideout and found a young man behind the window.

"!!!" Kanaria looked at other floors, but she didn't find anyone.

'Is it only that young man? Or does he have other accomplices?' Kanaria thought. Considering she didn't see the jamming device on him, she believed that their enemy had more people.

"Either way, I have to stop them even if it means making them focus on me." Kanaria took a deep breath, carefully aiming at this young man.

The young man was still trying to locate Kanaria until he suddenly heard a flash on one of the buildings. However, before the sound arrived, the window shattered as he was thrown back.

Bang!

"What?" The middle-aged man, who was hiding deeper inside the building, widened his eyes in shock.

"Aaaahhhh!" The young man was screaming in pain as he clutched his right shoulder.

Half of his shoulder was gone, showing both the weapon as well as the bullet she used. If not for the fact that the window deflected the trajectory of the bullet a little bit, his chest would be the one suffering from this.

Without hesitation, the middle-aged man rushed to the young man and dragged him inside.

Bang!

The second bullet hit the building, but this time, Kanaria missed and hit the wall instead.

"How does she know our location? There are still at least a few tall buildings around us." The middle-aged man gasped while looking at the young man. He put down the device in the open area so that the jamming would still work.

In the meantime, he ripped his sleeve and covered the young man's wound.

"Take a deep breath." The middle-aged man gritted his teeth. It seemed that they had no choice but to retreat this time. "We're going to escape right now."

"En." The young man nodded with teary eyes. He had a hard time enduring the pain.

He grabbed the jamming device before lifting up the young man. Yet, before they moved, the situation took an unpredictable turn.

Roar!

Roar!

Roar!

A series of roars caused the city to become lively again. However, the roars were actually closing in on Clovis's position.

Clovis, Jay, and Kanaria couldn't help but raise their heads, realizing that something had gone wrong. It was clear that this was a planned attack.

The middle-aged man observed the noises and said, "What? The beasts are coming toward them? Don't tell me... there are other parties trying to kill them."

Because Lovelia requested their group block their connections, the middle-aged man misunderstood her, thinking that Lovelia also prepared another party to do the execution.

However, there was one person who took this beast wave much more seriously. It was Melody.

"Damn. Such a coincidence... or not. Are they being targeted by someone? Is it related to that incident?" Melody looked at the radar as well as the sound of those roars. "The beasts are closing in. There should be a few hundred beasts coming here.

I don't know the reason, but they are in danger."

Melody looked at the screen carefully before making her decision. "Tsk. They should pay me much higher after this. It can't be helped, I guess I will tire myself out today by becoming a mobile operator."

Chapter 80 Mobile Operator

Two mysterious guys were standing next to a giant machine. They had been hiding in this city for a while.

"The communication has been cut off," said one of them while checking his device. "Should we begin?"

"..." The other guy maintained his silence while looking at the radar. "How far is the range of this machine again?"

"About ten kilometers. It should be enough to reach the center of the city. Even though it is weak, there is still a chance that the Tier 3 beast will also get disturbed by the sound."

The man frowned. "That lass from the Renvolt family is moving. It seems that she is trying to stop the jamming device."

"What? This soon? Does she know where they are?"

"I'm not sure. If I'm not wrong, they have a new operator, right? Who is it?"

"I don't know. I have been trying to find the information, but other than the fact that there is a new operator, I can't get anything else."

"Is it erased?" The guy frowned.

"I don't know."

"..."

There was an awkward silence that lasted for a whole minute. On the one hand, they weren't that afraid of fighting them. On the other hand, this new operator piqued their interest.

Someone who could hide their tracks from them must be extremely talented.

"If there is indeed such a talented operator, we have to activate the machine as soon as possible. If they manage to restore their connection before the beasts arrive, they can easily regroup and defeat these beasts."

Without hesitation, the guy immediately turned on the machine while the other one was controlling it.

"Did you see the operator? Did that person join the front line?"

"No. I think the operator is a camping operator."

"That's good then. We will distract them and the operator will be useless."

Both of them seemed to have reached an agreement while activating the machine.

The light had been turned on, and the speaker began to release a sound. The sound itself couldn't be heard by a normal person, only beasts could.

However, the effect wasn't immediate.

"Hmm? Nothing is happening."

"No sounds coming from the beasts... Is this item broken?"

"Maybe defective..."

"But the one selling it was that guy, so I don't think this is defective."

They were confused, doubting that the machine actually worked. But they found out that the machine was working before long as a series of roars resounded across the city.

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"This is getting bad." Melody sighed. "Although I don't want to do it, I guess I have to stop being lazy today if I want to survive."

Melody opened her bag and took out a pistol and a few grenades. No one would imagine that she had brought all these dangerous items in her backpack.

But with this, she could come out of the car.

After checking the radar, Melody immediately moved toward Kanaria instead of Clovis and Jay.

Kanaria, who was still observing the enemy's movement, suddenly heard Melody's voice from the transmission.

"Kanaria. Can you hear me?"

"Melody? I see. The communication has been restored." Kanaria felt relieved that she had done something for the group.

However, Melody immediately shot her down by saying, "No. I'm using the short-range transmission. I can't be too far from you with this. In fact, I'm currently right at the bottom of the building."

"What?" Kanaria widened her eyes in disbelief.

"So, get down for now. There is a beast wave coming here. It's best to retreat before they reach us. I leave behind the car and all other equipment just for this, so hurry up." Melody's tone became strict. It was far different from her usual way of speaking.

Kanaria took a few seconds to think before retreating back to the inside. When she climbed down the building, she could see Melody waiting for her on the first floor.

Her left hand was holding a pistol, while her right hand was typing.

"Let's go. I have created a route for us to retreat." Melody pointed outside.

Kanaria felt weird, but she didn't have any choice but to follow her. It was quite surprising that Melody was moving like this. After all, she perfectly understood what it meant for an operator leading in the front. Was Melody a mobile operator? She thought.

They were moving toward Clovis and Jay while maintaining a certain distance from the building next to them. They had to be covered perfectly after all.

It only took one minute before they could see the places where Clovis and Jay were besieged. A lot of beasts had died, but it didn't really matter.

As soon as they were in range, Melody activated her device and spoke, "Clovis, Jay. Do you copy?"

"Melody?!" Both of them replied at the same time.

"The communication hasn't been restored and this place is going to be run over by the beasts. So, we will regroup and retreat according to my route."

"Got it." Clovis answered without hesitation before he noticed Kanaria and Melody in the corner of his eyes. "I found you two."

All of a sudden, the skyglasses colored a few beasts red.

"I'll take care of the red ones. You kill the rest before heading to Jay," said Melody while raising her pistol.

Clovis couldn't help but smile as he slashed the beast in front of him. As soon as the beast died, he kicked the body toward another beast to hinder its movement before impaling it with his short sword.

There was a 'red' beast coming from the right, but before it could leap into the air, Melody shot its body, causing the beast to fall down. Then she shot it another two times to kill it completely.

Clovis spun his body to fight the one coming from the opposite side, but Kanaria actually shot this beast before it could even approach him.

"..." Clovis only smiled because these two were truly reliable. But it was obvious that Kanaria did it because she didn't want to lose to Melody.

Since that was the case, he headed straight to Jay's location at fast speed while saying, "We'll discuss compensation and other things after we're safe, okay?"

"Sure," Melody replied while shooting another beast.