

World Mall 781

Chapter 781: Shocking News

[OpenSky Company has created two new subsidiaries. OpenHealth and OpenPower will now shake the world.]

[OpenHealth has announced it will focus on expanding the new beast soul in more countries.]

[OpenHealth has announced the development of the new recovery pod. Lucifania and Hana Skylark are sisters?]

[OpenPower has announced the development of Soul Weapons. It will now be coming out to the public in six months.]

[OpenPower has developed the new power suits.]

[Lucifania has shocked the whole world with the new recovery liquid.]

[A recovery liquid that can boost the recovery of high-tier explorers?]

[Doctor Lucifania is offered fellowships from many academies around the world, including professor titles?]

[The new generation of Professor Aisha, who once shocked the whole world with her awakening liquid?]

[Lucifania is rumored to be one of Clovis Hacfield's women?]

[Blood flows. Just like the father, Clovis Hacfield is planning to marry an important figure in the medical field?]

Clovis was reading all kinds of news in his break time, never thinking the matter would have gotten so big.

What he gave her was the recovery water that Another World Mall had to offer. The recovery water at the grocery store also came in tiers. However, before leaving, he could only give Tier 0 to Tier 4 recovery water.

He never thought that in just a short few months, Luci actually managed to develop this world version of recovery water. Not only did she manage to make one, but she also developed it further.

Even without higher-tier recovery water, she actually managed to develop the recipe all the way to Tier 7.

Due to the lack of participation from Tier 8 humans, the recipe hadn't been developed yet. However, thanks to the news, it didn't seem to be a problem anymore.

Even if they didn't believe it, it was research that had been recognized worldwide. Absalom would definitely take part in the development.

There would definitely be multiple companies in the country to have a meeting with her. Obviously, Hana would be the first one to step in since she had partnered up with Luci.

Clovis, of course, had given his permission. However, he knew that other companies would definitely develop their own recovery water at this rate.

Hence, after some discussions, Clovis and Hana decided to create an alliance for this recovery water. Hana didn't dare to monopolize it, not because she was worried about the backlash from the society, but because she didn't want Clovis to think she was too overbearing and refuse to cooperate with Another World Mall.

In fact, thanks to the new business venture, OpenHealth was created. OpenHealth would become a new front that would create an alliance with other companies in other countries for the distribution of the new beast soul.

Of course, Clovis had promised the artifact as well. And to boost their new city, they planned out an auction of these artifacts in the new city. Of course, the date hadn't been decided since Clovis had to get strong enough to protect them first. At the very least, this would also boost Kanaria's reputation as the one managing their city.

Even though his grandfather told him to have his own connections, Clovis actually had another idea. Rather than creating connections, he would simply circulate the money, reputation, and achievements around his family.

Hana would offer the money to help the family, Kanaria would circulate it around through their city, and Luci would create inventions that made money.

Meanwhile, Christina had her own talent. Sooner or later, she would become a warrior stronger than any of them. She would be a pillar that could withstand any storm.

Clovis then became the beacon that gathered and circulated it. Of course, if he himself were powerless, people would be concerned about his own authority. But that was solved because all their achievements came through him.

Hana could create a much bigger business empire thanks to his connections and his mall. Kanaria could create a city thanks to him accepting the offer of the country. Luci got it because of the items in his mall. Even Christina grew at such speed thanks to his group.

In addition to Reolf's existence, there was nothing he had to fear. In the future, if a problem arises, he simply lets his wives deal with it.

Still, to do that, he also needed power of his own. That was why he had to grow fast.

After waiting for so long, he finally received the last transfer he required.

[You've received 1,128,673,389 Union Dollars.]

Clovis smiled before teleporting to his mall. As usual, Blue always came to greet him.

[Welcome back, Master.]

Clovis nodded and checked his status. It had been 1 year ever since he left the group or nine months after Reolf's appearance. He rarely entered the mall due to the training, so he was quite curious about its growth so far.

[Name: Clovis Hacfield]

[Membership: Level 28 (Premium Member)]

[Money: 11,304,596,799 Otherworld Coins.]

[Item Limit: 30/Visit]

[Visit: 4 (5)/Day]

Clovis shook his head helplessly when he saw the number of coins. "I was broke and had a hard time just eating instant noodles. To think I can have over ten billion in my accounts in just two years... As

expected, business is more profitable than hunting. Then again, Hana is good at it, so I'm seeing more money than I'm supposed to.

"Anyway, from the pattern of the upgrade requirement, I will probably need 1.5 billion, 2.5 billion and 5 billion for the next three levels. That will be a total of 9 billion, leaving me with over 2 billion to spend. It should be enough, right?"

Clovis thought about it carefully. If he wanted, he could upgrade the requirement right away, but this time, he didn't know what kind of store would pop out, so he wanted to save enough money before attempting it. Besides, he planned to splurge today, as he was ready with not just one but two lottery tickets. Yes, he wanted to get a super discount at two stores today after testing the new store.

With an excited smile on his face, Clovis ordered out loud. "All right. Blue. It's time. Upgrade the mall three times! Let's become a VVIP member!"

Chapter 782: Personal Assistant

[-1.500.000.000 otherworldly coins.]

[You've leveled up to level 29 (Premium Member)]

[-2.500.000.000 otherworldly coins.]

[You've leveled up to level 30 (Premium Member)]

[-5.000.000.000 otherworldly coins.]

[You've leveled up to level 31 (VVIP - 1)]

[Congratulations, you've become Another World Mall's VVIP member.]

[You've received an additional 5-item limit per visit.]

[Privilege]

[VVIP members are allowed to generate one pass to another person. The person who receives the pass will be allowed to enter Another World Mall with the permission of the VVIP member.]

[Users with a special pass have the right to purchase according to the limit the VVIP member has. The money will be deducted directly from the VVIP member's otherworldly coins. (Limit Visit: 1/Day)]

[Personal Assistant.]

"Hmm... The privilege is not bad, but only one guess per day, not per visit?" Clovis glanced at Blue.

[Yes, Master. The limit is one per day. If you wish to invite someone here, you can use the transfer method as usual.]

"What if I'm not there? Can that person enter as well?"

[As long as you give the permission, the special pass will directly transfer the person to the mall.]

"I see." Clovis crossed his arms. "It's not bad. We can even use this offensively if needed. How about this personal assistant? Don't I have one already?"

It was obvious Clovis was talking about Blue. However, Blue denied it.

[While I'm your personal guide, I'm not your assistant. My role is to help you purchase things within the mall. Your personal assistant will be able to assist you in any way possible. For example, you will now be able to access not only your inventory but also your personal assistant.]

"!!!" Clovis widened his eyes in surprise. "So, does that mean I can order the assistant from the real world?"

[Yes, Master. Your personal assistant will be able to assist you.]

"I see. So, who is this personal assistant?"

[You can customize it here.]

Blue opened up a panel. Inside the panel were many buttons, starting from race to its body features.

"Hmm... There are a lot of things..." Clovis squinted his eyes. "Is this going to cause trouble with the girls? Well, Blue... What if you become my personal assistant?"

Clovis thought it would be alright if Blue became a personal assistant. With Blue's appearance, which clearly showed him as a robot, there should be no other problems with him being his assistant.

Besides, he had gotten used to having Blue by his side.

[If that's your wish, I can do it for you, Master. In that case, another personal guide will be born. Regarding my appearance, it will be like this.]

Suddenly, the panel changed. All kinds of things were selected. A humanoid robot formed. It had the appearance of a female with long light blue hair. She was wearing a white shirt, a dark blue blazer, and a skirt matching the color of the blazer.

The problem was in her facial features. Clovis could see pointy ears like those of an elf. She wore black-framed glasses, enchanting her sharp eyes to make her look like an intelligent beauty.

"Huh? Why would you change your appearance?" Clovis asked with a wry smile.

[That is necessary to show that I'm your personal assistant, not your guide. Rather than a rough appearance, a pleasing appearance will make you and other people more comfortable when talking to me.]

[However, Blue has taken your feelings about your significant others into account. By making me look humanoid while having the features of an otherworldly species, it will show that there's no need for jealousy.]

"..." Clovis was a bit speechless. "I mean, being beautiful enough like this will cause a problem, no?"

[In that case, Blue will adjust its appearance.]

The panel showed a slight adjustment. This time, the eyes had patterns that made them look like mechanical eyes. Some links had been added all around the body, making it look like a golem instead of an actual humanoid. However, Blue carefully added the details so that it wouldn't be too much and make it look uglier.

"Well, this should be fine." Clovis sighed helplessly. "Still, why elf?"

[It is a race that bears the closest resemblance to humans in terms of appearance. Blue can adjust the race depending on Master's preferences.]

"I don't really have any preferences. Just set it like this. I don't really care about your appearance to be honest." Clovis shrugged. "Even if I have a preference, it will be humans."

[Understood. The body is now being processed. I shall change my body after the regular system reset.]

"So, once I use up all the time limits and visits?"

[Yes. Before that, please allow me to accompany you one last time in this form, Master.]

Clovis smiled. "Sure. Let's check what has just been opened, shall we?"

[Yes.]

Blue showed another panel to show everything that had been opened after becoming a VVIP member.

[Opening up a new store.]

[A new store (Pason and Mason Petshop) has been opened.]

[Opening the service store.]

[A new store (Druid Spa) has been opened.]

Clovis was dumbfounded. "The first thing that opens is a spa?"

[Yes, Master. They offer the usual spa services. Due to the nature of the VVIP membership, upgrading the membership won't increase the number of stores of the same nature for the service stores. Instead, it will continue to unlock more retail stores.]

"I see. So, that's the pet shop. No, wait. This pet shop..." Clovis squinted his eyes.

[Each pet shop has one pet collar to offer.]

"Really? Doesn't that mean I can have two pets right now?" Clovis gasped.

[Yes. However, the limitation is the same.]

"I understand that." Clovis' eyes lit up. He never thought that he could get another pet. If he added Reolf to the mix, his combat power increased drastically. If Reolf and this new pet reached Tier 9, there would be three Tier 9s in their group.

Still, it would be quite dangerous because people would think he would become a bit too terrifying in the future.

However, as long as he played it correctly, it could create an even bigger opportunity.

In the end, he was still quite excited at the thought of having another Reolf beside him.

"Although the pet shop is amazing, I'm still curious about this spa. Let me check it first before using the super discount ticket."

Chapter 783: Spa

"So, this is the spa." Clovis smiled. It definitely looked like the entrance to a spa in a modern mall. It didn't show any fantasy-like entrance. Then again, there was no store that had such a thing.

Clovis entered the shop. Unlike other shops, the menu was actually at the front desk. The only thing that made him curious was actually the cylinder next to the front desk. He was wondering what it was.

Still, the menu itself wasn't as different as he originally expected.

It had a lot of similar options, but the effect was definitely ridiculous.

[Detoxifying Treatment (30,000,000 otherworldly coins)]

Effect: Overall physical abilities increase by 10% for 24 hours and removes all sorts of poisons under Tier 5.

"Blue... this kind of treatment... Is it not a bit too much?" Clovis gasped.

[Of course not, Master. As you are already aware, a lot of items have less and less effect the stronger you are. That is because your strength increases drastically every time you increase your tier.]

[So, even if it gives a lower effect, it will still give you a boost much bigger than the previous tier. Of course, the same applies to the food you're eating right now. Now, most raw ingredients only give you 2% to 2.5% affinity.]

[It will be lower when you reach Tier 6 and so on. However, the effect of the treatment in this store doesn't correspond to your tier. Instead, it will remain the same no matter what your current strength is.]

[There are two reasons. The first reason is the technique itself. Due to the changes in your body as you increase the tier, the technique has to be changed to suit your constitution. As a result, it will produce a similar result because it's only about matching your constitution.]

[The second is the ingredients. More potent ingredients can end up harming your health, so this establishment doesn't offer such a thing. Instead, it gives you the perfect materials that your body currently needs. Hence, this effect will remain the same.]

"I see. So, if I'm Tier 9, can it even remove a Tier 9 poison?" This was probably the biggest effect. Even his grandfather would worry about a poison. As long as he had this treatment, he didn't have to worry about poison anymore. The only thing he had to worry about was his current strength. If he didn't get strong enough and encountered a much more powerful poison, even this treatment was useless.

[Also, have you noticed something different, Master?]

"Hmm?" Clovis frowned. "What do you mean?"

[After becoming a VVIP member, you are now allowed to see the exact Tier of everything in this mall.]

"Oh? But I have been keeping track of them, even if there's no tier. So, it doesn't change much for me."

[Of course. It's a minor upgrade, so I didn't mention it.]

"Well..." Clovis shrugged and continued reading the menu, only to be shocked by what he found.

[Special Druid Massage (25,000,000,000 Otherworldly Coins)]

Effect: Remove fatigue, loosen energy channels, reduce pain by 20% for 24 hours, and reduce fatigue rate by 20% for 24 hours.

What Clovis found strange was not the massage itself, but what was underneath it.

[Spa Package +++ (120,000,000 Otherworldly Coins)]

Description: Detoxifying Treatment, Special Druid Massage, Facial Treatment

It wouldn't have been strange if it was the only one, but there was a much cheaper option.

[Space Package (70,000,000 Otherworldly Coins)]

Description: Detoxifying Treatment, Special Druid Massage, Facial Treatment

The description was the same. In other words, it was supposed to offer the same thing, so why would it be 50 million more expensive?

"Although I had expected this, this +++ package..." Clovis glanced at Blue with his eyebrows twitching.

[Of course. We definitely offer that kind of service, Master. You became 18 years old a few months prior, so you can now enjoy the service. The same applies to the bookstores. We have various amazing books you can explore.]

"..." Clovis facepalmed. As he expected, it was that kind of service. Though, it was even more amazing that the price of the treatment was doubled. It wasn't just a small sum either. It was a freaking 50 million otherworldly coins.

Fortunately, he already had four girlfriends. There was no need for this kind of treatment. It wasn't like him either to spend so extravagantly on such a thing.

"Anyway, I'm going to try this normal package. Do I even have the permission to remove this kind of thing entirely?"

[No. You might even want it in the future. Even if it's not you, others might want to try...]

"..." Clovis could only think of two people. Jay and Ragna. Aileen would definitely castrate Erwin if she ever caught him picking this package.

"Anyway, I'm going to try it. Also, the new pet is welcome. I will buy one later, so prepare it for me." Clovis waved his hand. Having a second pet would definitely increase his strength tremendously. It could even be his trump card.

Besides, he could hide the second pet, which no one knew about, in Another World Mall. So, he would definitely catch one right away.

After all, it took quite some time for even Reolf to catch up to him. It was better to get the new pet quickly and let it catch up.

[Understood.]

Once he picked up the package, the cylinder he was curious about earlier shone brightly.

"What's this?" Clovis covered his eyes, peeking from a small gap between his fingers to see what was going on.

A figure gradually formed inside the cylinder. The form looked like a woman in her early twenties. She had a graceful face and wore a rather simple white staff outfit. Still, this one wasn't human. It had short, pointy ears and emerald green eyes.

"What is that, Blue? Who is she?"

[She is the staff of the mall for this store. Each store will have one that will appear whenever you need it. You can't talk to her. However, if you choose the special package, she will be no different from a living being.]

"Are you sure this is legal?"

[This is the international world, the area between this world and other worlds. Just like international waters, the international world doesn't have a law.]

"You—!"

Chapter 784: Pet Shop

"Ha..." Clovis came out of the spa a few hours later, his expression completely mellowed out. His body was so light that it felt like he could fly in the sky. His mind was refreshed as though the problems in the world didn't matter to him.

The massage was definitely amazing.

[Welcome back, Master.]

"Oh, Blue..." Clovis nodded with a small nod. "The treatment is quite nice."

[I'm glad that you like it, Master.]

"Yep." Although he wanted to enjoy it a bit more, he still didn't forget about the other objectives for waiting so long to upgrade. "That's right. How about opening the discount?"

[Of course, Master. I will open it for you.]

The spinning wheel emerged before him. "Let's try one first."

Without hesitation, Clovis pressed the 'spin' button as the wheel began spinning. It gradually stopped at 'Accessories,' which meant all accessory stores would give the discount. The number was also spinning and stopped at 40%.

"Hoh? Accessories, huh?" Clovis had been thinking about it. He had already gotten Tier 5 accessories for himself, but he couldn't send them to others. Hence, he never had the need to buy one yet.

But since there was an opportunity, it was probably good to purchase everything.

"There are three accessory shops, right?"

[Yes, Master.]

"Suppose I want to empty out the stores?"

[Will you buy everything from Tier 0 to Tier 5 accessories?]

That was right. He should also consider buying lower-tier accessories. If he was going to reveal this unique ability to Hana, the accessories would be a good way to do it. However, there were two problems.

"How much do you need to empty out everything?"

[For three stores, it will be a total of 1,086,890,900 otherworldly coins.]

"How about only counting Tier 5 accessories? Also, how many items are there? Is my item limit enough?"

[For the previous case, there are a total of 169 items. If you only want Tier 5 accessories, there are 44 items because you haven't bought a lot of them yet. The total cost will be 870,400,320 otherworldly coins.]

[With the discount, the total will be 522,240,192 otherworldly coins.]

Clovis rubbed his chin, contemplating. The item limit should be enough. The only problem was the money. After the spa and the upgrade, he should still have 1.7 billion coins left. The money itself wasn't a problem, but the item limit would be a problem.

After all, he wanted to buy the items from the new pet shop along with one more super discount. If he bought too much, the item limit wouldn't be enough.

Of course, there was another solution, which was to use the first discount today and the second discount tomorrow. But because he didn't know what store it would be, he couldn't be careless. He might end up not having enough money to purchase the items.

"Well..." Clovis' expression turned playful soon. "Then again, I do have Hana. I can always borrow some money and give her some accessories for her to play with."

Clovis decided. "All right. Buy everything, Blue. Empty the three accessory stores. Use the visit if we have reached the item limits. Also, how about the second pet shop? I want to buy the collar."

A screen appeared before him, showing the item.

Name: Adjustable Choker (500,000,000 otherworldly coins)

Description: A magical choker with a special material that can stretch for more than fifteen meters.

Effect: Tame any Tier 1 animal or lower, giving 10% affinity from the start.

"500 million? Are you serious?" Clovis gasped. "Isn't it a hundred times more expensive than the previous collar?"

[Yes. However, the second pet shop is slightly different from the first one. Please check them first, Master.]

"Hmm?" Clovis decided to take a look at this new pet shop. It seemed Blue wasn't joking when he said the pet shop was different.

Name: Universal Pet Growth Pill (Tier 5)

Description: Pet vitamin made of magical cores.

Effect: Pet Talent +5% for A-rank talent, 10% for B-rank talent, 15% for C-rank talent, and increase one whole talent rank for D-rank and lower.

Name: Demonic Evolution Pellet (Tier 5)

Description: Allow your pet to tap a bit of its full potential.

Effect: Create a small mutation for the beast. 100% chance of forming a new beast soul, 50% of forming two new beast souls, and 10% chance of forming three new beast souls.

Name: Dragon Water Bath (Tier 5)

Description: A water bath that has been used by a lesser dragon. Soaking in it will aid the pet's recovery.

Effect: Recovery rate +30% for Tier 5 and above, 100% for Tier 4 and lower.

Clovis was stupefied. He simply couldn't believe what this store actually offered.

"Are you serious?" Clovis dropped his jaw.

[It's real, Master.]

"If the first pet shop focuses on daily growth, this pet shop offers recovery and sudden growth." Clovis sucked a cold breath. He still had the watch that monitored Reolf's status.

Name: Reolf

Race: Dire Wolf

Grade: 5

Talent: A- (20.1%)

Affinity: 100/100

He thought Reolf was already good enough, but he was wrong.

"Now that I think about it, it's a fantasy mall for a reason. What next? Reolf is going to evolve from the dire wolf to the divine wolf Fenrir or something? Maybe I should get a lizard or something... Maybe it will transform into a dragon?" Clovis was wiping the sweat on his forehead, unable to imagine the world's reaction at that time.

Either way, it was indeed a good thing, but the problem was that each of these items was expensive.

"It's clear that these things are rare items, so they might not get restocked or at least require months or even years to reappear. If I purchase it right now, I can enhance Reolf's talent or help the new pet to let him gain some foothold. But that also means I won't have enough money to use the second discount ticket.

"After all, I will only have 500-700 million left after purchasing everything I want here. Although it might be enough with the super discount, I don't want to risk it..."

Clovis carefully considered his options. "Ah, yes. Let's stick with the original decision. I will borrow money again from Hana."

Chapter 785: Shocked

After he was satisfied with everything he bought, Clovis finally exited Another World Mall. He had spent a considerable amount of time at Another World Mall, so Mara had been waiting for him.

"..." Clovis smiled wryly because what greeted him was Mara's face. Although she didn't show any anger, the fact that she was standing right in front of the spot where he disappeared showed how annoyed she was.

"Sorry..."

"I'm not angry." Mara shook her head. "It looks like you have gotten something good."

"Yeah." Clovis nodded. "It's related to my second unique ability."

"I see. Well, it doesn't matter." Mara shrugged. "I will give you one more hour."

"One more hour?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion. It wasn't like Mara to spare him from training, especially after a mistake. He left her longer than he was supposed to, so this was a huge mistake.

However, there was something that bothered him. It was Reolf's reaction. He was just standing there with a confused face.

"What's wrong, Reolf?" Clovis tilted his head. "Is there something wrong with my face?"

Reolf walked cautiously to Clovis before sniffing him again as though he was unsure about Clovis. After recognizing the smell, he started to lick him again.

"Woof!"

"What's wrong? You're acting weird today." Clovis chuckled, not understanding Reolf's behavior today. "Anyway, I have good news for you. Do you want a brother or a sister? I can recruit one more, you know?"

"!!!" Reolf looked excited right away. He had been alone as a beast in this group, so having another companion would be good.

However, his head soon hung low as if he realized what would happen. "Awoo..."

"Why are you acting like this?"

Reolf pointed at his mouth with his paw, telling him it was about the food. If there were going to be another one, food would be reduced, Clovis' love would be reduced, and he might not be the favorite anymore.

Clovis shook his head helplessly. "Don't worry. Even if there's another one, I will love both of you equally. Of course, all the resources will remain the same. Besides, take this."

Clovis took out the Demonic Evolution Pellet.

Without hesitation, Reolf swallowed it, fully trusting Clovis.

"!!!" He abruptly widened his eyes and soon sat down before closing his eyes as if he were a human who was about to meditate.

"..." Clovis smiled wryly, not knowing what he was supposed to say. Reolf had been weird today. Nevertheless, having one more beast would be a good thing, so he was thinking about asking Melody about a beast that would suit his preference.

Still, there was one number he needed to call first. It was none other than Hana's. He really needed money to use the second discount ticket.

There was another option, which was to wait for one or two more months to get enough money from his royalty, but it simply took too long.

It was better to use it the next day so that he could adjust his plans for the next two months according to what he got.

With Reolf focused on the meditation, Clovis immediately video-called Hana.

Hana was having a meeting, but as soon as she saw who called her, she immediately left the room to pick up the call. Clovis wasn't the type of person who would call her for no reason, so it must be something important.

As soon as she accepted, she offered a smile. "Clovis. How are you do—?"

She wanted to greet him, only to find herself shocked by the face in front of her.

"Yo, Hana. How are you doing? Sorry for calling you all of a sudden. Are you busy at the moment? If yes, I will call you later when you're not busy."

Hana blinked her eyes a few times, unable to say anything.

"What's wrong? Oi? Hana Skylark? Miss greedy little goblin?" Clovis was baffled. Normally, whenever he called her the last one to tease her, she would have glared daggers at him. But she hadn't said anything yet.

"Is there anything on my face?" Clovis rubbed his chin before turning around, thinking Mara or Reolf might be behind him.

"Clovis? Are you really training right now? Are you not going to another country for plastic surgery?"

"Plastic surgery? Why would I have such a thing?" Clovis tilted his head in confusion.

"Why don't you activate your own camera on the screen?" Hana pointed to the left, where the button was supposed to be.

When he tapped it, another screen appeared, showing his own face. It was at this moment he realized why Reolf and Hana had shown such a huge reaction.

"Who the fuck are you? No, wait, you are me..." Clovis blurted out his shock without thinking. It was indeed his face.

However, unlike his normal face, this one felt more energetic and looked glistening. He had worn light makeup whenever there was an important occasion just to make himself a bit more presentable.

He might not be as handsome as a model, but he still had some confidence in his appearance. But the face on screen was simply too absurd. It was like a model.

There was only one thing on his mind. It was the spa. He rarely treated his body, but a moment ago, he got a facial treatment. Of course, it might also be the effect of Another World Mall, but the effect was beyond his imagination.

Clovis smiled wryly. "Ahahaha. This... I'm not undergoing plastic surgery or something."

"Then..." Hana squinted her eyes, demanding an answer. She definitely needed to know.

Clovis looked away before sighing. "You know about my unique ability, right? I have promised to show you after having a major breakthrough, right?"

"I have achieved it today after receiving the royalty for this month. And try the new one, which seems to be the cause of this transformation."

"Can a unique ability transform you that much?" Hana gasped. "But if I'm not wrong, you can share that unique ability with the others..."

Even though she didn't finish her sentences, the meaning was clear. Who wouldn't want to be more beautiful?

Clovis thought for a moment before saying, "It's better to tell you about it directly. And I can't say whether the effect will be the same on you or not. All I can say is you can receive the same thing."

"!!!"

Chapter 786 786: Money

"!!!" Hana was in shock. Although Clovis couldn't tell everything about his unique ability in a call, she could actually receive the same treatment as Clovis when they met?

This was simply too absurd. Hana had a hard time containing her excitement, but there was still one thing that bothered her.

Clovis wasn't the type of person that called for no reason on his journey. Although she had been distracted by his face this whole time, it might be better to return to the main topic.

This was definitely not her way to persuade Clovis to give her that treatment... definitely.

Hana asked, "So, why do you call me? There aren't many reasons I can think of. But most of the time, it's probably about money..."

Clovis smiled wryly. "That is indeed correct. Actually, I have used my unique abilities on a few accessories.

"I can let you use some, but you shouldn't sell them yet."

"!!!" Hana widened her eyes in shock. Even if Clovis gave her the accessory, it would be hard to measure the worth of that accessory in a short time. An auction had to be established as well.

Receiving the accessories early would allow her to appraise the accessories and understand their value as well as prepare other things.

At the same time, she realized this was also a test from Clovis. It was a test for her greed. If Hana ended up selling it under the table before he gave his permission, the trust between them would be broken.

Clovis didn't mind her greedy personality, but greed also had its limits. If it was simply going to destroy things around her, it was better to find it out sooner and end things.

Hana took a deep breath before asking, "Are you sure you're going to give me all that?"

Clovis nodded. "Yes, after I return."

Hana thought for a moment before asking, "By the way, how much money do you need this time? Because of the rapid expansion, my cash is quite low."

Clovis raised two fingers. "One or two billion should be enough."

"That much?" Hana widened her eyes in surprise.

"You don't have it?"

"Mhmmm..." Hana let out a long sigh. "But don't worry. I can prepare it. When do you need it? Today?"

"Tomorrow is fine."

Hana nodded. "In that case, I will borrow some money from my grandfather."

"Sir Jeremy?"

"Yes. My grandfather is not as ambitious anymore, so he should have plenty of cash. Don't worry. I won't tell him about you. Instead, I will ask for some pocket money for smaller projects."

"Is it fine?"

"Of course." Hana nodded. "You don't have to worry about it. Haven't I told you before? I'm going to earn money for you. You are going to use your money so I can earn even more money."

"Besides, two billion is a small number. As more and more branches open, more money will enter our pockets. Of course, getting a loan from a bank is also an option, but I'd rather not have a conversation with them unless it's necessary."

Clovis nodded in understanding. "Thank you."

"You may know this, but this is not free." Hana's eyes flashed. "Once you return, give me the accessories. Also, I want to try that treatment like... right away! I want the treatment. Or can I just go to you right now?"

Clovis smiled wryly before shaking his head. "It's fine, isn't it? Anyway, I promise that you will be the first one to see the true form of my unique ability after I return."

"Promise?"

"Yeah. I promise."

"All right then." Hana was smiling from ear to ear. This time, Clovis didn't know whether that smile formed because of the money she could potentially earn from the accessories or the treatment from his mall. It might be both.

However, Hana had been an important partner for Clovis. He could do this much for her.

Clovis raised two fingers. "It has been a year since I started my training. It looks like it's going to end soon... approximately 3 to 6 months."

"I will keep it in mind. If you need any help, you can contact me. Even if it's another country, I can send my battleship to fetch you."

"Ahaha." Clovis chuckled. "Anyway, I'm going to hang up. I have to call the others to show them I'm fine."

Before nodding her head, Hana raised one finger. "Don't forget. I'm going to be the first one to receive the treatment."

It looked like Hana had already known that the other girls would be interested in the treatment, so she had to remind him she would be the first one.

Clovis was speechless, but he nodded his head before hanging up the call. As she expected, the moment he called Jay and the others, they went frenzied.

Kanaria, Lucifania, and Christina were demanding the same thing right away. Even Melody, who rarely cared about her appearance, showed an interest.

Aileen showed her interest by sending Erwin. Erwin asked him as his left-hand man.

Only Jay and Ragna weren't interested in it. Jay looked as if he had already married his sword, while Ragna didn't have any particular interest in his appearance because it couldn't make him muscular, which was what he truly desired.

Jay and the others were training extremely hard. Surprisingly, Dante was interested in becoming a manager.

It might be due to the injury that he didn't plan to become an explorer despite being awakened. In fact, his absorption rate was 96%, which was actually 2% more than Melody's.

However, he actually wanted to become someone similar to Rena. As if to repay Clovis' kindness for saving him, he wanted to help Libation Fiesta as a manager.

Melody supported him as well, so Hana took care of Dante by training him in her company. Besides, he couldn't study before due to his condition. The managerial position didn't require extensive knowledge, so it was a perfect position for Dante.

Clovis had told him about his next plan after hearing his grandfather's advice, and the group would move according to his direction.

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6 months later.

It had been 18 months since the beginning of his training, but Clovis finally completed his training.

Chapter 787: East

6 months later.

"We have finally arrived. So, this is the superpower of the east, Reitein?" Kanaria stretched her body while yawning.

"Well, this is going to be interesting." Jay nodded.

"Has Clovis arrived yet?" Christina asked.

"I'm not entirely sure. He's been out of contact for the last three days." Melody shook her head.

"My biggest question is, why would you be here?" Luci glanced to the side.

The entire Libation Fiesta had assembled. Even Luci had completed her training two months ago from Aisha. However, there was one person who didn't belong to the Libation Fiesta.

It was Hana. Hana simply looked as if it was the obvious thing to do. "What's wrong? You guys are using my plane to reach this place. Be grateful."

"She's too eager to receive the treatment." Kanaria rolled her eyes.

"What are you talking about? My intention in coming here is pure. I simply want to open a branch in the east, and this place is going to be the first step." Hana pouted.

"Is that so? Then, can we take the treatment first?" Christina snorted.

"Obviously not. Clovis has promised and fulfilled that promise." Hana looked away.

"..." Melody sighed before pointing to the front. "She's not the only one though. There is one more person."

When they shifted their gaze to the front, they found Vina waiting for them.

"Hello." Vina waved her hand with a gentle smile. "Thank you for coming to this place."

"Well, Vina is Vina. The reason we come here is because of Clovis' request." Kanaria shook her head helplessly.

Vina tilted her body and extended her hand toward the car behind her. "Please come in first. Let's not make a scene in the open."

Jay and Ragna weren't that concerned. Ragna simply stood in front of the car as though he were making sure everything was safe. Meanwhile, Jay entered the car without waiting for them.

Melody chuckled and followed suit.

Once the group entered the car, they departed from the airport.

"This place is definitely amazing. Having an airport is one of the hardest things simply because the threat is enormous. However, this place gathers six surrounding cities to create a defensive fortress for the airport. It's no wonder this is a superpower country." Ragna muttered while looking outside.

"That is indeed true." Hana nodded. "Even my plane, or more like an airship, has to be designed that way due to the limited space. Most countries don't have airports after all. They're simply not profitable."

"I couldn't care less about the airport. I'm more interested in the reason we're here. After all, we haven't been told anything about what we're supposed to do." Kanaria glanced at Vina.

Vina nodded. "You might not know this, but the battle of successors has begun for the Dark Moon Mercenary."

"Right now, I'm planning to destroy one of the heirs. The Libation Fiesta is the one backing me, so when I was asked about a competition, I discussed it with Clovis, and the latter agreed because hunting is your group's specialty."

"Thankfully, I'm able to shift the battlefield to what Clovis wanted, which is this place. Although I don't understand his real intention, the mission this time is to crush my competition."

"Hmm..." Jay frowned. "How many competitors are there?"

"There are only three heirs, each having a division. If I can take down one of them right now, it means I only need to crush one more person to take over the Dark Moon Mercenary."

Jay crossed his arms. "In that case, what is the mission?"

"The mission hasn't been decided yet, but the Dark Moon Sovereign is going to reveal that mission in two days."

"I see. Do you have an idea?"

"No. However, I do have an idea about our opponents." Vina opened a projection, showing a symbol.

"Huh? Isn't that..." Hana was the first one to recognize it.

Vina smiled. "It looks like Hana recognizes this symbol."

"Who?" Kanaria frowned.

Melody opened the Skynet quietly and found it almost immediately. The symbol was three swords crossing each other with a blue rose blooming at the point of their crossing.

"Three Swords." Melody squinted her eyes. "This is a very powerful group that can be considered a powerhouse of the East."

"Although the group doesn't have a Tier 9 human as its leader, they do have 3 Tier 8 humans as their leaders. In addition, the three founders are amazing individuals who have connections all over the place.

"There are rumors that they can ask for help, increasing their number to 10 Tier 8 humans."

Hana facepalmed while breathing heavily. "This is going to be a headache. My Skylark family has four Tier 8 humans. If we use our connections, we can probably gather six more, but this is the East, not Absalom."

"Are we going to fight this kind of influence?" Kanaria frowned. "No, right?"

"Well, from my perspective, the Three Swords are planning to expand to the west through the Dark Moon Mercenary." Vina shook her head helplessly. "So, we can only wait and see.

"Still, there's something weird about this trial. Even though this is supposed to be a competition between the two of us, there are many exceptional individuals currently residing in this city.

"They aren't supposed to be here, such as the one-eyed swordsman, the bloody pigeon, and even the R.A.I.D. I feel like this competition won't be as simple as we imagine.

"However, for now, the Three Swords are sending 3 Tier 7 humans along with dozens of Tier 6 humans. Two of the three swords send out their disciples. While they are still Tier 6 humans, they have a pseudo-unique ability."

After hearing the briefing, Melody let out a long sigh, saying, "It looks like we're going to have a headache this time."

"I wonder if I can even expand to the east at this rate. We can't really annoy the Three Swords too much because they have the influence to hinder my business here." Hana scratched the back of her head.

"Well, we can only wait for Clovis before making a decision." Kanaria shrugged.

"Yeah. So, where's Clovis?"

Chapter 788: Chef

"Boss. One more bowl!" Clovis raised his hand while putting down his bowl.

"OK! Please wait for a moment." The old boss took out the noodle he had just boiled and put it in the bowl as all the toppings followed smoothly.

In less than thirty seconds, the waitress had already placed the bowl down on Clovis' table.

"Oh, thank you." Clovis' eyes flashed as he began eating the food.

Surprisingly, the boss, who had been holed up inside the kitchen, suddenly came forward, asking, "I'm glad you like it, Customer."

"This is good, Boss. It's just that I never thought that a restaurant like this would be so empty. Ah, I don't mean to be rude." Clovis looked around. There was no customer beside him. So, it would be weird for a small store, with food better than anything he had eaten, to be this deserted.

Then again, he could understand because the store location was inside a dark alley, looking so shady that if Clovis were a normal person, he wouldn't have even entered this place.

The problem was that the boss himself felt like he could kill Clovis at any moment. Even the waitress was actually a Tier 6 human.

Clovis knew this place was extraordinary, but he first met them when he was searching for food after arriving here. And he ended up in front of the alley when the boss was about to open his shop. Since the other party had offered him something to eat, he decided to accept his generosity.

The problem was that this was already the second time he had eaten in this place.

"Ahahaha. I don't mind it. I serve customers who are fated to be with me." The boss laughed. "Why are you coming to this city? Sightseeing?"

"Not really." Clovis shrugged. "You can say it's for business purposes."

"A young man like you visiting this place for business... It's good to be ambitious." The boss nodded in agreement.

"Besides, Boss. Why are you coming out of your kitchen? What would happen if I wanted another bowl?" Clovis asked.

"Really? I believe you're already full." The boss smiled; his discerning eyes judged that Clovis was already full.

"Hahaha. That's indeed true. I don't think I can eat another bowl here. But maybe I should order takeout." Clovis grinned.

The boss looked surprised before laughing out loud. "Hahahaha. You're indeed an interesting young man."

"Well, I'm honored. Though, is that deal still up, Boss?" Clovis asked while pointing at the poster.

[Food Challenge.]

[Bring any ingredients that the boss hasn't experienced. If the boss fails to identify the ingredients, the customer will receive 10,000,000 union dollars. If the boss succeeds, the boss will get the right to the entire ingredient.]

The boss nodded. "Of course. I have been traveling around the world, butchering all the beasts that have been known in the world. If you can do it, I will definitely pay you ten million."

"So, that's real. You might want to change your poster, Boss. I might empty your bank account."

The boss was dumbfounded. He never thought Clovis would claim he had the ability to prove it not only once but so many times to the point where he would empty his bank account.

The boss squinted his eyes. "Young man. While we are fated, that kind of statement is not something to be taken lightly, especially for a chef."

"I'm pretty sure." Clovis nodded. "Let's see... the reason I say those words is simply because I'm intrigued by your cooking, Boss. A cooking that lets you increase your evolution progress..."

"!!!" The boss raised his eyebrows before crossing his arms. "So, you choose to investigate me?"

"At first, I'm curious. I feel something more in your cooking. In addition, from your storages, I notice multiple ingredients across many tiers.

"There are only three menus here: fried rice, ramen, and steak. However, it doesn't imply anything about the type of meat or anything.

"After seeing you choose Tier 5 meat for me, I felt curious and checked it. It was there that I found out your identity.

"The Master of All Ingredients, Wandering Chef, Dnanta Len." Clovis scratched the back of his head.
"Though, I apologize if my curiosity ends up making you uncomfortable."

The boss's face turned stern. "This is not the first time I have been investigated. Though I have never thought you are fated to be my customer, Clovis Hacfield. However, for what reason are you talking about this with me?

"I'm sure you know I don't work for anyone, even if it's a Tier 9 human."

Clovis shook his head. "You misunderstand. I never have the intention to recruit you. I'm merely revealing my curiosity. You must have your own considerations, so I won't say anything about it. I'm merely curious about that deal."

Actually, Clovis was curious about the fact that his food could increase evolution. In other words, the meat still contained essence.

Normally, the essence would have been burned away during cooking. Some good chefs could retain that essence to a certain extent, but this chef not only retained 100% of the essence, but it also looked like the effect increased more than the supposed number.

The boss before him was one of the two top chefs in the world, Dnanta Len. He wondered what would happen if this guy cooked with his raw ingredients that could boost the evolution rate that disregarded the number of a person's evolution rate.

"Hmm?" The boss fell into deep thought. "Fine by me. Show me your ingredients. However, if you are going to disappoint me with this confidence, it might be the end of our fated encounter, young man."

"If that's truly the case, that will be a shame. My stomach has been conquered by your cooking." Clovis smiled wryly.

"Hahahaha! Bold. I like it. However, let's get down to business, shall we?"

"Sure." Clovis grabbed a paper bag he had put on the side of the table and took out a chicken nugget package. Of course, this wasn't a normal chicken nugget. It was a cockatrice nugget. "How about this?"

"Are you mocking my father? To think you are giving him a packaged nugget like this? Do you think because my father has seen all the raw ingredients that he can't recognize a package like this?!" The waitress slammed the table, expressing her anger.

However, the boss himself fell silent. There was no sign of anger at being insulted on his face. He fell silent as though he had noticed something different from the package. "May I... open it?"

"!!!"

Chapter 789: Unknown Food

"Father?!" The waitress widened her eyes in shock.

Clovis and Dnanta remained silent as they were staring at each other. Clovis ultimately nodded his head. "Sure."

Dnanta smiled. "Thank you. In that case, Rin. Open it."

"Father?" Rin was still confused. Why would her father do something like this? It was clear that it was just something they could find at any supermarket. Even if this was a product that had never been seen before, they should still be able to identify it.

Hence, she couldn't understand her father's decision.

However, the confusion instantly vanished the moment she opened it. The air inside the bag gushed out and seeped into her nose.

"This is..." Rin widened her eyes in shock. "This should be a chicken nugget, but something is weird. I can smell a snake from it? Is this a genetically modified chicken?"

"No." Dnanta smiled while closing his eyes as though he had admitted his defeat. "It is from one species. It is not genetically engineered or even a chimera. It's something that it was born with. In other words, this is the same as any beasts we can find in the wild."

"!!!" Rin widened her eyes in shock. She simply couldn't believe what her father was saying. Although her father was a Tier 8, he wasn't someone who would be afraid of a Tier 9 human.

So, the Hacfield family's name was useless in front of him. And if they were talking about food, her father wouldn't hesitate to tell the truth.

Even she didn't know how many times her father had said, 'Disgusting,' to the food she made.

Clovis remained calm. Normally, it would have been all right for Clovis to get pissed. Even though he came here alone, he was still the heir of the Hacfield family. Suspecting his decision even before testing it was an insult to his identity.

Yet, Clovis acted as if he hadn't heard about all the outbursts.

Instead, he focused on the current matter at hand, which was the reason he had come here in the first place. "So, may I know the verdict? What kind of meat is this?"

"That's..." Rin looked down, unable to answer his question. It was something she had never seen before.

She had been following her father ever since she was born and had entered the kitchen since she was 5 years old. Even with almost two decades of experience, she couldn't figure out what kind of meat it was.

There was no beast she could think of. Even more surprising was that her father didn't know either.

"It looks like I have to admit defeat." Dnanta smiled happily, his desire for more knowledge coming out of his body. "May I know what kind of meat this is?"

Clovis chuckled. "In that competition, there's no rule that states I have to reveal the name, no?"

"You..." Rin bit her lips.

Dnanta let out a long sigh before lowering his head. "I would like to formally apologize for my daughter's impoliteness. She has reacted too excessively."

"Father..." Rin didn't expect her father would lower his head. Even though her father was a humble man, he rarely lowered his head. Even after watching him for almost twenty years, her fingers could still count how many times her father lowered her head. Yet, Clovis became one of those people.

Each of those people was supposed to be someone he regarded highly. Even their status was high. Then again, Clovis was the successor of the Hacfield family. It looked like her father apologized for her behavior so that the Hacfield family wouldn't enter this problem.

Little did she know, her father's love of food was simply beyond her imagination. He revealed it after Clovis accepted his apology. "Still, I finally understand where your confidence comes from. I guess I might end up in bankruptcy soon."

"Ah!" Rin, who had no choice but to lower her head as she followed her father's action, abruptly raised her head again, almost forgetting about Clovis's statement. That was right. Clovis claimed he could bankrupt him through the challenge.

Dnanta smiled, thinking, 'Well. This is indeed the first time I've faced such an opponent. A chicken and a snake together. If there's a method that can combine two species that is not known to this world, he can combine so many beasts and challenge me again and again.

'His mother, Aisha Hacfield, is someone who has that potential. Besides, I've heard about the beast essence liquid that has been popularized by his girlfriend. So, the potential of him being able to do that is quite high.

'The problem is that even though this meat is indeed chicken, it's a chicken I have never seen before. Just looking at this meat, I can see that the chicken is extremely strong. It might be a beast.

'It is a species that has never been seen before... even before modifying that very chicken.'

Dnanta thought for a moment before extending his Skyphone. "How about I transfer the money first?"

"Well, we can do that later." Clovis smiled. "I'm going to return tonight for dinner. How about I give you this bag?"

"!!!" Dnanta was surprised. "Are you sure?"

"If you feel guilty, how about cooking something using this ingredient tonight? Maybe, tonight, I can bring something for breakfast and so on. I'm going to stay here for several days anyway." Clovis smirked.

How could he not take advantage of this chance? Dnanta offered 10,000,000 per ingredient. If he just came here to eat three times a day, he could get 900,000,000 union dollars in a month.

It was a chance for easy money. Of course, it wouldn't be a month, but he could simply introduce a few ingredients at the same time.

There was no way he would let this chance pass. In addition, he was quite curious about what a chef of his level was going to make with his ingredients.

Surprisingly, Dnanta offered, "How about I let my daughter cook for you to apologize for her rude remark earlier?"

"Hmmm?" Clovis frowned, not because he cared about the matter from earlier, but because he just wanted the best food.

Dnanta raised one finger. "If it's not up to your standard, of course, I shall cook it for you for free."

Clovis closed his eyes for a few seconds, contemplating the offer. "Fine. Let's do it that way."

Chapter 790: Another Try

"Father..." Rin looked at Dnanta, her face looked guilty. After all, because of her actions, her father had to lower her head to apologize.

Dnanta smiled as though he didn't mind it. Instead, this was an opportunity to teach his daughter. "Now you understand, right? You can doubt a person, but a person shouldn't forget about their manners. If you try to doubt your opponent, do it in a much more elegant way.

"We're living in a society, so it's normal to uphold manners no matter the situation. In the past, my master once told me that a person is granted three chances in his life.

"He told me the first chance is to meet him. I have gained my second chance by becoming a chef.

"And right now, this might be a third chance." Dnanta pointed at the bag. "Whatever he is giving us... it doesn't seem like it's a beast known everywhere in the world. It might be a hidden project of Aisha Hacfield or Lucifania."

"So, does that mean you're going bankrupt?" She looked down, wondering if this challenge was because of her.

"Who knows?" Dnanta chuckled. "But I am someone who just loves cooking. I will cook anything, even if it's rare ingredients that can't be eaten. If there are indeed so many unknown ingredients, I'm really looking forward to it. All that is left..."

Dnanta was staring at her as though he was telling her she was the only problem left.

"!!!" Rin looked down, observing the chicken nugget.

"You are more talented than me. If you were the chef, how would you plan to cook it?"

Rin fell into deep thought. Once she was thinking about the menu, Dnanta smiled and just walked away because Rin never paid any attention to anything around her in this state.

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Once the night fell, Clovis, as promised, returned to the shop.

"Ohh! Looks like you have arrived." Dnanta waved his hand. "What do you want to order?"

"Let's see... How about I go with the chef's recommendation?" Clovis smiled.

"Hahaha. You definitely know how to play it." Dnanta chuckled. "But it's not me who will cook it this time."

Clovis didn't say anything since they had decided it this way. Rin had changed her outfit from the waitress outfit to a chef outfit.

"In that case, I will leave it to you, chef." Clovis nodded to Rin. Rin nodded back and started cooking.

"Hahaha. You might want to look forward to it because I do too." Dnanta chuckled. "Do you want a beer?"

"Sorry. I don't drink." Clovis shook his head. "It's just my own rule."

"Is that so? That's a shame."

"By the way, boss. Are you going to leave soon?" Clovis asked.

"Leaving? Why?"

"I mean, it's going to be a little noisy here."

"Oh. Are you talking about the little skirmish between the successors of the Dark Moon Mercenary?"

"!!!" Clovis was stunned. "You knew about it?"

"Of course. I know that your group is supporting one of them, while the other is supported by the Three Swords."

"And it doesn't make you awkward serving me food?"

"Why?" Dnanta raised one finger. "Listen here, young man. Reputations are not built overnight. If you have built your reputation as someone who refuses to work for anyone, that stigma won't disappear so quickly. Even if I serve you some food, it will be just me serving some food."

"Is that how it works?"

"That's how it works. In fact, I'm surprised that you are not inviting your group here."

"That's what I want to do, but I have to respect your decision. You say I'm fated, but my group might not be fated. Besides, I haven't met them yet." Clovis shrugged.

"And that's why you're fated to me." Dnanta chuckled. "If you truly brought your group, I would probably serve you once before leaving the town."

"Hmm..." Clovis contemplated. "Are you leaving simply because fate doesn't work out for you?"

"To put it simply, yes. I just want to cook. If the fate to cook has disappeared, I will just move on to the next fated encounter." Dnanta glanced down. "But it looks like you have prepared other things for me."

"Oh! We'll see whether you can recognize these ingredients." Clovis brought the plastic bag to the table.

"Hoho. Isn't this interesting?" Dnanta's eyes flashed the moment he saw the ingredients. As he expected, they would be ingredients that only appeared in supermarkets. There were some that had been wrapped nicely, while the others were roughly covered by Clovis.

And some products were already-made-products that only had to be fried.

"This is beef? No, this is not simple beef. The muscle is much stronger than any other beef, yet it still maintains the tenderness. It has been treated once to break down the muscle.

"This one is even weirder... Gelatin?" Dnanta frowned.

Clovis just smiled. It was minotaur beef, so there was no way he could recognize it. The gelatin came from a slime.

It looked like he had won again this time.

"At this rate, you're going to bankrupt me, young man." Dnanta laughed out loud.

"Should I not?"

"No, please bankrupt me. Just being able to see all these ingredients is enough for me. Looks like it's going to be an exciting few days. After seeing these ingredients, I promise you. As long as you don't involve me, you are free to come to this shop to eat, and I won't leave."

"I'd love to." Clovis nodded.

The sizzling sound suddenly stopped as Rin brought two bowls to the table. "Please enjoy."

Clovis widened his eyes. The cockatrice nugget had changed completely. It was supposed to be golden in color, but this time, it was slightly brown.

Looking at the size, it seemed Rin had minced it one more time and put it together to create one giant piece as a topping. Underneath it was a simple fried rice, but it was much darker due to the sweet soy.

More importantly, there wasn't supposed to be much aroma from the nugget, yet for some reason, he could smell something so appetizing that his stomach growled all of a sudden.

"Ah..." Clovis blinked his eyes multiple times, embarrassed.

"Now, now. Let's enjoy. Rin's skill hasn't surpassed mine, but she loves tackling problems in a more unique way. This is going to be surprising."

"I understand. Let's eat." Clovis didn't expect at that time the surprise would surpass any expectations he had in mind.