

## Shadow 1091

### [Chapter 1091: Shocking proposition \(3\)](#)

The case itself is also very unique.

It is blue and red in colors, and Universal energy seems to be emanating from it. There is traces of law and there are even runes carved onto it.

It is not only a symbolic thing but also something that would give benefit

Azief once again take a deep breath and then taking a step forward, the space ripples and he is now in front of the tent.

Just like that.

There is not even a fluctuation of energy that could be detected.

Like the breezy wind nears the hills, his presence is as stealthy as the wind, as natural as the force of nature itself.

It was natural and no one could sense him. The tent is not closed so he could see her from the entrance of the tent.

She is there lying on her bed, her back of the had covering her face. He did not know how to start the conversation

There are many things he wanted to say. Most of it is words that would persuade her to stay. He thought of such words that could make love stay

And he found out, that he does not know of such words.

Maybe a word to make love stay is not yet created.

He wishes he know such words. A word to make love stay. He could lie. That is always an option.

But it is an option he would never make. Because he could lie to everyone in this world but he would never lie to her

Once he did that, the trust between them is gone.

It is a promise he had made with her. Whatever the case, he would never lie to her.

He might remain silent at times with certain question that he could not answer without hurting her, but he would never lie to her

He knew her scars. And it is because of that, he made the option of lying disappears.

His feeling is heavy.

But, sooner or later he had to face it

He had tried to run from it.

Trying to push it until the last moment. That is why when the battle ended the first thing he did was not to meet her but instead he went to Pandemonium

He deals with other stuff so that he didn't have to face this.

His plan is very cowardly. He wanted to come here at the last day. He would come, enter the portal and disappears.

That would leave her with no way to say the words that is inside her heart. But, he had time to think.

And that is not just cowardly. It is despicable. So, he decided to face it. He is always selfish about love. Because he so rarely gets it.

But he could not be selfish with her. Because he loves her. And he had to face it so that she could have at least some kind of peace

It is unfair to keep her waiting for him. He doesn't know if he would even be able to come back this time

So, leaving her here like that.... Azief don't want it to be a regret on his part. That is the hard part.

Imagining a life of hers where you are not in it, and yet still wishing her all the happiness in the world

And while he is still holding hope, he is prepared for the worst. He sighed as the wind caress his cheeks, his sleeves fluttered in the wind, feeling the sunlight on his face and said

'Hey'

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He was in front of the tent. Looking at her and thinking how beautiful she is.

And while he is still holding hope, he is prepared for the worst. He sighed as the wind caress his cheeks, his sleeves fluttered in the wind, feeling the sunlight on his face and said

'Hey'

The voice startles Sofia who quickly got up from her bed and then she became still as she saw him.

'Azief?'

Azief step inside the tent. He looks around it and just smile. It is a clean tent and full of Sofia aesthetic.

She is quite fussy when it comes to interior design. The white house that she had is also designed by her.

That is one of her quirks.

Sofia look at him and the feeling is very jarring

It is like there is something different about him now. He no longer wears the hood and his usually dark attire now look sophisticated and mystical all at the same time.

She was speechless for a while.

She did not think that Azief would be here, at least not at this time.

There are still more days before Jena could no longer hold back the time differences between the Seresian world and Earth Prime.

So, she expected to see him a few days later. The moment she saw him; she just draws a blank in her mind.

But then she quickly regains her wits

Azief finished looking the surrounding then look at her and said

‘Why are you here, Soph?’

The wind breezes by and he waited for her to answer. Sofia did not immediately say why.

Because she knew the moment she said it, it would be over.

And even though she was determined to do this, the moment the time really came, there is this feeling of wanting to take it all back. humans had always been a contradictory being.

She closes her eyes and takes a deep breath. She calms her mind and prepares her heart.

Then she opens back her eyes, look straight at him and said bitterly

‘I think you know why’

Azief scoffed

‘You wanted a reason’ Sofia only smiles but her smile appears to be sad

She then said

‘You gave me a reason’

Azief shakes his head and reply

‘This reason is not enough. It is not fair. This.....is not fair. You know I would save her. This happened because of me. I could not just let it go’

Sofia shakes her head. She is tired of arguing. She is tired of feeling like she is being a third wheel in someone else love story

‘If it was anyone else than her, would you go? Would you risk your life to go to a planet, a dimension where you could possibly die? I don’t want you to go. Because I knew you could die. But I knew that you would never listen to me’

She laughs bitterly

‘The Demon King could be killed by you because in this world you have the authority of the Heaven Will. You also have all of us. The entire humanity to back you up. But in that world, that is his territory. Fighting the Demon King there, that is suicide.’

Then she scoffed

'But I know you. You would still go no matter how much I plead or begged. Even if the whole world begs you not to go, you would. Because it's her. Because its Katarina'

'Soph!' Sofia only shakes her head, a pitiful smile on her beautiful face, her golden hair sways left and right because of the wind

'It's fine. I am tired of arguing. I am tired of this. I am tired' Azief hand is shaking.

There is something that he wanted to give her.

And he fears that if she keeps talking about this, he would not have the chance to give her that items. He had made his decision.

But Azief was never a man of timing. Especially in love. He is bad at it. And so he is bad at it right now.

Some things just never change. Maybe, because Azief think that trying to time it would be useless.

he is only a few meters from her

He should kneel, that is his thought. But that is not suitable in the current situation. Emotions are running high and the moment they met each other, it is like the ending is already written

To kneel right now does not seem appropriate. So, he could only do things like most people do things like this for the first time

Awkwardly

He pulls out a case from his personal space and he said to her

'Marry me, Soph'

#### [Chapter 1092: Tears falling](#)

Outside the tent, the leaves flutters as the wind from below the hill breezes by. A bird flies in the air and sings a song

The sunlight is shining bright illuminating the world, the clouds is white and the sky is blue. Everything seems beautiful.

Inside the tent, in such a beautiful day, Azief brought out the case and propose to the woman he loved, to show his determination

'Marry me, Soph'

That word echoes in her ears. She never thought that she would hear those words coming out from his mouth

Life is uncertain in these magical era of beast, monsters, demons and gods, aliens and all manner of horrors and mystical thing that is in the wide universe

She never thought about marriage.

Not because she did not want to.

But because, the world is vast and talk and the man he loved always seems to want to travel this vast world and wanted to stand on the highest peak the world could offer.

She never thought that he had such a thought.

And like before, like the moment she saw him entering the tent, her mind once again went blank for a second

It was so unexpected that she did not know how to respond. It was so out of place that she thought for a second that she dreams all of this things.

They were about to argue, they were about to say things to each other, to understand and to try to close this matter as good as possible.

In that moment, why would anyone think that in the midst of this, a ring would be pulled out and a proposal would be given?

Certainly not her

She had more to say. She had many more to explain. She had prepared her heart and her mind. But she was not prepared for this.

Azief is in front of her, a case on top of his palm. He slowly opens the case and inside it is a ring. Carved in the inside is Azief & Soph

It is not in the nature of the Malays to propose like this.

But she once told him that it looks very romantic in movies. And he once promised her, if that is what she wants, then that is what she is going to get

Today, he fulfils his promise.

But...but.....the timing is not right. Azief was never good at timing and even Sofia knows this. But this is the worst timing to bring out a ring into it

This is the worst time to try to propose to her. Azief is always like this. He likes to brush things away. Only this time, what she did not know is that Azief is not trying to brush away

That ring is his determination

Still, she did not know how to respond.

She just doesn't understand Azief thinking.

He clearly knows why she is here. He clearly knows what she is intending to do. They had talked about this before. But now suddenly, he ambushed her like this.

What should she say to it?

Said yes? When the initial intention of coming here is to end it.

It is not because she does not love her. It is because she fears that she is not enough. She fears that one day, he would look at her and wish it was someone else.

That feeling, that fear consumes her as much as her love for him. So, no. She could not have said yes.

Still she looks at that ring and by god, she is tempted. For one moment, she thought to herself, maybe all of this could be solved.

But then a moment later, she shook her head out of that delusion. A person in love could hardly think rationally especially when it is about the person they love.

She glances at the ring and then look a Azief.

She is trying to see any trace of expression that she could use to explain this. But, she doubts she could understand his thought at this moment

‘What do you mean by this?’ she asked

‘What do I mean by this? I’m proposing’

Sofia did not smile. The feeling in her heart is a jumbled mess right now. And then tears falls down from her eyes

She did not say a word but one drop of tears seems to answer Azief question. The sunlight from the outside shines even its light toward the area of this tent

And the shadows of these two people seems lonely and sad. In that one tear, it is filled with meaning and emotions that she could not express in words.

Azief laughs bitterly and then he slowly closes the ring case and put it back in his personal space storage.

He sighed

‘I guess you are saying no’ There is silence between them now.

Only the sound of the wind could be heard around them. He did not cry. He does not seem sad. But with him, his appearance always belies his feeling

Who knows what he is really feeling. But it is clearly not something that is like unfeeling. He felt all mixed bag of emotions.

There is anger. There is disappointment. But most of all, in this confusing emotions that he is feeling right now, dominating all of it is his sadness.

She is so close to him, yet he felt her to be so far. And he doesn’t like that. But he did not have the words to say.

So, he too, stands there, looking at her, trying to find the right words again.

At the same time, the operative on the shores did not notice anything wrong.

Even though there is a lot of surveillance device around the island they did not aim their devices toward Sofia.

Nobody likes being in surveillance and Sofia is not the object of research for the two powers. There is no need to offend such a big figure.

They would only aim it if there is a fluctuation of energy which there isn't.

It seems that Azief could even mask his fluctuation of energy that not even the most advanced technological device of the world government and the Republic could sense him

Around the tent, the wind blows gently, the grass sways and the leaves on the tree near the tent falls down naturally.

Inside the tent, Azief look at her, his eyes trying to see her emotion in her eyes other than sadness.

There is only the sound of the wind flapping the tent outstretched parts.

He did not like seeing Sofia cry.

Her eyes are moist with tears, dripping down her eyes, looking at him full of accusation. But he did not know what he is accused of.

He felt pain. Pain seeing her in pain.

The silence lasted only for five second but it felt longer than that for him. Then she asks

'Why?'

'Why what?'

'Why now?' she asks

Azief suddenly become silent again. It is hard to explain what he is feeling and the reason why he chose to this.

He became sure. If there is an answer he could give, that is the answer he should give

That this is the woman he wanted to be beside him. As for his feelings for Katarina....it is hard to erase something like that in a day.

He could not just turn on and turn off his heart like that. He could pretend to and lie to his heart but that is not something he wanted to do.

Lying to his heart would also means lying to Sofia. And that is the last thing he ever wanted to do.

But he hopes time would solve that.

As for Sofia, he wanted her to know that she has always been the one.

But that is not what it looks like to her.

The reason why Sofia could not accept the ring is because she fears that when Azief does realize his true feelings, the one who is going to be hurt is her.

She fears that when he found out that she is not the one for him, he would leave her. Or worse, stays with her because of some sort of feeling of guilt and responsibility

Knowing him, Sofia knows, if there ever comes a day, he would stay with her because to him, that would be the right thing to do

But that is not what she wanted. She did not want to be second place in this. In anything else, she wouldn't have mind.

But this.... this is not it.

Azief took some time to think about the question and how best to answer it. He closes his eyes for a second and then opening his eyes, he said

'It's you. When I think about it, in the end, it's you' Sofia listen to his words and it would be a lie if she said she was not touched by those words.

But for some reason, she could not believe it. Azief would never lie to her. She knows this. But maybe he is lying to himself. And he might not even know it.

That is the thing when one is lying to oneself. You do not realize it until sometime passes. That is the strongest lie.

The lies your told yourself. Another silence come between them. Azief was waiting for her response.

For her to say something. Anything.

#### [Chapter 1093: A kiss](#)

He waited for her to say something.

Sofia then said

'I heard from Sina that I am your first love'

Azief was surprised at this sudden sentence but he nodded. Sofia wipes the tears that is dripping down from her eye using her sleeve and she said

'Are you sure that you love me?' she said. Azief frowned and shakes his head, his eyes seem to shake'

'What's that supposed to mean?'

Sofia did not stop and she said

'Or do you have feeling for me because I am the girl that got away? And you think that by having me, you would feel that you accomplished something?'

These hurtful words come out of her mouth even without her meaning it.

For some reason, there is anger, confusion, hesitation in her heart and what comes out from these feelings is these words.

Words that are used to hurt. But once it is spoken, you could not take it back

'A lingering feeling that you could not forget. Is that why?' she asks. Azief did not immediately answer. The words do hurt him but he knows that he could not lash out right now

He needs to be calm. Because he knows that if he falls to this and started speaking without thinking, then he might say something he regrets.



He knows that speaking in anger is not good. So, he tries to calm himself down and he listen to the question and then after a few second, he nodded

'In a way, yes'

Sofia expected it but Azief was not finished

'The memory lingers because the memory is beautiful. And because it is beautiful, I could not help but attracted to it. Like a thirsty man in the desert attracted to the oasis 'Then he chuckles a bit and then he said

'You know, when the Fall first happens, I met a guy named Tan. He was my partner for a while.' He went silence for a second. The memory of that moment is still there. It is still lodged deep in his memories but time unusually dulls all pain

But the lesson he learned from that still lingers like a scent that could not be erased.

then he continues

'You see before he died, he wanted to see the picture of the woman he loved. His face at that time full of pain and regret. Because he knows he would never see her again. I try to search for her but I never found her. Maybe, she too had died in the Fall. Or maybe her face had changed. Maybe, she had died long before Tan had ever died. I promise myself that I would do whatever it takes to survive. That I would be cold if it's necessary. Everything is a tool. That is what I decided. Why?'

'Because creating connection and losing that connection made me weak. Made me feel pain. And so, I try to avoid it' He shakes his head and then said

'And then.... I met you, in an abandoned mall. You could not have guess the shock that I felt in my heart. Before that moment, I have long forgotten you. You are my first love that is true. But years had passed by then. Life happens and before that moment I do not even remember you'

He chuckles a bit and then said

'But that's the thing about first love. It is never truly gone. That day I saw you and slowly I remember back all those feelings of my juvenile year. I try to be cold and try to be the dude that would do anything for survival.'

'But did you remember what I did? I gave you things, points, help you and even risk my life for you fighting that crocodile. Damn, it does seem that I break my own character. It was like I was back in high school and wanting you to notice me. It was like those years that passed had not happen at all'

Sofia listens as Azief continues

'You said that I love you because you were my first love. You were not entirely correct. I was attracted to you because you were part of my happy memory. And the painful ones too. I love that memory and I love that memory of you. And I also love the woman that is in front of me now, scars and all'

He sighed and then he said

'We did not talk much when we were in school together. But that feeling of butterflies, knowing that as messed up as I am, that I could love someone who did not know that I even exist, that feeling is beautiful'

Sofia shakes her head and said

'I do notice you'

Azief nodded

'But, I do not know that at the time. I am a man with many flaws. When I try to be confident, it backfires on me. But when I become timid, nothing changes. Nothing ever seem right'

'With you, together, yes, I did admit that I felt affection for you because you were my first love. But, that is not the reason I fell in love with you again. That is not it at all. And I would not let you distort this'

Azief come closer to her, so close that she could feel his breath on him and his hand moves to her cheek. She did not stop him. And slowly Azief hold her cheeks and wipes her tears with his finger.

'I am not that kid in high school. That is in the past. I am here now and I fall in love you all over again. I don't know if this is fate or destiny or simply a set of coincidences'

'But if you want me to say that my feeling is not entirely affected by my old feelings then I could not give you that. Because you were once beautiful in my heart, and so when we meet again, you were still beautiful in my heart even when you were a mess. As for the answer you want, I don't know. I could not separate the girl that I love in high school and the woman that I know now. Love is not so easily separated and analyzed like that'

Sofia did not know what to say as she looks at him.

Azief lean in closer, his lips coming closer to her lips. She could stop it but she did not. Azief kiss her gently and for a few second they stay like that, feeling like it could be the last time.

Azief understood it the moment she rejected the rings. She is finding excuses to end it. And he knew why.

Because they talked about this before

And because of that he did not want to stop kissing her.

He wanted time to stop, right at this moment, this perfect moment, when he kisses her and everything felt right in the world

And she too wanted it, yet at the same time knowing that it could not work. She fears pain. And he fears losing her.

That is the thing about them. She fears pains more than losing him. And he .... he fears closing her more than the pain that might come along the road.

It is not like Azief don't know that trying to keep her with him would give them each other pain. But he felt that if they could overcome it, overcome all of it.... together, then maybe, along the journey, they would find a way to make it work

But he could not blame her. He is the least qualified person to blame her. Her pain is because of him. How selfish would he be to keep holding on to her?

In romance novels, drama stories, the boyfriend would let go of the girl, trying not to be selfish. It is a good story

But that is just that. A story. Real life is not that simple

Love is selfish. And only those who were selfish enough to fight for love would win it. And Azief is a selfish person in love.

He did not want to let her go. But he could not force her either. There is a difference between this selfishness and other kind of selfishness.

It is not the selfishness of oneself for the sake of oneself but a selfishness to dare ask the world all that is good and kind.

And it is only when you are in love the way he is now, that he knows he could not be selfish with her

And as they kissed each other, time stopped.

The wind stopped. The leaves falling from the tree halted in midair. The flapping of the overstretched tent flaps also halted.

This time phenomenon only happens in the radius of ten meters around him

He wished for time to stop and his feeling is manifested to the real world

But, he knew he could not stay there forever and then he breaks the kiss.

Sofia look at his eyes, that dazzling eyes that seems to know and see her no other person could and by God, she is tempted to let it all go.

So, she come closer to him and kiss him.

#### [Chapter 1094: Over](#)

This time it is not a slow kiss.

It is a passionate kiss.

And Azief respond even more passionately. Because for some reason they both knew it was the last time

And because they know this, they kiss more passionately than they ever did.

But it was not sloppy. It was not something that is dirty. Instead it is something that is beautiful, the desperation of wanting to be together

The passion of the feeling is felt by both of them.

And then they broke off the kiss and just look at each other again

Azief did not smile. And she also did not laugh. She is in tears again and Azief shakes his head as he closes his eyes

'Don't' he said

Sofia bring her hand to his cheek and caress it.

'I once said that I would never choose to walk away from you just because I knew that it would never be. I said that I would be the judge of that. When my heart felt more pain being with you than it is not being with you, then I will leave. And when that time comes, if you still did not have an answer, then I got my answer.

Azief opens his eyes and look at her and he could see sadness in her eyes even though she is smiling and she said

'I got my answer now'

Azief remains silent, his eyes are still closed, feeling the touch of her hand on his cheek.

'I guess I love you more than you love me. And the one that loves more is always at a disadvantage' she said

'It is more painful'

Azief slowly grabs her hand on his cheek and he holds it so tightly, never wanting to let it go

'I'm tired. I'm in pain. And I could not do this anymore. I am turning to the worst version of myself. I find myself obsessing over you, questioning you. I became distrustful of you. And I know I could not ask certain things from you'

Azief still did not open his eyes. If he opens it, tears would fall down from his eyes. He felt pain in his heart. A certain pain that he had forgotten

The pain of a heartbreak. And because of that, he could not let go of that hand. But knowing he has to let it go, he dreaded every moment of it

He did not say anything. No words could change this. Because she had made her mind. Sofia is also crying. But she did not sob. Still.....still.... he could feel the hot tears falling onto his hand

People said that there is a beautiful farewell. How could a farewell be beautiful? He wanted to ask.

At least, not this. It is painful. He asks his heart and he thought too simply of things. Still, he could not blame her.

Then a voice like whisper spoke to him.

'Let me go' But Azief hands tightened.

He did not want to see her crying and he didn't want her to see him cry. The moment passes slowly to him.

He wishes that right now, right at this moment, the words would come to him. A word that could make her stay, a word that could make her love stay

In this moment, right at the moment of separation, he felt so alone. He wished that she had said yes

He wished there is something he could do. He wished for a lot of things. But none of these wishes seems to be fulfilled.

He thought of all the first times that he had experienced with Sofia.

The good moments, the bad moments.

And it is not something he could easily forget. Even in the memory of pain, there is a trace of hope and love

But that is because she was there. Sofia seems to be waiting for him to make the decision. She is waiting patiently for him to let go of her hands.

And then he slowly and gently let go of her hand. He felt a kiss on his forehead

Then he felt the kiss on his nose.

And then on his lips. The wind breezes by and he could smell her sweet scent and then the sound in the tent seems to become empty.

Azief slowly opens his eyes and tears falls down from his eyes. In front of him, there is only the bed

Sofia is gone. The tent is empty and only the sound of the wind could be heard, the whistling of the leaves and the songs of the birds

'It's over' he thought to himself

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The world seems colder now even as the sun shine brightly in the sky. Such a beautiful day. It is a day to go outside and play around or hunt some beast. For hunters this kind of day is a good day to hunt large beast and eat them together with the villagers at night

For those who wanted to enjoy, this is the good time to enjoy the beaches and the sea.

That is how beautiful today is. Every element of nature that is around him seems to hold perfection in every move

But Azief could not found anything beautiful about today. Everything look bleak to him. Bleak, grim and cold. It is curious how one mood affects the way one views the world

He is still in the tent. The sweet scent is slowly dispersed by the blowing of the wind. Yet, the sensation of touch on his hand still lingers like an inerasable memory

She had leave him with a memory of pain.

She might not think about it that much but he too had pain.

The pain of being rejected by the person you love.

This is not the same as before. In the past, he loves one-sidedly. He determines when it ends or not.

But with him and Sofia, she and him were truly a couple

Regardless of her reason and justification, Azief still feel a little bit hurt. But he did no show it on his face.

'You are really determined' he said to himself

She had say all the things she wanted to say. So, she left. And he could only let her go. This is the only things he could do for her.

Azief wipes the tears that is falling down and then he brought out the ring case and look at the ring.

No one could see the strongest man in the world shedding tears. He wipes it off as quickly as it falls down.

It has been quite some time that he had ever drop a tear.

'I...think.... I still wanted to believe. I wanted to believe in us. I wanted to believe that you would come back to me.' He sighed. His feeling is stormy.

If he wanted right now, he could scan the world and there is no way for Sofia to hide from her.

But one thing that he had learned is that if you could everything in the world, you must know when to close your eyes.

He did not search for her. Doing so, would only leads to more argument. And he knows he must respect her choice

Even though, it is not a choice he wanted her to make. He put back the ring to his personal space storage.

Then he sighed.

He is stunned right now. Rejection is something that he had experienced a lot in the past. So, it is not the rejection that made him feel like this.

No, it is the fact that after all that he had tried to do he still hurt her. He knew it. But when the times comes, he does not even have the courage to face her tears.

He takes a deep breath. It is hard to regain one focus when this kind of things happens. But he is Death Monarch, the strongest man in the world

The world is right now in a crisis. He could not be weak at this moment. He still has to save Katarina and bring her back to Earth.

He also has to try to redeem himself, to rectify the wrong that he had done. The Multiversal Convergence happens because he wanted to see the future

He did not make excuses for himself.

He felt that if he did make an excuse for himself, saying things like the World Gate that the World Government had created is also a large factor for the Multiversal Convergence, he would be the person he hated

What he hated the most in the world before the fall is the self-pity of the powerful. Everything could be justified.

But, a person should learn to shoulder one own personal responsibilities. He did not want to make excuses for what he had done.

He also need to maintain balance between the seven great powers now that there are all kinds of new continent.

Azief had been thinking about this. He also believes that he once again had to organize another World Distribution event

It is a pity that he had to do it again but he thinks it is necessary

There were around a few dozen continent that had emerged from the bottom of the sea or formed by the mass concentration of energy.

The land expanded, the sky is taller, changes are numerous and people are uneasy. The world in chaos, and other than him, there is no other force that could pacify the world right now.

[chapter 1095: politics of the world \(1\)](#)

The continent of the world is numerous right now.

Some of these continent could not be seen by him like something shielded itself from his gaze

And then there are some other huge block of land that are on the process of breaking out and some others are in the process of solidifying.

And the original seven continents had also become bigger and new borderlines needs to be redrawn.

Azief knows that the great powers are very sensitive when it comes to their own border.

Asia and Europe shares a border even though they are two different continents. How would they decide where one begins and one ends?

If there is no one mediating the matter, this would incite a war between the Lotus Order and the Republic.

And once such a war begins, the other world power will not be behind. Azief sighed. He just got dumped by his girlfriend

In a way, just a moment ago, it was like his life is a melodrama. Suddenly, it now turns into a political genre drama.

This is the life of Azief. He tries to live his own life, yet because of his title and the power and influence he had, he also needs to think what his action would mean to the world.

from the moment he sets his foot into the world and began setting order for the world, he could no longer remain uninvolved.

And now, it is time for him to think of certain other things. One of the reason is because it is an important thing to think about.

The other reason is Azief is trying to dull the pain

He did not immediately leave the tent.

Sofia might have disappeared from the tent but Azief uses this time to calm down his heart

If he returns to Pandemonium the way he is right now, he fears he would lash out at Sasha and his officials.

It is better for him to think by himself here right now and slowly calm down his heart. As for Lotus Order and the Republic clashing, Azief think it is unlikely to happen.

Of course, right now if those two forces fight it out, the winner would be the Republic because the Republic have Jean.

But it is not like the Republic would not have casualties either.

Knowing that Arrayist Lee Sangmin is on the Lotus Order side, he must have some methods to inflict the most damage to the Republic.

The Lotus Order members would also not like the forces of Europe encroaching upon their dominion.

And while most people think that the Lotus Order is some big family and the leader of this world power is the Emperor that lives in the Lotus Palace, that could not be further than the truth.

Azief opinion of the Emperor of Wei is that he controls only the area of former China and even then he did not rule all of the territories under the former China.

It is divided between him and other powerful warlords that rises during the initial beginning of the Fall

There were many other nations and kingdoms in Asia that rest beneath the umbrella that is Lotus Order. Some of them is even stronger than the Lotus Palace people

The reason that they do not stand up and took the lead position is simply to hide their power and grow in peace.

Not everybody wanted to rule the world. Some felt that it is good enough to create a kingdom that they could rule by themselves and have no desire to go to the forefront

After all, even though the Lotus Order effectively seems to have legal and legitimate power to declare all under Asia under their banner, these warlords, kings and Queens all know that this power is given to them by Pandemonium

And if they broke out from the Lotus Order or take control of the Lotus Order dominant position, then it is they that need to face with the other six great powers.

And while some of these are quite confident that they could topple the rule of the Lotus Order, the reason why they do not is because then they have to stand in front.

And in the world stage, the Lotus Order compared to the other great powers is lacking. They lack people.

Or to be more accurate, they lacked powerful people. Asia used to be one of the most populous region on Earth



But with the Fall, with millions of people dying and most affected of all of this is the Asian continent.

Then the warlords rising up in former China and former Japan followed by the rising of the warlords all over Asia continents and its subcontinent, the event of the Fake World, the Weronian Occupation, and now the Multiversal Convergence, the population of people in Asia could be said had dwindle significantly.

And in this new world, nationality means shit.

Race means shit.

Everybody wanted to survive. And the only way to survive in this new world is to pick the strongest tree to rest under

To the world, and to the people of the world, this large tree is none other than Pandemonium. As such, most people try to migrate to Pandemonium, even if they have to sail the stormy seas filled with sea monsters, they would try if they could

This is one of the reason why the warlords that have enough power to topple the Lotus Order did not do such a thing.

Lotus Order, regardless of its flaws and its many weaknesses, it is a faction that is recognized by the World Government, the Republic and more importantly Pandemonium

Pandemonium, World Government and the Republic is like Britain, France and Russian Empire before the event of the World War I

They are the world powers that have the power to determine the borders of the world and these three great powers is allied with each other

If this happens in the past, this alliance would surely scare the other great powers.

And this is proved by the four great powers allying with each other to contained Pandemonium, World Government and the Republic.

The only wrong thing about this analogy is that it was Pandemonium that unilaterally decided which continent belong to whose

And in almost a decade since the establishment of the World Distribution Event, the six world power that was selected by Pandemonium had kept the world civilized and orderly to some point.

Lotus Order stability of government is dependent on them not meddling too much with the warlords all over Asia.

To these powers that rooted themselves deep in Asia, as long as the Lotus Order did not mess with them, they would have no desire to disturb the status quo between the lords, kings and nobles under the Lotus Order

These are the weakness of the Lotus Order. They are disunited

The Republic might be called a Republic and one might doubt their unity but they are unlike the democracy before the Fall

To have a powerful organization while fighting external threats from outside the border of the Republic and even the borders of the world, fighting with alien civilization, all of the faction and organization in the world needs a unified opinion and not a debate when the world is burning outside the Senate Hall.

This is why they have the Chancellor and even have a post of the High Chancellor. In times of emergency, the Senate would suspend most of the right of the Senators

In that moment, the power to mobilize all resources of the powers under the Republic falls into the Left, Right and the High Chancellor.

Boris is the Right Chancellor and Jean is the Left Chancellor. Most of the time, they stand on opposite side.

At times, they could see eye to eye in certain issue and in such days, the resolution or laws are easily passed.

When they do not see eye to eye in certain issues, it is when the Senators have to cast their votes. If the votes are tied, then the High Chancellor would have the final say

Of course, if even the High Chancellor could not decide, then a certain Law or resolution is once again would be discussed in a later date.

Right now the Republic in a state of emergency and the power of the Republic now is being wielded by Boris.

The reason is because Katarina, the High Chancellor of the Republic is kidnapped.

Jean is managing the time portal and as such there is only one Chancellor in Moscow right now that have enough influence and support from the Senators.

This is probably the reason why Jean wanted to return to the Republic right now.

Azief knows Boris. Even though, Jean is his political opponent, he would not do something that would harm Jean

Not to mention Jean is helping him right now.

Without him, the time between the Seresian world and the Earth Prime would not be so dilated like this.

Azief shudders to think what would happen to Katarina if the time on Earth and on Seresian world is increased.

One day in Earth Prime equals to months or years in the Seresian world. If such thing happens, Katarina would probably be tortured by the Demon King by then

#### [Chapter 1096: Politics of the world \(2\)](#)

Jean help in maintaining and altering the time dilation on Earth Prime and Seresian world is a debt that not only Boris had to pay, but also him

However, while Boris would not target Jean, this does not mean the same for other factions in the Senate

Jean might be worried that in his absence, Boris who now have the full power of all the resources of the Republic would use it to start a purge or planted evidence on some of the Senators that did not agree with him.

If Jean shows his face and reassure people and give some warning to Boris, then it is no wonder that Jean would only need a day of rest

But regardless what happens today, Azief could foresee a great deal of internal problem that the Republic would have to face in the future.

Jean had reached Divine Comprehension realm.

This, right now is the highest cultivation realm in the world right now.

In this world, other than him and Hikigaya, no one could constrain Jean. Not to mention Jean power that control Time and Space is a unique power and a high tier law

Then who should be the High Chancellor?

This is the problem that will plague the Republic.

Even if Azief managed to save Katarina and bring her back to Earth, he knows that Katarina still needs the accumulation of time before she reached Divine Comprehension.

She could not rush it unless she found the same kind of fortuitous luck or encounter like Azief which had shortened the years that he needed to break through

Since she too walked the path of perfection, it would take time for her to break through. And each perfection path is different.

While some of it is the same, the tribulation and the way it manifested is different for each person.

This is why it is unique.

Because none of it is the same. Perfection is one. One perfection path

Of course, there are still some things that Azief could not understand.

Perfection path is One. As long as he remembers this, he would find a way later

In the beginning, the way to cultivate the Perfection Path is the same way and method but as you walk further and further forward in the path of perfection, it would slowly diverge.

Because the Laws that Azief had cultivated and the Laws that Katarina cultivated is different. Since they cultivated different laws, they walk different roads

And different roads mean different experience. As such, they would experience different things and see different things.

Regardless of all of this, the problem would then be intensified in the future because of Katarina level.

If Katarina returns, her level would still be in Disk Formation level but the Left Chancellor have already entered Divine Comprehension realm

In such case, what should the Senate do?

Should they demote the High Chancellor and bring up the Left Chancellor to sit in the High Chancellor seat? Or would the faction of the Senate agree to keep Katarina as the High Chancellor?

In the Republic, the pair of sister and brother had always been dominating the upper echelon of the Senate.

If Jean were to be put in the top, then Jena faction would surely do something to suppress Boris faction

But at least right now, Azief knows that the world power would not do anything drastic and stupid as war.

But the problem itself must be solved or it would bring endless trouble in the future.

Azief knows that Pandemonium had to come out and once again rearrange the world order. This is the only way to make sure that order is restored

Azief sighed

'Pandikar' he sighed as he remembers this old enemy. Azief had met many enemies since he walks his Path.

But they were only a few of them that Azief had really admired.

Pandikar is one of those enemies that he respected. Azief hated what Pandikar had done, but he understood it and even on some level respected the choices he made

Pandikar uses his life to force him to make a move.

And it is only then that he made a move

Pandikar in a way, woke him up.

He had delayed it and keep delaying it, hoping for someone to take the lead.

But it wasn't until Pandikar using his life to demonstrate something to him that he understood something.

At that time, for someone to take the lead to pacify the world, they need to bring him down. The reason is because even as he stood there on the top, he does nothing

And the world keep being in chaos.

There is no arbiter, no judge so even though there is someone at the top, since this person did not make any moves, did not forbid anything, did not do anything, the war, suffering and pain kept continuing

The reason why the World Government was formed is to unify the whole world government to bring order and peace, to unite humanity against the monsters and the threat of the new emerging world

Regardless of Hirate true intention of creating such organization, that is the slogan that the World Government had used when he establishes it

Since Azief did not do anything even though he is at the highest peak, there would always be someone that wanted to bring him down.

And of course, many that wanted to bring him down actually just wanted his title of the strongest person in the world.

But there is also some righteous people that wanted to bring him down because only by bringing him down, and having the recognition of the world, that they could change the world

Azief neglected that. He did not want to rule or order the world but he also could not allow himself being pulled down.

Because it is the title and his strength that forces the whole world to think twice when they wanted to harm the people he loves or trying to find problems with him

He did not mind relinquishing the title if the whole world at peace.

But he also knows that by relinquishing the title, then there would be so many enemies that would see it as an act of weakness and they would pounce on him

And even if he could defeat them every time they came, it is still something he did not want to see. Because he would not be the only one that would be affected.

His friends, the people he loved, his subordinate, the people he had known and come to have affection for, all of these would also be threatened.

There is a reason you do not see many people protest to Pandemonium.

This is not a novel where people keep challenging you when they know you are the strongest person in the world

When the whole world acknowledges your strength, it is also act as a certain deterrence.

Even if people wanted to challenge him, they first need to think carefully whether they could afford doing so.

Nobody is stupid. People would not seek death if they could avoid it. Only madman would do it and most madmen sooner or later would die.

He could not step down, yet he did not want to take action

Then the only thing he could do was to contain the disorder. Pandikar made him realize how stupid he was acting.

Just because he did not do anything, did not mean that he could just let it all go. Sometimes, regardless of what you choose, it is determined by your position.

He is the only one that could arrange the new world order after being acknowledge as the strongest man in the world.

the World Government did not have the trust of the other faction because they always only fight for their interest.

The Republic articles and Senate judgment would never be accepted by the World Government and so on and so forth.

As such, no one could stop fighting

They all have a vested interest in keeping their power intact and not letting the other surpasses them.

Azief however has always been a neutral force.

And he possesses the strongest force. If it's something that he declared, then the whole world would follow it. And so, Azief made his move

After all, he also lives on Earth but he never wanted to be responsible for all those lives. It is not that he doesn't care, it is just that the moment he started caring, he could not just abandon them

Responsibility is something that Azief did not have a lot of. Because there are not many things in this world that he had attachment with

Most of the time, the only thing he had to be responsible for is himself and his actions.

But if he began to control and order the world according to his words, the responsibility of it falls into his hand.

And that is something very scary for him. Because Azief was never a psycho person. He did not want to become someone that harms the world

He did not mind fighting with the whole world to protect the people he loves. But he also would not harm the world, if the world did nothing against him.

Anyone who has a heart would feel sad seeing people suffering. But that sadness would be added with guilt if their suffering comes from you.

Only the unloved would not care about what happens to the world if they were in charge of it.

And such responsibility would bind him in certain ways.

#### [Chapter 1097: Responsibility](#)

Azief remembers something.

One night, when he was in his room, he heard crying. It spooks him. It was late at night and he knows his neighbors are not home

The sound of crying eerily sounds like a baby crying for help.

And that is even more terrifying.

Why would a baby cries so hard? And why could he hear it?

The sound of the baby crying is so close to his window that it felt like someone left a baby outside the house, and put it near the wall of his room

But then he heard meowing.

Only then he remembers that cats sometimes do cry at night and this cry sounded a lot like a baby crying.

Caterwauling, that's the term

He checks on his phone the reason why cats cry at night.

One of the reason is that it is hungry.

Of course, it is not recommended to give food to this cats because this would only encourage such behavior in the future

But the thing is these cats are not his cats.

These are stray cats that usually come to his house area. Sometimes, Azief would throw some of the food to them if he saw them

Azief could be cold to people.

But to animals, they are just something about them that tugged his heartstring. Maybe, because he felt guilty of something he did to a bird in the past

Or maybe it is because animals are very honest in their wants and needs. He wanted to take care of the cat.

But, then he halted. Because the house he is living in, is not his house. It is his parent house. And they made it very clear, that even his existence is burdensome to them

Every grain of rice he eat, every breath he takes, he is constantly being reminded by them, that he owes all of it to them

And they would not let him forget it

The only area that he could feel at ease with is his small room that is given to him.

Other than his room, the toilet, the bathroom and the kitchen, he spends most of his time only in his room

Because he is not welcomed in the house. He might be born as their son, but he sure as hell not treated like one.

And so, he knows that he could not take those cats. And then he thinks of himself. At that time, he suffers from a few health complications.

He had depression (resolved by his own will, because God knows that there is no infrastructure for mental health in Malaysia), he had gastritis and a few skin problems

Most of his stomach problem is caused by the few time that he had to starve.

Of course, his parents allowed him to eat but each time he eat rice in that house of his, looking at their eyes that makes him feel like he owed them for each grain of rice, how could he eat with ease?

Thinking about all of this, and all of the expenses that he needs just to make sure that he could live good enough, how could he think of trying to adopt the cat and take care of it to?

He thought about all of this and the more he thought about it, the more he felt that he could not be responsible for it

He fears of taking something that is alive and instead of helping it, he fears that he would only add on to their suffering and pain

That is the same reason why he did not interfere in the world matters before.

But Pandikar made him understand that when he is sitting at such heights, not doing anything is doing a lot of things

The only one who could establish order at that times, was only him. And if he did not want to establish such order, people would keep challenging him

Because that is the will of the people.

Death, desolation destruction.

Before the Fall, there were so many people in the world chanting for wanting the world to be destroyed.

That they have no faith in humanity anymore. Let the world be done. Bring the flood. Let the day of reckoning comes

Erase the population so we could have more resources. Let us wage war and destroy the world. Who cares about kids dying and being killed in some war-torn countries?

What do we care about people being systemically being neutered so that no new generation could be born?

Who cares about some ethnic group in another side of the world suffering because they are not of the same color and race as we are?

People see all of this and we could see the worse humanity could offer. The ugly part of us and we think that the world should be destroyed

Let the world be damned!

People wanted anarchy, unlimited freedom, and some wanted to watch the world burns. They find no meaning in their life.

War is the affairs of old men fattening their pockets while the young brainwashed into believing that they were protecting their country when all they do is dying for the corporations and those old men and women in the high ivory towers

Politics is the distortion of the truth, the process of dividing the people so that one could vote for the party that would oppress them for a few years before alternating with another party that would oppress them later.

The more divided they are the better.



Labels will be created and they would become more divisive. Because when the people fights each other all the time, they would forget who their true enemy is.

As long as the people are fighting each other, they would not have time to fight against the ruling class, whether that be politicians, corporation or kings and queens.

The more distortion the better. The media would give you so much information that you don't know which one is the truth or not

Any news is colored by a political agenda when it should have been neutral, any column seems to be affected by personal politics

This is the world before the Fall.

On the seat in front of their computers, they wished for wars to never end, for the world to be destroyed, for a race of people to be annihilated

And some people believe that the world should just be done

Humanity had a good run. Let it end now. Humans divided themselves more and more each year

There is always a new way to divide themselves.

But when the world was really on the edge of destruction, when humanity is on the brink of extinction, they want order.

They want stability, safety and only a few of those people truly wanted the world to burn

When war really come to their doorstep, only then they recognize what hell is war really is.

They truly experience fear, pain and for the first time, those people who glorify destruction and pain truly saw destruction and pain and find out that they really did not want such thing to happen

A child born in a peaceful time chanting for war had never experienced war before and once he experienced such thing, such senseless death and killing, of a battle for humanity itself, then one no longer wanted to fight in wars

But still, they have to fight because it is no longer just a war but a battle for survival. Battle after battle, war after war and only then people know that liberty is not as good as life

You have to live first before you could enjoy any liberty

The Fall begins with the battle of the monsters.

When the monsters had been pacified in certain regions, powerful men and women rises up becoming warlords and they fought for influence and territory.

They fought for resources as they wanted more than the other warlords

War again and again with the already diminishing human population. And then a few brief moment of peace happens.

But then war would find its ugly head rearing up to go again

And people are sick of it.

But then Azief rose to the top. He defeated the World Government not once but twice. His reputation is high as the sun.

Yet.....he did nothing with it. Sitting passively on his dark throne in Pandemonium. And people keep fighting

And as such at that time, if Azief did not establish order, the whole world would fight him.

It does not matter that he is stronger than most of them.

People would die to try to bring him down. Because he does nothing. And by doing nothing, a lot of thing happens.

And so Pandikar death, taught him many things.

It changes the way Pandemonium interacted with the world.

Pandemonium interacted with the world like Death monarch interacted with the world. Because Pandemonium would always follow the will of Death Monarch

Now, the world is in chaos again.

#### [chapter 1098: the peach tree \(1\)](#)

In the past, Azief would hesitate to once again meddle in the matter of the world.

After the World Distribution event, Pandemonium kept a low profile, focusing on strengthening the internal matters of Pandemonium while at the same time increasing Pandemonium influence over the world in a subtle way.

The focus was never to control the world power but to make sure that Pandemonium is sufficiently protected against any interference from the world powers.

In a way, Azief decision to come out and began meddling in the world matters make Pandemonium bares its fangs to the world and the moment it came out, it became the leading figure of the world powers

It could be seen that Azief had never wanted to meddle with the world order.

But circumstances force him and other than exerting invisible pressure, Pandemonium, for the most part did not meddle that much in international matters unless it tangled with Pandemonium interest

But for most part, this is during Loki regency and not during where Azief is in town.

As such, if this was any other events, Azief would probably remain low profile and he would not be the one that would suggest another large event like the world distribution event

But this time, Azief would be active.

Because this time, unlike last time, the state of the world right now, these pain and suffering of the people of the world, is caused in part by him

The Seven continents are in chaos.

People are dying and monsters are roaming in the world.

There are new monsters in the sea and there are even more monsters that roam the land.

Some are large other are small, but regardless of their size, these new monsters all have their abilities and dangerous

There is now new unknown matters and monsters.

It is like humanity once again experience the event of the Fall. Then there is also the Otherworlders that also comes in during the Multiversal Convergence

Who knows whether these Otherworlders means no harm or an advance scout from other civilizations

They need to be monitored and their intentions need to be investigated.

The societal and social change that would occur is also something that needs to be thought about. The world right now does not have resource crisis. If anything, there is all kinds of resources that is all over the world right now

Energy concern is also nonexistent right now.

This did not mean that there is no crisis. Instead, with such a large world, there is even more crisis. Only it takes a new form

Azief had senses something else when he merged with the world.

He senses a restriction.

Everything has a price. He could feel a certain oppression from the world and the laws that governs this very reality

No, it is not quite accurate to call it an oppression.

He thinks for a moment and the best way he could explain it, is that the laws of the world begins to mature.

And in maturing, the kiddie wheels are taken off.

Certain benefit that had been bestowed to humanity before is slowly being eroded. Most of the advantage that humans have had since the Fall is related to the All Source.

But now, the All Source seems to be held back. Was it an action of preservation? Or is it to stimulate human growth and strength?

And then there is the energy all over the world

Azief did not think the abundance of all of these energy is all good things.

He could not pinpoint what is wrong with it but given enough time he would find it. That's the problem. He would not have enough time right now.

Two days is not enough for him to settle the world order. But, if he did not make a draft of the world order, then if he falls in Seresian world the world would be in chaos.

He sighed. His mind is thinking about the world order while his heart is thinking of Sofia rejection. Such a mixed feeling would paralyze a person.

But not him

He could not afford being paralyzed right now. He needs to rectify a lot of things, save Katarina, and save the world

At least, in this way, he could redeem even one third of his sins.

Azief sighed and his heart feel heavy as he looks at the sky and saw how tall and vast the sky really is.

There were large clouds and some part the sky is sparse.

The air is so refreshing that even taking a breath felt energizing. The view is so beautiful and full of colors.

The world like it had gained a layer of color sprayed onto it, blooms with such brilliance that one could not help marvel at the beauty of this new world

Like they were back in the prehistoric era, seeing the world as it is when it began filling the world with life.

The Earth is now so large that even though Azief could sense many things in this world with his Divine Sense, there is certain places that he could not sense clearly unless he come down to that place personally.

This is another problem.

In the past, any powerful enough Disk Formation leveler could use their Divine Sense to guard an entire continent

With a Divine Sense that could envelop the whole world, one continent is easy to surveil.

Hence, in the past, it did not matter whether the Disk Formation leveler is in the capital of the world power that governs the area or in the edge of the border

Because no matter where they are, they could use their Divine Sense to detect any intruder.

And after the Orvanian came to the world, there is a release of new technology that made it easier to surveil the area under the dominion of the great power

Most of the important places of the world power is guarded by at least one Disk Formation leveler.

This is also the way the World powers exercise their power and influence over the dominion they controlled

But because of the Article of the World Distribution, Disk Formation leveler could not simply make a move easily unless the other forces is also using a Disk Formation leveler.

This is how the world power kept the peace and the stability of the world.

Disk Formation leveler could be considered as an intercontinental ballistic missile, an ICBM that any world power could launch any moment

But now that simplicity could no longer be afforded. A mere Disk Formation leveler could no longer be able to scan the entire world

If even Divine Comprehension leveler could not scan the whole world in detail., how could a Disk Formation level would be able to do such a thing?

In a way, because the world is small before, it is easy.

But now, not only the whole world had expanded a hundredfold, but the energy in the world right now seems to prevent mass surveillance from Divine Sense

Like a frequency had been changed.

No, to be exact it is like there is too many frequencies and it is hard for a Divine Sense to follow the frequencies as it collided and entangled with other frequencies

One could think it like a line of communication being disturbed and causes one to only listen to static noise.

Either the world power had to adjust and create new and more advanced technology to monitor their dominion and area of influence or they could station their Disk Formation leveler on the border of their territory.

After the expansion of the world and the surge of energy in the world, Azief predicted there would be many new Disk Formation leveler that would be born

Azief could think of some measures that the world power would take and also some measures that he also needs to take.

When he was merging with the world, he could see, that the largest continent of the world right now is Pandemonium.

Pandemonium is actually Australia.

Some people might have forgotten that. At least, the new generation would probably be weirded out to hear the name Australia.

One of the worst affected continent other than Asia (excluding Japan) is Australia.

All kinds of monsters and beast appears in that land and most of people in Australia were either eaten by the beast, killed by anarchist, or die trying to escape the land

Of course, it is not like there is no people from Australia that survives. But since the era of the Seven Great Powers began Pandemonium had always been Pandemonium

The officials of the court had always discouraged using the name Australia for fear of instilling any nationalism.

People need to understand that the old world order had crumbled.

Most of the world power had also accepted this.

Even the Republic which is based on Moscow which is predominantly controlled by the Russian in the beginning is now filled with Senators from all kind of race and nationalities.

Of course, there is a main difference between the Senate and Pandemonium.

The Senate still acknowledges old world borders and even protected the sovereignty of certain kingdoms and government regime if they were to throw their support over to the Republic.

#### [Chapter 1099: The peach tree \(2\)](#)

The World Government on the other hand could be considered a bit like federation of Kings and the World Government Quorum Council could be regarded as the Habsburg dynasty, conferring kings and emperors over the land that they take by force of arms or by the use of diplomacy

Pandemonium on the other hand did not acknowledge any nationalities, race or religion. When you are the citizens of Pandemonium, you are a citizen of Pandemonium.

You are not Americans, Australian, Chinese, Koreans, Bhutanese, Indians or any of those races. Since Azief had seen the Universe, to him, these distinction is stupid.

They are firstly humans. Humanity.

The race of Pandemonium is humans.

And judging by the way Pandemonium is growing it would not be long before Pandemonium would also accept intelligent monsters as citizens

Slowly, Pandemonium would become a place where all of the people of Earth could take shelter.

The objective of the creation of Pandemonium is slowly being added more and more each year.

It is hard to put this in words to ignore the education and the practice of nationalism, of a country based on race but the reason it works on Pandemonium is because there is only one voice.

And whoever does not want to obey this creed, could let themselves go.

Pandemonium had never encouraged people to go to the continent.

Yet, even in the threat of death, they still come toward Pandemonium by the tens of thousands.

Pandemonium still has him so; the matter of surveillance could be solved easily.

But since he could not always stand guard for Pandemonium, it is necessary for Azief to think of other measures to take to look over the population of Pandemonium.

There is a lot of human community that is separated during the expansion of the world. He sighed as he rubs his forehead.

In that few seconds, his mind formulates all kinds of thoughts and the moment these thoughts appears, he wanted to solve them which added to the pain in his mind.

There are all kinds of problems that he needs to solve so Azief could not break down. But.... but.... In this moment, he wanted to just break down.

For once.... he just wants to be weak. He wanted to kneel down and break down crying, letting all of this frustration in his heart out

Sofia might say a lot of thing about him some are true, some are her impression of him.

But if there was a wrong thing that she had said and thought, it was that he was serious about his proposal

He wanted to marry her. He truly wanted to marry her

He had planned it all out in his mind. When he was at space, he looks down on the Earth.

And he looks toward a certain area.

That certain area is magnified in his eyes and he smiles looking at it

An area which used to be the Malaysia. It is nothing like his country anymore.

There is tall mountain with tall trees and weird plants.

The land is also larger than before. But it could not be compared with Pandemonium.

Still, the flora and fauna of the land is diverse and it seems like a paradise for alchemist and herbalist

Before the expansion, Azief did take a look on his old country and there were many new cities that were build.

He had no sentimental feeling to his country. It is actually laughable how people would still be bounded by nationalism when there is a whole universe out there.

Humans fighting war against each other when outside the sky of Earth, there is millions of alien races out there that have united with each other

But after the Weronian Occupation, most humans have slowly changed. It is us vs the other mentality.

Azief do not think that helps because such thinking if it is not contained could be dangerous.

Azief do not want humanity to suddenly develops thought of fighting against alien civilization.

Contrary to popular belief and the depiction of aliens in TV and movies and the bad experience that humanity had suffered under the hands of the Weronian, most advanced alien civilization rarely fights with other alien civilization.

The reason why humans fought each other is mostly about resources.

Oil, food, land. Of course there are other wars that had been fought in another banner like independence, religion and ideology.

But in the end, it is always about resources.

But most of the advanced alien civilization that Azief had met, other than the barbaric Weronians or the Seresian demons, most of these advanced civilization has the power to harness the energy of the stars around their planetary system

Some are powerful enough that they harnessed the power of the part of the Universe they are in, spanning far than their own planetary system

When such power is harnessed, there would be no lack of resources.

Without any lack of resources, usually there would be no war other than some small war between the ruling power.

But Earth did not yet reach that stage.

There are still warlords fighting all over former Malaysia region, a battle that is tacitly approved by the Lotus Order as they controlled Asia

From what Azief had heard, there were some organization in Malaysia that brought back up the land of Singapore

It had been sunk to the bottom of the ocean in an attack by a titanic monster in the past

But they brought it up again from the seabed and connected the former lands of Malaysia and Singapore with some gravity chains, making the small land of Singapore a floating land where the Disk Formation levelers of Singapore and Malaysia made their residence.

Singapore and Malaysia also merged in the literal sense of the word.

Like some kind of transformer robots, the land of Singapore could link up with the land of Malaysia.

Azief also reads from one of the reports that Sasha had given him in the past that some of the Generals that is controlling the interim government of United Malayan Kingdom is thinking of cutting the land that connected them with the Republic of Thailand

The idea was that to create a United Malayan Kingdom that could link up with each other. Azief must admit that is quite a novel idea.

Europe could not do that easily as it is highly controlled by the Republic. And the Republic itself is a powerful world power.

People do not mind being under the umbrella of the Republic as many believes that the Republic stand equal with the other two great powers.

Like people of Pandemonium that held their head up high when they travelled the world, the people of the Republic and the World Government has certain pride knowing that they are the citizens of a great power that ruled the world

Lotus Order however, their grip on the entire Asia region is not as strong as the Three Titans of the World powers.

And they are not as powerful as the Three Titans



Because of that, no matter how many times the Lotus Order had given warnings to the interim government, they did not seem to care.

They even blatantly show it off. Lotus Palace could not be broken.

That is true.

Even Azief himself would find it hard to break the formation that covers the Lotus Palace.

But, great in defending, did not mean that they are great at attacking. The Lotus Order do not have enough power to maintain their control to all of Asia.

If they have such capability, how could then the Lotus Order had to compromise with all of the warlords?

As such, they could only send warning. A warning that no one in Asia cares about.

Unless, it was like the last time where Pandemonium, World Government and the Republic come out and show their stance on the matter, most of the warlords in Asia that is far from the Wei empire would do whatever they wanted.

In the past, large nation has powers over small nation.

Compared to United Malayan Kingdom, Wei Empire, even though it did not occupy all the territory of former China, it is still a large nation in terms of land

Yet, it could not exercise any control over small nations all over Asia.

After the Fall, the determinant of a government power is not about who have the largest population or who has the largest land or who have the bigger army

It is who have the higher quality levelers. The world after the Fall is the world of individual power supremacy.

One Divine Comprehension leveler is enough to tilt the balance to them regardless of how many Orb condensing stage levelers that one nation have

Even one have a million soldiers who have Orb Condensing leveler, one slash is all that is needed for a Divine Comprehension leveler to kill all of those soldiers

United Malayan Kingdom might have lower amount of Disk Formation leveler compared to the Three Great Powers, but they have more than the Lotus order could handle.

After all, even though Lotus Order have more Disk Formation leveler than United Malayan kingdom, it is not that they could just mobilize one third of their fighting power to subdue United Malayan kingdom.

The moment they do that, the other factions around them would also make a move.

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It is not like some single player game where the other faction would just wait for you to settle internal problem.

The moment Wei empire does that, they would be besieged by those warlords in the steppes, the Yue kingdom on the north, not to mention that the other world powers might also stretch their hands behind the scene to destabilize the Lotus Order rule in Asia

The great powers all have the possibility of being overthrown. It is unlike the Three Great Powers.

The other four world powers were crowned by Pandemonium with the approval of the Republic and the World Government

And it is known that the legitimacy of their rule over their continent is a legitimacy that is given by Death Monarch and protected by the Article of World Distribution

That Article is carved on the Hall of Laws in the Quorum Council of the World Government and on the Senate Libraries of Laws.

That legitimacy ceases to exist if they were to lose control of the factions and forces under their dominion.

And the whole world knows it.

So, some ambitious people wanted to topple down these four great power and took their place.

As long as they could prove to Pandemonium and two of the other great power that they could rule better than the previous regime, it is without doubt that the Three great powers would acknowledge the faction

It is the way how the three great powers maintain their superiority.

Azief created this method to better govern the world and at the same time make it contained.

In a way, his method worked. The forces that wanted to rise up restrain the four great powers from attacking Pandemonium, World Government and the Republic.

Even though they are allied with each other, sometimes their development would be held back by internal forces.

It is because of all of this factor, that the Lotus order had no choice but to only watch carefully what is happening in Southeast Asia without even having the power to mediate conflict there.

The South China sea is called the Nusantara sea by the United Malay Kingdom and the Philippines called West Philippine Sea and Indonesia calling it the North Natuna Sea as China had crumbled.

Wei empire desire to unify back China as the way it is before, is hard as most minority of former China did not want to be back under its thumb again.

Most of the minority that suffer under the former China rule is also the population that grew the most powerful men and women

Hardship forge character. And in a world of individual power, one individual rise to the top could change the life of an entire tribe or a small kingdom.

Quality before quantity.

for the West Malaysia on the Malay Peninsula, the plan to cut the border between them and the Republic of Thailand is ongoing

Azief could not believe it at first when he heard what the United Malay Kingdom was planning

When the United Malaysian Kingdom wanted to cut the border, it did not mean that in a figurative way.

They truly wanted to cut the border. They wanted to cut the land itself and brought up the entire United Malaysian Kingdom to the air

They are in a way trying to imitate the island in the sky, the signature of the World Government which is the floating Island of Peace.

Azief laughed when he read the report

On the part of Malaysia Borneo, the interim government have no power as the warlords from Philippines, Indonesia contested the land for the rich resources of energy mines.

There are also pirates all over the area also vying for control. Of course, all of this happened before the expansion of the world

Right now, Malaysia and the Malaysia Borneo no longer look like a region of a small nation

The land mas itself has expanded hundreds of times.

Most of the nation and kingdoms in the world right now could fit all of the humans in the world and still have so many space to fill

The expansion of a certain land and the expansion of their size and mass is related to the energy that already existed around them

It is magical and mystical.

And since North Borneo possess a lot of energy mines, that is place where the land expanded the most which also affects the Philippines which also grew in size

As for the Singaporean land that could float into the air, even that small patch of land that they manage to brought up back from the seabed was also affected as it also had become large.

The gravity chain between the two countries had been broken because of the sudden expansion now there is no longer any large cities.

Most of them were either destroyed during the expansion or changes its form when the land suddenly expanded and move

Chaos probably fills the heart of all the citizens of the kingdom.

It is funny when Azief think of it.

They were playing Kings and Generals and they have all of this plans. The fought for land and for kingdoms

They were like ants that fought for their empire but in the end it is merely an empire built on top of sand pillars

One blow and it all fade away.

This small brief event only strengthened Azief desire to grow stronger, to seek the peak of power in all of the Universe

Azief only find it a pity for the people that lives in that land.

Regardless of the battle and conflict in Southeast Asia, at least most people there could still have some protection from the regime that hold the region.

But now, there is no one to protect them.

It reminded him a lot of the first moment of the Fall. Still, he believes that humanity would quickly rebuild.

After all, this is not the first time this happens. In the past, it only took a few weeks before a new world order had been established.,

With abilities to build cities in hours and settlement in a few minutes, this expansion of the world is but a minor bump in the road

Right now, in that land he used to call home, there is beast crawling, slithering and living. It is not that he misses his old country, but there was one particular area of the country that he is very sentimental about

Before the Fall, he did not go around much his own country. And after the Fall, the world changes

And then his journey brought him to other worlds and other dimension. And his horizon expanded.

But if there is one place that he truly felt sentimental about, it is his small town.

Temerloh.

A small town in the middle of the state of Pahang. He likes it. He likes the small town feeling. Azief was never a fan of huge cities with tall skyscraper.

Kuantan however is an exception. But like Kuala Lumpur, he felt blocked and restricted. Azief had a theory that it is not good living in the capital city

Because if anything bad is going to happen to the country, usually it would be the capital city that would attacked first.

Azief was not a people person. But he was not always like this. He likes the villages and the villagers. There is still some value of kindness that is cultivated in small town that certain large cities had deemed unimportant.

He likes that things rarely changes in a small town. You would not go to a restaurant one month and the next month it changes to another restaurant

You know certain people and cultivate bonds. Azief like that about his small town and he would trade it for the life in the big city.

Because he had once live in the big city and it is just not his cup of tea.

He looks at a place that used to be his parent house. Now that place is a tall hill with tall branching trees filled with large apes jumping around

And then.... then there is that place.

Azief eyes could see though certain things.

His eyes could replay the changes of the earth. It is not that his eyes could reverse the changes on Earth but he could watch the changes like he is looking at a video

In simpler terms, he could rewind the changes of the area and identify which is which.

For example, the hill that used to be the place where his house is located. If he only looks at it, all he could see is the hill

But if he uses his ability to see the past changes of the hill, he could see how the land rises up and energy gathers accumulating mass of soils and particles of magi to form the large hill

And so, he could see that it was originally the place where his house is located.

The reason is because he is connected with the Heavens

And the Heavens sees everything and it sees the changes of the world

The reason Azief does that is because he wants to see where is that peach tree in the past.