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There is also a room not far from the dining room where there is a wine rack arranged in a crisscross pattern.

Katarina have been drinking wine and there is a whole collection of it.

Of course to age it requires winemaking processes, a process that is not entirely developed in the world of humans and elves but enjoys a surge of development during the period of this time as Katarina popularized it.

As for aging it, Azief manipulate the Time Laws so that she could enjoy it.

As such, there is a few hundred bottles of wine in the wine rack.

She said she likes the taste.

It takes a bit time for her to get used to it but she had been loving it ever since. And since she did not get drunk drinking it, Azief did not prohibit it.

Azief walks toward the dining table. The dining room itself have arches and dark hardwood flooring topped by an area rug.

As for the walls of the dining room it is decorated with gorgeous paintings and the large arched window bringing plenty of natural light in.

He sat on one of the chairs. The servant come to him and was about to tell him the menu for today when he asked

‘Where is Katarina? Did she already had breakfast?’ he tries to appear nonchalant.

And since he always had an expressionless face, the servant only thought that Lord Azief just wanted to know if the Lady had awakened and maybe he wanted to have breakfast with her.

The servants immediately answered him

‘The Lady said she would arrive in a minute’

‘Ah. So, she didn’t have breakfast yet?’

‘Yes, milord’

Thank you’ he said and he nodded to the servant.

The servant quickly retreated. Azief look at the servant for a second and then he looks back at the table.

Azief knows the servant. She is the head of the kitchen department. He knew a few servants in the Palace.

Since these people would be the staff of this palace, Azief take the time to know these people. Some of the staff is from the slave world and some are the slave that was already in the Seresian main world.

Unlike most lords, Azief treated the servant of the Palace with respect.

Since he too used to work in the service industry, he understands the difficulties of the people working in the service industry.

What he hated the most is rude customer.

He could bear it if the customer is ignorant.

What he could not bear is a rude one.

He provided service and customer provided compensation. But there are some things that one should not deserve to take no matter how much the compensation.

His respect won the love and admiration of the servant of the Palace. While they do not treat him like a friend because of the status differences, they absolutely like him.

Azief himself knows it is not because he is so likable that these people like him.

And it is not like Azief go out of his way to pretend to be kind. What he did was simply simple. Giving respect to people who deserve it.

The servant had a hard task and so he respected that

But the reason why the servants treated such a simple and sensible response with such love is because it is not that Azief is too kind but the world that they have lived before is too cruel.

Azief was waiting for the food, when he could feel a familiar energy signature coming to the door.

He frowns for a second before reverting back to his usual expression.

Then the sound of the door being opened from the other side of the dining hall could be heard and Azief simply smiles as he saw the person entering the room

Katarina strides into the room and as she saw him, she smiles

'Good morning'

Azief smiles

'good morning to you too'

Katarina sat on the opposite side from Azief. They look at each other eyes, both of them are smiling. They are actually both trying to appear normal.

But the more normal they try to appear to be, the more abnormal they seem to become.

Azief does smile a lot since he had been here. But his smile right now is unnatural. The same could be said for Katarina.

Katarina smile has always been very beautiful. And even though it is awkward it is still beautiful

But the awkwardness is there.

'Hi' Azief said and he almost slammed his palm onto his forehead.

Most of the time when he felt awkward he would always say hi.

And Katarina also said Hi like she got caught in the pace and then they both avert their gaze from each other

Something actually happened last night. that was the reason why Azief who had rarely sleep like a human, went to sleep last night

As it turns out, Katarina also went to sleep mode last night. And both of them stay on their bed even after they got up.

Both of them try to avoid each other but in the end here they are.

Of course Katarina could choose other places to eat. After all this is not the only dining hall in the Palace

But this is the place where she had always eat her food for the last five months.

If she suddenly changes this habits, especially after last night she wonder what Azief would think of her

She had hoped that Azief had woke up early and already eaten.

Of course, for today, they still have to meet because one of the things that Azief had asked her to do had been accomplished.

But, at least she didn't want to look at Azief face during breakfast because she fears it would make her remember what happened last night and make her blush again.

She is still shy and she still didn't understand what she is feeling right now after last night. She felt quite confused and it is better for her to sort her thoughts first

In the end, they still meet each other.

Trying to avoid each other, they both wake up late and Azief even uses that time to think all kinds of problems trying to delay to wake up but by doing so, they met each other.

If Azief simply wake up and was not trying to predict Katarina movement he would have eaten first and then in the afternoon, they could meet to discuss about the Seresian world development.

They try to act like nothing happened. Yet, the more they try, the more obvious it became. Katarina is blushing red on her cheeks and Azief tries not to show any face expression.

The servants that is standing by on the dining room all smiles but they try not to make it obvious.

They know that the relationship between these two people is not so simple.

To the servants of this Palace, they are truly grateful for Lord Azief and Lady Katarina.

To them, and to the rest of the population of humans and elves in this new world that they have been brought to, these two people are not mortals.

But Gods.

That feeling is particularly felt by Raiyah. Raiyah is the head steward in charge of the kitchen. She is also once a slave of one of the Doge of Prancina.

She was a witness of the Descend. That is what the people of her world had been calling what happened nine months ago

Life was as usual in their world before the arrival of the Goddess.

In that usual day, Raiyah was doing her job in the mansion of the Doge of Prancina when suddenly the sky breaks open and a cold wind blows all over the world.

And there were ships.

But unlike ships that she had seen in the prosperous harbor of Prancina, these ships are floating in the sky.

Imagine her shock and disbelief at that time.

Most of the ship in the sky are black as the night. And there was a woman, a Goddess descending down from the Heavens

Accompanying her was the oncoming of winter. The winds blow cold air and falling from the skies are snows that is as sharp as sword.

Prancina had never snowed. But that day, whether it be the dessert of the Tarrakians, or the plains of Valeria they snow.

The whole city of Prancina was shocked.

Some people thought She was the Devil. Some thought she is one of the Goddess of the pantheon of those people in the Weibarr Empire

She simply came and then thousands of floating ships flew in the sky

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Each one covers the entire land. The size of such ships is hard to even comprehend.

Then she began descending to the harbor city of Prancina. She met with the Doge of Prancina and told him an unbelievable story.

That the world that they are in is not a real world. But there is heaven beyond heavens. There is another world

She tells a story of a demonic race that has been surveilling their people from the beginning and when they reach a progress that would threaten these demon overlords, they would be forced to start again.

And the same thing happens all over the world.

But instead of the goddess, they were visited by the alien race of the Orvanians. It has been ten months since that day.

Slowly people began to accept the truth that the Goddess has been saying. But there is still people that do not believe it.

Raiyah on the other hand is one of the few lucky ones.

She was inside the ship that the Goddess is boarding and she talks a bit with the Goddess.

The Goddess remembered her when they landed on this new world and she was then hired to work in the most beautiful palace in the world.

Raiyah, in her life had never seen such a majestic Palace and such a beautiful one too. The mansion of the Doges, the imperial Palaces of Weibar Empire would be like an ugly hut if they were to be compared to this Palace.

She felt pride in working in such a beautiful and majestic place and she felt happy working under the Goddess.

She also had learned from the Goddess herself that they were to be the staff of the palace to maintain it after the type of government of the world is decided.

Hearing that the staff of the palace is very happy.

They were also given the chance to quit or resign but none of them wanted to quit or resign.

The job is not that many and unlike the work they have done before, they only work for around six hours or so and the rest of the times is their free time, a concept that they never have before

Unlike the lords and nobles that they have worked under, Lord Azief and Lord Katarina is very different from them not only in behavior but also in the level of power.

They possess great powers, they could soar the skies like birds, flying in the clouds and produce thunder like sound when they flew, they could control the weather and do unimaginable feat that no mortals and elves could do

This is basically the feats of a god. Even the most qualified butler of the most noble family would feel inadequate to serve such beings.

Yet, unlike the nobles, these beings that should have been even more arrogant and more overbearing than the nobles, had morals and virtue far surpassing anyone they have met.

they seem to have respect for them and the work they do and they never have humiliated any of them and give them so many benefits that they the servant felt bad for them

Lord Azief is a gentleman.

While he did not speak a lot and usually have an expressionless facial expression, he treated the staff like they were people and always thanks them for their service even though it was not necessary

Both Lady Katarina and Lord Azief revoked their status of slave and taught them that everyone should be educated regardless of nobles or peasant.

A job has no low or high as long as it serves a purpose. A job with purpose then would have be a noble job for it serves a purpose.

Raiyah and her fellow servants had never been treated as such, to be treated with such respect. One mistake and she would be beaten. That was how it was when she was working under the nobility and merchant prince.

Yet, the lady and the Lord who is godlike and could conjure miracle, a being that stands higher than kings and queens, they are very forgiving

They also teach them many knowledge of the world and because of that the staff of the palace is very knowledgeable.

They learn that there are other worlds in the Universe. They learn that there is great civilization that could do things that have never been imagined before.

It is still take a bit of time for them to try to familiarize themselves living in this brand new world but they are slowly adapting.

because of the opportunity that she got, she is truly grateful toward Lady Katarina and Lord Azief. That is why she really hope these two ended up together.

The staff did not dare to gossip about these two figure but everyone could see that the relationship between these two people is not simple

Unlike Lady Katarina, Lord Azief had been here only for the past five months.

But like Lady Katarina Lord Azief is also capable of great feats. Like Lady Katarina, Lord Azief is also able to do all the things that lady Katarina could do and one could argue he could do it better

And the staff also knows that these two had known each other before from their conversation. There is history between them

And looking at them, it seems like they have feelings for each other. But they didn't seem to be together.

Katarina of course also knows that the palace ladies knows that the relations between her and Azief is quite unusual and their ways of cheering her up reminded her of her maidens on Earth.

But both Katarina and Azief both did not care that much about the gossip of palace maids. But today, they are unusually stiff.

Raiyah prays that these two could see each other and stay here in this world.

Of course Azief and Katarina did not know their reputation in the hearts of the staff of the palace is very high.

As they try not to look at each other with blushing faces, the servants began serving the dishes. Azief now found other places he could stare at other than the marble dining table.

A wide variety of à la carte items is offered at breakfast including freshly baked pastries, egg specialties, cheeses, smoked fish and cold meats was served first.

Then there are the crusty baguettes, Parma ham and burrata, fluffy brioches and melting pains au chocolat, smoked salmon and blini, and a soft-boiled egg topped with caviar, crème fraîche, and an edible 23-karat-gold leaf.

Most of the recipes is the original recipe of the world but some of them is also supplied by Katarina.

Katarina herself is not a good cook but the one of the Orvanians technology has the records of many recipes that exist in the Multiverse.

She only need to give a few cookbooks so that the chefs and cooks in this world to reach a transformative change in cooking

Azief slowly began to eat the food.

Katarina also did the same. They did not speak with each other but the air between them is not cold and it is not oppressing. But only weird.

The servants stay standing on the others side of the room. While some others are back on the kitchen.

The breakfast that Azief and Katarina is eating is very luxurious.

All of it is made from the freshest ingredients and it is decorated with perfect attention to details.

As they eat the food, usually they would talk to each other how their days had been and what they are planning.

But today, they seem adamant not trying to see each other eyes. Every once in a while Katarina would steal glances toward Azief.

Azief at first was also nervous.

But, in his Divine Sense he could see that Katarina is trying to steal glances at him and as he eats his bread using his fork, he smirks a bit and restrain his desire to laugh.

'She is cute' he thought to himself. It did not escape his attention that Katarina look beautiful. She wears a white one-piece dress, a causal style one-piece dress

Katarina always changes the design of her clothes whenever she likes it. And today, she wears a dress like this.

Though, Azief believe that it is not the dress that is beautiful but it is Katarina that is beautiful. Azief then look up. Katarina quickly look back down pretending to eat and Azief almost chuckles.

There was some serious stuff he needs to talks about with her but at this moment, he suddenly said

'You look beautiful' Katarina who is sipping her a soup nearly drop down her spoon but she quickly calms her heart down.

Her cheeks become red and while she wanted to calm her heart down it is not that easy. She still felt her heart beating fast.

She did not answer and she does not dare to look up fearing that Azief would see her blushing cheeks.

Azief smiles again and then he looks back down at his plate and began sipping his own soup.

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At least the silence between them is broken. Behind them, the servants all look at each other with a smile, feeling happy looking at their lord and lady flirting.

The culture of most humans in the slave world is a bit conservative. To say someone is beautiful, the lords usually would say it in other ways

Only when they are husband and wife, the sweet whispers of nothing would be traded in their home. But Lord Azief is very direct.

But because of this novel way of being direct, at least to the eyes of the servants, Lord Azief seems very bold and some even thought that this kind of method is not bad.

For a while only the sound of eating could be heard in the dining room. That awkward atmosphere continues.

Azief had finished his bread and soup and put down the spoon on the edge of his plate. He then looks up and said.

‘Did you talk to her? Can I see the lab?’

Hearing this question, it took some time for Katarina to understand what Azief is talking about. Then she remembered something.

She nodded without seeing Azief’s face. Even though she tries to hide it one could see that she is blushing and her cheeks are red like a tomato.

Azief smirks a bit.

Then she said

‘I’ll send someone to give you the access card to the lab. There is an artificial guide for the lab. She would explain it to you about the technology there.’ She then returns back to sipping her soup. Azief almost wanted to laugh,

Azief also returns back to his food and took a few more bread resumes eating. He also felt a bit awkward to see Katarina after last night

But he is trying to play it cool.

He doesn’t know whether it works or not, but he hopes that it does. Azief almost wanted to laugh when thinking about it.

For the past five months, his life has slowed down a bit.

He did not obsessively try to raise his strength in this world.

There is a lot of ways to raise his strength.

One of them is using the blue crystal.

He believes that he could gain something good if he nurtures the blue crystal. But he did not use it even after having so many times in his hand.

The reason why he did not use the blue crystal is actually quite simple.

He is sure that the Seresian world is not a suitable place for him to nurture the blue crystal.

He had long decided to nurture that blue crystal on Earth

So, he will not use that blue crystal here on this world. There is also the fact that if he uses that blue crystal in this world it would only make it harder on him.

What if once he uses the blue crystal it could not be moved to another place? While he got a bit of knowledge of how to use the blue crystal, what happens next is still anyone's guess.

If this blue crystal created some kind of device or opens up certain doors to other worlds what if by using it in the Seresian world, the blue crystal would permanently reside here?

That means he would always have to come to this world and break the barriers between worlds each time he did that.

So, he scrapped the idea of getting stronger through using the blue crystal.

He would think more about it when he returns back to Earth

And it is also inconceivable in trying to breakthrough in this world considering the level of energy that it possesses.

The energy of this world is on the verge of rising. But Azief and Katarina pointed out a way of technology to the humans, elves and dwarves.,

They did not want the three races to follow the method of magic. The reason is simply because unlike Earth, this world is slowly recovering its energy.

And even though the energy recovery is fast right now, it is only for a few years. After a while it would slowly recover. The process would take thousands if not tens of thousands of years.

And not to mention that even only a few cultivate the energy of this world, it would severely drain this world's energy

It is for that reason that Azief and Katarina pointed a different way for the three races. This would also help the living beings of this world

The reason why the Seresian world populated by powerful demonic creatures declines is simply because they are too many of them absorbing the energy of heaven and earth

Because this world is a magical world, everything in this world is governed by magic and not by some laws of physics.

The death of forests, the advent of daily natural disasters are all the symptoms of the world raging as the Heavenly Will of the world is dying because of the lack of energy.

And unlike Earth, they do not have a powerful primordial artifact like the All Source to recharge the energy.

The Seresian world energy was accumulated for trillions of years but it was easily squandered by the Seresian demon in only a few thousand years

The problem of the Seresian world has always been about the mystical energy and they never try to find another way.

Azief and Katarina then decided that kind of development would not be good for this world since the energy is just recovering.

Maybe after a few millions years, this world could start absorbing the energy of the world and become like the people on Earth.

But until then, it is better for them to engage in technology instead of exploiting the energy of the world that has just started recovering.

As for the energy of this world other than Katarina, if Azief is using the energy of this world to breakthrough to Essence Creation it basically would drain this world of its energy.

Katarina on the other hand is quite different.

If she breaks through she would only break through toward Divine Comprehension level.

At least, Divine Comprehension breakthrough is still something that this world could handle. And there is only one cultivator in this world right now so it would not affect this world badly.

But if Azief tries to use the energy of this world to break through to Essence Creation, not only he would drain the energy of this world, he might also fail because the energy on this world might not be enough for him to break through to Essence Creation

If breaking through to Essence Creation is so easy, there would be tens of trillions of them in the vast universe.

But there is only a few millions of Essence Creation leveler in the entire Universe and the Omniverse at large.

Of course, this millions number might seem a lot but when you compared it to the gigantic and vast sizes of Universes and think of how many lives that exist in all of Omniverse from the main Universe to the parallel ones, you would find that millions of people is simply too small of a number.

Even the stars in the Milky Way galaxy itself is as numerous as the sands on a beach.

Now think of all the worlds that could exist and possibly exist in the Universe and think of the Universe that have passed by, Universes that no one could travel to as their planets keep moving, taking all of this into account, a few million, this number is infinitesimally small.

But that did not mean Azief himself slack at all.

While he could not take too much the energy of this world, he did manage to heal the inner injury of his body when he got a backlash from his failed attempt at breakthrough.

And he had reached back at his peak.

The only thing he could not do is his breakthrough.

However, this delay did not weaken him. Instead, it allows Azief to be more detailed in his attempt at breakthrough later.

Azief from the very beginning had been moving too fast in his quest for power.

He had never taken the time to stop.

But now, here, he stops and he found that he has missed seeing many things, missed seeing many sceneries.

It gave him time to reflect and trying to see if he missed anything when he was breaking through in the past.

He had time to hone the skills that he already has, perfecting it even further, creating attacking moves that amplify the use of the energy around him and the laws around him

He also uses the time to make sure his mental health is sane. He notices that as he become stronger, the more emotional he becomes.

He examines himself, trying to see if anything could hinder him to breakthrough to other level.

Azief even thought maybe this is the so called heart demon that most cultivators in the Jade Empire have to face when they have to transcend to a higher level.

Ultimate peak, in the end, does it lie madness there?

When he thinks of such hypothesis, he once again thought about the vision of himself in the future, like some kind of a destroyer killing all lives and he shudders

Chapter 1164: The price of power (1)

At that time, he appears to be so invincible that nothing appears to be able to defeat him.

But, that person, the person he saw in his vision of the future, had such cold eyes. Indifferent to everything around him.

There is nothing. And it is nothing like him. He did not feel disgusted seeing his future self. He just feels.....nothing.

And that is the terrifying part of it all. When he saw himself in the future, he felt like he was seeing someone else entirely.

There was no humanity in him, in that eyes. It is the same eyes that he has right now, yet seeing it, he felt like there is a void in there

And when he saw there is no humanity in his own eyes, it is not like he is a beast or a devil.... just simply the feeling of looking at an abyss that have no end, that is eternal, endless, with no beginning and no end, yet at the same time, there is this contradiction of feelings when he saw his own eyes.

There is that feeling of eternity, of endlessness, yet at the same time he felt like that same abyss that gives him that feeling of eternity also gives him the feeling of end, of a true end...whatever that means

Feelings is the hardest things to describe and to make sense of. He doubts that Will who was with him at that time felt the same feeling he felt.

And even though that feeling remains in his heart even until now, he still could not make sense of it.

Emotions, feelings, these intangible things have no power...at least not something that is visible. In the world before the Fall, the effects of feelings and emotion rarely affected the world.

But Azief knows that in magical worlds, sometime great emotions could trigger great magic.

Oaths, promises, all of these things are sacred for there are Great Wills that is all over the stream of existence.

No magic, no effect. But a world touched by magical and mystical power, never underestimate the power of emotion to affect reality

Azief had feared that he is slowly getting crazy. He felt burdened. Not by responsivity but by information that threatened to fills his mind in random moments.

And it is getting worse.

If not for the fact that he had time to stop and rest a bit in the Seresian world, if he is at Pandemonium considering that Pandemonium always had threat in the dark trying to undermine its authority, Azief is quite sure he would be thinking for the whole day

Once he started thinking, his thinking branches to another problem, to another topic, and as it branches it gives birth to other possibility.

While this is good in the beginning as it made Azief think the bigger picture and enables him to see through the plots and schemes of people who try to bring him down as he grows more powerful he began to sense that something is wrong.

When he is in his thinking mode, he is very rational.

Scarily rational.

Sometime, in his thinking, sentimentality, emotion, rights or wrong were all thrown to the side and only rational thoughts remains.

Sometime however, his thought would think about his relationship and emotions overwhelms him that it almost paralyzed him.

Anything brought to the extreme is bad.

Too much sugar is bad for you. Too much salt is also bad for you. There must be balance. And Azief is realizing that the balance that is present in his heart and his mind in the past is slowly becoming unbalanced

And that is a terrible thing especially considering how powerful he is.

And as he felt unbalanced, he thought of himself in that future he saw and he could not help but feel scared.

Yes, he feels scarfed.

There are not many things in this world that Death Monarch is afraid of.

But he feels scared, knowing that the possibility of him being that “thing” he saw in the future.

Just thinking about it gives him the shivers.

He did not want to be that thing.

And while most of the time, he had a good track record of hiding that part of the memory from himself the moment he felt like he is going crazy, the thought that “this is it. This is how it begins” fills his mind and that is not a good thought to have

Sometimes, it is that vision of the future that kept him at night

And each time he thought of that vision of the future, his mind would inadvertently go to Sofia.

He decided that Sofia is a person he could trust. In the end, Sofia would point that arrow to him. But he refuses to believe that is the future that they have.

He wanted to break that future. So, he proposes. He just didn’t expect that the timing wasn’t right

He understands Sofia rejection. But understanding it doesn’t make it less painful. He sighed inwardly and forgot about all of these things as he takes a sip of the yogurt.

‘Today, I would finally see the lab’ he mutters but Katarina heard it.

‘It has been a long time coming. I just didn’t expect it would take this long’ he added. Katarina still looking at her plate simply said

‘Forcing her would only enact certain protocol that you and I would both not like. And there is reasonable excuse to why she didn’t let you enter the lab before’

‘You seem to be defending her, Kat’ Katarina sighed

‘She is not that bad. She is just following orders. I don’t want you to be hostile to her. Being hostile to her would mean being hostile to the Orvanians. You already don’t have many allies. There is no need to add more enemies’

Azief sighed

‘I never wanted to make anyone my enemies. It is just that people don’t know how to sit still and keep aiming at taking my head, poking me. If you don’t provoke me, why would I have so much time to find trouble with them’

Katarina look up and look at Azief. Azief also looks at her. She only shakes her head and sighed

‘You are too headstrong’

‘Look who’s talking’

Katarina only smiles at this banter.

At least it dispelled a bit that awkward feeling between them both.

Azief also smiles and then takes another bite of the food on the table.

Azief had been wanting to see the lab since he knows of its existence.

They have been talking about this last night. Katarina said that she had a talk with that girl and that girl will give her an update in the morning.

Azief is glad he finally has been given permission to go. Of course, he could always just forcefully go there.

Even though that lab is shielded with all kinds of concealing devices, Azief is quite sure if he could mobilize all the laws in this world, he would at least get a clue.

But Azief also knows not to underestimate the Orvanian.

This is an ancient race, a primordial race created just after Time was birthed into the Laws of the Universe.

Azief also knows that the Orvanian had a powerful device that not only it could kill an Essence Creation level but also capture them.

Killing is always easier than capturing.

There are many considerations that needs to be taken when capturing. Not so many consideration is needed for killing

With such powerful technology, Azief knows that if he had tried to forcefully enter the lab, he might trigger some weapons that even he could not withstand.

And it would also sow enmity between him and the Orvanians. That is not something he wanted.

Azief wanted to learn from them and not make him their enemies so he has been waiting for the past couple of months.

The lab that they are talking about is the lab where the Orvanians store many of the technologies that Katarina had use to change this world.

Azief desire to see the technology is not simply to admire it but also to learn from it and see whether these technologies could be brought to Earth Prime.

There are many problems on Earth right now. One of them is the geography problem

Azief original plan was to merge all the continent in the world into one, creating a titanic Pangea. That is his original plan that he wanted to execute

After merging the continent using the power of the Heavenly Will and the Laws that he had, he would then split it into seven.

He got the idea from the Fake World. In the past Europe and Asia is still connected and sometimes they affected each other.

The influence of the Republic and the World Government is breathing down on the Lotus Order.

Azief also knows that those two world power sometime is the hand in the dark inciting conflict in the Asian continent.

Lotus Order itself is not innocent in this as they also incited conflict of rebellion among the kingdom under the Word Government control and lobbying some Senators in the Senate of the Republic to help Lotus Order gain advanced technology.

Chapter 1165: The price of power (2)

League of Freedom also did not sit still and out of all the world powers their action is the most open.

Everyone knows that there is some bad blood between the League of Freedom and the World Government.

And the League of Freedom have always been targeting the World Government from bombing their facilities, to inciting insurrection, attacking the borders, spying, all normal stuff world powers always do against each other

Azief thought to separate the world into seven.

of course, he himself believe that after doing that he would exhausted most of his energy and he had to rest for a few years before he is back at the peak again

In normal cases, if Azief was that weak, he had to be wary of the Heavenly Will resistance.

But since he decides to use the Heavenly Will to merge and then split the world into seven the Heavenly Will would also be exhausted.

But after seeing what the technology that the Orvanian used to transform this world into a world of abundance while at the same time without draining too much of the energy of the world, Azief had new ideas.

He probably did not need to merge all the continents but only the separate continent.

His idea might be too extreme.

At the same time, between the seven world powers, the Wall of the Sky technology could be implemented.

This Wall of the Sky is a technology that Katarina told him exist in the lab.

The description of the technology made him feel that it could be used by the world powers to at least maintain the uneasy peace between the seven world power.

One of Azief worries was always that the world would get into another world war.

In the beginning he was not worried about this. But as he became one of the great powers, it is one of his worries.

And the threat is no longer only the seven great powers. The seven great powers at least had some balance and restricted each other.

For example, the most extreme rivalry is about the League of Freedom and the World Government.

But even though those two have world obliterating weapons, they would not use it against each other

Is it because they are thinking about the people in their dominion and sphere of power?

No.

At least not for Narleod who have extreme hatred against the World Government. The reason is simply because as crazy as Narleod is, he is not entirely crazy like Rosulka.

If he is fully crazy he could not lead such an organization. The reason why these two powers did not throw world ending weapons against each other is because there are laws.

Laws that he had crafted and written. They do that, and regardless who wins between the two, they would lose the entire game.

Because once that happen, the other four great powers would declare that the winner had violated the Article.

The Article of World Distribution might seem only like an article detailing the partition of the world influence.

But it was supplemented over the years by the World Council. Any laws that were to enter the Article requires majority support from all of the world powers.

Of course when such majority rule become the deciding factor one might think that this is simply strengthening the other four world powers.

After all, the alliance between the four world powers compared to the Triumvirate that is the World Government, The Republic and Pandemonium

But of course, Loki at that time will not lose an inch and instead insisted that Pandemonium have three votes.

So as long as the Triumvirate did not have too much of a difference in opinion most of the laws proposed by Pandemonium is passed.

One of those laws stated that no world power is allowed to use world ending, universals breaking weapons against the other world power

Any such unprovoked and deliberate use of such weapon detonated on Earth or any nearby Universes that would affect the wellbeing and the safety of Earth would be punished by all of the other world powers.

Basically if anyone does that, the world powers will gang up on them and destroy and tear them down and as for the people and the territory of that world power, it would be divided among the world powers.

At that time, it was simple. There is already balance between the great power and while there is still skirmishes and battles against each other, they know where to keep the line.

War was not eradicated. Only minimized.

But over the years, things have not been to peaceful.

there is even more powerful factions and organization that has rises over the years. Some of them even have powers rivaling some of the world powers.

They rose in underdeveloped parts of the world.

For example, the Lotus Order legally acknowledge to have the right of rule over all of Asia, the right of rule which is derived from the authority of Pandemonium, the strongest world power in the world, kind of like a superpower nation

To some other people in other world power they might think that the grip that the Lotus Order have over Asia is tight and stable when that is not the truth at all.

There were rebellions in the begging of enforcing the rule of the Lotus Order in the beginning that they have to ask or help from the Three Great Powers.

And the sphere of influence of the Lotus Order is around the Central Plains only. Mongolia for example is ruled by another warlord, a Mongolian warlord.

Thankfully enough, this Mongolian warlord is nothing like Genghis Khan. Of course, if he were, in this world, the strongest person in the world is him

You run wild in the world and be prepared to be cut by a sword that came from ten thousand miles away

That warlord might have control over the Mongolian plains and made alliances with the Tibetan warlords and to people who have low level, they might seem like a great figure, but in Azief eyes, they are simply small characters that he didn't even need to pay attention to

If he were to pay attention and if this small character did not know their place and run wild, one thunderbolt and one strike of a sword is enough to neutralize the threat.

Regardless this shows that the world powers do not exercise full control over the continent they were given to

In the case of the Lotus Order, they compromise with the warlords all over Asia.

There are many warlords in Minor Asia that pays lip service to Lotus Order but do whatever they want in their territory.

they know that as long as they do not do things that touch the bottom line of the Three Great Powers and be low profile, they would not be targeted.

Because the territory is under Lotus Order and by the laws of the Article, no other world power could interfere in the other world power internal conflict.

This is to avoid overextending a small war into a world war.

If the premier power of the continent could not handle even an internal war, they are not worthy to sit among the other world powers.

After all, the establishment of the world power is to pacify the world. It is the creation of Pandemonium and World Government.

But some factions and organization uses the laws of the article to their advantage and gather their strength under the banner of the world power and some of these organization even have power rivalling that of world powers but content to remain as regional overlords.

The only differences were that they are not acknowledged by the Article of World Distribution.

Azief act of authoring the Article of the World Distribution had set a precedent that any legitimacy of power, especially of a new faction or organization rested in the hands of the most powerful person in the world with the support of other powerful supporters.

It is precisely because Azief is the strongest person in the world at that time, that the Article of World Distribution was acknowledge by the world power.

Azief alone was not enough.

Even if at that time he had the title of the world strongest, if World Government and the Republic truly could not accept it and launch a full out desperate attack at him at that time, throwing everything they have against him, then the article would be nothing but a piece of paper that have no power.

If that happens at that time, the world would be thrown into chaos.

It is precisely because it is authored by the world strongest man and supported by the Republic and the World Government, the two other world power that exist at that time that the Article of World Distribution gain legitimacy and power.

Legitimacy is an intangible thing.

As long as enough people believe in it, it become legitimate.

Before then, the conflict between the three great powers whether it is the start of a war or an end of the war had no legitimacy because there was no one to arbitrate the matter

But the moment the Article was acknowledged and accepted, this intangible power becomes real.

Since then, any conflict between the world powers would be arbitrated by the representative of Pandemonium.

Any change of territory, any claims of lands, any complaints against another world powers, any decision to declare war against other world powers would be at first begins in a discussion where Pandemonium must preside.

In a way because of the Article, large scale wars between the world power is contained and crimes against humanity in a war dropped.

Everyone believe in Death Monarch words.

Because if there is one thing about Death Monarch that everyone know is that he rarely breaks his own words.

Once he had given his words everyone could rest assured that he would not break his promise unless you went over his bottom line.

And it is because of that, Hirate throws the blame to Loki, it is also the reason why Jean shut his mouth and why others that have a hint of what really happens during the Multiversal Convergence chose to shut their mouth and follow the narrative that Loki is the culprit

Because the position of Death Monarch in the seven great powers is based on trust. Once that trust is broken, then slowly things would start to crumble.

And the crumbling of the order of the Seven Great Powers would signify another period of chaos. And right now, Earth could not afford another period of chaos.

As for the hidden threat of these other organization that rivals in power with the other world powers, since Azief had never let that throne of being the strongest man in the world, the legitimacy of these factions and organization is not acknowledged unless he himself acknowledges them.

Loki plays a dangerous game with supporting some of these organization and faction to contain the other six great world powers but it is also undeniable that Loki method works.

Even when Pandemonium did not have Death Monarch guarding it, because of his genius use of balancing the powers in the world, Pandemonium remains the premier power of the world

But that is a method only Loki could do.

Azief mind is always fill with the thoughts of what he would do after he returns home. He hopes the lab could give him some help

Azief had not seen the lab before because Katarina had to convince the Artificial Intelligence of the lab to agree to it.

The AI of the lab is very independent and has her own thoughts and it took her this long to finally make the Artificial Intelligence agree for him to look at the lab.

He himself had promise a few things to the Artificial intelligence and he also agree that the Artificial Intelligence could hide certain advanced technologies that is not suitable for the current development of Earth Prime

Azief knows that the Artificial Intelligence had a huge databases of worlds in that head of hers and she seems to fear that he would use it to arm humans on Earth with technologies that could threaten the Multiversal safety.

‘What are you thinking about?’ Azief was startled a bit and his thought come back to the dining room. Katarina notices Azief weird behavior

‘Focus mode again?’ she asks. He nodded and his face is solemn a bit. Katarina also seems worried.

'It is getting worse' he said. Katarina face tightened.

'Are you sure that hypothesis of yours is correct?' Katarina said. For a moment, the atmosphere in the dining room turns a bit cold and oppressing.

Azief close his eyes for a second and took a deep breath. Opening it he said

'Maybe, I'm wrong. Maybe, it is my problem. Maybe. I am just overthinking it' Katarina however did not buy it.

'I also felt it'

'Sometimes' she added. Azief close his eyes for a second. He had told Katarina that as he grows stronger his mind wander more and more.

At times, he went lost in his thoughts. While the time he uses to think of all these things only took a second or so, the burden it places on his mind is accumulating.

And so, Azief found out that one of the things he did not need to do since the Fall, needed to be done

And the act that he is talking about is the act of sleeping.

After one reaches the Energy Disperse Stage, one could forego sleeping.

Ironically enough as he grows stronger and rise to Divine Comprehension he found out that he needs to sleep to calm down these thoughts in his mind that would not stop thinking and speculating, divining, deducing.

He thought of powerful creature that he heard from Alsurt that slumbers for thousands and tens of thousands of years or the Dark Things in the Dark Universe that slumbers for million and billions of years, awaken only when certain resonance is formed, when one spoke its name, or remember it.

Maybe, one day when he grows stronger enough, even he had to go into a long slumber. If not, he probably would go crazy.

But if his hypothesis is not wrong and that this thing happens not only to him, then he also has to worry about the mental state of Jean and Hikigaya.

Jean is obsessed with Time Laws.

Azief acknowledges that when it is about the laws of Time, even he with all of his powers could not rival Jena understanding of Time.

The only reason why he could suppress Jean is because he is on another level entirely with his Divine Comprehension level on the pinnacle realm, only one step toward Essence Creation while at the same time having the Perfection of his Physique and Laws.

If he is on the same level with Jean and Jean uses his Time Laws against him, even Azief don't know if he could win the fight.

'hei' Katarina said and it startles him again

She looks at him, worried

'Again?'

Azief click his tongue feeling frustrated at himself. One thought leads to another and it continues.

'You should take a nap or something. You do not have to rush meeting her. We have a month left'

Azief shake his head.

'I'll take my sleep at night. I need to see her. It already takes this long to get the permission. It is better if I confirm some things. And if what you said about the technology there is true, I need to take time to memorize it all' Sighing Katarina could only nod.

Azief then say to Katarina

'Thank you for helping me.'

'I just hope that Pandemonium and the Republic would never have to be enemies. The weapons I saw the Orvanians uses is something that would simply put nuclear weapons to look like stones and sticks. And if Pandemonium and the Republic both have these weapons, then if we did war against each other, the damage would be unimaginable and might span other star system and other universes.'

'I thought that the AI would not give any weapons related technology.

'They won't. But development is not some tech tree. If you have some other information you could derive and reverse engineer certain technology that the Orvanian would give us, it is enough to create new weapons'

'While I doubt that you and I have time to research these technologies our research department have a lot of time in their hands to research the technology that we will brought home and they would have enough time to create weapons that is more advanced than what we have right now'

Azief frowned

'You think I want to be enemies with you?'

'Katarina, these organizations, these world power is nothing but people playing house. I hope you did not get caught up in it.

'You don't believe the power of a civilization?'

'No, I do believe in them. If I didn't why would I even bother to move? I am just reminding you not too get too attached. When we are strong as we are we could sometimes forget that not all people are as strong as we are. Not everyone desires good'

'You think that by being unattached, it would be better for us? That it would get us closer to the true source of power? Is that what you think?'

Katarina did not seem to be mad.

She is simply trying to understand.

Azief knows that this is not the place or time to discuss about such heavy things when they are having breakfast.

Chapter 1166: A side only he knows

As for the servants in the room, they don't even understand what these two people are talking about.

They do not understand what pandemonium and Republic is.

They don't understand what source of power or what prompted such discussion. But they do not care. It is only reasonable for them to not understand

And along the conversation Azief and Katarina spoke in English.

Since they have been living here for months and their comprehension is good they quickly have learned the language of the people of this world

and then when they realize they talk about something that is beyond the thoughts of the servants in the room, Azief and Katarina turns to speak in English.

After all, Azief could not speak Russian.

There was never any need before because the system converts all language into words he could understand.

So, even if he spoke in Malay, and the other one spoke in Russian, Azief could understand it even when he was speaking another language and it is the same situation for the other person

English is at least a language that they both could speak so along the way they changed their language.

The servants also know their limit.

For things they don't understand, they just try not to listen. As long as the lord and the lady enjoy their breakfast sets, they are happy.

On the other hand, on the dining table, looking at each other from opposite side of each other, the debate about the Grand Path is still continuing.

In talking about these things, Katarina suddenly forgot her shyness. Azief simply shakes his head

'I used to think that I was right. That only be removing the mundane world from my eyes and my heart that I could rise higher. But now, after all that I have experienced, after all I have seen, truth is.... I am not sure. But if there is one thing I know....it is that being too attached to the Republic is not good. I fear it would one day become your weakness'

Katarina was silent for a while thinking about it carefully

Sighing he then said

'Katarina.....we could not save everyone. '

Katarina answer simply

'Well, I could very well damn try'

Azief laughed.

His laugh was so unexpected that the servants on standby looking at each other with puzzled expression, thinking what made the lord so happy that he laughs in the middle of eating.

'A heart that never lose hope. That is a remarkable trait' Azief mutters and then looking back at his plate he once again eats the food with a smile on his face.

Once again there is silence in the room and Katarina suddenly remember what happen last night again and her shyness returns and she once again stare down back at her plate

They have their breakfast like this and after finishing their breakfast they both got up. There is eight exit out of the dining hall.

Since the palace is that big, and there is so many halls and residential area in the area and so many department, this palace is truly a palace that incorporated everything.

Katarina obviously wanted to avoid walking out the same exit as Azief. And Azief could see it.

Just because they debate about the Grand Path and ease a bit of awkwardness during breakfast did not mean that the awkwardness would just suddenly disappears.

Azief also knows that this is not good.

He was never proactive before.

And he did try to avoid it.

And in doing so he felt like he reverted the way he was in the past. He felt a bit pathetic and he thinks he should explain it to her.

Maybe not now, when they just have finished breakfast and the awkwardness is still that strong. But he is done trying to avoid things.

He should face it.

It is quite ironic when he thinks about it.

He did not mind facing monster horde or fight some crazed alien from some ancient space race or dueling an invading warmongering alien warrior but when it is about confronting his feeling, when it is about being honest about what he feels and want, somehow, that is harder for him.

Katarina was about to go out using the west exit.

Azief who was walking toward the east exit stopped, shakes his head and run across the room in almost an instant and grab Katarina hands from behind.

The servants who was in the dining hall and was waiting for the lady and the lord to go out to clean the dining table was shocked when they see the lord suddenly appears beside the lady

To their eyes, the lord walks toward the east exit, look toward Katarina and a second later appears behind Katarina like he teleported there.

He was so fast that to the eyes of normal humans, it appears like he was in one spot in one second and then in another second he was in another.

Because the distance is short only a small gust of wind sweeps by the area, causing the curtain of the windows to sway wildly for a few seconds before slowly swaying normally again.

Azief had already created force field to avoid turning the whole dining room into a mess.

He is more considerate than his sworn brother Will.

If it was him, this whole dining room would be in a mess as he left a trace of lightning as he runs away from the scene.

Katarina who was walking could only hear a swooshing sound, felt the sensation on her arms and look back to see Azief looking at her.

She immediately blushes red like a tomato. Azief chuckles a bit, with a hint of mischievousness in his eyes.

Katarina looks innocent and timid. But Azief knows she could be every proactive when it is something that she wants.

This is not an inherent trait of her. But a cultivated trait that she had developed after the Fall. Though, Azief likes it that at least when she is with him, she is like this.

Of course.... last night she was not this timid. Last night it was him being timid and innocent. Thinking about it again, he himself wanted to blush in embarrassment.

That is why he could not help but wanted to laugh. Last night she was very proactive but come morning, it was like she was a different person.

That is why he is very amused to see how she behaves in the dining room. If anything, it would be him that should be embarrassed but seeing Katarina pretending to be innocent all of a sudden, Azief could not help but think that this is just one of her cute side

A side only he knows

‘What!’ she suddenly said, unintentionally raising her pitch a bit, because of how shocked she was

‘Let’s talk tonight. I want to clear something with you’ he said and he was serious this time. Hearing this Katarina knows what Azief wanted to talk about

‘It is just a small matter. It was not the first time’ Azief shake his head.

‘If that is so, we would not be feeling this way.’

‘Let’s talk tonight. I don’t want you to think that I am doing this to hurt you. I hated myself when it is like this’

‘Then you hate what happen last night?’

Azief shook his head.

‘No.’ he paused for a second and then he said

‘It is complicated’

Katarina sighed and shakes her head

'With you it always is. But with me, it is very simple' Azief smiles bitterly at this.

There is silence between them for a few second and then she nodded

'Let's talk tonight' she said and Azief face glows a bit feeling happy.

'let's meet at the balcony.' She said and Azief slowly release his grip on her arms

She then said

'I need time to sort out my feelings' Azief nodded. She knows what Katarina is trying to say to her. It means simply for him to not disturb her until tonight.

Then she walks out form the dining hall and Azief then disappears almost a second later, using his super speed to quickly returns to his room.

In his room, he checks a few things. He brought out the blue crystal and look at it.

'I need a point of reference' he seems to be saying it to himself. His eyes narrowed and thought to himself

'I need to plan for the future' There is something that he did not tell Katarina, Sofia, Sina and Loki.

He had been planning a lot of things since he saw his future.

He also sorts out his thoughts.

That is why he has been thinking a lot about what he will do when he returns back to Earth.

Measures that needs to be taken, plans that have to be made and schemes and plots that he had to set up beforehand.

There is a grand plan in his mind right now. The blue crystal is also part of that plan.

He believes that with the assistance of the knowledge hidden in the blue crystal he would be able to slowly perfect his plan

After all, these past five months is not wasted by him.

There is a lot of time for him to sort out his thought and research some things.

'I just hope that I am not wrong about this. But even if I'm wrong, I still have time to modify the plan'

The plan he is thinking about is still just a vague plan. He is setting up, thinking of the factors and resources he needed. And perfecting it as he keeps walking on.

He then put back the blue crystal on the secret place only he could access and decided to take a nap before going to the lab.

At the same time Katarina was at her office reading reports.

She was also not in a comfortable position. Thinking about what would happen tonight fills her with anxiety but it is easily suppressed by her.

That is how morning ended for both Azief and Katarina.

Chapter 1167: Falling down (1)

The sound of the sonic boom echoes around the sky and the clouds parted to give way.

A gust of wind sweeps the area and the forest near the wind path were plucked out from their roots.

Then a figure appears as the space and time around him seems to be distorted because of the pressure that this figure has over his surroundings.

Time and space around this figure seems to bend in a weird manner. This figure is Azief.

It took him only a few minutes to reach this place.

Even though he could teleport, the Heavenly Rule of this world restricted him a bit and so with the time dilation added in, it takes him a few minutes instead of an instant.

He did not complain much. He arrived at the approximate area and he frowns a bit

'It's here?' he looks around first and uses his Divine Sense trying to sense something but in the end he could sense anything.

To him, this place while it has large trees and thick trunk, a large forest filled with wild beast and game, and there is an inactive volcano in the distance, Azief could not sense anything unusual

'Here is the place?' he repeated in his mind. He almost could not believe it

He frowned for a second

'Even with a sweep of Divine Sense, I could not sense anything. The Orvanians have a very advanced stealth technology. The more I knew about them, the more formidable they seem to be' he thought to himself.

Azief then slowly floats down to the ground and landed on a grassy clearing surrounded by green tall trees.

There is some wild beast prowling around the area but they did not attack Azief.

They seem to quickly run away from Azief area like they could sense that Azief is a different kind of being from them

It is like a prey that could sense a predator is among them.

Azief takes a breath.

'There is really nothing to indicate that this area is the place where the lab is. Incredible' he once again thought to himself

Usually the air would change, the energy or even some changes of unnatural particle might have been changed because of the creation of something like an advanced lab.

And from what Katarina told him, the lab is not exactly natural.

Considering that the Orvanians technology is very advanced with some of them even having mystical properties Azief expect that now that he is in the ground he could sense or even trace some kind of differences in the surrounding area.

Even if he could not see it, at least he should be able to sense it with his Divine Sense.

But even now, on the ground, on the specified location where the lab is supposed to be, he could not sense anything

Azief brought out his access card and began looking at the access card. Since the beginning when he uses the access card, the access card was blinking.

Even when he was teleporting, the access card seems to be able to direct his space-time travel according to a certain coordinate and even mask the coordinate from other interference

It is like some kind of a more advanced teleportation stone with GPS embedded into it

The access card finally stops blinking.

‘So, this is the place. At least I was not wrong’ He fears that he had been teleported to a wrong location

But since the access card has stopped blinking it shows he is in the right location. It is the ordinariness of everything around him that made him doubt that he is in the right location.

Azief right now is in front of a mountain.

This mountain stands at the height of tens of thousands of kilometers in height.

It is covered with ice and weird plants.

There is beast roaming around this mountain, some slither, some fly in the sky and some burrows in the ground.

There is also the white fog that covers half of the bottom of the mountain.

Looking from afar it is a magnificent mountain and a beauty of nature with a hint of a mystical charm.

But this is the location of the lab.

Azief already got all the instruction he needed from Katarina on how to use the access card. He touches one of the translucent button on the access card and then he heard a sound.

It is a sound of something huge being moved.

His ear immediately picked up the sound

Since this is the location of the lab then the sound must come around here, he thought to himself.

Then he saw that not far away from him, a boulder suddenly phases in and out.

‘Ah’ he mutters to himself

And Azief quickly understand that is the entrance to the lab.

Azief nodded to himself.

He did not have much time now. He had only a month

If everything goes according to plan and nothing else hinders Katarina, he and Katarina would go back to Earth next month.

And if he could replicate the time signature, their months of experience in the Seresian world would be only days on Earth

Azief believes that even if it is only days, there must be a lot of changes that are happening on Earth right now

Even before he left, there is a mountain of trouble from how to handle the Otherworlders, to set up new forbidden zones and restrain powerful monsters that some people would not have the chance to survive, the allocation of land, the petition of some forces to be acknowledged as one of the world powers and so on and so forth

The problem keeps piling on.

And most of the problem sent to his office is major problems that would affect the world and Pandemonium in particular

He also worried about a lot of things.

He still worries about what will happen to Sofia. Knowing how stubborn and prideful she is sometimes, Azief knows she would not go back to Pandemonium.

Her choices are then limited. In all probability she would either strike it out alone or join some of the other world powers.

Unlike the others in Azief's roster, Sofia never held a true official position in Pandemonium. She could even be considered a free agent

But the reason why no one had recruited her before is simply because she is known to be the woman of Death Monarch

That comes with a few perks but also a few disadvantages.

Then there is Loki.

Since he voluntarily took the blame for the Multiversal Convergence, he had been putting a big target on his back

The Six powers would try to capture him to bring him to justice. Out of the seven world powers, Pandemonium decided to shelter him if he ever wanted to return.

So, Pandemonium is out of the running and could be a safe place for him.

As for Hirate and the World Government, he would send hunting squads against Loki but Azief knows Hirate would not be active in trying to capture him

Hirate had to send a capture squad because if he didn't then his declaration does not really make sense and his real intention would be questioned.

And the lie would probably be seen through if he did not act like he truly wanted to capture Loki.

Even if Loki was captured by the World Government, knowing Hirate's hesitation in actually blaming Loki for the matter, he might just imprison Loki but not execute him.

As for the Republic, as long as Katarina is sent back and is allowed to assume her mantle as the High Chancellor, while she could not cancel the capture squad she could control the priority of mission and Loki's burden would lighten considerably.

As for the others, unless they thoroughly wanted to anger him, they would hold back a bit. The matters of politics are like this.

In the beginning, they all have to show their righteous anger to the world. They have to set the line.

But even though the fervor of wanting to blame Loki is high as days pass, they also could think of it calmly. Loki is not some normal person.

Even though Loki is known to be a Disk Formation leveler, no one knows his true realm whether he is in the pinnacle realm of Disk Formation or whether he is in the middle realm of Disk Formation.

And Loki is not a normal Disk Formation leveler. Anyone that has ever clashed with him would know that Loki is a man of many resources and many tricks.

Even if he is without backup, this is a man that once staged a guerilla attack against the Kingdom of Wei in China, terrorized the World Government and the Revolutionary Army and move around the world unhindered.

He is not as high profiled as Death Monarch. But he is known to walk in the darkness, his scheming dark hand could be found everywhere in the major matters of the world.

When the other world powers think of this, think of the reality of the situation, Loki is not a guy that they could easily just capture wherever they wanted to.

Chapter 1168: Falling down (2)

Most of the time, the world powers have great power especially on the continent where they are in.

After all, they are the force that managed to pacify the continent. Even the weakest world power is stronger than an alliance of a few hundred high levelers banding together.

But Loki.... Loki is an influence in of itself. They would restrain themselves.

And then there is the Crime Alliance and Loki's connection to them. Azief doesn't know what Loki is planning and he does not like that Loki had used the Crime Alliance.

He disdains the Crime Alliance because they are not just a simple band of criminals allying together.

They are a conglomerate of crime, headed by the head of the most brutal crime families. Dramas and movies romanticized the life of crime lords and their crimes, but what they failed to show was the life of normal people, brutalized under the cruelty of their crime.

Why does Azief hated them so much that he even signs a directive order to any operatives, any officials and ministers of Pandemonium the permission to kill any members of the Crime Alliance?

Why? Because before Azief become the strongest person in the world. before he became what he is today, feared and revered by almost all of the people of Earth, he was a normal person

He had never suffered under the tyrannical reign of a crime families.

But he could empathize.

When he reads about people who is killed, tortured by these crime families when they wanted to turn state evidence, or to testify against them, seeing the brutal punishment they inflict upon these people, he too felt fear.

And anger.

He felt fear because he knows he could not fight against such an organization.

He felt anger because he felt that this is not how the world should be

It is the most hopeless feeling. Having no strength to change a corrupt world.

However, when the Fall arrived, and he became what he is now, having the power to change the world with one order, he did not forget.

Yes, the crime families had never clashed with Death Monarch.

They have never brutalized him and they have never tortured him.

They were just an element that Azief think should not exist.

He ordered their execution because he felt that this is not how the world should be.

This is the simple truth of why Death Monarch hated the Crime Alliance. It is a simple and even an absurd one

But who could tell that they never had such urge before?

The urge to change the world but did not because you did not have the power to fight against it?

It is fortunate that it is Death Monarch that is the strongest person in the world.

Imagine if a psychopathic serial murderer is the strongest person in the world.

Imagine such a world. Azief did not held illusion that his action would eradicate all the crime in the world

He does not believe that by destroying the Crime Alliance, crime would suddenly disappear.

He knows that is not how the world works. Crimes of passion, of jealousy would still happen with or without crime families.

He just wanted crime to have no unified command. To have no centralized power, to have it disorganized.

When a certain crime family getting too powerful that they even mix in with world leaders and the local enforcement agency, that is when you know that life there would be hell.

Azief is simply eradicating this hell simply because he could do it. There is a reason why he could do it and none of the other world power could not.

Because he is the strongest props in the world. Other people might fear that the Crime Alliance would go crazy at them, throwing all of their resources and power to bring them down but such concern did not plague Death Monarch.

He alone could have slaughtered all of the head of the crime families.....if only they were not so good in hiding and the fact that most of the time Azief went off world.

There is a reason why those Crime Lords did not dare to look up to the sky and flinch whenever they hear the roaring of thunder and seeing the flashing of lightning.

There is a reason why Crime Alliance did not dare to act or open up a branch or establish their influence in pandemonium and the surrounding area of Pandemonium influenced region

Because of the disparity of power.

Death Monarch is the strongest person in the world and Pandemonium is the strongest world power.

Combined that with each other, and you have a behemoth that could crush anything they wanted to if they put their mind to it.

It is for this reason that the Crime Alliance could put a tough front facing other forces and organization but when facing Pandemonium, they could only hides and run.

But because of Loki, Azief had to make an exception. Each time Azief think of Crime Alliance, there would this righteous anger bubbling up inside of him.

In the beginning it might be just because of his whim and desires of how the world should be. Of course, Azief himself knows he should temper his thoughts and feelings.

His thoughts could not be considered the true path of how the world should be. So, he tempers his desire to meddle with the matters of the world.

But Crime alliance is a scourge to any weak people. They manipulate and brutalized weaker people.

And these people, these weak people.... reminded him of himself.

He was the people in the past.

the fame, the prowess, all of the power in the world, but Azief never forget his feelings when he was weak and what he promises himself if he ever got the power to change the world.

He still had to sort out this matter when he is back on Earth

And there is also Sasha. Sasha has her own plans. And he would not interfere with her plans.

Then there is his successor. Of course, he had left a decree. The decree would only be opened two months after his departure.

So, if everything goes right, he would be able to return before the decree take effect. If things did not go according to plan, then Pandemonium would have a Regency like before.

Azief at first consider to name a successor after he leaves. But if he is actually back after only six days, then it doesn't have a meaning.

So, he planned to name a successor after two months of his departure

This would also mean things had gone out of plan. And if his plan to return in just a few days fell through, Azief could at least trust Sasha to make sure that Pandemonium is stable.

As long as there is not too big of a problem, his successor would be helped by many of his officials until he returns back.

Azief find outs that he had a lot of things to worry about more than when he started his journey. Even now, he is not sure whether that is a weakness or his strength

Maybe it is one and the same.

He hoped that whatever he learns in the lab would benefit Earth and in some way redeem some of his guilt.

He walks toward that boulder and now that he is close to the boulder he could see that the properties of the boulder itself in a state of flux.

He opens his eyes and his eyes glows blue as he could see that there is some kind of mystical energy and laws embedded on that boulder.

The boulder is not a boulder and the mountain is not a mountain. But once you understand it, the mountain is once again mountain and the boulder is once again boulders.

In a state of ever-changing flux, revealed only when he pushes the button on the access card. It is remarkable that the Orvanians could set up such a lab in just a few days and then left the planet

At least that is the simple explanation that Katarina gave him. It is not that detailed and Katarina did not care that much about it

Azief walk forward toward the boulder.

Seeing the boulder phasing in and out is quite weird

It is like something unnatural that should not exist. Azief could feel that there is a vibration in the air that changes the particles interaction with each other

As he comes closer to the boulder, the boulder like it had detected him turns into translucent images, like it was a hologram of something.

Azief had an idea so he walks even closer to the boulder and he pass the area of the boulders like he was just phasing through a windy area.

It reminds him of Will when he is phasing himself

And as he walks forward he fell toward a deep abyss. The wind whooshing around him, his robe sways wildly left and right and his entire body is covered by the pressure of descension

And he falls down to the dark abyss.

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Falling through any hole would certainly make one panic. But Azief was not panicked.

After all he saw the surrounding of the abyss.

Even though it is very dark Azief could send his divine sense and his Divine Sense bounced off the surface around him and he could guess the diameter of this hole.

It is more like a large tube where he could fly down so he was not that surprised when he was falling down.

It reminded him of the tunnel slide in waterpark only the surface area of the tunnel is made by some kind of energy absorbing material.

He was prepared for it

As he falls down, he could feel that the air around him started to change. The long tube leading down is very deep that even after a few second he is still not on the bottom

But that is not the only thing that is weird about all of this. He did not fall swiftly instead it was more like he is floating down slowly like a bubble enveloping him

'Gravity manipulation' he thought to himself as he could feel that his center of gravity is forcing him down.

He did not try to release himself instead he follows the direction of that gravity.

Not before long he descended down on a metal platform. Around him there is light orbs floating around so that this area is not dark.

It is like he was transported into a deep dark abyss but instead of seeing darkness, you see all kinds of lights and high tech gadgets.

He looks at the surrounding and he could see that on the opening from the top of where he falls down to the bottom that on each side of the walls of the abyss, there is a round small thing that is embedded on its structure.

Maybe it is a gravity manipulation device to make sure that whoever falls down to the ground is not squashed onto paste of meat

But if that is the only reason that the anti-gravity technology is used for it would be too simple. From what Azief could deduce it also act as constraining method.

He could feel that as long as he tries to break through from the regional trajectory, the gravity around him would compressed and condense and constrict him

Of course, with Azief cultivation as a Divine Comprehension leveler it would be hard for that method to kill him or even capture him.

But for anyone below the Divine Comprehension level, it is already a powerful deterrent.

Azief believe that if not for the fact that this lab is just a temporary lab that would be destroyed after Azief and Katarina left this world, the defensive measure on entering the lab would be even more upgraded and might even be able to capture Essence Creation leveler and delay the attack of a Supreme Beings

He had learned never to underestimate his enemies.....and even his allies. And Orvanians is not a race one could underestimate.

He looks at it and nodded to himself

This kind of security is enough to deter all forces in this world.

Other than him, nobody would even have the chance to escape the gravity constriction.

But just because it could not constrict him did not mean Azief had any intention of flexing his power. He is not some teenage boys that just got his power and wanting to flex all over the world, face slapping people.

Even if he shows he has capabilities to break through the gravity restriction, what would that achieve. It would only make it seems like he has bad intention against the Orvanians.

There is no reason to turn hostile against the Orvanian.

Orvanian unlike some other alien races in the Omniverse is quite peaceful, content to live in their original world of Orvan and not meddling in the rise and fall of other universes.

They would only come out when certain thing happens, like the Multiversal lines converging and the explosion of a new reality, the mind bending, reality breaking, worlds and Universes changing event.... That kind of event.

Other than that, they are quite peaceful and did not interfere in many things in the Omniverse.

This is the best kind of ally one could make.

And even though Orvanians rarely allies with anyone, at least not to the knowledge of both him and Katarina, as long as Orvanians do not turn hostile, which they rarely do, there is no need to antagonize a perfectly neutral power.

He was thinking of this when suddenly there is a change in the air and Azief eyes narrowed.

‘Death Monarch Azief, the ruler of Pandemonium and the strongest person on Earth Prime. Welcome to the Lab’ the word echoes all around and Azief narrowed his eyes.

But he did not sense any presence.

Even though his Divine Sense sweeps all over the area, the material of the walls and the ceiling and even the metallic-looking tiles on the ground rebounded back his Divine Sense

But the rebounded Divine Sense did not give him any backlash.

Instead it was a gentle rebound. But it also makes him unable to sense anything around him. It is a lot alike the walls in the Palace of Altayera.

Only in this place it is even stronger. Azief Divine Sense is very powerful. Combined with his Perfection stages, his Divine Sense is even stronger than some Essence Creation leveler.

But even then it could not penetrate the walls of this area. But it did not take long before the owner of the voice shows itself to him.

Someone suddenly materializes in front of his eyes. It is a woman dressed in blue robe. She looks elegant.

With blue hair and slender body, she appears to be human-like in appearance

That was surprising.

He thought that the Artificial intelligence of this place would have Orvanian-like appearance

Of course, Orvanian themselves have human-like features but they also have certain differences from humans

No, to be more exact she looks a bit like Katarina but there are some differences. She is floating there looking at him, like some kind of a translucent ghost.

She is only a few inches away from him and she was floating in the air, wearing no shoes.

'It is nice to meet you, Qarliya'

The woman smiles

This is the artificial intelligence of the lab. Qarliya. That is what Katarina told him her name. Azief once asked why she was called Qarliya.

Katarina then told him that the Orvanians while it is reputedly the smartest and intelligent race in the Omniverse, possessing all kinds of advanced machinery that could even affect the fabric of reality itself, the Orvanians are not that numerous.

Thinking of their glorious civilization one might think that this long lived race had probably had their races filling many worlds and planets to overcome overpopulation

It is a reasonable deduction considering that this race is not only long lived, but also have been around since Time was created.

Turns out, the fertility of the Orvanian is very low. It was like there is a balance. Long lived creatures usually could not procreate much.

And so, in the planet of Orvan there is only a few noble houses of the Orvanians race.

And that is related to why the artificial intelligence is named Qarliya.

The reason she is called Qarliya is because artificial intelligence is the creation of the House of Qar.

Qar is the family name and Liya is her name. Sith'venar and Sithulran for example comes from the same house which is the House of Sith.

Katarina took the time to understand a bit about the Orvanians since the day she had been given access to the lab.

Of course she did not learn everything about Orvanian from the artificial intelligence considering that the artificial intelligence itself did not divulge a lot of information about Orvanians.

And from that Azief had also began to understand a bit about the society of Orvanians.

Azief had expected that the voice comes from the artificial intelligence but seeing it in front of him is still quite amazing.

Artificial intelligence is also one of the technology that is being developed by the world powers.

While the artificial intelligence that humans had created is also quite advanced, it would not be as quite advanced as the artificial intelligence of the Orvanians.

He once again looks at the artificial intelligence and nodded, like he was satisfied looking at this manifestation of one of the most advanced artificial intelligence he had ever seen in his life

'Qarliya, thank you for allowing me to come here'

Qarliya pouts and then said

'My database has been updated the moment you came to this world. They told me to be careful with you'

Azief only smirks and that seems to only provoke Qarliya even more

'Hmph. You are the bad guy who opens up the Multiversal channel and causes the Multiversal Convergence. It made all of the other AIs had to work overtime cleaning your mess. Not to mention the resources that have to be diverted last minute.'

Then she paused for a second and then said

'Luckily, the things that happen in Earth Prime is not something that bad, at least if you look at it from a long term prospective. Still, there is many living beings that have died during that Multiversal Convergence' she said, still pouting a bit like a child

Azief is quite impressed.

Chapter 1170: The interference of orvanians

It is almost like he is talking to a real person and not some program. Pandemonium also have artificial intelligence construct. But none of it is this human-like.

There is emotion from this artificial intelligence.

And not an emotion that is preprogrammed. Azief could feel it because emotion is one of the requirement to use magic.

Magic that have orderly system usually did not have to use emotions but it is undeniable that such magic still is affected by emotion. In other words, there are some magic that could be used by emotionless people, yet if the same magic is used by people with great emotions, the effect is better and more powerful

And there is some magic that relies entirely in emotions.

There is ritual magic that requires things that bore the emotions of people, the powerful the emotion in the object of magic, the powerful the effect become.

He felt incredible that the Orvanians could create such perfect artificial intelligence that seems not only having intelligence but also full-fledged emotions.

Qarliya looked at him, her hand on her hips waiting for his answer

Azief smiles bitterly.

‘That is why I am here. I believe that Katarina had told you why I desired to come here’ Qarliya shakes her head and said

‘Well, I understood what you were thinking.’ She seems to be thinking a bit and then said with a sigh

‘Are you really only going to use these technologies only to help Earth? Can you promise it? Can you swear an oath on it?’

‘I already promise you. That I would not use the Orvanians technology to mess up the Multiversal Channel’

Qarliya look at him for a few seconds and then sighing she nodded.

‘Well, to be honest, it is not like we could guarantee that you would not use it to do bad things. Because once you learn these technologies and spread it, it is kind of unfair to restrict you. And it is also pointless’

Sighing, she said

‘We have learned this lesson eon ago. Even if you could promise it, others would not. Since you have a thought to spread it and uses it, other people also have to learn’

‘To be honest, Orvanians are not in the business of uplifting civilization. We observe and we learn. We rarely interfere simply because we have interfered much in the past and it is because of that interference that the Orvanians was punished. You know the story of Sithulran, right?’

Azief nodded

Her eyes brightened like she had found something common to talk about.

In Azief eyes, this is real emotions and this artificial intelligence while having the appearance like an adult woman actually have the excitement of a child.

'I heard she escaped and went to Earth. The Five Seats were quite dissatisfied with the fact that they are not able to take Sithulran back to the prison. A new prison was already prepared for her, one that is more sturdy and more secure than the last time.'

Sighing she only shook her head like she found it a regrettable thing to happens.

Then suddenly she remembers what the topic is about and diverted back the topic to the technology discussion

'As for the spread of the technology, I am not expecting much from you to be able to hide it and restrict it. Humans are not some Collective Consciousness race like the Zergavian race who have a collective consciousness with all of its race members where you make the decision and everyone would follow willingly'

Smiling, she said

'Humans are a lot like Weronians in that everyone has their own desires, plans and schemes. Though, having collective consciousness did not mean that one would progress fast. Sometimes, when all thoughts are the same, it restricts imagination'

'And once that is restricted, a race either stagnate or devolved. It is the difference in thoughts and desires that sometimes moves the wheel of civilization. At least, that is what Father taught us' and she smiles again

Azief was curious of who this father was but he did not say anything more than necessary. He found out that this AI is very talkative.

And because Azief is used to dealing with talkative people, he knew that sometimes to gain information from them, one just had to let them talk.

Just now, he did not ask anything but he already gain a few information like the stance of the Five Seats of Orvan and that there is an entity called Father by Qarliya.

Of course, Azief could quickly make conclusion that the Father she is talking about is probably one of the Qar noble house.

She did not even notice that she had already given a lot of information. Or maybe it is an information that is not important.

Azief had some question

From what Qarliya said, it appears she would not give everything.

Of course Azief had tempered his expectation from the beginning and know it is unrealistic to gain all the technologies that the Orvanians have.

Only idiots do that.

'What technology can you show to me?' he asks

She rubs her chin for a few second and said

'The circumstances for you and Katarina is different. Like I said before, we rarely interfere. But it does not mean we do not interfere at all. Things had been quite stormy these past couple of years. There is many weird stuff happening all over the Omniverse'

Sighing, she then said

'Well, to be honest, there is weird stuff happening all over the Omniverse in every second but let's just say that thing had gotten way above the weirdness level of the past. The United Intergalactic Alliance is also plagued with problems.'

Azief was curios and blurted out

'What kind of problems?' he never thought that Qarliya would answer but surprisingly enough, Qarliya did answer.

Azief found that Qarliya is truly a talkative person, easily excited and a very pure minded.

'There is news that some kind of an annihilation creature had escaped from captivity. Orvan is also monitoring this matter'

'Then there is the matter of Asgard. These Asgardian did not know how to be quiet. It has only just been a few thousand years and they could not help but make things complicated' Qarliya complained openly, looking like a girl sulking.

'What happened in Asgard?'

'The King of Asgard Odin suddenly wake up from his slumber shocking the Eight Realms. He should remain asleep'

'There is also the matter of Olympus that have halted trade near the neighboring universe. Zeus suddenly seems to gone mad and close the door of Olympus to the other Olympians. Hades Underworld is also in chaos as there are news that some Titans is about breakout from Tartarus'

'Apollo flying out of the Olympian universe and is missing. Demeter went to the Underworld to retrieve Persephone, no doubt that she senses something dangerous is happening in the Underworld of the Olympians'

'Hephaestus is in his forge forging weapons all day and spurn all visitors. All in all, Olympus in a weird state right now and Ares is all gung ho about expansion and he want to arm the Skyfleet of Olympus with divine weapons. It sends waves and ripples all over the United Intergalactic Alliance'

'There is also Kali who is recuperating in the Three Thousand Worlds from some kind of injury. On the other side of the Universe, Wargod being chased by an ancient race of Speedsters. Some Dark things had also been coming out from the Dark Universe'

She sighed and shakes her head

'Things had been stormy' she mutters to herself

Then she added

'In the past, we do not meddle with this matter but with the Five Seats calling for a cooperation with the United Intergalactic Alliance, it seems these problems is also something we need to take care and supervise. It is no wonder that there is so many disturbances in the layers of reality and multidimensional travel had spiked to tens of thousands percent in this few years alone'

In every sentence she said, there is big matters of the Omniverse.

Then she shakes her head and waves her hand

'To put it simply, since the circumstances is special, the Orvanians decided to interfere a bit'

'I decided only to give you technology that could improve the situation of the world like some resources technology that could be used quickly and some conservation technology so that you would not drain the resources of your Universe too quickly'

'At least with this your race would have time to find ways to limit the consumption of resources in your world at least until you found a replacement or a better alternative. As for the weapon technology, there is some of which that could be revealed, and some of it which I could not show you. We will not give you weapons that could theoretically start a Multiversal War or changing the timeline. Because if we do, the one that have to clean up the paradoxes, the vortex of time that would be scattered all over the Omniverse is us'