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Chapter 1171: Myriad paths (1)

Azief raise his hand and said

‘From what I understand, there is not that many weaponry technologies in this lab in the first place right?’

Qarliya look at him with a sulking expression. It appears she likes talking but Azief had just interrupted her from gossiping about the matters of the universe

then she just shakes her head and nodded

Then she said

‘Most of the weapon technology is not stored in this lab and it is not replicated in this lab’

She then added

‘In this Omniverse, the Orvanians are not the only race that could travel through time, space and dimension freely. While there is not many that could, there is a few that can. There is the Time Lords. The mechanical civilization of Dale- ‘then she stopped a bit

‘That civilization is a bit troublesome and the nemesis of the Time Lords. It is better not to entangle with them’

She said like she had remembered something about it and waves her hand. Azief had heard once that the Time Lords also have its enemies.

Well, Time Lords is arrogant, at least that is the estimation of Will when he describes the Time Lords.

It is no wonder that they have so many enemies.

Speedsters is one of them.

As for the other it is a machinery civilization. Even Will did not know that much about it as his teacher rarely said anything about this other nemesis of the Time Lords

This other nemesis civilization of the Time Lords was banished into a certain looping timeline by the Orvanians and the Time Lords but every once in a while, they would be able to get out of this loop and the battle between the Time Lords and this nemesis civilization would once again begin.

From what little information that Azief had about this civilization was that they are cybernetic organism.

They have flesh and they have machinery or to be more exact they are the hybrid of the two.

This people of this civilization seems to have no individual personality. Ostensibly no emotions other than hatred and anger.

They have a strict adherence to command structure in which they obeyed the command of their superiors.

Other than that, Azief don't know much about this nemesis civilization of the Time Lords, neither does he cares.

Time Lords is far away from Earth and their task and mission will not cause them to clash with him or Earth so there is no reason to care so much about a civilization that would probably never interact with Earth

Qarliya is still enthusiastically speaking

'Even in other worlds where Orvanians establishes the same kind of lab like this, most of the technology about weapons would not be stored in it. There are always some civilizations in the Omniverse that wanted to steal Orvanians tech'

She smiles like she was proud and then continue by saying

'Trying to find Orvan without the right coordinate and dimensional frequency would only lead to dead end. However, for the labs that Orvanians had set up all over the Omniverse, at least the defense of these places would not be so formidable like the Orvan planet'

'Then you mean to say that most technology on weapon is stored in Orvan?'

She nodded

'Then why is there technology about weapons here? And why did you let Katarina see it and uses it? Even though I admit that some of the weapons that she was allowed to use is inferior to the weapons attached the Destroyer class spaceship of Orvanians that Katarina describe to me, it is still a weapon that is capable of great destruction'

Qarliya and him since the time he had arrived in this lab is still standing on the same place.

They were talking and engrossed in it. Qarliya then realizes that this human had more question than she thought

Compared to Katarina, this human seems to be able to induce him to talk. Qarliya might have the mentality of a child but this does not mean that she is an idiot.

She did speak about a lot of things that is happening in the Omniverse.

But these things even if it is known by this human, it would not change anything since the level that one has to achieve to participate in those big matters is not something that this human could achieve right now

And she likes talking.

This is not some program that is put onto her mind.

One of the high achievement of artificial technology of the Orvanian is that the artificial intelligence that is created by the House of Qar is basically a new and true life.

The only thing that they lack is True Soul.

They have False Soul but they do not have True Soul.

Other than that, they are truly a life of their own.

To make them life and become truly real in all sense of emotions and personality, they have all the same weakness that any other being in the Universe have.

They are not a perfect being. But because they are not perfect, they could strive to be. The Orvanians have a very weird concept of Perfection.

'Let us talk while walking toward the lab' she said.

She at first thought to stop talking but thinking about it again, the things she let out is not some big secrets so she decided to continue talking

Azief nodded.

Qarliya floated beside him as he walks forward. The light opens up and he could see a straight path toward a corridor

The corridor itself give the feeling of modernity. He walks inside the corridor and could see a straight and long narrow hallway. On each side is door that looks more like a hatch

It reminded him the doors and rooms in a Battlestar. Well, it is not surprising considering that the Lab is not exactly something natural in this world

It is a spaceship that have nano adaptive ability among others technology that it has to adapt to any terrains and blended in perfectly with the surrounding and the world.

The Lab is actually a large titanic spaceship.

The fact that it is under a mountain and that it melded perfectly with the background shows that the spaceship had melded with the soils, the minerals and even the Laws of the world

It could avoid detection from technology based devices and even mystical and magical methods of divining.

In all probability this Lab probably could disengage from the area and fly back out of this planet and returns to Orvan.

As they walked Qarliya resume their last conversation

'As I said before, there is always some civilizations that wanted to steal Orvanians tech. And because of that we rarely ever did what we did right now. Of course, the fact that this Seresian world is in another dimension and a pocket of its own dimension had helped cover up the existence of this lab for a while. But since the moment that the Orvanian fleet had bring back this planet to the main Universe, some civilization had been paying attention'

'It is because of special circumstances that the higher ups had allowed some weaponry technology to be released in this lab'

'Special circumstances?'

Qarliya sighed a bit. Azief continues walking.

'You might have heard about it from Katarina. Orvan is seeking allies.

Azief eyes narrowed

'Then Earth....'

'The Five Seats of Orvan had approve the thoughts of the commanding general. We wanted to establish alliances and cooperative relationship'

Then smiling bitterly, she said

'Earth....at this moment is not yet qualified to be ally with Orvan. It is not a way to condescend Earth but it is one of the way we have to use to protect a weaker star system' Azief nodded

Feeling a bit guilty Qarliya then said

'It has been a long time since Orvan had proposed an alliance to the civilization in the Omniverse. If an alliance is struck between Orvan and Earth, then it would open up Earth to other worlds. Knowing what happens the last time an otherworldly civilization tries to make contact with Earth, I believe that you are not too eager to join the galactic community'

Azief nodded.

From the very beginning he did not feel insulted at all. He believes that Earth need more time to prepare.

Knowing Orvan, they must have powerful beings presiding their affairs.

He also knows that if he were to ally himself with Orvan, it also means taking on the enemies of Orvan. Earth did not yet have such capability

It is better for Earth not to get involved in galactic politic right now. Earth had just begins transitioning to a Type 1 civilization.

And Azief did not have confidence to fight other worlds in their own world. If they come to Earth, at least Azief could rely on the Heavenly Will and the All Source to repress the opponent.

But if he went to other worlds to fight, other than him, how many other people in the world could truly make difference in the battle.

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Of course even in the Universe, there is not many Divine Comprehension leveler.

But that is no license to underestimate the enemies. Any enemies of Orvan probably also have the same kind of weapons like the Orvanians.

Orvanian fleet had just bombarded this planet and even capture all of the Demon kings.

Seeing such power, Azief knows that even with his perfection Path right now, the best thing he could do was only survive but he would never be able to fight back if Orvanians had actually attacked him the way they attacked the Seresian world

Imagine the same firepower in the hands of the enemies of Orvan. And imagine Earth become allies of Orvan.

Before they know it, they could be bombed into nothingness.

If Earth could be ranked among the great powers in the Universe, it might be on the bottom lower.

The only reason it could be considered by the great power in the Universe is simply because they have the All Source and the All Source provides energy and mystical methods to humans that enables them to quickly metamorphoses from normal humans to superhuman with godlike abilities.

'So, your plan is to make an alliance with the United Intergalactic Alliance' Qarliya had never hidden this objective of hers and she nodded

'It is one of the top priority directive order by the Five Seats. If not, we would not be interested in developing g this world. We would probably only seal all the multidimensional space and time channel in this world, capture the Demon Kings and went back to Orvan'

'But because we wanted to show goodwill to the United Intergalactic Alliance we even cut off the seals of the dimension, bring back the star system of the Seresian world to the main universe and even develop it to a point that the United Intergalactic Alliance would not have to worry how to deal with the living beings in this planet' Qarliya explained proudly and she puff up her chest with her nose held high

Azief only smiles listening at this as he could finally put down some of his worries. There are things that he had worried about. He fears that the Orvanians was scheming against him and Katarina.

Azief is always cautious when dealing with alien civilization. The experience of Earth with alien civilization is rarely something that is good.

He is even more cautious when dealing with an alien civilization like the Orvanians. This is an ancient race that has been here since Time began

One could only imagine how many epochs, how many star system that they see rise and fall and the power that they accumulated that they are able to easily travels through time and space like it is some kind of normal things.

It is not the travelling through time and space that shocks him. After all, even he and Will could do that.

It is the effortless part on the Orvanian that impress him.

The Orvanian could travel through time and space without inducing any change in fabric of time and space, without so much disturbing reality and the timelines. It is this that he is impressed about

Even as they were talking with each other, they are moving forward. Azief walk along the corridors and he could see some of the labs.

Some of the labs are transparent and Azief could see what is happening in that lab. There are many simple robots that have no consciousness doing things.

the Orvanian had given a lot of their advanced technologies to Katarina in the hopes that before she went back home she would teach the people of this world to achieve a level that is good enough for them to stay in this world.

In other words, the Orvanians wanted the people of the slave world to claim the Seresian world and be acknowledged by the United Intergalactic Alliance.

Because of Orvanian help, most of the problems of this world had been eliminated. And even though Azief understand a bit how it was done, he never saw the full picture.

As he saw the reconstruction of this world, from a world of chaos brought into order, he saw the potential of technology to also solve the problems in his world.

Of course as a Divine Comprehension leveler, there is many things he could do with the energy of the world

But he also acknowledges the fact that not everybody could be like him.

And he also knows that as more and more people level up, the more and more people that are late would not have any chance of progressing forward in the future unless they found another path.

Even though Earth right now is full of energy after the leaks from all the portals from the Otherworlds, Azief who had reached the current peak on Earth knows as more and more people level up, even that enormous energy would be slowly used up.

Because he knows the consumption of energy would rise up with each leveling up the realm.

In the Three Thousand Worlds even though some of the method of cultivating energy is the same as the leveling experience of people of Earth, there is also a few differences.

In the Three Thousand World, just because you have enough energy did not mean you would breakthrough to another realm. But for the people of Earth, as long as they could absorb enough energy, complete some requirements by the system, they would be able to breakthrough

It is only later when one reaches the higher upper level of energy cultivation like Azief that having enough energy alone is not enough

But it is because of this differences that in just a span of six to seven years add and minus a few years of time dilation of the Earth, there were many Disk Formation leveler scattered all over the world.

While Disk Formation is not the strongest firepower in the vast galaxy, it is still a powerful figure.

In the Jade Empire, such a figure could ask for the Investiture of the Gods and be inducted into the Heavenly Palace, or join the Western Lingshan.

If not that join the Three Schools of Thoughts or create a faction in the Great Wilderness and The Three Thousand Worlds.

If not for the All Source how could Earth even have the capability to fight back against the occupation of the Weronians.

It is not the time for Earth to join the galactic community neither it is time for Earth to be on the spotlight. But being allies with Orvan, that is basically pushing themselves to the spotlight and this spotlight is not only big but it is also would be very bright

For now, it is better for the galactic community to just look at Earth with wonderment.

Of course Azief himself knows some secret of Earth and the reason why some powerful beings in the past did not just take control of this planet.

He is thinking a lot of things even as he walks through the corridor looking at the labs.

It did not take long to break from his distracting thought and focus back on what he is seeing. Qarliya keep floating forward, floating across the many corridors. The entire lab is busy. And there are robots everywhere.

He looks at all of the technology that is being worked on at each of the Lab and tries to remembers as much as he could

Sooner or later, the energy of the world might not be as numerous and as in abundance as it is right now

To prepare for that eventuality, he believes he also need to seek another viable alternative for human improvement

After all, they are now aware of the threat in the stars. It was unlike before where everywhere they search they could not find any trace or signs of intelligence life.

Turns out, the aliens view them to primitive and shedding any light on humans would only put them in dangers

Instead they should be thankful and grateful that none of the signals that they send to space is found by some warlike alien race.

Most of the time, the silence of the space is golden. But now that they have found others civilization and even their existence is attracting attention from other worlds, the only way to survive, the only way to move forward is to progress.

And Azief is not quite sure that Earth would be able to always rely on the energy of the world for fast development.

Orvanians mastery of many methods then is a godsend. Orvanians combined mystical methods and science method.

When science method did not work, they use mystical method. When science method did not work, they use mystical methods.

This path is the path for humanity. He would not let Earth be restricted simply by the magical means.

There are myriads paths and there are myriads roads.

Chapter 1173: The lab (1)

Azief is thinking of all this as he passes more door. They are more and more doors open and he and Qarliya walk even deeper into the area.

They went inside a lift. The lift is shaped like a tube. Azief enters and he saw it is like a normal lift and look at Qarliya

'Main Lab' Qarliya said and the button lights up.

[Main Lab]

a mechanical voice sounded in the lift.

Azief is prepared to feel the descent but suddenly the lift glows and then he could feel the space and time around him seems to distorts, like he is moving so fast in space and time that he broke out of the space and time restriction and then before he could exclaim in shock, the same mechanical voice sounded again

[Arrived at Main Lab]

Qarliya smiles as the lift door opens and she floated out from the lift.

Azief walks outside the lift and saw a large hallway. This time the hallways is not as narrow. It is wide and it is also longer than the previous hallways.

He walks forward and not before long he walks past the hallways and then he exclaimed in shock of the scenery he is seeing right now

As he passes the hallways area, he would come out of a door and he would have stepped into a forest.

This forest is not only large it is also filled with tall trees.

Some of them reach ninety feet in length and some is even higher

It gives shade to the artificial sun in the sky.

Azief the moment he steps out from the hallways and saw the forest, he immediately uses his Divine Sense.

In just a second the entire area was revealed to him.

Above, there is a sky.

But the sky is artificial sky.

The light comes from an artificial Sun, a Sun that have magical properties.

The size of the artificial sun is the size of a Ping-Pong ball but it contains condensed energy that is very packed together

The trees have colorful leaves. In the distance he could container like boxes.

These are like ship containers only that they are sleeker in design and the size is ten times bigger than a normal ship container.

They are on many parts of this forest.

Qarliya could see the puzzlement in Azief eyes and said

'This is the main lab'

'This forest?'

Qarliya nodded

'To be more accurate, the Main Lab houses all the labs that research and construct technology.'

Azief frowned and then said

'I felt that the space fluctuation here and the time here seems to feel a bit...weird'

Qarliya nodded and explain

'It is in the lab but also at the same time outside of it. Separated by a dimensional wall and time barriers, it is not easy to come here. Each of the container contains a lab. The lab itself is outfitted with space and time technologies. So, don't think that the size of the container is the true size and scale of the lab. It is only after you enter the container that you could judge how many space they took'

Then Qarliya floated closer to Azief and then pats his shoulder and said

'I have other things to do. So, I would follow you only until here. You are given permission to go enter any of those labs and learn all that you could. The only thing you could not do is bring anything from here to the outside. If you did, we would think that you have nefarious intention against the goodwill of Orvanians'

Azief was startled at this and then nodded

'Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to study Orvanians technology' Azief rarely thank someone after he become Death Monarch. It is always him doing favors to other people and not the other way around

But this time he is truly thankful that the Orvanians is generously sharing some of their technology with him

Of course, this is a carrot dangled by the Orvanians. But Azief is not repulsed by it. Earth, him and the Orvanian have no conflict of interest.

Orvanians is simply seeking allies and trying to somehow seek friends after eons of not participating in anything in the Omniverse.

Even though Azief knows what the Orvanians would give him is not the true core technology of the Orvanians, this would still quickly advance human civilization and would enable human civilization to quickly rise up with less mistake.

And it is also not good to quickly advance human civilization too fast. Any leap of a civilization come after the crystallization of knowledge and other factors.

When it is forced, it could backfire.

Societal change, economic change, a way of life change, all of this would be affected when a civilization advances but if one advanced too fast, then there is always a risk for things to implode.

Any rise of civilization to another type of civilization is always preceded with great leap whether that leap is a technological leap or an evolutionary leap.

But in that process, mistakes will be made. By sharing some of the advanced technology that they had, this ensures less mistakes

But Azief also take care not to take too much. Humanity needs time to digest it and adapt to it.

Azief express his thanks and Qarliya only nodded

She then said

'If you want to go back, simply take the lift and inform the operator to send you to the surface. I have also already registered your energy signature in the database. From now on, you could go all over the Lab'

Azief once again thank her

Qarliya then waves her hand and then she dissipated into motes of light. Her presence disappeared from around him.

Azief then look at the vastness of the forest in front of him and think of what he wanted to see.

He began walking to one of the container. At the same time, his thoughts once again went astray, like he is reminiscing old memories

It is unavoidable. After all he came here to resolve about his guilt and to shoulder the responsibility of what had happened to Earth

Azief had never felt responsible for what happen on Earth before.

Because most of the time, it is not his fault certain thing happened.

But this time, he could be called the main culprit of why the Multiversal Convergence happens.

He did not want the death of so many people on his conscience.

He had no problem killing enemies, killing people that he believes deserves to be killed.

But what wrong, what sin that a person did that they were killed and ripped apart by demons from other worlds?

The world change for the better one might argue. The world is now even more conducive to life and it had directly raise the ceiling of power that one could reach.

Before on Earth prime, there is always the worry that the energy of the world would be used up.

At least because of the Multiversal Convergence for a few thousand years, barring any unforeseen circumstances, there would be a lot of opportunity for the people of Earth to break through to higher levels after Disk Formation.

Not many people die in the Multiversal Convergence compared to the loss of human life during the Weronian Occupation.

These are all justification that he could make up. But he felt disgusted trying to justify himself like that.

When he went to the future, he did not know what effect his choice would do.

he had some ideas that certain instability of the space time barrier would be happening.

What he couldn't think of or believing that it could not happen, was the complete collapse of the barrier between worlds, creating a vortex of unstable time and space frequencies that drag all the other parallel universes to Earth.

And if that is not enough it also drag some other star system that is proficient in time-space magic and technology

Of course, the closest worlds are attracted first.

Earth two which is one of the first world that Azief had travelled to is connected to Earth Prime.

And in that Earth Two, it is connected to the Seresian world.

The last time Azief was on Earth two he was fighting the invasion of the Seresian demons before escaping from that world with Will and returns back to Earth Prime.

But the act of him going back to Earth Prime created a scar in the channels between Earth Prime and Earth Two, a channel that is utilized by the Seresian demons to go to the main world where the Multiversal Convergence was happening

In other words, he might have also contributed in leading the Seresian demon to Earth. And then there is also the attack of the Otherworlders from other parallel dimension.

There is his Karma in this matter. There are his responsibilities in this and he did not want to wash his hand away from this matter

Chapter 1174: The lab (2)

He had killed many people but rarely he kills innocent people. His morality could not be said the kind of morality that is upright

But he has his own code of conduct. He punishes evil but it is not like he did not know mercy. However most of the time he is very merciless.

This time, he felt guilty and too many innocents had died because of his selfishness.

If this was in the past, he might not care that much. He would still do things, trying to rectify some wrong but he would never exert himself like this

But years had passed and he had changed a lot. He had seen and experience things. Experience all kinds of life, understanding people hearts and emotion, understanding his own heart and emotion and finding out the preciousness of life.

Life could be worthless and yet at the same time it could also be the most precious things. When you see someone life, understand it, you could see that there is beauty in it

But as there is beauty, there is also darkness. Azief saw the darkness first, and then he saw the light.

He loves the beauty but he also appreciates the ugliness.

It is both human

And because of how precious certain lives are, the life of a loving father, the life of a doteful mother, the life of a son, of a daughter, brothers, siblings, grandfather, grandmothers, lovers, family, friends, all of these lives dead because of his selfishness

It is because of this guilt that he is moved to action. It is because of this he could not just leave Earth alone like in the past

Because once you know the preciousness of life, you began to appreciate it.

And because he appreciates it, both life and death, he knows there is a cause and effect

To be honest, Azief knows he is not wholly responsible for the entire thing.

It is not like he doesn't know that the other world power had also been travelling to other worlds, weakening the barrier between world

But he doesn't want to be that person. A powerful person who always have a self-justified excuse for every mistake

There are many mistakes in his life that he did not dare face. Things he did not own up to. Mistakes that he regrets. Mistakes that makes him ashamed.

From the moment of the Fall, from the moment he accepts that he could die at any moment, he became free.

Not in a destructive I'll do anything I want kind of way.

It is the realization, that if he were to live, he wanted to make it the best life he could so that when it came for his turn to die, he would leave with only a few regrets and with a laugh

However, he did not die. He lives beating the odds.

He survives and in surviving he met people. People that changes him. People that become his friends, his family.

People that made him realize that he could be loved. And that he also could love. It takes years but he slowly changed.

He is not as jaded as he should be but he is not entirely an optimist either.

There is this contradiction in him. He wanted to be hopeful but at the same time also realistic.

Wanting to hope for the best possible ending yet also acknowledging the fact that it might not be that way and preparing for the worse possible scenario.

He wanted to be brave yet at the same time there are certain things he just didn't want to face.

And he is slowly but surely changing, trying to face things.

However, he wanted to spin the matter, he knows there is a lot of fault in him trying to open up a road toward the future in the way he did.

He knows now what the future holds. And the knowledge of the future did not bring him any ease instead it made him even more anxious.

One simple act had caused so many pains.

He just hopes that by going to this lab, he could glean something useful, something he could bring back to Earth to at least redeem him a bit.

He could not bring back the dead.

But he could make the living lived a bit happier and easier. Earth could not handle another calamity like this. Humans need to grow or before long, humanity would be on the path of extinction.

Seven billion people was approximately the population of humans before the Fall. Since then billions had died.

The corpses of such proportions could fill up a mountain and more. Some were killed during the initial Fall, other are killed after.

Humans need to have time to rest.

Azief is determine to seek ways of improving the life of humans and at the same time planning to maintain order among the Great Powers when he returns

He knows he could not maintain it for long but for a few years, he believes he could pacify all the Great Powers to listen to his words

He looks around the forest. There is many of that container. There is Orvanian numbers on each container.

Qarliya did not explain anything but he has time to look around so he did not feel that bad. He walks to one of the container

He though he needs to say something or bring something out but the moment he came near one of the container, the container door opens.

There is a lab inside the container.

But the lab is very large.

There is even corridors and hallways.

The space inside the container is different than the space outside of the container, showing the superiority of space technology of Orvanians.

Most of the workers inside the lab is robotic workers. Most of them is working without stop and unlike Qarliya who possess intelligence, these mechanical robot is simply robots without thoughts or emotion, simply a programmed robot.

It seems from the moment Azief enter this area, all of his moves is under the eyes of Qarliya. That would explain why the container door opens almost immediately when he is near and why the robots did not attack him and even ignore him continuing to do their job.

He went to one of the terminal, push one of the button and then his mind immediately downloads the Orvanian language pack straight into his mind.

This is an application of quantum mechanics mixed with mystical means.

In just one second, Orvanians language fills his entire mind and he could understand the numbers and writing of Orvanians.

Basically it changes his understanding.

It is like the mind would convert any Orvanian writing to a writing system that he would recognize and bring out the same meaning.

And that is not the only thing it downloaded. It also downloaded the nuance of certain words, the tones of how to speak it and many more

It made Azief felt like he was speaking Orvanian all of his life.

At the same time, a message flashed in one of the terminals. With the All Source system, he could understand every language but not its writing.

For example, like when he is with Katarina. Before the Fall, Azief could speak Malay, English and a little bit of Mandarin.

But he certainly did not know to speak Russian. But when he talks with Katarina, it was like there is no barrier at all.

But if he were to be asked to write Russian, he would not be able to.

He does learn Russian in Earth Two a bit but if he were to compare his writing with a real Russian, he would be pretty ashamed. It is the same thing for the Orvanians.

While he could understand Orvanian language, he did not understand their writing.

Katarina did tell her that when he arrives at the lab go to the terminal first and just push the button.

She had already set it up. Now he understood what she is talking about.

It took a few second before he got a hold of himself.

When he was downloading the language pack, like always when so many information flooded his mind, he would feel a little bit overwhelmed.

It took him a few second before he got a hold of himself. But once he did, Azief eyes turns bright.

Now, that he understood the writing it is easier for him to use the terminal.

The terminal is basically like a holographic projection only the projection is projected straight to one own mind, a lot like the system status window

There is search window and basic directory of files of information of the lab stored in the terminal computer.

It seems that the moment Azief access the terminal computer the access was approved by Qarliya.

Even though Qarliya look like a na?ve child, she is after all the administrator of this structure and she had full control of what happens inside the Lab.

Her mind is capable of doing many things at the same time.

He began scouring the directory and found a few information about this lab. This lab is one of the lab that is responsible for terraforming this planet.

It also held many other technologies

Qarliya did not withheld the method of how terraform the world and what thing is needed and the requirement of such technology.

Chapter 1175: The woman in his past

He also found out that there are many small labs around here most of which is to examine and check the minerals, the animals and all kinds of thing that exist in this planet and classify, categorize it and examine it.

And then there are three big Lab which is responsible for Construction research, technology research and Planet Research.

There are too many technologies that Azief knows that even if he could memorize all of the technologies it would be useless.

It is not very good for humanity to advance too fast without the foundation being strong. It could easily collapse.

Little by little.

After all, this method is simply an alternative method and could help more people that could not cultivate energy as efficiently as the earlier generation of the Fall.

This is the reason why mystical method is faster in developing a civilization. Because unlike a technological leap it did not requires too much foundation

Of course, Earth is aided by the All Source making cultivation of energy easy and effortless in the earlier stages and only when one reaches Disk Formation that it becomes even more difficult

He shoves that thought back in his head as his mind travel inside the directory. The terminal computer of the Orvians is not like normal computer where you use mouse and keypad.

It connected to your mind.

So, in Azief eyes right now he is inside a large space of blue. Below his feet is a flat blue surface. In front of his eyes there is floating orbs.

Each orbs are a directory. Each time Azief choose a directory, he felt like he is swimming in a data of information

In a simple way to explain it, if this is Earth, it is like he is swimming inside the world wide web like he is part of the data.

A matrix like existence among the programming languages of Orvanians. As he chooses one of the directory, he sails through the data like he is flying and recognized something

When he stopped, he finally saw something that made him narrow his eyes.

he saw an embedded code in one of the data

‘This is interesting’

The code itself is not hard to decrypt.

Azief mind is quite fast after his promotion to Divine Comprehension leveler.

But he knows he could not just decrypt it at once. The reason he knows it was easy is because he did check some directory about programming.

He went back to that directory and his mind is soaking up all the information about programming language of the Orvanian network

Orvanians as it turns out have many programming language and this is one but many and one of the basic.

It did not take long but it does drain a bit of Azief mind. He felt almost lethargic after having the information crammed into his mind

While he could not say he masters everything about it, he had a basic understanding of how to decrypt the code.

He quickly went back to that directory and began decrypting the code. It did not take long for him to decrypt it

The fact that there is no firewall and no attempt from the network to stop him shows that Qarliya simply left it there and did not care whether he could see it or not.

The information that he got after decrypting the code is the information about the labs. Other than the direction of the labs, it also shows him the directive of each lab and the main objective of the Lab.

The main objective of the lab is very simple

Basically it is an order that when Katarina relinquish occupation control to Qarliya, the lab and all of its subsidiaries that has been in this planet is programmed to return back to Orvan

The moment when Katarina relinquish occupation is stipulated by her leaving the Seresian world.

Basically, if Katarina never leaves, according to the main mission of the Lab, it will stay here.

But while the main mission does say about leaving this planet, in the information it did not specify how the Lab would leave.

Is it like he expected by using teleportation? Warping technology? Magical transportation?

Azief is quiet curious of this.

So, he seeks the directory on any hint of the method of leaving but there is no information of how they would return. It is a mystery to Azief how these labs will return to Orvan

Azief expected that it also has something to do with teleportation technology.

At least Azief now knows that the departure of Katarina would enact a protocol Qarliya were to report back to Orvan highest chain of command and quickly return back to Orvan

Maybe this is a way for Qarliya to ease some of his worries.

Orvanians are an ancient race. While their interaction with Earth has mostly been positive, it is hard for Azief to take their words simply at face value.

He had always been worried that Katarina is schemed upon.

Then he thought about the code and he understand something

No wonder the security of the code seems compromised.

Qarliya must have compromised the security but the fact she did not go all the way shows there must be certain things she could do and certain thing she could not.

Azief was also searching for something else in the sea of information in the terminal. He sighed with disappointment after not finding anything

He was looking at finding out where is the inhabitants of Earth Two went on. Even though years had passed, Azief still remembers Lee Na Eun.

He had to let her go at that time.

And his worries back then had finally proved that it was not unfounded. Some civilization could use the tear in space and time to create a channels between world.

If he had been stubborn and insisted and stubbornly seek Na Eun, then in all possibility during the Multiversal Convergence, Earth Two inhabitant would also be attracted to the small scale of Multiversal War.

Azief called it small scale because he had seen some footage of true Multiversal War when he streams the information in his mind

It is nothing like what Earth had experienced.

There is the fact that Azief had quickly close connection between world by swinging his sword and there is also the fact that Will and his teacher, an ancient speedster neutralizes many of the channels between world

Add Orvanians to the mix, the Multiversal battle between the people of Earth and other Otherworlders did not reach a point of a great war.

Azief had seen the footage and saw world conquering each other, waging great wars that spans hundreds and thousands of years across many realities and many dimensions

Great weapons of destruction were unleashed.

It is because he sees what a true Multiversal War looks like he could say that the Multiversal War that happens on Earth is on a small scale that is almost unbelievable.

Azief still had affection for Na Eun but the love he had has cooled down a bit. It is just the reality of it.

What they shared was special.....but it was also brief. Though, he doesn't know what will happen if they met face to face.

Still, Azief wanted to know what happens to her. He wanted to know that at least she survived. Azief had to believe that she had survived.

But it would be good to get some confirmation. Unfortunately, this lab doesn't store any information about the Multiverse in that details.

He is quite confident that the Orvanians must have monitored such a huge exodus of living beings transporting themselves from one world to another

It is just that there is no record of such in this lab.

Though Azief is not too worried. There are still the directories of the lab embedded in his mind and there is a library in one of the Lab labelled Multiversal technology.

Azief believe that in that lab it would record the worlds in the Multiverse and it might even record such exodus of people from Earth Two to other worlds.

'I need to check it later' he thought to himself.

He did not tell this to Katarina. Because he himself was not sure whether it is possible. Only after entering the lab and sifting through the information that he believes it is possible.

As long as he could confirm that she is fine, Azief would be satisfied. After seeing through the directories, he opens his eyes and he is now out from the terminal

His mind is now back on the real world. Azief then leave the terminal and began walking around the lab looking around.

There is many work station in the lab. And in each work station there is a computer-like terminal

Azief walk to one of the terminal and he saw a three dimensional holographic projections of the world.

Most of the other projection would be projected directly into the mind if you accessed it but this one is in public view

Azief come closer and he touches the projection and the map changes.

Chapter 1176: New innovation (1)

It is like the zoom in and out function of GPS map that Earth use to have.

Only this one is more detailed. Azief could stretch then map, seeing the core of this planet and even zoom in to the most detailed possible way seeing even the composition of the soil.

On the terminal projection, all kinds of numbers and words comes out each time he did that each time detailing all kinds of information of the terrain he touched on the projection map.

Wherever he touches or focuses on, the terminal would also calculate all the thing that there is in that area and convey the information to the terminal

This must be the result of the Orvanian scanning the planet.

This is not a simple three dimensional projection of the world but basically a template of everything that exist, the information data projection of everything that exist in this world

The robots did not stop him from doing whatever he wanted and so he began operating the terminal searching for any related technology to terraforming.

He read a notice and a reminder in one of the terraforming articles.

when terraforming a world, it is advisable to scan the world for any resources that could pose as a hidden danger.

There is even a few example listed

they once scan star system with a sand that could improve one psionic powers and abilities.

There is also a world where there is fruits that give people abilities that correspond to the Laws of the World.

But as there is exciting and magical things in the vast universe, there is also dangers.

Some of the star system that have such minerals or magical things also have predators like a titanic worm in the sandy star system where they found the sand that could enhance psionic energy or when they saw a titanic dark creature in the core of a planet hiding while absorbing the surrounding stars.

Thus it has become a protocol of the Orvan terraforming steps which is to scan the world before doing other things.

This is what the Orvanian did when they were terraforming the Seresian world.

At the same time, they were terraforming the world, they scan the world. It is that scanning that interfere with his Divine Sense all the time

The scan even after almost ten months did not yet stop

As the Seresian world is a mystical world the Orvanians automated Destroyer found many old existence hiding underground all of this time in slumber and they simply bombarded these old ancestors and force them out of their grave before capturing them

Most of them were transported back to Orvanian fleet using shackles that is able to teleport them universes away.

Azief also learns about their colonization protocols and pioneering training of exploring new worlds and its dangers

Azief absorbs all of this into his mind, determine to take some of this knowledge to Earth.

of course, Azief did not want Earth to become some kind of a warmongering space civilization that conquers planet.

But in the solar system of Earth there is many planets that is uninhabitable.

Just by terraforming the planet all around the solar system of Earth is enough to solve many of the problem that Earth would face in the future.

New resources would also be added.

So, he was very interested in taking this information.

The robots inside the labs seems to ignore him as they keep researching things and putting and inputting data on their terminal

There are a few things he also read on that could help Katrina current task.

One of the things that most Orvanians do when they colonize a planet or wanting to stabilize some other planets peacefully is making sure that they have a leader that the people of that world trust

Of course this is obvious to everyone but the most obvious thin is usually the one thing that most colonizers of new worlds fails to pay attention to.

Azief also saw the Data Modeling program that is on one of the Orvanian hyper quantum computers.

He also learns that each terminal is a hyper quantum computer. And it is not even the most advanced computer that the Orvanians had.

Most of the weaponry system is hidden from him and Azief had expected this and Qarliya also already told him about this

The Orvanians is quite strict when it is about the weapons in their arsenal.

Most of the weapon in their arsenal is weapons of Universal destruction.

If such weapons fall into the wrong hands a disaster that could affect the Universe could happen

'It is a pity that I don't have an USB drive equivalent or I would copy all of these files into it' he thought to himself.

But he himself also knows that even if he has the USB drive Earth probably did not have such a powerful quantum computer that could bear all the data in the terminal computer.

Not to mention the programming language is very different.

The only thing he could do is to memorize as much as he can and convey it back to scientist and researchers of Pandemonium when he got back.

He first checks the agriculture section. Most Orvanians live long and most of them reach a powerful level.

But for some reason these powerful race still needs to eat. Of course, the frequency of eating is not as frequent like three times a day.

But they still have to eat. As he was searching for the reason for such a thing, he read an article and he nodded with a bit of understanding.

He thought of Earth where when most of the people reaches Disk Formation most of them no longer need to eat to feel full.

‘But, that might change in the future’ he thought to himself.

‘is this also the price?’ he thought to himself as he reads the article.

The reason why people eat is to get energy. As the people of Orvanians evolve, they also need more energy.

But as magical energy fills their world, at the same time the Will of the World is stimulated and in doing so, certain restriction had been put into place.

He did not take long on that article but quickly skimmed around it

He read it just to understand why hunger is still a problem even after breaking through the limit of normal living beings.

Azief also remember that even Alsurt needs to drink and eat even when he is already very powerful

But there is no concrete reason that is given so he only gives it a brief read.

After that he move to more relevant information which is some of the innovation that the Orvanians is planning for Seresian and innovations that he could imitate and copy.

There is a plan for an Agricultural district spanning a large area of land in the Seresian world.

Katarina did talk about this to him before. This is one of the use of the scanning before

The data had already had information of what kind of fruit and what kind of fertilizer it needed and the maximum output and minimum output that a plant could grow in a specified area and what kind of soil and fertilizer it needed

The large scale industrial farms would be growing nutrient-rich produce suitable for the living beings of this world

With one look Azief could guess the reason why the agriculture is focused on first

The Seresian world is many things. It is magical and full of mystical phenomenon.

But one thing it is not is that it is not fertile. There is more barren land in the main planet if the Seresian race than there is fertile land

Most of the food that they got is from some harvest planet, planet which they conquered and devour.

The two slave worlds are basically just food for them and the reason why they did not wipe out the living beings in the two slave world is simply because they did not want to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

But after the Orvanians terraforms this planet, it is full of fertile lands and field.

It is the understandable why the Orvanians wanted to promote agriculture and wanted to deploy such method

The success of this plan would in effect would allow the current civilization of Seresian to grow its population

Food has always been one of the factors of population.

This is also very important for Earth. And Earth also have a lot of food after the Fall but even then it still needs more food

There is not that many people in the world that could forgoes food.

Azief might have forgotten how it feels to be starved but not everyone could reach the level he had where he could just absorb the energy

Most people still have to eat because in other worlds, the energy was not as pure as the energy provided by the All Source.

Chapter 1177: New innovation (2)

The food in the magical world usually absorbs the magical energy in the air and it is purer when from the energy in the air when ingested and that is why one godlike beings still eating.

Earth for some reason seems to delayed this as only the lower level need to eat food and most of those who passes Disk Formation usually could ignore food and water in their body

But who knows how long it would last.

Humanity lacks population. Of course it is not simply because the lack of food.

After all food is in abundance. But in abundance did not mean it is accessible.

With many monsters all over the world, even though the zombie like creatures in the beginning had now almost been eradicated all over the world, most of the problem of humanity come from the monsters

Even more so when the monster is intelligent monster. In places with rich resources, there is usually beast roaming around the area.

It is the reason why so many people join the seven great powers. They wanted security, they wanted protection.

Still the population declined because of so many factors.

Even before he departed to the Seresian world, it is one of the issues that is to be brought up in the World Council which is the proposal to integrate the people of the Otherworlds to Earth.

Earth after the Multiversal Convergence had become so vast that there is so many lands and too little people.

If this is before the Fall, housing and land prices would drop to the bottom because everyone could get land and did not have to worry about land to create housing.

The sad thing about all of this is that, the world is vast, the land is boundless and the sea is limitless, but human population year after year decreased.

War, disaster, monster attack. Any of this three things could quickly erase any population boom in just a few minutes.

But if the world Council agree on the integration of the Otherworlders, humans would have a population boom.

Azief believe this agriculture innovation would help humanity in the long term.

Azief quickly scans the technology with his mind. He just needs to remember it and not understand it.

After all, even though he was given time, it does not mean he did not have any other plans. He is not planning to be here until night.

And since he only has a month left, he still has time to take information.

But with all the technology of the Orvanians stored in all of the Labs, even a hundred years would not be enough if he wanted to absorb everything

His eyes did not move away from the terminal. Unlike the language pack this technology could not be transferred like that.

He had to remember it manually.

The reason that these files did not have such downloading ability like the Orvanian language pack is simply to make it harder for people to get the information if someone had managed to break into the lab in the intention of stealing Orvanian techs.

There is another technology that interest him which is the Agricultural Simulation. When the Orvanians planted food, they do not do it wily nily.

Any farming technique that is suitable would be reduced by their hyper quantum computer.

It is refined to perfection using sophisticated computer simulation of different environment, weather patterns, soil condition, and even consider whether the world possess magic or not.

If the world possesses magic, what is the magic density and the properties of the matter of that planet and it took care of all of this before the seed is even planted into the ground

For Earth to master this skill, they should at least have a super computer that is even more advance from their current super computer. Azief shook his head and then said to himself, like he had an idea

‘Maybe we don’t even need a super computer’ he thought to himself.

As far as he knows, as long as one reaches a high enough level their thought process could be very fast.

He thought of a figure called the Inventor who had invented many things since the beginning of the Fall

From the rumors, he seems to have great capacity of brain processing speed when he focusses his mind.

Of course, even if they did not have the help of such a person, the construction of a new supercomputer must be executed.

And he is also reminded of Will. In normal mode, he is quite a normal guy other than the fact that his speed nearly reaches the speed of light and each of his every move during his speeding would warp the space and time around

Other than that Will is quite normal. He cracks jokes and very emotional at times especially when it is about his sister Lily.

But when he focuses his mind, it was like his brain is the fastest supercomputer in the world. he could analyze many things in this mode.

The reason why Will are not always in this mode is because it is draining to his mind

Each time he uses it, he uses a lot of energy and the burst of information in his mind that he had to access makes him lethargic after each use

There is also the fact that Will confesses to him that when he is in that mode, he is like a machine that have no feelings

He fears that he would stay like that indefinitely if he stays in that state for too long. After all, Speedsters have quite the history with madness

At least that is what Will tell him about many great speedsters in the past that venture to far and too long in their Speed Journey.

This is only a few example of people that Azief knew for a fact have great ability of their mind. Of course there is also Hirate but that man would never ever tell people all of his secret.

The fact that he is able to manipulate mind wave suggest that he might also have the ability to accelerate his own mind processing speed

Azief shakes his head but a plan is already formed in his head about what he should do when he got back.

With this technology it would allow for more predictable crop yields.

Then there are many more innovations that Azief look at like Gene Crops, using genetic engineering to crops to help increase yield and further improves both taste and nutrient levels.

There is even a method of creating fruits that have energy and contain some understanding of the world but that kind of energy reengineering, reengineering the Laws of the world itself into a fruit, that could stimulate the mind and the body to gain the approval of the Laws.... this kind of method is so high above the current level that humanity could achieve

Azief felt like he is in a cosmic library full with knowledge from all over the worlds from all dimensions and realities.

But to think that all of the information in the terminal computer is only a fraction of the vast knowledge Orvanian had.

Most of the knowledge in this terminal is the knowledge needed to change this world and only this world.

Some other worlds might require different kinds of method whether that method be mystical in nature or technological in nature.

He then looks at other innovations like the Nano-Enhancing Crops, infusing crops strands with small amount of nano machines that could create resilient crops among other benefits.

Of course this one requires a high mastery of the nano technology in the first place.

Azief himself does not understand anything about the new modern technology but he does know that Pandemonium had a very advanced nano technology compared to the other world powers.

And then there are hundreds of blacks sites all over Pandemonium researching all kinds of things

Azief regrettably did not walk the path of being some kind of technological overlord but is more attuned to the energy of the world

He will always be on the mystical side and not the technological side.

Magic itself also has an advantage.

Powerful in destruction and powerful also in creation.

Maybe the end result of all science is theology.

Even when he was having these thoughts, his mind keep reading and imprinting each and every words, every blueprint, every pictures into his mind

Even though he does not understand the majority of the words and some e would find hard to decipher since he himself is not familiar with all the science terms that had to be converted into formulas that Earth scientist could make sense off, he keeps memorizing it.

He believes there would be somebody on Earth that would understand it. This alone, what he is doing right now is basically a huge contribution to the advancement of humanity

Even if he only brings only a few of these innovations to realization on Earth, it would bring a qualitative leap to the entire world

And Azief did not know it but from the moment he came to the lab, with each step he takes, there is a ripple in fate and destiny

Chapter 1178: Ripple of fate and destiny

right now, at that very moment as he was looking and memorizing, destiny and fate is changing.

A reverberation of such an aberrant and divergent fate and destiny creates a trace.

Destiny, Fate...these two concepts are intangible things. One spoke of it to explain the inevitability of Something.

But it is there. A particle moves and it did not move or act unless it has already been calculated under the calculation of Fate and Destiny

A cosmic ray from a million of light years away could change the result of an election, cause a plane to plummet from the sky and all of it was calculated and predicted.

Everything affects everything and Nothing affects Nothing.

Life is chaos and Death is order.

The moment particles are created, intelligent living beings was created, Fate and Destiny was there

But unlike its other colleague like Creation and Destruction, they have no physical personification.

They are as invisible, intangible, untouchable and unseen as they were since they were first created.

But while they could not be seen, intangible, untouchable, unseen, they could be sensed.

Azief fate is a fate of an epic proportion.

Everything in this wide Omniverse was calculated since the first time it was created.

And as such, even his fate was calculated.

And his fate was to end in an event that would wipe out almost all of the Universes except that are those Beyond the Source Wall.

From the moment the Time God reverses Time, Space, Reality and all of the particles in all of the Omniverse to achieve a perfect and total reversal of Time, akin of a True God of Time, the fate and destiny that surrounded Azief become even stronger.

He is but one of the candidate of the Bringer of Destruction tool.

But when Jean did what he did, he knowingly strengthens the fate and destiny between Azief and the Destroyer.

He knew it and he did it anyway

The destiny and Fate of what happens in the end is tightly tied to him and to this powerful Supreme Being that have awoken, that does not forget, that preserve their memories of what had happened in the other timeline, they know how the story end.

To them, all of this has happened before.

And all of this will happen again

On and on it goes.

The track of Destiny and Fate keep moving. They held no hope that this time would be different. And unlike the last time they know that the Destroyer would never let such thing happens again.

That loophole is closed. The Destroyer is not some normal Supreme being who could be trapped inside a time loop.

He is the personification of all destruction, tangible or intangible. Time is a concept. But even then it could be destroyed.

Time Loops are ineffective against the Destroyer and the Creator.

Using it against the Destroyer, would only disintegrate the time loop. Using it against the Creator, he would create a new timeline that would birth an entire new Multiverse.

So, in the beginning, those who knows how the story end did not fight against it and work with the flow. Odin suggested using the All Source and send it to Earth just like it happens the last time. The other watched and waited, not many of them dares to enter the muddy water.

Because they know how it will go and how it will end.

They have no hope with the gamble that the Time God Jean did no matter how remarkable what he did in the end.

But the gamble of the Time God Jean, the effort of Loki of Midgard, slowly like the same particles that come from millions of light years away to affect and election and causing a plane to almost crash, it affects destiny and fate.

The reverberation is light at first, a few changes here and there, changes that is easy to rectify, easy to change

It is so light and subtle that everyone would be forgiven to think that it is destiny and fate that is having the upper hand

But this changes stacked.

One different decision might not matter much in the long way ahead but as one different decision become two different decisions, two different decision become three different decisions, three become four and so on and so forth, the stacked different decision produces different result

And these different choices interact and affect different things than it supposed to and destiny of people changes because of that

This creates more changes and not before long, slowly chaos emerges from the orderly engineering of fate and destiny.

Some people began seeing it. Jade Empire act of sealing the Fire. The Six trials of the Sabers, Odin awakened from his slumber.

Slowly, there are beings up there, in the vast starry skies that began to believe. They believe that the Time God Jean, in that last moment gambled with the fate of the entire existence of everything and that gamble is now slowly paying off

Things change. It is the eternal truth of the Universe.

But it is not for destiny and fate. Every change is already predicted so there is no change in the storyline of destiny.

But that unchanged destiny, that immovable fate...change and move.

All of this come to a head in the Multiversal Convergence or the Time Crisis

When fate and destiny is subverted, when time and space become meaningless, in that moment of Nothingness, of Timelessness, everything is and was possible.

It was like in that in moment everything was in error even existence itself becomes an error. Yewa Hafar and Loki at that time both sense that things had changed

What they failed to notice is how much the ripples of that stir the waves. To the eyes of Loki, what he did is simply throwing a large stone into a lake creating a large splash.

To the eyes of Yewa Hafar, it is just something that he needed to fix

Both of them did not see the seriousness or the true impact of what happened that day. On a certain degree of change, it is always permissible in the long game of destiny and fate

But what happened in and during and after the Time Crisis is something that had changed the entire storyline

It is not a simple matter of rectifying some details. It is not something that could be changed by simply changing course.

It is an absolute overhaul of the story. What Loki had managed to do, was to make Destiny change and Fate moves.

What is thought to be a ripple and a splash in a lake, is actually a ripple that sends shockwaves over the sea.

That ripples of fate and destiny echoes and vibrates through the strings that connected everything in this Universe, an Omniversal vibration that could be felt by those who sat at the top of existence.

Change is and was imminent the moment that Azief made a different choice.

He chooses to be with Sofia something that he did not before.

In the other timeline all he saw was how he was betrayed. He did not know why she betrayed him

That misunderstanding push him away from her. Because as much as he loves her, there is this distance that they could not bridge because of this misunderstanding.

Azief in that other timeline fears the future because he fears of his own darkness.

What would cause someone who loves him betray him?

In that timeline, even after seeing how he was betrayed by Sofia, he still loves her but it is because he loves her that he broke up with her and distance himself from her, fearing that such future would come to pass.

It is because of this one simple decision that brought about the other conflict, the other choices that ultimately lead to what happen in the End.

But.....this time it did not happen like that. Azief went to the future and just like in the other timeline he saw himself betrayed by Sofia

But Sofia was not the only one. He is stronger in this current timeline than the other deleted timeline.

And because he is stronger, he could see more things and experience more things he could not see before.

The secrets of the future revealed more to him this time than the last time.

He saw the whole world fighting him, he saw himself of the future more clearly, saw how cold and heartless he was in the future

And because of that he could understand. He could understand why Sofia betrayed him. There was no fear, but instead he felt relieved.

Relieved because if he were ever to go to such depth of darkness, that the one pulling the trigger to end him, is the one he loves.

And because the feeling is different, then the choices would also be different. When he got back to the present, he made a different choice. A different choice that send ripples through fate and destiny.

Instead of trying to distance himself, trying to break up with Sofia, Azief did the unthinkable. The wrong choice dictated by fate and destiny.

He proposed to her.

And chaos began to multiplied from that moment on.

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A Bit of Info from the Author

The story about the election and the plane crashing is actually from a real story.

On May 18th, 2003, voters in Belgium went to the polls. In many regions, voting was done on a computer.

Each voter would insert a magnetic card into the machine and make their selection on screen. Their vote was saved both to the computer and the magnetic card, which they dropped into a box for redundancy.

Late that night, as the votes were being tabulated, one of the election officials detected a problem with the results from Schaerbeek, a municipality in central Brussels.

Maria Vindevogel, a little known candidate with her own party received more votes than was mathematically possible.

So they took out the magnetic cards and started a recount.

One by one, they fed each of them through the machines again, and after several hours, the recount was complete. The vote totals for every candidate were exactly the same as before, except for Maria Vindevogel.

In her case, the recounted number of votes was less than the original by 4,096. How had her original tally been inflated by over 4,000 votes?

Computer experts were brought in to run extensive tests on the software. They combed through the code, but could find no bugs. They brought the computer and try to replicate the error but they were not able to replicate it

Everything about the hardware seemed to be in perfect working order. And this left only one possible explanation and it is seriously weird. The clue comes from the excess number of votes Vindevogel received.

4,096.

Computers work using binary, strings of zeros and ones, each corresponding to a power of two.

So somewhere inside the computer tabulating all the votes was a string of bits representing the number of votes Maria received.

It started the day all zeros, and then as each vote for her came in, it would increment by one. Physically, this is done by turning on a transistor for one and turning it off for zero. What's remarkable about the number 4,096 is that it is exactly a power of two. Two to the power of 12.

That is the 13th bit. So for Maria Vindevogel to receive an extra 4,096 votes, only one thing needed to happen.

The 13th bit had to flip from a zero to a one. But why would that happen? Computers work precisely because bits don't flip unless we want them to.

The answer was cosmic rays. The Universe is very hostile to computers, but bits might not be the only thing that cosmic rays from billions of light years away could change of influence.

In the history of our planet, cosmic rays may have played an even larger role flipping bits, not in electronics, but in the genetic codes of living organisms, providing some of the variation on which natural selection acts.

And that's it for a bit of info. Check it out. It is very interesting

Chapter 1179: The eyes in the dark (1)

The ripples which is slow and subtle and affects only a little began spreading out, bigger and stronger with each choice that he made and the choices that the people around him made

Nothing could predict such a big change from such a simple and almost insignificant choice

But the Azief of this timeline is none of that.

From the beginning Azief had made all the right choices. The right choices are the choices that is determined by Fate and Destiny

And that is the definition of right choices. A choice approved by Fate and Destiny.

But in the aftermath of the Multiversal Convergence, Azief made the wrong choice for Destiny but a right choice for himself

And one different choice made all the difference.

He believes in Sofia, and while in the end it happens almost exactly like it was in the other timeline, with him having to leave Sofia and Sofia leaving him, the process was different

And to some people that might not mean much.

But it does mean something.

Like that gardener in that beautiful garden that keep sowing seeds hoping that it would grow, the process is sometimes more important than the result itself

And right now, even as he is looking at the advanced technology of Orvan with the heart and desire to advance humanity, this is something that truly went out of the course of fate and destiny

In the other timeline, Katarina was never kidnapped. And while the Time Crisis did happen, it did not happen this way

In the other timeline, there is no Pandemonium, there is no seven great powers and there is no such thing as the Article of Distribution.

A small change had now finally converged to allow a great change. And this reverberation of a choice so different from the intended story created a ripple in the frequency of fate and destiny.

It reverberates to all of the Omniverse. And there are some that could sense it. And some of them would also like to gamble on this game of a lifetime.

Standing on an illusory tree, surrounded by stars, a one eyed being look toward the stars. He wears a gray robe and one of his eye socket is empty.

There are two ravens flying around him, each one is as fast as light itself warping space and time wherever they flew.

Jumping on the stars and rushing through the space dust is his two wolves. His one eye is shining bright like the Sun

Odin Allfather, the Lord of the Eight Realms and the King of Asgard. Strapped on his back is a spear wrapped with some special clothes sown with the design of runes.

He is wearing a blue robe with Asgardian design.

He closes his eyes for a second and then opens it as he moves his finger around, like he was feeling the cosmic dust that flows around him

The cosmic dust passes through the gaps of his fingers and he could feel the particles in each of the dust.

Odin since he had woken up from his slumber has been waiting. He is waiting for a fated chance.

But this fated chance is not the real fated chance. It is a fated chance that is born out of the calculation of destiny and fate

This is a fated chance for himself but not the fated chance of fate and destiny. Hence, it is not real.

At least not to fate and destiny. Sometimes, he went to Alfheim. Other times, he would visit the Vanir s and even Jotunheim.

None could sense his coming and goings. He had been to the place where his sworn brother Loki of Asgard, Wargod and The Great Supremacy Azul met each other

He had understood certain things. And new ideas have filled his head. But he also knows that there is time for everything. And even though the clock is ticking, he still had to wait

He knows all about destiny and fate. It is not easy to change it. But if one does want to change it, one had to be strategical about it.

One had to enter and leave at the right moment, affecting the right thing at the right place in the right moment

So, he waits. Surtr has been anxious and so do the others. If he did not go to slumber, did not let Baldur get killed, did not let all the subsequent event to happen, will there ever be a Ragnarok?

And if there is no Ragnarok.... then when the End came....it will really end. Not everybody is on board with his plan.

And they are searching for him. Today, he is here on top of this large branch of a tree. Of an ash tree that towers over stars and planets, the size of which is hard to comprehend.

An illusory tree that is sustained by faith. He is standing on the branch tree, looking at the distance, looking at the stars and the planets

If he is on his throne, his vision could see even more. But then he senses it and his eyes suddenly narrowed

He closes his hand and there is a smirk on his face.

'Changes' he said to himself.

Smiling he said

'Fate and Destiny sow the wind and now there is a storm'

His eyes look toward another direction, and his gaze pierce the clouds of gas, the nebulous colorful space matters, piercing through worlds and light years away, his gaze rested on a fertile planet.

That planet is the Seresian planet. As he wanted to see deeper into the planet, he felt his eyes stinging.

And he frowned and retracted his vision. His eyes felt pain

He is still on that tree and then he closes his eyes for a second.

Opening it up the discomfort he had felt disappeared

'Orvan. So.... they did not move the last time. But now they are making a move. What are they planning?' he thought to himself.

Even though Odin did not deal with the Orvanians a lot, he does know this race.

Most of the time Asgard maintain a quite strict requirement for opening a dimensional barrier. There is a Gatekeeper of the Bifrost after all and he is not some small fry

The Bifrost of Asgard anchors all of dimensional doors and paths to other world. This is to make sure that nobody could just open up and mess with time and space and hopped through dimension wantonly.

Of course, as for the royal family of Asgard they have their ways. Loki for example, had his own back channel of dimensional doors that he could tap into.

Thor has Mjolnir.

That hammer is not some normal hammer simply to beat Jotuns to death.

It had other function, one of which is to smash open the barriers of space and time, smashing through dimensional barriers and hammering the Laws of the Universe.

It is the same for his spear Gungnir. But most of the time, they know their limits. And there is the fact that they are inside the Source Wall and not outside of it.

That is not under the jurisdiction of the Orvanians.

The time in the Source Wall, the fluctuations and the frequency of it is quite different from the vast universe beyond the Source Wall.

So, his interaction with the Orvanians was limited. Though he did clash with them a few times five thousand years ago during that battle in Milky Way galaxy, the way humans called their galaxy.

But one thing that he does know about Orvanians was that, this is a race that has always not interfere with anything other than doing their duty, a duty that they were cursed upon by the Creator.

Well, Odin after all had learned Great Knowledge when he hanged himself on the branches of Yggdrasil.

The price was his eyes. The reward.....knowledge. He is called One Eyed Odin in some parts of the Universe.

There is a reason why people stressed the One Eyed part.

That one eye of his, the only one that works is an eye that could see through lies, see through deception and see past, present and future at times.

So, it is not at all surprising to know that Orvanians was cursed. A curse that has span from the early beginnings of Time to now.

That is a long epoch that passes. And still the curse has not been lifted. It must be some kind of a powerful curse.

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Most curses had to be tethered onto something, whether that something be tangible or intangible.

Of course, for a being like the Creator who stand on the highest peak of power that touch upon the Source of Everything, he could simply create a curse out of nowhere and did not tether it to anything

But from what Odin knows of the Creator, he would not disturb the balance of order of the Omniverse.

This is because from what Odin knows of the lore about the Creator and the Destroyer, it was that before the Creator had a personality, had an avatar, had feelings, in the beginning he was like those winged creatures that the Supreme One had created in the past.

They were more like an independent artificial intelligence but with clear directive.

One of that is not to disturb the natural order.

And even though the Creator got a personality and an avatar in each incarnation of itself, and the Creator could theoretically break this system directive, out of respect and love for the Supreme One, he would not do it.

He probably complies with the existing Laws of the Omniverse and tethered the curse onto something.

That is the only few things he knows about Orvanians. It does makes him feel suspicious that the Orvanians are making a move now.

If he remembers it right, this race sit on their hands the last time this happen.

Odin would not believe it if Orvanians highest order of power says that there is not someone among their midst that knows what happens in the deleted timeline.

Of course, when Odin thought of Orvanians highest order he was thinking of the Five Seats of Orvan, the mysterious five elders that makes the rules in the star system of Orvan.

They know how this story end. Then why make a move? Is it a gamble like he did? Or is there a plan that the Orvanians had been planning since the last timeline?

Odin did not know that the Orvan had contacted the United Intergalactic Alliance and submit the Seresian planet under the supervision of the United Intergalactic Alliance.

This is an act of Orvan that shows that they are about to come out of their closed border policy.

As Asgard had been closing itself off, only some of the core members of the United Intergalactic Alliance was informed of the matter.

Thor was stationed on the border planet, fearing a Jotunheim invasion when Odin was away. Baldur on the other hand is in the palace.

Odin has other sons but Thor is the Crown Prince. He was hesitating between Thor and Vidar but knowing Thor's fate in Ragnarok, Odin has a soft spot for this child of his.

With all of this, Odin did not know the development of matters in the United Intergalactic Alliance.

The matter itself does not seem that big since it is just a matter of one planet. Odin then stops trying to see Azief in the Seresian world.

Orvan technology, both mystical and technological has always been a wonder. Of course, if Odin pushes it, he could break the disturbance that he encounters when he tries to peek on Azief.

But he is quite sure that the Orvan could pinpoint his location accurately. Divine Sense has fluctuations. And Orvanians are very good at detecting fluctuations.

And he is quite sure that he is already noticed when his Divine Sense sweeps the planet. But, they probably could not see where he is located at.

'Orvanians. Hmm' Odin thought for a moment. He did not do anything and he did not move before. He fears that he would move before it is time.

Odin calculated in his mind.

'It is not time. I have been patient for a few thousand years. I could be patient for a few more years' he then averts his gaze. Then he sat down on the tree and once again look at the stars in the distance

At the same time Odin senses such fluctuation in the calculation of fate and destiny, there are others in the Omniverse that also senses it

Some sense it acutely. Some sense it subtly. Some felt a change but did not associate it with a fate and destiny changing ripples

But somewhere, there are five powerful beings that could sense it very acutely and also knows what it means and what it signifies

In a dark room, five powerful beings are sitting on a throne made of azurite-like minerals. The throne is floating in the air.

When they sense the ripples, they all opened their eyes at the same time. They all frowned at the same time.

And then they narrowed their eyes. Their actions are the same.

On their heads is a round helmet that is emanating powerful mental waves. All of their heads are bald.

They look humanlike if not for the triangle shaped mark on their forehead.

They were silent. Most of the time, they rarely spoke.

But this time their silence is filled with tension. One of them look at the other and he said.

'I predicted this. But still.....it is surprising' The word did not come out from their mouth. It is like a disembodied voice echoing inside the room

Another one spoke

'The Time God had gambled well'

Another spoke

'Should we interfere?'

Another spoke

'There is a chance'

Then another one spoke

'It is too dangerous.'

There is silence once again in the dark room. But then one of them spoke again using their mind waves

'It would be worth it'

The word echoes inside the room.

But nobody says anything again. For a moment there is silence.

The five beings seem to feel the vibration, the fluctuation in fate and destiny and their mental wave power seems to also fluctuate with it

Then one of them said

'We will wait and watch. After all, we now have a connection with him. Karma...has been formed. There is cause and effect between him and us'

These five beings that seems to have a disembodied voice is none other than the five shadowy figure of the Five Seats of Orvan.

They are also called the Old Ones.

Their eyes are blue with a hint of a green. Their mental power is very powerful that they could even make and unmake matters using just their minds

It seems they have predicted many things and they have been making moves. Orvanians are one of the most advanced race in the entire Omniverse.

But other than top tier civilization in the Omniverse, not many knows of them as they rarely show themselves and they are not an invasive species

They also did not come out for peace or war, and is content to maintain the operation and stability of the Multiverse.

It seems that even the Five Seats of Orvan had been paying attention to Azief fate and destiny since the beginning.

Then one of them squinted.

'Odin is watching' he said. One of them frowned

'He is.... betting?'

'Probably' Another said

Then one of them said

'It is bold'

'Reckless' another said

'Opportunistic' One of the other shakes his head and said

'Wise'

They all seems to feel differently about Odin decision. It did not take them long to calculate the reason why Odin wake up from his slumber.

A chance before the twilight of the Gods.

'Location?' one of the Five seats spoke

'unidentified' another said

'We have no enmity with Asgard'

'There is no need to fight. We probably share the same goals'