

## **Shadow 1321**

### **Chapter 1321 Hanging Head II**

There was one time that one diplomat from some local forces in Europe who was drunk in front of Katarina.

Katarina was reminding that person that he is drunk. But the man did not seem to heed to her words and instead try to harass her

Of course, it is not as serious as one would think. It is not like he harassed her like touching her or insult her. He was only being louder than usual.

And Katarina reaction to it could be said very exaggerated

So, Katarina cut that man hand and gouge his eyes.

Of course, Boris like always send some healing squad and attached back the hand and rejuvenate back the eye.

But it also had created a new reputation for Katarina. That she did not like drunk people. People thought of it as like just another eccentricities of the Ice Queen.

Of course, Azief knows more than this.

the reason why she hated drunk people is related to her past.

When her father is drunk, that is when he became most violent.

Katarina hated it because it reminded her of her father beating her brother.

Thinking about it Sofia also hated drunk people.

Like Katarina, Sofia also had to deal with drunken father. Azief also had problem with his family but physical abuse was never one of them

For him, it was his mind that was abused. He shakes his head to rid out unnecessary thoughts as he looks at the walls on the beer maker counter.

Even though Azief never seen it before he could easily tell that it is a beer maker. How could he not?

Every time a certain pirate or people just finished their drink, they would go to that counter and push some buttons and beer would be poured down like some kind of juice maker.

Azief prefers coffee but this kind of tavern probably does not serve coffee.

'Azief, look at that' Katarina suddenly said as she tapped his arm.

Azief look at where she is pointing and it was on another beer counter. A middle age man, with sailor like uniform was trying to pull out the beer counter.

No doubt that this man is drunk as shit.

The man is a Seed Forming peak realm. But even with all of his strength, this man could not pull out the beer maker.

A second later, some of the friend of that drunk man pulls him away from the counter, pay some energy stones to one of the pirates standing guard and then brought his friend out from the tavern

'Powerful construction method.'

'Probably some kind of formation' Katarina added and Azief nodded.

'But, the beer must be something special too' At this Katarina nodded.

When you reached Seed Forming, or even Energy Disperse Stage, you would rarely get drunk because even the most powerful alcohol content in any drinks would be neutralized by your own body metabolism.

To make even Seed Forming and from what Azief sees Disk Forming leveler to get drunk, that is probably one hell of a drink.

Azief and Katarina of course did not stand near the middle of the first floor for long. They could see that there are stairs leading to the second floor

'I think it was on the second floor' Azief said.

Azief did hear that if one wanted to buy information, you have to go to the second floor and contacted the bartender on the second floor and express the intention of wanting to buy information.

Azief and Katarina move toward the second floor stairs.

He could just jump up to the second floor but there is no need to make a scene. He saw that even those pirates who could jump up and down did not do such a thing.

There is of course a few drunk pirate that jump from second floor to first floor and from first floor to the second floor.

But they would usually be seized by some of the guards of the tavern, forced to pay for what they eat and then thrown out of the tavern or escorted out by their friends.

While the vibe on the first floor is lit, but this kind of thing was never Azief scene.

He prefers quietness. Of course this did not mean he could not enjoy himself. It is just that right now he had a different objective.

He walks to the second floor and just like the first floor, there is the scent of food. Only there is no spit roasted meat on the middle of the floor.

Instead, it is more modern and look a lot like bar before the Fall.

There is a bartender on the job on the second floor.

There is also a beer maker.

The walls of decorated with sports memorabilia. It seems like a football player picture. Azief was not into sport.

At least not after the Fall.

He thought of something and he remembers that Pandemonium also hosted a few sporting event.

Of course, this is something that Azief rarely give attention to.

It is not like the world stopped sport events.

When the Seven World Power was established, other than the four world power that had to fight off against the local forces, the Three Great Powers which is the World Government, the Republic and Pandemonium are all stable.

And what it means to be stable is to be peaceful

By then the World Government had slowly perfected their governance bestowing noble titles and enthroning Kings and Queen all over their dominions.

As for the Republic, their governors had also accustomed in managing their governed territories.

And for Pandemonium, the city lords began improving the lives of the people under them

An orderly world had risen from the ashes of destruction.

What happens in the Fall might be apocalyptic but it did not destroy humanity?

And the rebuilding was faster than ever.

It is hard to think that after such calamity it would be easy to rebuild civilization. But it was actually very easy. This is because the humans after the Fall is very.... magical.

With great power, they could easily divert rivers, create tall monuments and even changes the terrains of the world by simply waving their hands or stomping their foot.

If people do not care about aesthetics, one could raise an entire city from the ground by just using their abilities.

This is the reason why Japan quickly take the lead in creating the World Government even after just a few days after the Fall.

It is because Japan was the least affected by the Fall. And what does that mean? That means there are more people. And it is easy to organize.

Both Oreki and Hikigaya quickly created a power base in just a week. With their charisma, they subjugated the others, and quickly rebuild.

Hirate was also doing the same thing. Of the many people that rises in Japan during that time, only three people stand out and these three people become the face of Japan after the Fall.

Hirate was at the right place at the right time. Hirate wanted people to forget but Hirate was once the guard that protects the Emperor of Japan.

But, after the Fall, he had washed his image and become the President of the World Government.

Japan was simply his springboard to global power.

Theoretically, in the beginning, the President was given a lot of power.

This is to centralize the power of the World Government.

Of course, since Hirate uses the title of President, there is the idea of introducing term limit and appointing successors

But, even until now, that idea is not yet presented. As for what relations it had with sport, it was that because of the stability people began missing the old things.

Sports once again bloomed with other things followed like music and performances. Culture once again bloomed.

The Three Great Power had even promoted a few sporting events.

During Loki rule as regent, he implemented many of the more diplomatically friendly policy and one of them reestablishing many of the old things that existed before the Fall

As for the memorabilia stuck on the walls, it is clear the owner and probably the customer of this tavern are avid fans.

'I did notice a huge stadium' he thought to himself. He did think to visit the stadium but there are still many things he needs to do

This is no time to be visiting stadium.

The second floor is even wider than the first floor. Azief narrowed his eyes and he could see that this floor had some space altering magic.

'Convenient'

If this was before the fall, it would be called illegal construction. His Palace also has things like this.

A room that seem small could actually be large room that is as vast as the plains of Mongolia.

Of course, this did not mean that one could, simply just created space out of nowhere. There is a principle to this.

But even though it is wider than the first floor, it is also packed. There were groups belonging to some organization.

Azief could tell many of them came from organization that operates on the gray lines. There is also pirates.

Not surprising considering the nature of the city. There is even some musician who is drinking and eating.

The tables and chairs are the same like the design on the first floor

But there is a difference with the first floor.

The first floor has no long tables. But on the second tables, there is several long tables. Most of them are occupied by groups of people.

The other, smaller tables are also occupied.

Most of them are people who have drunk too much, though nobody seems to mind.

Even most of the stools at the bar are occupied, though nobody seems to mind more company.

There is also people that Azief sees that have some kind of aura around them. This aura is weird. It felt like the Heavens are rejecting them

Azief is quite sure that he is not the only one that notice this.

Even Katarina notices this but people doesn't seem to care that much.

This is not the first time Azief saw such people.

When he was walking along the cliff side roads and along the roads of the stall, many times he saw people like this

People who have different aura and this sense of rejection from the Heavenly Will.

Of course, Azief felt weird by this.

He could actually deduce why these people were rejected form the Heaven Will.

But, this is a bit different from what he first thought.

He need more information to conclude his own thoughts. He shakes his head. Then he walks to the bar counter.

He is looking for the bartender. Katarina is dragged alongside him. And then his eyes saw the bartenders and he walk to other side of the bar counter

He walks to one of the bartender who was winking to some girls, no doubt flirting. Then he stopped in front of the bartender.

The bartender who was winking and smiling suddenly change his face expression. He is no longer smiling and his eyes become cold

'What?'

Azief simply said

'I want to buy information'

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## **Chapter 1322 Bartender Kindness**

Azief looks at the bartender and the bartender looks at him

The bartender looks at him up and down.

'We don't sell information to everybody. Especially not to a nobody. Old man, it is better if you go home'  
It is understandable why he would act like that.

Azief did not seem to be someone that could pay for the services.

In his disguise as an old man, he looks very much like a frail old man that there almost seems to be no flaws at all.

The problem was the disguise is too good.

Azief himself is not that mad. He could understand why the bartender look down on them

This is a pirate city. A city of outlaws. And in the world of outlaws there is only one thing that they respect and that is strength

The bartender looks at the old man and he made a swift judgement

there is nothing to indicate that this old man is powerful.

Not only that he is an old man, he also brought a little girl inside the tavern.

Even though there is no such rule that one could not brought children into the tavern, that is just common sense.

The bartender said these things not just to provoke the old man.

After all, being a bartender where all kinds of outlaws frequented, he would not be working here for as long as he did, without knowing how to bend so as not to break

There are always some powerful outlaws coming in and having a power trip so he always analyzes the people that came here.

And his intention was not malicious or evil.

He also spoke because he wanted the old man to be safe. It is not good when one buys information and did not have the power to buy it.

He had seen too many cases like that and as such he has a penchant for filtering the people who could not afford to pay

Most of the establishment inside this pirate city follow the laws. But the laws are also very loose.

What do you expect from a city of pirates? This is not the land of the Seven Great Powers, and there is no quite central authority.

With the expansion of the Earth, people who have power, strength and influence could always sail the sea and cross the continents to find some large land to occupy and make a force for themselves.

The only reason why the Seven great powers did not crumble with so many people immigrating out from their sphere of influence is because under the Seven Great Powers, there is law and order.

There is relative peace.

And their rights are protected. Out of the sphere of influence of the Seven Great Powers, it is the Law of the jungle.

And while this city has laws, there is an unspoken rule about the laws in any pirate cities or the cities under the Crime Alliance or the Pirate Lords.

They all share one common thing and that is whoever fist is bigger, their rule is right.

Of course, the existence of Laws is simply to projects the havens of pirates or the cities for criminals.

No matter how chaotic criminals and pirates are, they all understood that they still need to trade information, resources and as such they need a stable place to make these deals.

Hence, there are organized crime

The city of Arturia also operate like this. To others who like order and peace, this might not be the place one wanted to frequent

But to those who seek power, fame and influence and believe in their confidence to strike it big, the seas and the skies are there for everyone to uncover.

In this new brave world, not even the Seven Great Powers could surveil every continent like they did before.

He looks at the old man and shakes his head.

He is shoohing him away for his own good. This old man could not possibly pay the fee for any information.

any deals made, as long as it has been signed and sealed, the city government would not interfere.

So, the way he talks to the old man might seem rude but he had good intention.

The other patrons of the tavern who also heard what the bartender said all understood the kind intention of the bartender.

And they also know that Hanging Head would rather not engage with person who could not pay.

If the person could not pay they have to take drastic measures and while they do not flinch from doing it, it is bad for business

In the past Azief would not be able to discern such thing.

If it was in the past, he truly would think that the bartender was just trying to provoke him and pushes him away.

But maybe after the experience he had in the world projections, he could better feel the feelings of others.

Evened though he could hear the voice of the bartender like he was looking down on him, he could feel the true emotion of this person.

He wanted to discourage him so that he could be safe.

Azief smiles a weird smile.

He did not think that such a fierce looking bartender had such a soft heart. If this was any other day, Azief would not insist.

But right now, he truly wanted information.

Azief could tell that the reason why the bartender hesitated is because of him and his granddaughter. At least that is how it looks like to the people in the tavern

Azief shake his head and then he said

'I could pay it' the bartender face become ugly. He then sighed and lean closer to him and said

'Old man. It is better that you leave this place. This place does not take kindly to newcomers.' Then leaning closer he whispers

'This place is dangerous, old man. It is better to go to some other information broker. Their information might not be as extensive or as detailed, but at least you would save your life'

'If you could not pay the price, these people would not hesitate to grab your grandchildren and sold her'

'Even though it is forbidden by the city law, not all people would listen to the city lord' he whispers.

Hearing all of this Azief nods.

The bartender probably thought that Azief was nodding for his suggestion. Instead, the reason why Azief was nodding is because he now knows something else.

It seems that this pirate city is really different from some other cities of crime he had seen before

Even though some crime is allowed, they did not allow human trafficking. If they did, Azief was thinking of wiping this city out in the future later.

But, hearing that this city is not entirely without its own merit Azief was thinking about something else.

But it seems that while the city itself did not engage in human trafficking, the same could not be said for the other establishment in the city

But Azief also knows that not everyone could monitor this one hundred percent. And to expect city of criminals to uphold certain moral standard is quite hypocritical

Hanging Head is a tavern that also engage in human trafficking?

He did not know that. Though, after his many experiences it is better to thoroughly investigated such things before making his judgement, he thought to himself

The bartender looks at the old man nodding and he thinks that the old man has understood what he was trying to say

He shoos them both with the gesture of his hand

But Azief still did not move. And it did not appear like he had any intention to leave. Azief look at that bartender and then said



'I understand your kindness but I still want to buy information' he said and this time the bartender frowned.

'This old man....does he not understand what I am saying?' the bartender thought to himself. He then shakes his head and then said

'Old man. I already warned you. Don't blame me whatever happens later' The bartender could try to help but the tavern also had to make business.

Since the old man is insistent, then it is also hard for him to keep trying to persuade him out of this

To the bartender, the old man is like some gambler that he knows.

They all know that they couldn't pay their tabs, but still play thinking that they would get lucky only to get their hands chopped or to become a slave of the tavern

'I would not blame you'

The bartender throws the glass that he had been polishing with a towel to one of the bartender on the other side of the counter.

He then walks toward a black room just beside the counter.

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### **Chapter 1323 A Line That Had Been Crossed**

Azief and Katarina just stand there in front of the counter, seemingly not caring about the people gaze that is concentrated on them

Not many people come nears them right now. Many people heard what they were talking about.

They heard that the old man is staying to buy some information and many of them do not want to get associated with such a person.

Those who dares buy information from the Hanging Head tavern are either desperate for information or fearsome character in the world.

They do not know what to make of the old man and his granddaughter.

These people who live in this pirate cities knows one simple wisdom. To the things you do not know, do not come near and do not poke a stick on it.

Who knows whether it is a harmless fish or some sea monster?

For a moment, there is the feeling that the sound on the second floor slowly become slower.

And after a while there is silence.

Nobody talks that much and if they do talk they talk in whispers.

But Azief and Katarina did not seem to sense this atmosphere as they just stand there in front of the bar counter without being flustered.

It did not take long for the bartender to inform someone.

The black door opened and someone else comes out from the door.

This is a big man with an imposing height of seven feet two. This is basically a small giant. He had a nose ring, wearing a sleeveless shirt, a tattoo of some woman on his left arm

He is full of muscles and he is bald.

He looks like some kind of person one would hire to become an extra in some television shows to the role of Gangster number one.

But even though Azief and Katarina did not take much weight of this person, it is not the same for people on the second floor

Those who were regular at the Hanging Head knows that the bald man is one of the enforcers of the Hanging Head. He is called Gabe by the people of Hanging Head.

'Gabe!' someone shouted and wave their hands. Gabe nodded

No one knows his real name as everyone simply called him Gabe.

This person is also in the Disk Formation realm. Gabe who was taller than anyone else look at the two people who was standing straight near the bar counter.

Usually if he comes out, people would have some reaction. Either fear, awe, or looking down on him

Whatever the reaction, he could judge from that. But the old man looks at him and simply ignore him.

Gabe narrowed his eyes looking at these two people trying to analyze these two people.

These two people did not show much reaction but he could feel that these two people are not ordinary.

There is a reason why he believes it to be so

even when he tries to use his Divine Sense to probe these two, he could not get a grasp of these two level.

Either these two people have no energy at all in their body, or they either have some powerful concealing methods or artifact or they are stronger than him

But, he is already a Disk Formation leveler.

Even though the eyes a lot of Disk Formation leveler in the world now, the amount of Disk Formation leveler did not pass a thousand mark.

Of course this did not include those people who do not show themselves to the world like those experts who secluded themselves not wanting to step on this muddy world.

Gabe is unlike the bartender. His horizon is a bit wider and his experience with people is even more extensive

That is the reason the bartender called him.

The bartender is a bit kind hearted, usually turning people down.

As for Gabe, if you dare to buy the information, you have to pay a price. Even magic has a price. Why is it shocking that the things you buy also have a price?

Those who dares to make deal with the Hanging Head even after knowing the dire price that they have to pay if they could not hold up the deal is usually not normal people.

So, he did not look down on these two. But he still needs to make sure that these two could pay. He come closer to Azief and then said

'Old man. Are you the one that wanted to buy information from our tavern. Little Roy here probably has told you that there is price to be paid if you can't handle the payment'

Azief only nodded and then Gabe continued his word

'Even though we are not some criminal organization and more of a food and beverage company combined with some information gathering service, we do not hesitate to do more than necessary when it is regarding having to pay back what you owe to use'

This is simply Gabe once again giving a warning to the old man, so that this old man knows that they are not kidding around here

Azief look at Gabe serious face and could not help but chuckles. Even Katarina who was standing beside Azief smirks.

'I can afford it' he said. Gabe frown deeper and then he sighed. There seems to be a tense atmosphere between them for a few second before he nodded and then he said

'Alright. If you say so.' Gabe however also wanted to know what the old man wanted to ask.

If its normal information, Gabe is intending to send this old man to one of the information gathering service that is all around town

After all, there are times when newcomers come to this town and did not know that they could actually find normal basic question in some of the more legal and cheaper alternative.

Hanging Head usually trades in sensitive highly confidential information.

It is illegal actually to sell these kind of information. Because this could touch the interest of the forces in this city.

But when it comes to Hanging Head tavern, most people would close oen eye on them. Why? Nobody knows.

Some people said that they are under the backing of one of the Ten Pirate Lords.

Some said that they have a backing from one of the executive in the Dark Syndicate. Some said that they are under the protection of the Red Table

The Red Table is basically like the Round Table of the Arthurian Knights but the difference is that this Red Table is for criminals.

Headed by the crime lords and crime families, the Red Table is one of the ways the Crime Alliance policy is enacted.

Regardless of the rumors, nobody actually really knows who is backing the tavern and why the city is so reluctant to take them on.

But, after all this is a city of pirates. It is not some city for those wanting justice or wanting the law to follow the rules

The law is simply there to maintain order and not for justice.

It is different from the world powers like Pandemonium who persistently pursue justice.

At least it was so for its people and people under Death Monarch. Death Monarch himself is more on the chaotic side, doing whatever he likes in this world

'I want to know about the Ten Pirate Lords, the Ten Seas, all you could find about the Seven Great Power. Basically, I want every information you had' Azief said with a smile.

The smile looks a lot like he was teasing them.

Gabe hearing what Azief said suddenly narrowed his eyes.

'You are messing with us, aren't you?' he said. His tone is now cold and severe.

Azief shakes his head, his face is still full of smiles as he said

'No, I am not joking at all. I am very serious' right now the entire second floor is now quiet.

There is no longer any sound of people clinking their glass together, or people telling their stories or the sound of anyone singing.

Everyone seems to shut their mouth.

The people here knows that a certain line had been crossed.

And that old man had just crossed it.

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### **Chapter 1324 One Finger**

The Hanging Head might not be such a law abiding business but it still something that is not entirely evil.

They usually give warning and persuade people who could not afford to buy the information not to buy anything.

If you don't want to buy information, you could simply come to the Hanging Head and drink your sorrows away.

For all the bad rep it got, most of the fault lies in the buyer.

After all, if people got the information and not pay, what face and reputation would be left for the Hanging Head tavern?

They had to take actions.

And most of the time, the actions taken against buyers who could fulfil the other side of the deal is very brutal.

Because in the crime world, if you do not do such a thing people would be thinking that you got soft.

And the moment you let people think that you are getting soft, then hyenas would begin circling.

So, even though the Hanging Head could be a nice place to relax and drink away the fatigue of the day, the people also knows that there are things that you must not do.

There are certain lines that you must not cross. Gabe was giving advice with a kind heart, hoping the old man would know his limits.

But, from the old man words, it seems like the old man is seeking trouble or maybe some spy of other factions in the city

Gabe then come forward closer toward the old man and his body began emanating a certain aura. Everyone who is below Seed Forming feel suffocated.

Gabe is a Disk Formation leveler. And he is almost approaching the pinnacle of Disk Formation realm

And the aura he emanated was the aura of bloodlust.

Even though he is simply one of the enforcer of the Hanging Head, he used to be a great figure in the past.

He could tell that this old man is trying to mess around with the tavern. Of course, Azief was not doing this to humiliate the tavern or trying to mess around with them

In this world, any forces could not afford being played around by Death Monarch. But this is the difference in position.

Azief did not understand the underlying circumstances of this tavern and what it means to ask that question. Hanging Head does sell information.

But there is some information that they did not sell.

To people who wanted to buy information from Hanging Head, they usually know what kind of information that they wanted to buy, and they also usually know what kind of information that they must not buy or inquire.

Azief did not know this unspoken rule.

Usually Gabe would not simply act aggressive.

But that is only exclusive to Outworlders.

Outworlders don't know these kind of unspoken rule

But Outworlders has a different kind of aura from the people of Earth prime.

The old man is clearly not an Outworlder so, the only reason why the old man would ask such a question is to provoke the Hanging Head Tavern

Gabe did not say much.

After all, this provocation could not be let go.

He doesn't know where this old man come from, but there is no sign at all that this old man is powerful.

And if this old man came from the city, then this old man luck is bad.

Even though Hanging Head is not exactly the strongest force in the city, it still ranks around the top.

So, when he reaches close enough for his fist to reach Azief face, he swings his fist toward Azief

The formation that is embedded on every tiles and every fiber of walls in the second floor lights up. This is without a doubt a shock absorbent, an energy absorbent properties wall

Gabe seems to have anticipated this and instead focus the explosive energy to the tips of his finger and from that envelop his entire fist with infuriating energy.

Azief only need to take a glance to see that the fist seems to contains powerful offensive energy.

This kind of method which uses the bloodlust condensed into an attack is not rare.

However, Azief and Katarina look down on it.

Katarina could also see the attack but like Azief, she disdains to even try to block it. If not for the fact that she simply didn't care, she could blow cold air from her mouth and froze this person into a block of ice.

He knows for a fact that Azief could easily handle it. Even one of the generals of Boris would have more offensive power than this person.

It is only outside of the influence of the Seven Great Powers, that these people could run amok. It is like a small dragon flee from their land to settle in a land of snakes.

Of course, they appear to be powerful. But, in the land of dragons, that dragon is merely the weakest.

That is how she would like to describe this person called Gabe. He could posture and show off in the land of snakes but when he met a true dragon, then the only possible conclusion is to be dominated one-sidedly

If this person is compared to some of the generals or even vice generals of the military of the Seven great powers, then this person could not compare at all.

Most of the people under the Seven Great Powers would be offered up with many resources and so when they break through they are very stable.

Azief could see that even though this enforcer of this tavern had the cultivation of Disk Formation, and almost reaching Divine Comprehension, Azief knew for sure that this person could never break through to Divine Comprehension unless he abolishes all of his energy and start again.

The reason is simple.

He pursues speed instead of quality.

Azief could tell that this person must have rushed during the Seed Forming realm and broke through to Disk Formation quickly and did not strengthen the foundation.

As such, the Laws that he comprehended is not many.

And the foundation is not stable.

Azief could be sure that if he does try to break through, he would fail midway and become something that is not entirely Disk Formation but not a Divine Comprehension leveler either

He would be stuck in that two states and the only solution is to disperse the energy back and starts from the beginning.

Of course, understanding many Laws did not mean you would be a great figure.

After all, there are people like Jean, Katarina and Hikigaya who focused only one law and go to the extreme with it and they still become a great figure in the world

But, this case is different.

The reason why those three people only practices one law, is because they pursue the extremities of the Laws that they had comprehended

They found their Grand Path and they are walking with conviction toward that path.

There is a certain quality to it compared to this person who simply seek to quickly raise their realm.

Even a Seed Forming cultivator who had sturdy foundation could fight against this Disk Formation leveler and win.

At the least, they could run away and survives.

Compared that to Azief.

If there is a Seed Forming leveler fighting against him who was in Disk Formation, then that Seed Forming leveler would not survive the battle.

Because when Azief was in Disk Formation, he had enough strength and energy to even fight against Divine Comprehension leveler.

Azief thought of all of this even as the fist is coming near his face.

All it takes him was one second to determine the enemy ability. Azief did not seem like he was going to dodge.

There is no need for him to dodge it. But for the people around them who is looking at this, they all thought that the old man could not win because he was afraid.

Some even shouted "No" to the enforcer but then their No stopped.

'How is this possible!' one of them suddenly exclaims.

'This.... this'

Everybody was shocked.

When Gabe swings his fist, filled with bloodlust and the energy that seems to be able to render heaven and Earth apart, everyone thought that the old man head would be smashed like a watermelon.

BOOOM!

A powerful shockwave blasted all over the second floor.

The second floor itself is vast because the entire floor is installed with space-altering formations.

There is a lot of people on the second floor of the tavern.

And so there is many chairs and tables.

The shockwave was so impactful that a few hundred tables flew backward and crushed under the pressure.

But what they see was that the old man simply stops that fist that is heading toward his face with one finger.

One finger!

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### **Chapter 1325 The Ninth Floor**

And the creepier thing was that the old man did not seem to emanate any kind of aura at all. It was like he is a normal person

But the fact that he stops that fist with one finger is kind of like an obvious slap to the face to people who thought that the old man is just a normal old man

When Gabe unleashes his fist, even the bar was affected and all the glass on the counter, behind it, inside the cupboard, all of them exploded at the same time because of the pressure.

Even the one stored inside a reinforced runic cupboard was smashed by the force

When the bartender sees this scene of the old man stopping his fist with one finger, he was shocked beyond belief

If before he treated this old man as simply just some out of towners who does not know to measure his own ability, right now, the bartender is quite sure that this old man is not an ordinary person at all.

'One disagreement and you want to kill me? Really a rogue. That would not do at all' Azief said as he chuckles

There is a smile on his face. Gabe also knows that something is wrong right now. So, he quickly tries to take back his fist.



But then to his horror, he found out that he could not take back his fist.

It was like the finger that is touching his fist, is forcing it to stay. He then wanted to move his feet and then he found out that his entire body could not move

It was like there is a force that pulls him toward the old man finger, like it is a black hole sucking him in

This pulling force did not appear when he did not move. But as long as he tries to move away from the old man, the pulling force would force him to stay there.

'What did you do to me!' he shouted.

Even though his body could not move he could still speak.

The horror in his voice quickly informs everyone in the second floor that something is wrong with the Enforcer.

At first some of the pirate on the second floor is just looking at this scuffle as something to pass their time.

This was not the first time someone made a problem in Hanging Head.

Most of the time, they would be killed or tortured to serve as a warning. They thought they could see a battle here.

And while they pity the old man, it is the old man fault for not recognizing the kindness that the bartender and the enforcer had extended to him.

It is brutal but it is something that they have been accustomed with

But the reason why people still come to such place is because even though Hanging head conduct is a little overbearing and over the top.

Most of the people that came here knows that unless you did something to provoke the Hanging Head, they would not find problems with you.

This is the reason why some of the city guards just close one eye when it is related to the activities of the Hanging Head.

However, it seems that today, Hanging Head tavern had kicked a hard plate. Some of them sighed and some of them look at this with intent eyes

Some whispers with each other. Gabe notice the whispers and the look. All of the people on the second floor is only looking at him and the old man

But while some are confident that they could stay here, some are not. They could tell something big is going to happen.

'I'm leaving' someone said and he jumped down from the second floor to the first floor and he probably run far away from the tavern

Some people follows that person.

They could tell that this is a prelude to a trouble. It is fine if the old man dies in that first attack

But since the old man survives, and also seems capable enough to make Gabe so terrified, some people knows that this would lead to a battle.

Those who are not confident of themselves would quickly exit the area of fearing to be a collateral damage.

The fact that the old man could force Gabe to such a situation using only one finger must mean that he is also Disk Formation realm.

And everyone knows that Disk Formation leveler is like a walking nuclear weapons.

In the past, any duels or fight of the Disk Formation leveler would be supervised by the Seven Great Powers.

And if it is not some duels and instead a fight it is better to fight outside of the city or you would be hunted down by the Seven Great Powers for the damages done and the casualties that is inflicted.

The incident in Bhutan and in Vietnam has demonstrated that Disk Formation leveler is a nuclear weapon walking.

Hence, the control the Seven Great Power enacted over the Disk Formation levelers all over the world.

At that time, it was very easy to get caught by the Seven Great Powers

This have something to do with the fact that when a Disk Formation leveler fights or uses their powers, the emanation of their energy is so obvious that it could hardly be hidden.

There is also the fact that Earth is small.

And any fight of that level would be hard to miss. So, in the past, before a Disk Formation levelers fought against each other, they would either go to some deserted island or deserts to fight

Some would even leave the Earth atmosphere to fight in space.

This however changed after the Multiversal Convergence

Earth expanded almost every day. New continents form and there is a surge of energy rising from the ground and coming from the Heavens, filling Heaven and Earth

It is harder not only to determine the location of a fight, it is also harder to pinpoint energy as the distance become further away.

And usually Disk Formation leveler right now always pick another place to fight. There is a lot of empty land all over the world. There is probably millions of island all over the world.

Hardly one would miss one or two island in the vast land that is now Earth.

Basically, the Seven Great Powers do not have the resources necessary or the ability to surveil all over the whole world like they used to before.

Since the Multiversal Convergence ended, things have begun to become like the early beginning chaotic period after the Fall.

Of course, this did not mean that a Disk Formation leveler could just went amuck and destroy cities and towns.

After all, people had learned from the past. Cities now is different form the cities of the past.

Most cities that are not under the rule of the Seven Great Power would usually hires all kinds of formation and array master to put up protection arrays so that when a Disk formation leveler fight each other, the damage would be isolated into some kind of other dimension.

But that is not the case for this pirate city. To create such a powerful and mystical formation, only the top tier cities could afford it.

This is a pirate city on the route of the Turbulent Sea. Not even the Seven Great Powers knows where this place is.

And some pirates only heard the name of this city and had never gone to it.

How could it have such a complicated and mystical formation when even array master did not dare to sail this sea?

There are of course a few protection formations but that is not against Disk Formation leveler. All of this information is widely known for the people inside the tavern

And because they know it, some of them are sweating cold sweat. It was like an involuntary response. Many of them were anxious.

So, they could tell that if these two people fought against each other and this fight went out of control, then they, the small fry would probably be the collateral damage of these two people

So, they jump down. And ran as fast as their feet could run

When the people from the second floor jump to the first floor, it was not long before the news spread out to the first floor.

And just like the second floor, some people quickly run for the exit and some people jump up to the second floor.

Some people are confident of themselves and wanted to see the fight.

Some people just wanted to be a witness to some great moments. After all, there would always be some brave ones.

The third floor and the above did not know what is happening but there is a ruckus in the first and second floor.

The moment they heard the ruckus, they know something is wrong. There is a noise neutralization rune on each floor.

That way, the sound is separated. So, it would not be too noisy.

As many of them are pirates, they are loud and boisterous.

But the noise from above does not travel to below and vice versa.

While the people are running away from the tavern, on the ninth floor, a powerful aura began to rise. It rises only for a second before it dissipates.

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### **Chapter 1326 Shrouded in Shadows**

There is a large room on the ninth floor. The ninth floor of the Hanging Head tavern could only be accessed by members of the tavern.

It is either that or you are a VIP member of the tavern. Today, there is a dozen people on the ninth floor.

There is a projection of what is happening on the second floor right now. And these twelve people are looking at the projection

'Who is this person?'

There was silence.

'Anybody knows?' Nobody answers

'Is he from the Crime Alliance?'

Someone then said

'I don't think so'

'The Syndicate?'

'If the Syndicate had someone as powerful as this person, it would not be pushed so hard by the Red Council'

Some of them nodded and some people look uncomfortable

The twelve people are all members of the Hanging Head. They could see that this old man is not so easy to defeat.

'This is not the headquarters. We do not have many elites that could be send out. This is but one of the outpost of our organization. If not, how could this old man be so daring!' one of them said.

Many of them expressed their approval. But there was someone from the beginning had never spoke.

He is a middle age man, wearing a shirt with an overcoat and a brown khaki. The look is very mix match

This person looks at the projection and narrowed his eyes.

'Is it just my feeling but this person seems familiar to me?' he said to himself. This is the Tavern Keeper of the Hanging Head.

He is tall, around six feet five. He is lean and his hair is neatly combed. He wears glasses and he appears to look like a gentleman.

He looks at the footage and the more he sees the way the old man acted, the more he narrows his eye. He almost felt like if he squints hard enough, he could tell what made this old man that he has never seen before, look so familiar to him.

Was it his face that makes him look so familiar?

No, it was something else. The Tavern keeper does not know what makes the old man felt so familiar and that is what is driving him crazy right now.

'Monitor the situation' he said to the others

They all nodded and then goes to their room. Unlike the other floor inside the tavern, the ninth floor is designed with all kinds of magic embedded into it

One of the magic embedded into the floor is space magic. The ninth floor also have its own mini mirror dimension.

In this there is only one person proficient enough to create and embedded a mirror dimension inside a certain subspace and that would be the Arrayist Sage Lee Sangmin

How does it end up on the hands of a small tavern in the Turbulent Sea is anyone's guess? But this shows that this Hanging Head tavern is not as small as of an organization that some people thought it was.

Those who are at the top notice this a long time ago and that is why there is no disturbances from the city.

Only those who were not acquainted with the top powers in the world would think that the Hanging Head is some small organization. The Tavern Keeper looks at the eleven people entering their room.

Each of the rooms look small from the outside. But if you go inside, the space inside it is very large.

Now, most of his people would probably send messages. He did not need to do everything by himself.

He himself goes to another room. It is his office. In his office there is another projection of what is happening on the second floor. There is even a reader that measures the level of power that is being released by those two combatants.

And seeing it makes him frown even more.

'It is overloading the machine. I know I should not have bought a used up reader' he mutters to himself.

Time is of the essence here. However, he is still not that worried. He is still full of confidence of his own tavern protection formation.

He sat down on his chair and began sending orders to his bartenders on the other floor. The instruction is very simple.

to quickly evacuate the other guests using the teleportation stones.

Some people on the other floor, the moment they heard that the tavern is being attacked quickly jumps out the window and fly into the sky.

Many people had their own way of surviving the harsh new world.

Some people know very well, that if you want to survive, don't hesitate. If you want to run, then run thoroughly.

Or in this case, fly.

Some directly teleported themselves out from the city and appears on the clouds. Below, was the sea.

Some people teleported out of the city, not even a block away, or a district away, or to another inland city but straight toward the ocean.

And then they fly away.

Finished giving orders to the other floor, the tavern Keeper then goes to a room with golden door. He goes inside that room and there is only a table there

And on top of that table is an antique phone which is coated with gold.

There is fine workmanship on the round shaped retro style telephone where you turn the dial. Exquisite and well crafted

The tavern keeper sighed and then he picks up the phone.

The moment he did that; runes appear in what should be numbers. He began rotate the dials and calling a number he never wanted to call.

He waited and then he was startled. There is someone on the other end of the line

'The Turbulent Sea...yes'

He nodded even though the person he is speaking to is not there.

'There is a complication...I understand. I understand'

'Still.....I hope the headquarters could send some reinforcement' he waited and then he sighed.

'I will try. Understood' then the tavern keeper put down the phone onto its base and sighed

He sat down on the intricate wooden chair. He could see the projection and he could tell that the old man is a bigger problem than he thought

'Arthur!' he suddenly thought. He got up from his chair and then conjure a pigeon out of nowhere. He then brought his finger to his temple and then his expression scrunched up a bit.

Then something silvery is pulled as he seems to be pulling something out of his temple. The silvery thing is floating in the air and it is in the shape of a thread.

A fine thread.

'He needs to know this' he then put the silvery thread on the pigeon. The silvery thread seems to swirl itself around the pigeon.

'Go' he said and the pigeon that he conjured flew out from the ninth floor in a speed akin to lightning.

Then he sat back down on his chair and look at the projection

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### **Chapter 1327 Devour**

The ninth floor has been paying attention. As for the people on the second floor, things are getting tenser.

Azief look at Gabe that tries to remove his hand and tries to run away for him to no avail. And even though he did not look around he could still sense people are leaving the tavern

To him, this is even better.

Azief on the other hand did not care whether people stay or go. After all, he wanted to draw out the people of this tavern.

In other words, he is like a Karen right now, wanting to see the manager and whining because the manager did not want to come out.

Only this Karen is the strongest person in the world and there is no force on Earth that could afford not to listen to him whine.

'Kneel' Azief said and there is a force pushing Gabe from above. When he spoke, it was like the entire world listen and obey.

The other people could not feel this but Gabe felt this.

The suppression is like someone had just put down a mountain on both of his shoulders.

It was the heavenly Wil.

After Azief confirms that he is still the strongest person in the world, he did not hesitate to use his power right now.

Of course, to everybody they could not sense this oppression of the Heaven since this oppression is only focused on Gabe.

Gabe immediately turns pale and he could feel the pressure even scattered all of his aura.

The thick red aura around him that represented his bloodlust was squashed like a hammer smashing onto a fragile glass.

His fist is still stuck to that finger like there is some powerful glue that stick them together.

His shoulder felt like something had just hit him from above forcing him to kneel. He kneels so hard that the wooden surface of the floor cracks.

His knee bones cracked almost in an instant and he coughed up golden blood.

His knees smashed the wooden floor and reveals the granite-like floor underneath it

Most of the floor on the tavern is layered with wood. However, the floor is not really wood but a granite-like stones that is very shock absorbent.

The wooden layer is simply to add the atmosphere.

But right now, even the wooden layer is breaking and even the granite seems to be depressed two feet deep.

Before Gabe was looking down on Azief because of his height but right now, even though Azief's height is not as impressive as Gabe, he was looking down on Gabe who was kneeling on a depressed surface which makes Azief appear taller.

Then Azief said

'Devour'

BOOOM! There is a shockwave that exploded around the finger.

This shockwave did not affect Gabe or Azief.

It was like a force tries to push back against Azief's force and neutralized almost immediately

And Gabe could feel all of his energy is being drained right now.

His entire face became pale and even when he wanted to yell stop, his throat feels hoarse and his entire body seems to be beating itself.

Gabe was full of horrors when he could feel that his Disk is slowly being slammed by some absorbing force.

Then this absorbing force slowly enveloped his Disk and then Gabe could hear the sound of his Disk cracking. Gabe's strength dipped tremendously in just one moment.

Gabe only had a few Disk and some of this Disk's properties even overlapped with each other. It is clear that Gabe did not pay attention to the quality of his Disk.

The entire time Gabe tries to keep it together. He tries to pull his energy away from what he felt like a black hole that is devouring his energy

But no matter how hard he tries, he could feel that his energy could not help but be sucked into that black hole of energy.

And with each second that passes, his body becomes weaker and weaker and one by one, Gabe could feel that his body is suffering some kind of extreme withdrawal of energy

The more he fights, the more it is sucked away. It is hard for him to explain it.,

'No!' he suddenly yelled. In that moment, Gabe suddenly felt like something is about to happen in his Inner World and the moment he yelled that Azief smirks.

'Crumble!' he whispers

And then the Disk exploded into pieces.

Other people could not see others' Inner World.

But for Gabe, he could see his Inner World being destroyed.



The Laws become dead and he could see that in the skies of his Inner World, there is a large hole in the sky, sucking everything away.

People who have reached Disk Formation could always maintain dual view, seeing the real world and the Inner World simultaneously.

But Gabe close his eyes as he felt his energy is leaking out from all over his orifice.

The Disk exploded into clumps of energy. This clump of energy is bound together

This is actually the stage of energy clumping together to form a Disk. But his Disk had been destroyed and so he dropped down his level to Seed Formation.

The suction energy grows even more and then Azief did not even let the Seed to have the chance to stabilize.

Gabe is right now in Seed Formation. But his Seed is quickly withering and all of the energy contained in his Seed is drained in almost a few second as Azief power grew stronger.

Then as all of the Seeds wither, Azief slowly pull his finger away from Gabe fist.

Gabe fist weakly falls down. There is wrinkle all over Gabe hands like even his youth was suck away.

Before Gabe could say anything else, his eyelids closed and he falls down to the ground

Thud!

Azief smiles. Gabe fall unconscious almost immediately the moment Azief remove his finger

'I was going easy on you' Azief said.

To others, it might sound as he was showing off but he was really going easy on Gabe

If he wanted to he could make Gabe demoted to the Pillar Forming stage.

In the past he might not be able to do it so thoroughly like this but there were many things that he practices when he was in the Seresian world.

While he might not raise his realm even after six months in the Seresian world, he did improve all of his past abilities.

Azief stand there like an imposing mountain as he put his hand behind his back. Even though he is just standing there, he seems to emanate a presence of invincibility.

The people that is looking at the old man many of them gulped in fear. The battle did not last long. It also did not create a large explosion or create a large damage. It did not even alert the tavern protection formation

But all of this served to only highlight the terrifyingness of the old man.

With one finger suppressing a Disk Formation leveler. Some of the people on the second floor, they are also very powerful

Some of them could also win against Disk Formation levelers

But they sure as hell not capable of doing it like the old man, doing it so effortlessly. But they do not leave.

They all have their reason for being there. Azief stands there, his hand behind his back and a smile on his face.

He seems to be waiting.

Standing beside him is Katarina who looks around and giggles. What some people could not see was that there is a white silver aura that is gathering in her fingertips.

Katarina is prepared for any counterattack by the tavern. She knows that Azief didn't need backup. But she was also itching for some action.

The second floor was silenced. No one spoke anything. But there is a complicated expression on everyone face.

'Who is this old man?' some of the people on the second floor whispered to each other

Everyone is looking at this old man, trying to match any of the powerful figure in the world to the face of the old man.

'This is one terrifying skill' one of them said. Some nodded. Many of the people in the second floor did not make any sudden moves

They fear any move they make would be construed as being on the side of the enforcer of the tavern

They could not afford that right now.

This old man is a veritable expert. And they shudder when they thought of what this man is capable of doing.

they could see not only Gabe had been demoted to Energy Disperse Stage, he had also been drained of his vitality.

Instead the old man is now brimming with his energy. One plus one is two. It is not hard to make a conclusion on what happened

That old man had just sucked Gabe energy and vitality.

This makes people had a trace of fear when looking at Azief

One of them whispered

'This is not the first time I see people who could suck other people energies. But this is the first time, I see someone suck other people energy so thoroughly!'

That person continues saying in whispery voice

'What that old man did was to drain from Gabe is not only the energy that he had accumulated. He also sucks the Laws in the Disk.'

A shriller voice then said

'I didn't know that it is even possible? Doesn't he fear that the Laws is not incompatible? Or is there a workaround against that side effect?' one of the people on the second floor spoke to an older man

And the older man said

'It is better not to be enemy with such a person'

Azief could hear the words and even though he did not glance at these people, his Divine Sense, could see them.

Even though it is on the friz, it is still useable.

He could see that the one who is speaking that word is a middle aged man. Standing beside that man is a young boy.

Azief immediately understood the relationship between the two when the young boy called the middle age man, Master. This is a master-disciple relationship.

And that middle age man could see that Azief did not only drain Gabe energy but also drain his Laws.

This could only be done if the Laws that Azief had practiced is a higher tier than what Gabe had practiced.

The fact he could see that means that the middle age man is also not some pushover.

Azief could sense that the middle age man is already a pinnacle level Disk Formation leveler.

That middle age man only need to take a step forward to reach Divine Comprehension. Azief was shocked at this.

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### **Chapter 1328 Seeking Trouble**

He thought he had known all the people who was about to reach Divine Comprehension.

But then he did leave Earth for six months. Probably a lot of things had happened when he was not on Earth

Azief then retract his Divine Sense from that pair of master-disciple and spread it out all over the tavern and his forehead frowned a bit.

His Divine Sense in that brief moment, scans the entire tavern.

But, no one had the sensation of being scanned.

Azief imbue the attribute of Stealth in his Divine Sense and so unless someone is in the same level as him or stronger than him in terms of Divine Sense, they could not sense his Divine Sense.

Azief could sense that in this tavern alone, there is a few dozens of Disk Formation leveler.

But most of these people had brittle foundation.

If they met any of the Disk Formation leveler of the Great Powers, they would easily be planted on the ground

All of this happens in just a few second. To other, Azief is still just standing there, looking down at Gabe.

Azief smiles. He rarely uses this kind of skill because there was never a need to.

But, since he was careful before to not draw attention to himself, he did not devour the energy of Heaven and Earth too much.

And then when he finds out that he is only six months forward, he always wanted to devour the energy of Heaven and Earth to quickly rise to his optimal state.

Now that someone deliberately try to attack him, he simply devours that person energy.

It is a lot like the martial arts skill that could suck other people inner energy.

If Azief take it further, he probably could even suck someone soul if he combines it with his Destruction Concepts

For a few moments, there was only silence. A second pass and then two second passes. Azief then said

'I said I want to buy information. Is this the way the tavern treats its customer?' he said with a relaxed tone. Everyone on the second floor narrowed their eyes.

They felt like this old man is provoking the tavern.

Then a voice sounded

'Your Excellency does not seem like someone is looking for information' This voice echoes all over the tavern.

By now, all the floors in the tavern had known that there is a trouble in the second floor.

Some people from the upper floors jumped down from their floor and fly downwards and floats around the second floor to see the person who is doing trouble to the tavern.

In the beginning everyone thought that the troublemaker would easily be dispatched.

To many of the regular of this tavern, they all knows that there is an enforcer of the tavern called Gabe that usually deals with the troublemaker.

But when all of the floors heard the voice that echoes all over the tavern, they know that this troublemaker might not be a normal troublemaker that it even provokes the existence on the ninth floor.

And some felt that this would be a battle between titans and it is not good to hang around in such places.

When these titans fought, shrimps like them would be trampled under the titan's foot

So while some seek adventure and jump down to the second floor to see the confrontation, some just flew downward or outside the window and quickly exited the tavern

On the second floor there is already a whole crowd, looking at the old man.

Some people from the upper floor who did not know what had happened would ask the people in the second floor to give them to summary of what happened.

Azief sees the crowd but he seems to ignore them. Instead he was smirking and then he said to the voice

'Then what do you think that I am looking for right now?' he asks that disembodied voice.

The voice seems to be coming from all directions of the tavern.

Like some kind of surround stereo system. Azief might be impressed if not for the fact that he could sense that this voice simply was amplified by the runes on the wall.

So, he was not that impressed actually.

The voice then said

'I think Your Excellency wanted to seek trouble' Azief laughed.

'I said I wanted information. But you said I wanted to seek trouble. Maybe, it is you that wanted to seek trouble.' Azief said.

His tone is challenging the authority of the tavern

Some people however agree more with the voice.

This old man had just asked information about the Ten Pirate Lords and the ten pirate cities. What is this if not trying to seek problems?

To them, this old man had guts. Not even the city lord dares to confront the hanging Head tavern.

In the eyes of some people, that old man seems very brave and powerful. Pirates like strong people.

Some even thought of recruiting the old man to their pirate crew later. To them, it looks like a valiant effort.

But to Azief, he felt no awe at all

To the people of this city, when they spoke of the Hanging Head, there is awe and fear. To them, this is a big organization feared by many people and because it is feared by many people, they also fear it.

But if they wanted to sue that prestige to make Azief scared, they might be overestimating themselves.

When Azief was alone, even before he found Pandemonium, the World Government still had to gauge his intentions and his desire before doing something.

He alone had fought against the Word Government and won and win a reputation of the strongest man in the world

In the years that he sat down on the title of the strongest person in the world, there was nobody that dares to challenge him.

It is not because that there is no brave people in the world.

It is just that there is not stupid person.

Brave people are not necessarily stupid. Azief prowess is obvious to everyone.

Azief to many people is a wall. And for some it is a mountain that they do not dare climb and even more impossible to conquer

So, what does Azief felt when this tavern tries to push him down using their reputation? He would only smirks, laughs and chuckles.

How could he.....be afraid of a tavern?

he could hear people whispers with each other, telling each other that the tavern had many other backers

If this was anyone else, they would at least compromise with the tavern. But Azief really, truly don't care. Whoever their backer was.... could they fight the strongest person in the world?

Could they afford being stared down by Pandemonium? In the world, pandemonium is a lion that stares everybody down.

It did not need to roar. It did not need to move. They just have to stare them down to make them hesitate to move.

Because when the lion roars, all the noise stopped.

And now there is silence in the second floor right now. Only the bravest of them dares to whisper.

They wanted to know who is this old man that he dares make such a problem in the establishment of Hanging Head.

Azief on the other hand is looking left and right while smiling

'You would not show yourself?'

There is silence.

'This is very rude' Katarina suddenly said.

But the moment she said those word everyone on the second floor look at her. Everybody forgot that beside the old man is a child.

But then many people frowned because they found that there is something that they have overlooked.

That child.....how could she be so calm? And it isn't until now that the people on the second floor feel weird that they did not see the child

They were so focused on the old man that they forgot that there is the child there. However, this child also does not seem normal

In the top floor, that person who is shrouded in darkness frowned.

'What is the identity of these two people?'

Azief look at Katarina and said

'You want to force this person out or should I?'

The word uttered by Azief sounds like a thunderbolt in the ears of others.

Even though there is no confirmation, everyone believes that the voice echoing asking the old man was the elusive owner of the Hanging Head.

Some people on the second floor that have seen the entire fight and seeing Gabe being so easily suppressed become pale in their face and got up from their seat.

'This is not good' some of them said and they lock eyes with the others that got up. They all seem to share the same emotions right now

In the beginning they were very brave but now things are truly getting out of control. It seems that this old man power might not be below the Hanging Head.

If that is the case, this case would involve even the city officials.

Some pirates got up and then quickly jump down to the first floor. Some was even faster as they jump from the windows.

They did not even say a word, did not explain anything, they just simply exited the tavern as fast as they could

From the first floor to the ninth floor, there is this scene of evacuation.

All of this takes a long time to describe but from the moment Azief and Katrina provoke that existence, almost all the people that decided to stay in the beginning had already went out from the tavern

Some of them would probably report to their leaders.

Some would report it to the officials and some probably would bring some friends to help prop up the Hanging Head.

Because some of them had recognized the danger.

Hanging Head might not have that good of a business practice.

But its interest is tied with many groups in the city from the city officials, to the pirate crew in the sea and even to some extent to the world powers.

So, if there is a force powerful enough to uproot this power, then it would create chaos. Those that exited the tavern all wanted to inform the force behind the tavern

Hanging Head must not be destroyed.

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## **Chapter 1329 Katarina**

Azief did not know this but even if he does know he would not care that much. He himself did not think that his desire to seek information would result in such thing.

It is just that a set of circumstances had forced him.

And Azief is not someone that could easily bend his knees. He would do it if the stakes are high enough and if doing so could save someone he loves.

He could throw dignity and pride for that. But if its none of that, then Azief is a very prideful person.

This kind of pride is innate.

As he accustomed himself as the strongest person in the world, he had also developed habits befitting that of a strongest person in the world.

In the second floor, Azief is waiting. And just like he thought suddenly there is a change in the energy in the tavern. He smirks

Azief waves his hand and the crushed wooden planks around him reform into a chair. He sat down on the chair, look at Katarina and then said

'I'll bring that person out. But I leave these minions to you. After all, I think you also need to practice a bit' He said smiling.

Katarina knows what Azief means so she did not refuse.

There is now only about a dozen people in the tavern.

These dozens people are all people that is confident in their strength.

Some of these people are even Seed Forming leveler. But the fact that they dare stay in the tavern means they have their own method to save themselves.

Of course, they did not dare come close to the old man and that little girl. From what they have seen and from their experience, that girl is not normal either.

And they all are ready to sprang up with weapons and armors the moment there is a powerful blast coming toward them.

They could see that the tavern is beginning to show its claws.

Azief is sitting on the wooden chair as he saw that five portals opens up in the air.

The portal is small but quickly expanded to six feet in height and then coming out from these six portals is six people.

Two of them is a woman and they are all dressed in the same uniform.

'Ninja?' that is the first thought that came to his mind when he looks at the six people. Then he frowned.

'Hooh. This is a bit revolting'

Azief could tell that all of the six people are all in Disk Formation level.

Disk Formation is still one of the world top combat power. It is not like some common cubage on the side of the road



The kind of forces that could dispatch this many Disk Formation leveler in one go is usually only the Seven Great Powers.

Truth be told he was shocked a bit but then as his Divine Sense scans them he frowned. Because he could tell all six people had been forcibly elevated to Disk Formation leveler.

But that is not the reason why he felt disgusted by these people

There is a trace of human experimentation here.

One of the things that Pandemonium and he himself does not tolerate is human experimentation.

Of course, it is not that he forbids it entirely. There are strict rules when any world powers are allowed to use human experimentation

Azief is very practical in some of his approach.

If Earth is about to be destroyed with all the life inside it, he probably would not mind human experimentation if it could save the world

But, it is only would be considered during the most desperate measure.

However, Azief doubt that a tavern in the middle of the sea would care so much of the many constraints when dealing with human experimentation.

Azief eyes narrowed but he did not do anything. He is confident that Katarina could handle it. The six people quickly throws all kinds of force toward him.

Some throws energy based force. Some throws hidden weapons. Some even shoot a gun. They might be dressed like a ninja. But their weapons and methods varied.

Everyone on the second floor almost immediately erect a protective barrier around them and the runes that is embedded deep into the infrastructure of this tavern all glowed with lights.

The force that comes from six people of Disk Formation leveler concentrated into one is like six nuclear warheads is being unleashed

If not for the fact that the world was strengthened after the Fall, just the fight between two Disk Formation leveler could devastates a lot of the areas on Earth

These six force that is unleashed by the six people are all different and varied yet they seem to form a resonance with each other

Azief smiles.

Katarina who did not make a move since the beginning began making her move.

She did not bring out her famous red sword but instead she stomps her feet. The people on the second floor is worried about that child.

Is the old man really not going to make any move?

Some of them are pirates, yes, but this did not mean they were entirely heartless.

Some pirates are not that bad.

But of course for every good apple, there is a lot worse apple.

After all, the vocation of a pirate did not exactly attract kind-hearted people

But, even pirates have certain lines that they would not cross.

The kind of pirates that act like a crazy person, unless you have great power to cow everyone into submission, then it would not be long before you would be buried under the sea.

Some of them wanted to go forward and help the little child but then the child stomps her feet.

That small feet seems so fragile compared to the pressure of the force of six Disk Formation leveler unleashing their attack

The entire tavern seems to be trembling and all the wooden decoration that hide the granite-like mineral under the floor all disintegrated into dust.

But as Katarina stomp her feet, there is a cold wind that appears out of nowhere.

Then the entire radius of ten feet around her seems to be frozen.

The power of her freezing was so sturdy that not even that powerful force could uproot the wooden area under that layer of ice.

Azief stand on his chair and as the ice was about to reach his area, the ice disintegrated leaving the area where Azief is taking his seat.

The force that disintegrates all the wooden layer is but a simply gentle breeze of wind to him.

He looks at this battle with disinterest.

Because the conclusion of the battle has been determined since the beginning.

He thought that these six people would at least give Katrina a challenge but compared them to the beast that roams the wilderness of the Seresian world, they lack a lot.

Almost immediately as Katarina stomp her feet she moves her hand upwards like she was conducting an orchestra and then something flew toward the six people

Those six people might not even be able to see that something had flown toward them. Katarina had imbued the essence of stealth in her attack

Unless their conceptual understanding is as deep as Katarina they would never be able to see it. Azief saw that these six things that flew from Katarina fingers are actually water that immediately turns to ice

And this ice is like needles. And it is shaped like a needle so thin that it is even thinner than one strand of hair.

And what Azief sense was that there is an infuriating energy, a chaotic energy inside these ice shaped needle.

And when Katarina waves her hand, those six needles of ice flew toward the six people and enter their body

But none of them had realize that they were pierced by that needle.

Azief is also curious what Katarina is trying to do.

It seems that she had learned a new trick.

The force that is coming toward Azief is still rushing toward space and is about to arrive in front of Azief in just a few second.

Katarina did not even miss a step as she waves her other hand.

She waves it like she is gently dancing but the force that came out of her gentle wave is like a storm splitting the seas.

That powerful force is frozen and almost immediately after it is frozen, it broke into a thousand pieces. Azief blows with air with his mouth and the fragment flew out the window.

The most amazing thing was that none of the fragment hits those six people.

When the fragments were about to hit them, the fragment would move out of the way. The six people was shocked at this and puzzled.

But Katarina who saw this, glares at Azief in that split second.

She knows that this is the way Azief is showing that he had left these people to her to deal with.

Azief could easily destroy these six people whenever he wanted to.

Still, there is no need to give this much effort

Katarina however did not have time to complain as she made a claw gesture with her hand and then suddenly the six people who were about to create another wave of attack suddenly screams.

Katarina smiles wickedly and then she said

'Did you forget about me?'

The voice is high pitched like a child and in any other circumstances this sound would be very funny.

But right now, no one is laughing.

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### **Chapter 1330 With One Stomp of the Feet**

'Argh!

'What is this?!'

'Make it stop!' the sound of shouts fills the second floor.

All the six people that was about to attack the old man all fall down to the ground. Some of them kneels and some of them are rolling in the ground in pain

All of their veins bulged out and some of them are bleeding from their orifice.

Disk Formation leveler had a body of steel but even that body of steel could not withstand the pain that is being inflicted on them

Everybody on the second floor freaked out looking at this. These six people looks like the people under the orders of the Hanging Head.

And all of them are in Disk Formation level. But none of them could even stand right now.

Katarina move one of her fingers and then one of the six people suddenly stand up. Blood is pouring from her ears and eyes. The sight is very frightening

When she stands up it is not like she stands up in natural way. Instead it was like someone pull a string from above and force her to stand.

By now, everyone on the second floor could tell who's the one that is doing this

It is not the old man that is leisurely sitting on the wooden chair but it is the young girl. Each time she moves her finger those six people all felt pain

Katarina move her finger again and all of them stand up.

One of them tries to move their hand on another direction but the moment he tries to do that, his bones break.

There is a force in his body that is forcing him to move and he could not disobey. It is like his body is no longer his body

Azief is quite amazed with this method. He got up from his chair and look at Katarina

'This is one neat trick'

'What did you do to them?' Azief ask

Katarina close her palm and the opens it again. This time Azief could see that there is something floating on top of Katarina hand. He looks at it and then he smiles.

'So, this is how you do it'

Like he had expected Katarina uses ice to put some debilitating effect on it. It is more than just a debilitating effect.

The moment the ice needle pierces the body of those six people, their blood and their energy is controlled by Katarina.

In a way it is like blood bending. Azief once saw Avatar and he describes the story to her. It is a children stories that have pretty heavy theme.

Even after he grows up, he still remembers that story. And considering that their life is full of magical phenomenon, those things that usually relegated to fantasy story is nothing but usual life for them

So blood bending in that story does not seem that farfetched now. Katarina seems to take inspiration from that but it is even more sinister.

Not only it controls the body remotely, it also controls their energy.

The Disk is corroded by her freezing power. And she could seal one Disk using her freezing attributes.

This is the application of energy when one reaches a high level.

Unfortunately, this kind of skill would not work against a Divine Comprehension leveler because most Divine Comprehension leveler had energy body.

And even if a Divine Comprehension leveler did not have an energy body, with the ability of a Divine Comprehension leveler to control the Laws, unless some kind of a freak accident happens, this ice needle would be easily removed.

The limitations of this ice needle is that anyone who is struck by it must not be stronger than the caster.

If not, it would rebound and backlash because it is also embedded with the caster Divine Sense

'Don't play with them.'

Azief said. Katarina nodded and then she moves her finger again and those six people walk to the side and Katarina clench her hand and then all six of those people dies at the same time

Katarina had just crushed all their Disk with that simple move

When the Disk was crushed, Katarina also frozen their Seeds so they were demoted in their level almost instantly

Azief did not intend to kill Gabe so his approach is a bit more detailed and gentler. Katarina however, attack to kill and so, the destruction is quick and effortless

And then in all of that destruction, their heart burst.

WHOOSH!

Then to the shock of everyone on the second floor, they felt a cold breath coming from somewhere.

Then they widened their eyes on surprise as they look at six corpses. From the mouths of those corpses, cold breath is exhaled from their orifice like they were the one bringing winter.

A few second later all six corpses are frozen.

They were frozen from inside out and everyone was shaken looking at those six frozen corpses.

Then they look at that young child and could help but think that this cute little child is simply a demon in disguise.

With that innocent face, with that petite body, she looks like an innocent kid. Who could tell that such a little kid had just killed people in such a cold blooded way?

Azief waves his hand and the chair behind him turns to ash. He did not seem to care that much that Katarina had killed those six people.

Katarina look at Azief and ask him

'You would not reprimand me?'

'Those six people is shrouded in resentment. I could tell that they have killed many innocent people' Katarina narrowed her eyes.

'Is this the fate and destiny you said before? You said that could see some inkling of people fate and destiny?' Azief smiles but did not answer

Katarina shakes her head.

Even though she did not delve in the mystical arts that Azief had delved into, she also has her own way of determining whether people are guilty or not.

Azief could see the resentment that is shrouding them.

But Katarina could see the bloodlust.

These kind of people usually kills people without thinking. She had seen it in many psychopaths and criminals.

So, she did not hesitate to kill all of those people

Azief then sighed and said

'Still not coming out?' Azief said gently but there is a force in his voice that seems to be ordering the people behind the scene to come out quickly

'Since you are not coming out, I have to force you out!' he said and then stomps his feet.

BOOOM! A large explosion of power exploded below Azief feet but the moment it explodes outwards, it turns into a faint energy, like a rippling wave

The area around him and Katarina is the only area of the second floor that was not affected by the fight before.

As he stomps his feet to the wooden board, everyone thought that the entire second floor would collapse.

But the next scene shook everyone to the core. When his feet reached the ground, the wooden board did not even shakes. The people on the second floor raised their eyebrows.

This itself is weirder. It is only logical that the old man had great power. They have already seen it and they felt it. How could when he stomps nothing happens?

But then they saw something even more miraculous.

The runes embedded deep into every brick, into every soil that created the tavern suddenly flew out and scatters away.

Smiling, he then waves his hand.

And the entire front of the second floor was blasted into ashes.

The windows on the second floor all exploded into fragment of glass.

But even before the glasses fragment could fall down to the ground, the force causes it to disintegrates almost immediately

Then he waves his hand toward the right direction and the entire area destabilized.

The other people on the second floor quickly found that there is now something wrong with the tavern

It did not take long for them to understand what is wrong. The entire space around them began to collapse

'Look out! The tavern had embedded space formation inside the tavern'

'That crazy old man had just destabilized the entire tavern space formation.

'Quickly leave if you do not want to be grinded by space turbulence!'

There is many shouts and screams.

Someone brought out a shield and throws it at the nearest space tears, effectively closing the spirals of space that is coming toward him.

Another one throws a small paper. It was a talisman that block space and someone uses accessories to repel space.

All of them flew out from the second floor of the tavern. At the beginning, they still thought that they were qualified to watch the battle

But when they saw how that old man easily dismantles all the formation of the tavern with a stomp, they all know that the tavern did not only kick a hard plate, they might just provoke a great enemy.

And this great enemy is even powerful enough to destabilize the entire tavern.

At most, these people thought that the old man is just posturing. After enough posing, then they would meet each other and solve this amicably. After all, the influence of the hanging Head tavern on the city is quite strong.

They might not control the city but they have a lot of connections with the Pirate Lords all over the Ten Seas and their business is interconnected with others business in the city

This is why not many people dare to touch them. it is not because they are the strongest but because they have many backers.

But today there is someone who dares to touch the tavern and even break all pretense of getting along.