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Chapter 1351 Paying Some Debt

He sighed, pointed his finger to the sky, a spark of energy flew out of his finger and joins the flow of power that flew toward the Turbulent Sea to be absorbed by the sword crafted from a cloud

Like a droplet of water dropped into an ocean, the energy travels the same route.

Probably the only one who could see this magnificent scene of waves of energy flowing from all over toward that direction of the sword is only Jean and Hikigaya

It is like seeing the aurora

He smiles and not before long there were messenger coming from the bottom of the hill. Jean smiles.

It seems that the Senate has finally lost their calm.

'Now, they have come' Jean did not enter back his Room of Clocks instead he went down the Hill and goes to the Senate, the golden skies are still glowing brightly.

At the same time, inside a cave near the coast of Japan, Hikigaya was broken from his concentration.

He was resuming his training, floating in the air with his leg crossed. Before, he was disturbed by Death Monarch and the Heavenly Will clashing against each other

Right now, he seems to feel a dark premonition in his heart

Hikigaya frowned and thought to himself

'What is this feeling?' Hikigaya knows that as he got stronger, premonition that he has is not simply a feeling but sometimes an omen.

It warns him, reminds him, gives him guidance

The four books that was floating around him had all fall down to the ground.

Hikigaya could not help but feel his energy becoming chaotic and he closes his eyes, focusing in regulating the energy that is being rolled up, trying to calm down the energy

This is without a doubt a dire premonition

'Something must have happened' he thought to himself. He takes a step, his body turns into mist and he appeared outside of his cave.

Immediately he could feel the surges of energy in Heaven and Earth and he looks around him

Looking up at the sky, he could see colorful motes of light in variety of colors, with all kinds of energy fluctuations and threads and string connecting them

He could feel the force of destiny and fate also seems to envelope each and every tiny little motes of light

Hikigaya surrounded his cave with one of the most powerful enchantment and illusory formation this world could produce.

So, even when Death Monarch words reverberates and echoes all over the world, Hikigaya did not hear it

He closes his eyes and the mist around him surges and recreate the scene that happened just a few minutes ago and Hikigaya finally understand everything

No wonder the moment he went out he felt a pull force trying to extract a tiny bit of his energy out.

He did not immediately give his energy. He did not mind helping Death Monarch. After all, he owed many to Death Monarch

But, he is trying to understand something. Why do this? Sword of Humanity? This.....isn't this the Merit System of the Three Thousand Worlds?

Is Death Monarch trying to create a new system for the world? Is this the restriction he wanted to impose?

Then does Death Monarch wanted to be Sage? But while he could not claim he knows Death Monarch that much, he is quite sure that Death Monarch would never want to be under the heavenly Will

Other people might not mind but Death Monarch is not like other people.

Hikigaya had been to the Three Thousand Worlds.

Though, he did not use methods like going to that world personally or opening a breach to that universe, he did travel a few Multiverses here and there

Instead of going there in person and in the flesh, he is in dreams and in imaginations of people, he materializes there like magic, like a wizard, sometimes appearing like a good dream, other times appearing like a nightmare.

He thought about it for a moment but then he decided that right now is not the time for him to think of these thoughts.

Whether this is like the Three Thousand Worlds or not, he chose to believe in what he knows about Death Monarch

And he would ask Death Monarch himself about this matter later.

He pointed his finger toward the sky and around him the mist all gathers around the tip of his index finger.

The white mist turns golden before turning into purplish blue.

At first, it was large like there is a large gathering of clouds but in just a moment, these voluminous mist condense into a small orb that is spinning in a sped that seems to create gust of winds and storms in the coastal area.

The pull from the Heavenly Will seems to become stronger

Like Jean, Hikigaya could also see that the Heavenly Will Avatar is becoming stronger.

Hikigaya took a glance at the Heavenly Will Avatar, his eyes seem to pass through the clouds and see through the dimension where the Heavenly Will is being restricted by a gulf of energy that separates it from the real world

The gulf of energy is thinning.

'So, be it' he talks to himself.

He simply let go a bit of his power to flew toward that sword

He simply said

'It is but a fraction of what I owe him' he sighed and said

'The Karma between me and him is not yet solved. And this alone could not repay the Karma' and he sighed again, this time a little bit longer

This is why he chose to believe Death Monarch. There is a debt between them that needs to be repaid along the way

The more Hikigaya become stronger the more he could feel the restrain that is imposed upon him by an invisible force of Law

In this world, magic is not some fairytale story. It is real and it is binding. Oaths and promises are not to be spoken lightly.

Debt of life and death bounds you and everything that has been done to you and the things you have done to others all fell into the calculation of this invisible force.

He owes Death Monarch, a debt that is hard to pay. Death Monarch helps him pave the road to his Divine Comprehension realm.

One bit of energy coming out of him does not repay it. Hikigaya just knew that it is not repaid, not by a long shot

Then he looks at the sky, his gaze seems to see far more than the clouds and the sky and he could feel something is staring at him back

The Heavenly Will probably notices him.

But, that Heavenly Will could not do anything to him, to Jean or to Death Monarch

Right now, they are stronger than the Heavenly Will.

Even if they did something taboo and the Heavens wanted to punish them, the three of them would not fear.

Probably they are the only three people that could do this without worrying about the actions of the Heavenly Will.

To the normal people, the powers of the world is the Seven Great Powers, the Crime Alliance, the forces and factions that are developing in the new continent, and the Pirates Lords.

These are the entity of power in the eyes of the normal people.

But to people who sat on the peak of power in this world, primarily Death Monarch, the Time Monarch and him, there is another that could introduce a variable in the currents events of the world

And it is something that they need to pay attention to

And that is the Heavenly Will that is growing and growing in an unprecedented rate after the Multiversal Convergence.

And now Death Monarch is trying to strengthen the Heavenly Wil and even created a Sword of Humanity that takes the luck and fortune of the human race.

'Interesting. I am truly wondering what you are planning, Death Monarch' he said to no one in particular as white mist suddenly appears out of nowhere and covers him

This mist makes it that nobody could see him not even the eyes of the Heaven Will. Like an illusion, a mirage

This is one of the methods that Hikigaya had used to conceal himself from the world.

The area once again is shrouded with white mist and the cave itself is concealed, space- time was befuddled.

A land of illusion and a land that subverts dreams and reality.

Other than a Divine Comprehension leveler, no living being on Earth could resist the pull of this Will, a small tiny part of their energy seems to be extracted out of them and all of it flows toward that sword.

In the sky, an aurora of energy rushes toward the direction of the sword. Leveler below the Disk Formation level could not see it

And for Disk Formation leveler, while they could see it, they could not see it the way a Divine Comprehension leveler sees it

For the people outside of the city of Arturia, they are puzzled by what is happening.

They saw golden skies and golden clouds, saw rains of golden motes of light and motes of golden light flew up from the ground, like heaven and Earth is glowing golden.

While they do not know what is happening right now, they could tell that this is the deed of Death Monarch.

They heard Death Monarch said that he would use the luck of the living beings in this world to establish the incarnation of Will of the people in the flesh in order to regulate the world.

They do not understand what this mean but it seems grand

Of course, just because many people do not understand, did not mean everyone did not understand.

In the world, there are always hidden people who have ability to knows things that others do not

Seeing the sky golden in color, hearing the voice of declaration, there are some people who knew what is going on

And some of them are contemplating the matter

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Chapter 1352 The Hand Behind the Scene

There is a woman who is sitting on a ledge of a house made on a small patch of sand in the middle of an ocean.

The wind breeze of the ocean blew the curtains of the wooden house. The house looks like a house of a sea nomad.

It looks so fragile that one harsh gust of wind probably would collapse the entire house. This woman is swinging her feet and then she stops

This woman is blind in one eye and she covers that eye of hers with a patch. She looks like a pirate one would see in some movie.

She looks at the golden skies above her head and heard the words and she laughed so hard that she cried.

Was it something funny? Was it something sad? Probably the only one that knows the answer is this woman who is blind in one eye.

There is only two words that came out of her mouth, finally expressing what she is feeling

And she is expressing joy

'It changed!' she repeated these words so loudly like she wanted to shout to the world.

Even though she could only see with one eye it did not diminish her enthusiasm looking at that golden skies.

Her other eyes seem to be looking at another thing. A possible new future.

She might not see the aurora like energy but she does see something else. Something much more important

Her eyes seem to be shining with blue colors and it was like she was in a trance. Her eyes turn cloudy white and then she closes her eyes.

There is a smile on her face.

Because she sees something that she had wished to see for a long time. Closing her eyes, she would see nightmares of another life, of another time.

Opening her eyes, she is haunted by the path of the future. But today, as she closed her eyes what she sees make her smile

And it makes her so happy and so euphoric that she does not want to let the things she saw ends.

What does she saw?

A change.

The wind of the ocean blew the curtain, the curtain sways and the wind chimes plays its melody and the woman opens her eyes, a smile on her face and she laughed like a little child who got a gift

But, this joy is not shared by everyone that sees the golden skies. In another part of the world, there is another person who looks at the sky but unlike the woman with the eye patch, he looks at it and his face turns hard.

There is no smile and no joy only a hint of frustration on his face. A frustration that is slowly turning into anger

'It changed' he spoke the same words but the feeling is different.

His eyes look beyond the skies and beyond the Heavens as his eyes seems to be looking at His Lord sailing through the stars and the galaxies.

He looks long at the sky. Even though his level is only in Disk Formation and he could not see the aurora, he could tell what is happening

'It's different' This person could tell something is seriously wrong with the fabric of creation right now

'Destiny and fate could be subverted. But for a fate like this, a destiny like this, a decreed fate, a chosen destiny...this kind of fate should not be changed' he muttered to the sky

It was more like he was complaining

But now, it is changed. This is no butterfly flapping its wing and created a storm in another part of the world

This is a gentle, malleable wind that turns into a wildly rushing storm.

He clicked his tongue, his fur clothes flutters as the wind around him seems to gather. He could see where the energy is going and for a second there he was tempted to follow it.

The wind swirls around his feet and space and time around him begins distorting. It makes the space around him spirals and it was like the entire surrounding is distorted

The space is on the verge of breaking but then he sighed. The distortion disappeared in almost an instant.

The wind dispersed

because he thought of the difficulty of the matter.

The world is vast now and even with his control over Time and Space, the Time and Space of Earth Prime right now is chaotic in nature.

He could end up being teleported into some random places. The effects of the Multiversal Convergence inconveniences him

Even though he had done all of this before, this time, there is many new variables. There are also more chess pieces.

And this time, the people up there is beginning to pay attention. This person wearing a wolf fur as clothing giving him a wild appearance is none other than Yewa Hafar.

Many months had passed since the Time Crisis.

To many of the people of this world, they called the event the Multiversal Convergence Catastrophe.

But for him and a few others, he thought of it as Time Crisis.

The only reason the Multiversal Convergence happens was because Azief mess with Time and Space in a way that no other people had mess with it before.

Earth problem was that it was forcibly lifted from a non-magic society to a high fantasy world in almost an instant

This kind of change is usually gradual. It always has a point of origin that slowly transform a world or a galaxy.

Some worlds had comet falls into their world and this comet slowly fills the world with magical energy

Sometimes, it requires the death of a powerful supreme being and the corpse fell or some of the essence of the supreme being fell into some planet or galaxy and transform that galaxy into a magical place filled with magical energy

But, all of this is gradual.

The living beings on that planet will first slowly realize that they are stronger than usual.

Then they found out that certain laws of the world that they held to be true began changing.

Then slowly they would realize the use of magic and with that a new civilization centered on magical energy would be born.

Earth however skip all of this.

Odin throws the All Source to the world, bringing it calamity but also ushering a new era for the people of this world.

So, the people of this world does not know how dangerous it is to be messing with time.

Any other magical civilization that have the same power like the magical civilization that is growing in Earth would know not to touch that boundary of time and space too much.

The people of Earth given the blessing of the All Source is like a kid having his hand on a remote of an intergalactic destroyer.

Time Crisis had ended and it ended in a way that Yewa Hafar did not anticipate.

Azief did not become the enemy of the world like last time

Loki is the scapegoat and now Loki is entering the Crime Alliance and becoming the new Broker.

Yewa Hafar could tell that Loki is making a tradeoff, trying to somehow neutralize a bit of the Fate and Destiny Correction

In the original timeline, it was Azief that became a Broker and hide and fights against the World Government with the use of the criminal underworld.

Yewa Hafar could feel that there is a new wind blowing. And he wondered, whether that being in the Garden is rewriting His book?

But, if he did.... then what of His promise? It had been promised to His Lord, a Divine Decree that has been given to his Lord.

He sighed and he did not know what to do.

Yewa Hafar look at that golden skies and look away in anger.

He paces around the area.

The area he is in is hot. As far as the eyes could see, there is hundreds and thousands of volcanoes.

Some erupted and some only releases smokes.

This land is hot and there is lava everywhere. If such a terrain exists before, Earth would already be uninhabited.

Because in this kind of heat, no life could survive. But the world after the Fall is a world of magic and the ceiling of power that a human could reach is beyond what they could reach in their past frail weak bodies.

But in this land of lava, magma, fire and heat there were many monsters that drinks the lava and suck in the smokes.

There is order even in this chaos, for those who truly looked. And there is life even in this most uninhabited place

Yewa Hafar after six months had changed a bit. He still has the youthful appearance and he still wears his wolf fur clothing

His body is still muscular and his long silver hair is tied on the back of his head and one part of his hair covered his left eye.

But on his arms and on his feet, there is many tattoos, runes, hieroglyphic-like writing, cuneiform scripts and some types of writing and languages that do not seem to be from this world.

'Azief is strengthening the Heavenly Will. Haish' he mutters to himself. What other people do not know, he could easily know.

This is a bit different from the original timeline and he is also worried. The time for the Heaven Will to make an appearance is not this fast.

Yewa Hafar could not help but feel worried.

Even though he is powerful in his original form, for him to descend on Earth, he had to take a vessel.

Earth is a promised land for His Lord, the Destroyer.

But because of that there is restriction on it for beings that have surpassed the limit.

And Yewa Hafar is a being that surpassed the limit so he had no other choice than to descend and take over a vessel

A human vessel.

So, his level is still in Disk Formation.

He could not walk the conventional path of leveling up his power like the rest of the people of this world

since doing that would make it easy for him to be discovered the moment Azief become Sovereign

But just because he did not walk the conventional path did not mean he is completely hidden. The best way is to never let Azief even know of his existence.

If he did not know of his existence, he would not care. And he would not use his eyes to look at him.

But right now, the strengthening of the Heavenly Will brought problems to Yewa Hafar.

He looks at the sky, sighed and said to himself

'It seems I have to find a way to hide myself better now' He sighed and then he walks down from the mountain

Behind him was a lava filled pit and his footsteps on the pit of that lava that began hardening.

In the distance, the scenery of tens of thousands of volcanoes and tens of thousands of monsters are all over the place from the one that slithers on the ground, that walk on the land, that flies in the sky.

If Yewa Hafar noticed this, then that rival of his would also notice it.

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Chapter 1353 Prison in the Middle of Nowhere I

In an office somewhere, a person had come out from his office. He stands outside looking at the vast sky

And all he sees is golden colors. From the skyscape to the clouds, everything was golden and holy light shimmers amongst the clouds.

This person smile looking at this. But after a smile, there is a complicated expression on his face.

This person is elegant and charismatic, from the way he walked, there is a certain aura around him that made him look intimidating and mysterious.

There is a bowler hat on top of his neatly trimmed hair. He wears a three-piece suit that is of extraordinary quality with shoes that exudes elegance.

On his wrist there is an exquisitely made watch that looks like it was handmade.

From the top of his head to the bottom of his feet, everything seems to fit perfectly to accentuate this charismatic persona.

He keeps looking at the sky and then he closes his eyes and mutter to himself.

'I don't know whether I should laugh or cry. Is it a good thing or a bad thing?' he paused for a second, opens his eyes and then smiling he said

'Azief, you keep surprising me. You only just got back and you are already making waves. As expected of you' The man with the hat adjust the rims of his hat and then laugh

But then he couldn't help but added

'Still, as theatrical as ever'

This man is none other than Loki the Trickster.

Then he looks again and this time he could feel something is looking back at him

Loki could tell who is looking at him. It would be none other than the Heavenly Will. He then shakes his head

He did not say anything because he fears that he would also affect the Heavenly Will. He already affected many things. He had seen the changes

The things that he had done, stacking it one by one, even though in the beginning not a few things changed, as time passes and as they are closer to Azief becoming Sovereign

And now, this is the biggest change as it seems to break out from the script entirely. This is not how it goes in the other timeline

Loki knows that if he could see this and surmise all of this, he is quite sure that in another part of this world, Yewa Hafar who have always been paying attention to Azief would surely also knows this.

He smiles because it changed.

But he frowned because it also changes.

The more it changes, the more he could not rely on his memories.

Even now, his memories are trying to arrange itself as the current reality and the previous reality seems to moving away from each other.

The Time Correction is doing its job. Loki did not mind that the Heavenly Will looking at him because he knows the tragedy of the Heavenly Will

That is why he did not want to say anything and he must remind himself to be careful.

The Heavenly Will could deduce a lot of things and he did not want the Heavenly Will to focus on him

If he said something about the Heavenly Will and it attract the attention of the Heavenly Will.....Loki would find it bothersome to take that extra step to even hide himself from the Heavenly Will

And now with Azief strengthening the Heavenly Will even further, this make Loki works a little bit harder.

Loki taps the hat with his finger and then he could feel that the Heavenly Will could no longer see him and he smiles

The hat is actually the Helmet of Hades that he had crafted into a hat. Of course it is not really a hat. The Helmet could change shapes.

So, one day it could be a bowler hat. At other times, it could morph shapes to a cowboy hat. He went back to his office and then he went to the elevator on his office.

The elevator has runic words on its button. Loki push one of the buttons and then the door closed and then almost a second later it opens back.

The door opens revealing a long hallway with each side of the hallway is a door.

It almost seems like an infinite hallways stretching out to infinity.

One could only imagine the size of this place and its length

The soil of this place is different because it emitted certain anti-Divine Sense properties. If anyone from the Crime Alliance is here, they would know that this is the same soil in the Bubble Land

This place is a prison. It is the same prison that Loki had constructed. This prison used to be in Jan Mayen in Denmark.

However, after the Multiversal Convergence changes the geography of the world, Loki had to cut certain part of Jan Mayen and created a moving island.

Even finding the original land where Jan Mayen would be a chore if not for the fact that he already installed a tracking setup on his prison.

He is always ten steps ahead.

And he is on the island right now.

Surrounded with concealing formation and anti-Divine Sense defenses, Loki moving island is not that big but it is mobile enough.

The island is full of spells and formation. Some things did not change.

There is still a concealing spell embedded deep in the ley lines of the island and in the prison grounds and walls itself runes could be seen etched in strategic place that would be activated when someone tries to search this place either by using Divine Sense or some other invention.

But there are also many other improvements.

In stealth mode, the phasing feature is also activated so that this island would phase through anything that it passes.

It is the same for anything that move around the island. They would not even notice the island unless Loki bring the island out of stealth mode.

Loki did not change much to the layout of the prison. He just simply upgraded certain defenses.

In the past, it had the look of a cell. The doors all lead to a prison. However, much like the rest of the prison, even the cells have been upgraded.

Of course, what Loki meant by upgrading is not making it more comfortable for the prisoners. After all, this is not exactly a place of retreat so that these criminals could relax

This is the Purgatory and it is meant to punish

The prison that Loki had constructed have some of the most heinous criminal in the world. Some that most people didn't even know of

None of the criminals here are normal. Many of them are crazy in their own way, beast that do not belong with civilized society.

They are crazy and dangerous. Loki walks calmly along the long hallways. What different this time even the hallway has certain Law embedded to it

Space and Time distorted with each step Loki takes.

Each step he takes, it almost looks like he had walk ten thousand step and then he reaches the room he wanted

The room number is 69. Loki look at the number and there is a smile on his face like he was reminded of something funny

It is a room that is not specifically to torture the prisoner.

It is a room to detain a person of interest. And someone in this room is a person of interest to Loki

Loki look at the door handle.

In this prison, each door handles even though it looks like a fragile door handle and even the door looks like it could be destroyed with one kicks, this prison is the definition of not judging things with appearance.

What Loki is most proficient is changing white to black, black to white to manipulate the truth, to overturn lies and to confuse the two.

Loki in the future is the Gods of Truth and Lies, he subverted what people think is the truth and could change truth to lies and vice versa.

His ability changes reality.

Even though he did not possess power of a Sovereign, it is still good enough for him to change the prison.

Each door leads to a different dimension. Each dimension is a place where there is punishment to all of these criminals.

Their own personal hell crafted by Loki. Of course, these people all have a reason to be here. Loki had never done something useless.

Some of them have uses in the future, a pawn that he could use in his grand game of chess with Yewa Hafar and the Supreme Beings in the Omniverse.

Some of them however is a danger to the world and Loki is merely doing some good in the world by removing such people from the world.

Of course, with Loki in charge of these criminals, even if he does it out of the kindness of his heart, these criminals even if they have no use before, Loki had always been the type of guy that would use all the things that is available to him

So, even if some of these criminals did not have any uses, he would find a way to make these people useful to him.

If not in life, then in death.

Chapter 1354 Prison in the Middle of Nowhere II

People always said that Death Monarch acts like a judge, jury and executioner. That he follows no laws but the laws he set himself

It is actually frightening to meet such person. Because the difference in value could mean that you in their eyes are the guilty one.

Not to mention, Death Monarch is the strongest person in the world.

In the real world, even if your value is different from the other person that other person could not force you to follow his values because there are other factors that restrict such a person from forcing people to follow their value

It is the law and other people who could stop such a person.

But in the world after the Fall, who could stop someone like Death Monarch if he wishes to enforce his value upon other people?

These does not take account to the fact that there is even some people who could manipulate memories, hypnotize people, go into others people bodies to name a few others methods of controlling people.

So, Death Monarch existence has always been a fearsome one to many people.

Hirate likes to point this out to people.

And the same could be said for the Republic who took Laws as one of their most prized creed. Loki could see that it had the glamour of ancient Rome.

The Senate was first built to fight against the World Government.

It was a branding.

The Revolutionary Army did not have a true organized leadership with factions fighting factions.

With Boris and Katarina holding the reins, there is some semblance of peace and then the Republic was born and the creed and the slogan it uses is nothing more but propaganda to attract people to come and stay under their umbrella and to fight for them

But in the years that followed the cooperation between the Three Great Powers, the Republic began creating an identity for themselves.

They created Laws that they themselves follow. It is to create a stable world. And they themselves believes in it

They put the Law above all else.

The Senators gained power and the Left and Right Chancellor deliberated on the laws with the High Chancellor with the power to use executive decision.

Executive decision in the Republic is basically like an Emperor decree, that could bypass all the process and put into the Bills of Laws.

It is with this creed and slogans that the Senate manage to attract people to live under their rule.

Theirs are a government ruled by the Law.

And of course, for such a society they abhor the existence of someone like Death Monarch but they also know that Death Monarch is not someone you badmouth openly.

Even the Senators of the Senate would sometimes flinch when one of their fellow senators launches a tirade against Death Monarch rule, fearing that a thunderbolt would fall down from the sky

Loki think to himself whether those same senators that spouted high ideals would dare to speak such word in front of his brother?

Loki think not.

The same for the World Government.

And Loki is like his brother. In this prison, he is the judge, jury and executioner. In a way, even he is a bit influenced by his brother.

Is it right that he kidnapped people and stuff them in a prison no one knows about, without any deliberation or any trials or any way for them to defend themselves and the things that they have done

But, if he did not do that then who does he trust to uphold the Law? Some of the prisoners here are high ranking people.

He knew that the factions behind them would protect them if it were ever brought to court.

Loki did not think much of this matter

All he knew is that there are monsters in this world dressed like a human and bringing injustice and blood whenever they go.

The people he caught and kidnapped are not the kind of people who does minor offenses.

They killed people like they were bugs, they committed the most depraved and disgusting acts that harms the world and the people in it.

And this kind of crazy dog needs to be put down.

Loki shakes his head and then opens the door.

In the room there is a person in white lab coat sitting on a cold metal chair his hand and his face on the cold metal table.

The moment he heard that the door was opened, he lifts his face from the table

Then his eyes widened. It is clear that he recognized Loki

'Trickster!'

'Professor Paul Koch was it?' The man in the lab coat nodded unconsciously. This man is a middle age man with white thick beard, his hair is trimmed neatly and he wears glasses.

He had tall body and good proportions.

Loki sat down opposite him and smiles.

The Professor sit straight on his chair and he narrows his eyes. before, he was lethargic but now he was perplexed.

Because in front of him is Loki. Right now, he is thinking in his head where does the intersection between him and the Trickster began

Try hard as he might, he could not remember that he had any interaction with Loki or his forces.

He recognizes Loki because of the iconic look that he had been wearing for the past sixth months.

Everyone knows that Loki had thousand faces. With his transformation ability, he could morph his face to look like anybody.

It is what makes him so good at infiltrating his enemies' forces. Some said that he even could mimic the demeanor and mannerism of the people he took appearance of.

His mind is hard at work but then he shakes his head, his eyes looking straight at the Trickster eyes.

'I have no dealings with the Crime Alliance. And I have no dealings with whatever you are involved with. Why kidnap me?' he said like he was dumbfounded.

Now that he knew that Loki was the one that kidnaps him, he thinks he could reason his way out.

It is not his enemies. He is quite sure that while he did things in the past to people that are quite dangerous, he is one hundred percent sure that Loki the Trickster is not someone he had ever crossed path with

'This must be a big misunderstanding' he added. Loki did not say anything, but there is a smile on his face.

Three days ago, Paul was researching something in a remote jungle in a new continent. There were many new plants, a new flora and fauna is flourishing in that large jungle.

There were beautiful rivers, lush thick greenery and animals that looks like it jumped out of a fantasy novel

Of course, his research is not to enjoy those things but to take samples to aid in his current project.

He was close to a breakthrough when he was attacked at night. When he thinks about it again, he could not remember how he was attacked

By the time he gained consciousness, he was inside this room. At that time, he still thought that he was attacked by the local forces of that jungle.

But the more he was in this room, the more he believes that the person who kidnapped him is not the local forces

The entire room might seem like a normal room but Paul had seen enough of array formation to sense that the entire room, from the ceiling to the tiles beneath his feet, each one is carved with a rune that emanate a certain power of Laws.

This room might look small and could fit only a few people but there are two doors in this room. One of the door is the door that Loki had just come from.

That door was locked.

For three days he had tried to open that door.

He uses all the methods he could use and think off but the door did not budge even an inch. The fact that it was locked made him confident that was the way out

But try as he might, he could not even make the door budge. And the other door is on the opposite side of the locked door.

When he tries to open that door, he was surprised to find out that it was not locked. When he finally opens the door and went inside it, he was surprised with an unexpected view

He thought it would be a torture room or a dungeon or something along that line. What he saw however is a vast room with a penthouse like design with beautiful bed for him to lay down, a fridge full of foods and drinks

It looks like a penthouse suit

But none of that makes him happy because the more he sees these kind of things, the more he became uneasy

He immediately recognizes that the place he is in uses some kind of Time –Space Law. He finally understands what those runes meant to do

Distort Space and Time.

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Chapter 1355 A Trace of a Magician

That is the only way to explain the inconsistencies of space in the room. With nothing else to do, he had been lounging around in the room.

He sometimes goes to the middle room trying to open the locked door. When he is tired trying to open a locked door that could not be opened he would go back to his room and rest and think of a way to escape

He tries to use his strength but in here, all of his powers seems to be neutralized.

He could tell then that the soil that is used to make the ground that he walks in, the walls on the room are made probably from the soil of Bubble Land

not even once he could let down his guard.

It felt like he was in an experiment.

No matter how good the food, no matter how comfy the bed, it is not a pleasant feeling knowing that you are locked by someone you do not know, whose motive is unknown to you

Imagine his surprise right now, knowing that the one who have kidnapped him is none other than the infamous Loki the Trickster

Loki in the past sixth month have been making name for himself in the crime underworld. He also has his own faction and there was news that Loki is amassing power and influence to join the Red Table.

A meteoric rise.

The fact that almost all of the Great Powers is hunting him is doing great for his reputation among the criminal underworld

A street cred of the highest order.

However, even though Paul knows all of this, he had nothing to do with any of this.

He is not in any factions of the Crime Alliance; he is not even acquainted much with members of the Crime Alliance.

Those who he knows from the Crime Alliance are all small people at the lower bottom, some thieves and pirates and a few members of the organized crime family

Most of these people are the foot soldiers of the powerful crime organization and even then his relationship with these people is a relationship of business and not that of friends.

The world is not Pandemonium, and certain stuff that he needed to have and do would make him intersect with the people of the Crime Alliance.

But that is not a good enough reason

So, he wonders why does the leader of the new rising force in the crime underworld had kidnapped him?

Loki look at Paul and he smiles

Then he said

'Paul Koch. A normal researcher. A Seed Forming leveler. Ability consisted of able to read the properties of certain thing. It relates to your ability of fusing things'

Paul nodded

'It is nothing extraordinary. There is many other researcher and other people who have the ability to fuse things. I believe even you could use the Laws of the World to fuse certain things'

Loki nodded but then he said

'Yes, many people are able to fuse things. They could fuse elements, objects and even laws sometimes. But none do it like you' he smiles and then he leans close so that his face is only a few inches away from Paul face and then he said

'You fused cells and blood. You also studied on how to improve and weaken the immune systems of people with magical energy or those who have superhuman bodies. You learn how to disrupt energy circulations in any living beings whether it be monsters or humans. And from what I've heard you are now branching out to the study of the new bacteria and germs that have erupted in population after the Multiversal Convergence'

Loki paused for a second before saying

'You certainly been busy'

Paul hearing all this nodded.

'That's what I do. I research thing. I don't think it is dangerous and my research is well-known among the academics. I contracted with many of the world powers. I did a few stint with the World

Government and even Lady Sasha had once asked my service. But. I've never taken any contract from the Crime Alliance. Since you are from the Crime Alliance, I think you know this'

He added

'I don't think that me knowing a few low level thugs in the bottom would make me a danger to you. I'm just a normal person trying to live in this messed up world'

Loki lean back on his chair, as he tidies up his coat and then he sighed

'You are not making it easy are you?'

'What do you mean?'

'Paul Koch. Before the Fall you were a professor in one of the most prestigious university in Munich. You are an award winning scientist who excels in the fields of hematology, immunology and antimicrobial studies. The second child of a three brothers, you were always the smart one. You have a wife before the Fall named Hedwig who died of illness during the Fall.'

Paul frowned. He certainly didn't think that all of his personal information could be spoken by Loki in this detail., He thought he had scraped all of his past information

Loki could tell that Paul is a bit rattled and he continues.

'For the first few months of the Fall you were in Germany and fled during the reign of Bradheim.'

Loki paused for a second, close his eyes, like he was trying to remember something and then he continued

'You fled to France where you make a name of yourself as a healer. You did not do any notable things and you did not stick your nose in where it did not belong. But, in a battle against the Weronian Invasion, you and a few ragtag bunch of resistance forces in France against the Occupation of the Weronians, you created one of the most destructive biological weapon that wipes put an entire company of Weronian warriors who have Six Horns which is equivalent to a Seed Forming leveler. At that time, you were but an Energy Disperse stage leveler'

There is an eerie smile on Loki face right now and the atmosphere is a bit heavy. Paul frown become deeper.

He looks at Loki and Loki looks at him. maybe, in other people eyes, Paul look like a sweet old guy, harmless

He himself said, he is but a normal person

But a normal person, a harmless person would not be able to do the things he did.

Paul did not know what Loki is trying to say to him but he had no choice but to keep listening. Loki continues

'That stunt of yours attract some attention. Fortunately, or unfortunately depending on what you were feeling at the time, most of your achievement kind of drowned compared to the formation of the

Ice Mountain where Death Monarch and Ice Queen seems to perish. That news drowns any other news during that time and then there is also the post-war reconstruction'

Paul remains silent. And his expression is grave.

Loki chuckles

'You seem to know where I am going with this' Paul still did not say anything, maintaining his silence

'In the aftermath of the war, many of the great powers wanted to replenish back their elite forces. It was during this time; your particular set of skill attract one of the world powers to recruit you'

Loki paused for a second and then said

'You are one of the secret members of the Order of Thinkers' Hearing this Paul closes his eyes. For a few second there is only silence inside the room

He then sighed and opens his eyes.

This time, Paul seems to be more alive but also more cold.

Loki chuckles.

He likes dealing with people from the Order of Thinkers. Most of them are researcher type people and very straightforward type of people

And they also do not know how to hide their emotions.

It is easy to fish out the truth from them. If it was one of the criminals in this prison, sometimes they even believe the lie that it is hard to extract the truth from them

Loki did not say anything and the silence lingers for a while before Paul finally said something

He nodded and said

'Yes, I am a member of the Order of Thinkers' he paused for a second before he said

'Even so, I am not that important in the organization'

Loki shakes his head and said

'Ah, don't sell yourself short'

There is another silence.

Paul is trying to understand why Loki kidnaps him. Even though he is a member of the Order of Thinkers, the Order of Thinkers itself does not clash with the Crime Alliance.

Some members of the Order of Thinkers even sell some weapons to the Crime Alliance so to say that they are enemies is not quite right

And they certainly did not cross Loki.

Even though the great powers jointly stated that Loki would be hunted by the full might of the world powers, that was simply just posturing.

Pandemonium did not take lead on this. And Death Monarch basically give Loki the golden plate of pardon.

Right now, Death Monarch is still the strongest person in the world and he leads the strongest world power

Nobody wanted another war. Compromises had to be made. Not to mention Order of Thinkers itself is in hot water right now.

Even though many of the citizens of the world powers are mad because of what had happened, most of the higher ranking members of the world powers knows that the fault does not solely lie on Loki.

The reason why the Multiversal Convergence happened is because the constant meddling with parallel universes and travelling to other dimension without any thought of how it could weaken the reality barrier between worlds.

Yes, Loki might be the trigger. But he was not the single cause of this matter. It is a tacit understanding between Loki and the world powers.

As long as Loki did not show his face in one of the world powers territory, the world powers would pretend like they would send forces to capture him.

This way, the world powers could avoid blame from their people and still look like they are doing something.

Loki must have known this.

He has been very cooperative in the past six months.

Even though Loki joins the Crime Alliance, he did not really show himself in any of the world powers territory and so this farce could still be going on.

No higher ups in the world powers is really intending to bring Loki to justice. This is world politics and sacrifices are bound to be made

So, Loki clearly knows who he is and still he captures him and brought him here, wherever this is.

Paul has never been good in talking in circles so he simply said

'Just tell me why you are capturing me and what do you want me to do? I don't think you want to be breaking the peace between you and the world powers unless you are ready to return to Pandemonium'

He paused for a second and then he said

'And if what I know about you is true, I know you would not be going back to Pandemonium. So, what the hell are you doing Trickster?' Loki hearing this could not help but laugh

He admires the honesty.

Loki always likes to keep anyone he is talking about to keep guessing. It is his way of making them feel uncomfortable.

Sometimes, they even said more than necessary. Silence sometimes are very powerful tool to use

Even though he rarely be the one doing the interrogation since the creation of this prison, he is quite the adept interrogator.

And he knows he is going to win this because he knows everything about this man.

the reason he is the one interrogating Paul is because Paul is not a criminal. At least not yet.

'People of the Order of Thinkers have always been straightforward. I like that about them. of course your obsession with your studies however, sometimes irked me' he smirks and then he said

'You have done nothing wrong to me. And like you said you are not involved with Crime Alliance. And as for my understanding with the world powers...' he paused for a second and then he said

'It is not something someone like you should think about. Like you said, you don't know enough people in high places' Paul juts nods.

He didn't think it was an insult. Paul was never interested in titles or power. He was always dedicated to his own studies.

But Loki still did not tell him why he is here. There was another silence in the room. Loki leans back on his seat once again and he ask

'If I'm not mistaken you met someone a few months ago'

'I met a lot of people in the course of a month'

Smiling, Loki leans closer, his eyes glint dangerously and he said

'Oh, I think you're hoping to remember this person. How about a Magician.... from Aleppo? With funny hats, and a robe in lined with star shape sewing patterns' Hearing this words from Loki Paul face turns pale.

'Ah, now that is the expression I've been wanting to see' Loki said as he sat back down on his seat, smiling

Chapter 1356 Foreshadowing of The Future

Loki in the six month after the Multiversal Convergence is once again laying down his plans. He of course could not just stand doing nothing.

Events is going faster than before. The pace of destiny and fate seems to be accelerated.

There is also Fir Her Waz an alien from a destroyed world roaming around Earth right now. he was also looking for that alien.

He fears that Yewa Hafar had already got to the Last Son of Yrinia. They were many things that Loki had been doing

And with his information network up and running all over the globe after months of protecting this network, he finally got some news.

But it was not a happy news. He did not get any news about Fir Her Waz. But instead, his network picked up a chatter about a Magician.

This got him to abandon some of his other project to focus solely on this. It was a bit of a stroke of luck.

It is not easy to get news about the Magician since he is very adept at concealing himself. If Loki had the Helm of Invisibility of Hades, then the Magician had his famous cape. Loki does not know much about the ape other than the fact that it could shield him from prying eyes.

He had send many more probes and people to find out about the Magician and he sent a few beasts that could relay message all in the effort of finding any clue about the true whereabouts of the Magician.

If he could capture the Magician or influence him, then another big catastrophe in the future could be averted.

If it's the Magician right now, he still is not that deep in his hatred and neither he is that far gone.

And then a few weeks ago, he found out that Paul Koch met with the Magician. Paul Koch is not someone that is a large figure in history.

If anything, he might be a side note in one of the Magician entry in history book but Loki knows that in history, it is these side notes characters that sometimes really shaped the event in which they participated in.

In his timeline, Paul Koch did not even reach half Sovereign.

It is then understandable why such a person was relegated merely as a passing side note when one reads the story of the Magician of Aleppo

And not many people know him. But, Loki knows him. And he knows what he done. Or what he is about to do

He might already do it.

This is a man dedicated to his studies, to his research. Why then such a man that does not seem to want to fight for power, influence and wealth.... why is he important?

Because he is one of the architect of one of the deadliest biological weapons that have ever been created

During Loki's time, almost everyone had cultivation.

Of course, with the advent of the Sovereigns, it became harder for people to breakthrough to other realms.

At that time, Disk Formation leveler is still numerous but people in Divine Comprehension and Essence Creation is scarce and the people that could reach Half Sovereign was either the early ones that have survive the Fall or someone who got a lot of luck.

The order of the world was settled. The Sovereigns stay in their dimension and rarely meddle with mortal affairs like Greek Gods who sat on their throne in Mount Olympus

The mortals create kingdoms and government and they rule the Earth

With the death of the Heaven Will, and the wars and distrust between the Sovereigns Azief who was the strongest Sovereign at that time formulates a rule.

Earth is for the mortals and the Heavens is for the Sovereigns. Loki is the only one exempt from this rule since he different from the other Sovereigns

Azief created a ceiling of the powers that one is allowed to have on Earth. When one reached the ceiling of that power, their power would be restricted

Basically at that time, with the absence of Sovereigns Half Sovereign is the top ceiling power of the world.

They roamed the world but hey are also watched by the Sovereigns.

Some become the Champions of the Sovereigns as it is not easy to come down from their dimension as Azief basically created all kinds of magical figurative hoops so that each time a Sovereign comes down to Earth, they had to not only restrain their power they also need to contain their power so that it would not destroy Earth

In such a world, one might have thought that the only things that could kill humans in this era of godlike creature is either the large and unknown beast that had evolved, monsters that comes after the Fall or other human

This is where Paul Koch came in. His research led to the creation of a virus that could infect levelers.

Normal disease could not weaken a leveler body as they have an almost impenetrable immune system as it adapts and kills any disease before it could even have the chance to turn into something even worse.

But Paul cooked up a poison that is part magic, part biological and part divine. It is a virus that kill these godlike creatures, as deadly as the Black Plague.

This virus that he had created only shows its effect after the battle between the Sovereigns and the magician ended. That is how long it takes for it to have an effect.

And by that time, it is already too late.

By that time, the infection had already spread all over the world. The Sovereigns could save whoever that is close to them but those who were far from them usually dies.

Of course, even though at that time Azief could control life and death freely, he rarely brings people back to life since to him it violated the order of existence.

Life and death sometimes could be ampere with and sometimes it had to be let go.

The virus is fast acting.

It changes the DNA and even energies.

So that even a half Sovereign is in front of you and tries to heal someone, changing the Laws itself is not enough.

Changing laws of the world do nothing to the person own energy.

Paul Koch is one of the figures behind the scene during the World War Three Events.

Of course, many things might have changed since then. At that time, the scenario was that Narleod and his organization after failing to defeat the forces of the World Government formed a new organization.

They consisted of the major enemies of the Sovereigns and the World Government and posed major threats to the world.

At that time, there is no Seven World powers like it is today. At that time, the only two most powerful world powers were the Revolutionary Army and the World Government

Narleod at that time recruited a few members.

The huntress Delia from Armenia. Akira the Mad Scientist. Poison King Takashi. In this timeline, eh had already recruited them.

In his timeline, this group of people infiltrate the Island of Peace and with a Euronium explosive they destroyed the Island killing millions.

All the while. a man on the inside, with black hat and white dress modified the footage of the incidents to put the blame on Revolutionary Army

Revolutionary Army was then covertly attacked by the forces of the World Government. Retaliating Boris sent her Sovereign sister to wipe out the Special Forces of the World Government.

The matters escalated and the World Government attack becomes more intense.

The Revolutionary Army also steps up into the battlefield and its member also participated. Nations and kingdoms picks sides.

It was then revealed that the mastermind of this plot is not Narleod but the man with the black hat, The Magician Farhan from Aleppo.

He was half Sovereign and wanted the world to suffer like his parents.

Guided by the most venomous of emotions, vengeance, he plans to embroil the world in a great war.

The bomb he detonated kill the people of the World Government. Because that was the most impactful, that is what Loki remember most about the Magician.

But.... there was something else he is infamous for. The creation of the God Killer virus. And this man in front of him. This frail looking middle age man is the perpetrator of that.

'Now, we can talk'

Paul Koch seems to be hesitating to say but then after a few moment s of silence he finally said

'A few weeks ago- '

Outside, the skies and the clouds are golden. But whatever happens outside could not affect the dark atmosphere in Loki prison.

Right now, as the world is shocked by the appearance of Death Monarch voice all over the world, it did not mean that people stopped doing whatever they were doing.

Instead, some moves even faster, some created new plans and some hides in the dark, fearing the golden light from the golden sky would illuminate their dirty figure in front of the rest of the world.

Fearing the cloud disperse, fearing the clouds gather.

Some plotted and some cast out nets. Some are thinking of capturing a few chess pieces and some are thinking where to put the chess pieces

On and on it goes.

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Chapter 1357 No Turning Back

At the same time, the golden skies become brighter

other than a few places that is able to shelter itself away from these vision, everyone in the world see the same scenery and see the same sky

While this was a shock to many people in the world, right now on the sky of Arturia, a third type of thunderbolt rain down upon the sword, shaking the entire sky

It created a space ripple that could be seen with the naked eye

The few people that could still look up and see the process could not help but be shocked when they saw the color of that thunderbolt. It is purple and it is full of Heavenly Energy.

Azief smiles looking at this.

Right now, there is no longer any clouds in the radius of ten thousand kilometers of the skyscape of the city.

There, up in the sky is a golden sword. The hilt is golden is colors and on the body of the sword is three lines that stretched from the hilt to the top of the sword.

There is a golden, red and purple lines on the sword.

The sword is three feet long with lightning swirling around its edges.

He then said, his voice echoing all over the city that even if you close your ears you could still hear it.

'Today, I forged the Sword of Humanity from three types of Thunders of Tribulation. With the blessing of the Heavenly will, I create this sword. It will accumulate the Luck of Humanity and can grow and evolve'

He paused for a second and then he declares

'Whosoever holds this sword, will command the power of Heaven and Earth, to exercise justice and eliminate injustice, to slay evil and cut off all obstacles of humanity. Thus, it would be given to the worthy and once the covenant between the Will of the People and the wielder is in dissonant, the Sword would leave to find a worthy master'

One single lone thunderbolt descended down from the Heaven, purple in color and strike the sword like it had received the order.

A purple trail line appears on the sword before it seems to meld with the sword

'By my Will, this sword will be bestowed on Arthur Foster. When he proved himself unworthy of this sword, the sword would leave and a new master of this sword would be chosen!'

The voice echoes endlessly and the speech ended. Azief knows he did not need to do it but Words have powers, especially Words that have meanings.

The moment Azief finished his speech, a gigantic golden light poured down from the Heavens to him.

Azief look and smile.

It is the Heavenly Power entering his body. But this kind of Heavenly Power is useless to him. Because he already had control of the Heavenly Will.

The Heavenly Will Avatar on the other hand grows stronger and the gulf of energy that separated the Heavenly Will Avatar from entering the world is dissipating

Azief look down on the Heavenly power. It is a reward because of strengthening the Heavenly Will. But, whoever took this Heavenly Power in the end could not fight against the Heavenly Will

It is not bad thing actually since on Earth, having the approval of the Heavenly Will boosted many things like luck and protected by the Heavenly Will

Azief had understand a lot more about Heavenly Will when he was researching on the topic in the Seresian world

So, he understands what taking the path of the Heavenly Will means. And if he did not follow the path of Perfection, following the path of the Heavens is not a bad thing

But the Path of Heaven could not save him from the future he has seen. So, he had never been interested in walking that path

So, he pointed his finger toward Arthur who was suspended in the sky.

The Heavenly Force move toward Arthur. Arthur was in Disk Formation level. He is far away from reaching the bottleneck.

But as the Heavenly Force rain down on him, from the middle realm of Disk Formation he was instantly level up to the peak and from the peak to the pinnacle of Disk Formation

Only one step is needed to enter the Divine Comprehension realm.

Everyone on the ground looking at this, feeling the fluctuation of power and seeing the power emanating from Arthur, the force of which compresses the space around him and force the wind to change course.... they could not believe their eyes.

Arthur Foster, a normal Disk Formation leveler is now only one step away from Divine Comprehension.

That is what they see.

What Azief see however is chains from the Heaven chaining Arthur.

Arthur could not grow further to Divine Comprehension right now because the Heavenly Will itself could not handle a Divine Comprehension leveler.

If it could, the Heavenly Will would have already expelled Azief influence from the Heavenly Will. When the Heavenly Will is strong, Arthur would be strong.

It is like a lock of Heaven and Earth is embedded into Arthur body. But, with this power bestowed by the Heavens, Azief had made sure that Arthur could hold this island from other influence.

And he could wield a bit of the Heavenly Power.

Even a bit is a lot considering that the Heavenly Will of the world is becoming stronger since the Multiversal Convergence.

Azief knows that this would be a waste since the merit is huge.

So, he gave an advice, a Divine Sense communication was sent to Arthur. And Arthur who had heard it immediately try to do it.

Right now Arthur could move but he did not run away.

He had understood that Death Monarch is about to give him a great fortune.

When he broke through the middle realm and reach the pinnacle, he felt that it was a waste because the Heavenly Force is still raining down on him until Death Moan gives him a suggestion.

Floating there, he broke his Disk, crushed his Seeds, demoted himself to Energy Disperse Stage and falling down and down in power, suspended in the air only because of the invisible force of the Heavenly power.

Right now, Arthur is like a crippled man with no future. Even though the backlash of crushing his own cultivation is quite severe, his eyes are bright and there is even a hint of excitement and some hint of anticipation

'Remold back the foundation!' that is what Azief had told Arthur

The energy would keep on pouring but he would not break through to Divine Comprehension because the Heavenly Will itself did not yet reach a level of power equivalent to the Divine Comprehension realm

It is like for this brief moment; Arthur has an infinite energy generating machine helping him to break through all obstacles

A cheat.

Floating in the air, Arthur took in all of that Heavenly power. From Pillar Forming, he rose up unbelievably fast until he reaches back his original level, Disk Formation middle realm.

But there is something that has changed about him.

The reason he crushed all of his cultivation is because he was suggested by Death Monarch to reforge back his foundation.

Arthur takes a big risk in doing that.

Arthur had cut many corners to reach Disk Formation. And there are many injuries in his body that are not solved.

Even though he did not reach the Disk Formation pinnacle realm like before, but right now he is even stronger than a normal peak Disk Formation leveler.

The suggestion worked

his foundation is now strong and stable, all of his hidden injuries and the imperfections in his leveling up in the past are erased.

Like a new phoenix that rises from the ashes.

Arthur right now is brimming with power. His momentum shakes the Heaven and Earth and there is a resonance between him and the Heavenly Will

Each time he moves his hand there is a great power that moves with it, cracking the space around them, pressuring the entire surrounding causing the air to bend

At the same time the entire city felt the pressure, the vibration around their body forcing them to tremble.

Some had the urge to kneel. Spiritual melody and rhythm seems to be played all over the Heaven and Earth

An aromatic and calming scent spread all over the world

This melody comes from the vibration of the energy of the world.

This spiritual music and scents from Heaven and Earth wreathed in the air, auspicious signs emerged in an endless stream.

There is a sword shadow in the sky that seems to filled the entire skyscape, like there is nothing in this world that could escape it

The sword that is floating in the air is bathed in this blessed air and it gathers the luck and fortune of humanity

Slowly, the shadow of the sword enters the three feet sword and there is no longer the sight of a titanic apparition of a sword in the sky.

Just by seeing it some people felt their knees goes weak.

The sword then slowly floated down to Arthur.

Arthur look at the sword in front of him, floating just a few feet away from him. the sword itself is vibrating

Arthur in that moment felt like time had stopped. He hesitated for a moment to take the sword. He could hear what Death Monarch said before

Once he took it, he is tied to the fate of humanity. It gives him great power but it also would chain him.

But then, he thought back to what just had happened. He had already taken the power of the Heavenly Will and remold his body with the energy of the Heavenly Will

From that moment, there was no turning back.

So, he stretched his hand and he took it and the moment he did, he could feel the connection between him and the Heavenly Will deepened.

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Chapter 1358 A Name that Shakes the World

In his eyes right now, he could see the beginning of humanity

The beginning of humanity he saw did not show him the beginning of humanity in the ancient times

Instead, it shows the progress of humanity since the Fall.

Since this sword is created with the help of the energy of the world that only originated after the Fall, that is probably why it shows the rise of humanity from the Fall and not before it

he saw the rise of humanity overcoming the obstacles of monsters and magical energy.

His eyes seem to be able to see tens of thousands of stories of humans overcoming their limits and thrive in this new world.

His middle realm of Disk Formation rises until the pinnacle of the Disk Formation leveler. Arthur waves slightly the sword and the originally cloudless skies is filled with clouds which rushed for tens of thousands of kilometers to heeds his order

The golden light slowly dispersed and the sky closed up. The night once again become dark and Azief titanic Law Body also dissipated like a dust being blown by a wind.

Arthur is standing in the sky, admiring his own power.

His body is still glowing golden and all kinds of knowledge had entered his mind the moment he touches that sword

He looks up and he could see that there is an eye in the sky. This eye is titanic in size and it is cold and unfeeling.

Looking at it, it felt like he would be sucked into that eye if he looks at it for too long so he looks back down. He knows that.... that is the Heavenly Will

Below, everyone could see the City Lord. Some people look at this and frowned.

'Death Monarch crowns a Lord and give a Sword!' one person said. Now, the whole world had known that Death Monarch had returned.

One could only imagine what would happen tomorrow.

Right now, all the great powers in the world would no doubt be trying to think of countermeasures of Death Monarch return.

But what was that golden clouds and golden air that spreads out all over?

Even the people who were hiding in the small islands near the coast of Arturia could not help but feel a brand new era had begun.

That era is halted when Death Monarch went to the Seresian world. And now that he had returned, the new era resumed

Arthur then flies back down and quickly enter back the City Lord residence. He arrived back at the Hall, and there standing in front of the open window looking at the night star is Death Monarch.

Beside him is the Ice Queen. It almost seems like he had never left the residence. Ahmad is standing on the corner of the room

He had already fly back to the residence when he was sure that Death Monarch is not hurting Arthur.

He was as surprised as Arthur when he found out that Death Monarch is in the room while at the same time, his avatar is there in the middle of the city, standing like a giant that would stomp their city to oblivion.

'Arthur! Are you fine?' Ahmad quickly goes to his side when he saw him appearing in the Hall.

Arthur nodded.

Azief then turn his body to face Arthur.

He waves his hand and in front of him, a sheathe appears.

This sheathe is made from the laws of the world, tightly woven. The only way to cut this sheathe is to cut it using Law Comprehension. Other than that, there is no way of breaking this sheathe.

Azief waves his finger and the sheathe flew toward Arthur and Arthur grabbed it.

'The sheathe for the sword' he said. Arthur was about to say something but Azief simply said

'I don't think you need my army now right?' Arthur who was about to say something smiles bitterly and nodded

'No'

'I have bestowed you with the fortune and luck of the world. The luck of humanity. That Sword in your hand carries the luck and fortune of humanity. The stronger humanity is, the more prosperous and thriving they are, the stronger the sword would become'

'With that sword, you could manipulate the Heavenly Will a bit and uses its power. Other than Divine Comprehension leveler, you need not fear any Disk Formation leveler in the world for with that sword you have no peers in the same level' Azief said

Ahmad hearing this from the side is very shocked.

Even though he heard what Azief had said before, it is only now that it dawned on him that Death Monarch gives Arthur a very powerful weapon.

Azief look at Arthur and then said

'You know that wielding that sword means you have to follow the Will of the People?' Azief asked. And Arthur nodded solemnly. Azief smiles and nodded and said

'The moment you stray from that path, the power that was given to you would be taken back, and that Sword would reject you. Backlash from the sword could kill you. So, if you think of becoming a tyrant and killing people wherever you wanted, ask yourself.....is that the kind of things that the Sword you hold would approve? If not, you better not do it.'

Then he added with a smile

'because maybe then the sword would fly to cut your own head. So be very cautious. Be very careful. And watch your steps. This is the price you pay for a power you do not deserve'

There is silence in the room.

He nodded and Death Monarch only smiles

Arthur did not expect that in just a few hours, he now had enough power to make sure that he would not fear anyone in this city. He always had to watch his move fearing to offend any of the ten factions.

But now, he could sweep away all of this obstacles with a swing of his sword.

He knows that Death Monarch gave him this to make sure that he has an ally here.

Death Monarch must have understood that it is not easy to take root in the Turbulent Seas after having the knowledge of the Ten Seas

He also knows that Death Monarch means well. As long as he does not betray the will of the people and the will of humanity.... then he would not have to worry about the backlash of the sword.

Azief then said

'I would like to stay here for a while' Arthur did not hesitate after hearing this and quickly order his subordinate to escort Death Monarch to his room.

Azief from beginning to end did not ask for that sword back. The meaning is very clear. That sword is left to him. Arthur look at that sword and sighed

The power is good and all but he also knows that it comes with a huge responsibility.

He looks at Ahmad who is standing beside him and smiling he said

'I'll explain everything to you'

Then they left the hall, leaving an empty place.

Outside of the city lord residence however is a scene of chaos. The markets are closed.

Some people had speculated that there might be some deal between Death Monarch and the City Lord.

Some people smells opportunities. Some people smell danger.

Maybe, it is one and the same

Outside of the island, far away from the Turbulent Sea, all the Seven Great Power is now in a rush. All the intelligence agency of these great power is mobilized.

The order is the same

Find out where is Death Monarch!

The name Arthur Foster is also mentioned and this person who is very low in the priority of the great powers suddenly rose to the top ten

In Pandemonium, the Three Army that have not moved since Death Monarch absence began to mobilize its personnel.

Pandemonium is opened.

It did not take long before someone finds out that Arthur Foster is the City Lord of Arturia, a large island in the Turbulent Sea.

But the Turbulent Sea is a wide sea with great dangers. Just because they know that Death Monarch is in Turbulent Sea did not mean they know the exact location.

But Pandemonium did not hesitate. They send ships toward the sea rushing toward the waves to the Turbulent Sea.

They did not use Battlestar since they know that Turbulent Seas have its own rules. And if Pandemonium moves, how could the World Government and the Republic sit still?

All day, there is rapid news all over the world.

the situation is developing by the seconds. Even those who had lived far away from the area controlled by the Seven Great Power had no choice but to pay attention to the news

The return of Death Monarch affects the world politics. And while some make a move, some uses this opportunity to hide.

The Crime Alliance was the first that makes a move even before Pandemonium. They quickly send their people to retreat from the Turbulent Sea.

It did not matter how much they lost in profit or whatever influence they have in the Turbulent Sea right now

Life is more important. They know if they don't pull their forces right now, they might not have another chance to do so.

In the span of one hour, tens of thousands of ships leave the domain of the Turbulent Sea. The name of Death Monarch is like a forbidden word, a nightmare.

That name alone is enough to frighten the Crime Alliance, the largest organization of criminals in the world.

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Chapter 1359 The World Moves

Death Monarch stance against the Crime Alliance is well known. You meet him and it is like you meet the Grim Reaper.

There is only one outcome. Meet him and you're dead. He could not be bought like the Senators of the Republic or be coaxed like the nobles of the World Government

He could not be bullied; he could not be negotiated with. So, there was never any negotiations or any contact with Death Monarch factions because from the very beginning the solution to them have always been exterminating them

It did not matter if their reason for existence is logical or not. Since Death Monarch wanted to kill them, what reason is sufficient to stop that stubborn godlike person?

With such a reputation, it is no wonder that the moments the members of the Crime Alliance in the island and all over the Turbulent Sea acted like the way they did

When they got the news that Death Monarch is in Arturia, the most prosperous port city in the Turbulent Sea, they change their sails and get the hell out of there as fast as the wind could bring them

Some was so frightened that they passed out on the deck. Some lost all rationality and fly up in the sky only to return when they met an energy storm along the way

As one would expect, the news of Death Monarch returns is like detonating a bomb into a still lake.

It ripples violently and moves all the factions in the world, more like jolted them into shock.

And other than the people of Arturia, nobody had even seen Death Monarch in the flesh yet. Yet, it was like he was already there.

The people of Pandemonium felt stronger just by the knowledge that their ruler had returned. Crime Alliance activity dropped by half in just a few hours after the news broke out.

Of course, the return of Death Monarch is not the only reason the world is buzzing with a activity.

There is also the news of Katarina being spotted alongside Death Monarch. And some said that it looks like they were something between Death Monarch and the Ice Queen.

The Ice Queen Katarina, the High Chancellor of the Republic. This is also a big news as it concerns one of the Three Great Powers.

And if the sightings were true, that Death Monarch and the Ice Queen seems to be romantically linked, then this is something of a large concern to not only the world powers but to the other factions in general.

In the aftermath of the Multiversal Convergences, a lot of things had happened and to list them all is an impossible task.

But, if there is one thing to note in the Republic side, it was that Jean the Left Chancellor of the Republic, comprehended a great Law of Time and Space and breakthrough to Divine Comprehension.

This makes him the strongest person in the Republic. Some said that he is now number two in the world.

Hikigaya was helped by Death Monarch but that is not the case for Jean who had used his own comprehension to break through.

However, this creates a conflict in the Republic. The Left Chancellor and the Right Chancellor was always at each other throats.

But, the matters of the Republic are always held in favor of the Right Chancellor.

This is because the High Chancellor is Katarina and Boris the Right Chancellor is Katarina brother

But Jean had always had great support in the Republic and he have his own factions.

Most of the European Senators are his colleague in the past and most of them would vote in favor of Jean. But the tyranny of the High Chancellor and the Right Chancellor had always makes it impossible for Jena tow in a debate

Then why would they not impeach the High Chancellor? Because at that time, Katarina is the strongest.

Of course this is debatable as Jean was also in the Disk Formation level and there were many of his turbinate who is also on Disk Formation level but at that time not only Katarina is on the peak of the Disk Formation level, there is also her vague relationship with Death Monarch

She is the connection between the Republic and pandemonium. Nobody hated such link.

But then after the Multiversal Convergence, Jean broke through, effectively making him the only three people in the world that is in Divine Comprehension realm

And as everyone had known, a Divine Comprehension realm could fight tens of thousands of Disk Formation leveler and still win.

That is a terrifying thought since even on Earth right now, there is no tens of thousands of Disk Formation levelers that people could throw to these Divine Comprehension leveler for them to fight

Hence, they could be called an invincible existence

In another universe, there might be other beings that are stronger than them like the Seresian world with their Demon Kings but on Earth at least, they are truly invincible.

And then with the High Chancellor is missing. Death Monarch is also absent. Jean is basically the strongest person in the world for the last six months.

And the conflict between the people of the Jean factions and the Boris factions erupted during that sixth months.

So, everyone is all watching, trying to guess what the Republic will do. Because something did happen in the Republic.

They don't know if the Ice Queen had known what happen to her brother but many forces speculated that Arthur, might have told the Ice Queen what had happened to her brother.

And they are curious whether this would lead a battle between the Ice Queen and the Time Monarch and whether Death Monarch would be on the side of the Republic or on the side of Katarina?

Will it be a Civil War between the factions of the Republic? Or will it escalate to a war between the Great Powers, with Pandemonium entering the conflict?

The return of Death Monarch and the Ice Queen introduces an element of instability of a peace that just have been achieved.

And everyone knows that when those two figures managed to get out of the Turbulent Sea, then something big is going to happen.

The status quo of the world might change again, and another war is in the horizon.

While all of this happening, the world is in a buzz, the main character of these matter Azief and Katarina is at the roof area, looking at the stars in the night.

Usually at this time, they would go to sleep. But for beings like Azief and Katarina, they actually did not need to sleep at all.

Maybe because they are back at their own planet right now, they did not want to sleep and simply look at the stars in the sky. It was like nothing had happened.

But they both know in their hearts, things had changed and it had changed dramatically. It is the same Earth, yet, it is different.

But even with all of that difference, it is still Earth. And knowing that, Azief felt like he was back home

Azief sat on the roof, and beside him, leaning on his left shoulder is Katarina, their hands holding each other.

For a moment they were silent. They did not say anything just looking at the stars. Then after a while Azief said

'You alright now?' Katarina knows that the question is for her. The news she got is not exactly encouraging.

She sighed and nodded.

'I want to go back right now. But, the sea is very turbulent. And I could not go at it alone' she said.

Azief smiles a bit.

She had learned restraint. If Katarina is still the old Katarina, she would have fly straight away, even without knowing the direction to find her brother.

'Wait for me to have better control. For now, I could manipulate Time and Space around this entire city. But outside of this city, the Turbulent Sea meddle with all kinds of energy. The Heavenly Will is the only thing that it would not obstruct'

Then he paused for a second and then said

'And I believe Pandemonium would sail the sea to find me. If I could not settle the turbulent and chaotic energy of the Turbulent Sea, then we could always just take a ship and sail the seas'

She nodded and he could feel the rustling of his own black robe as the night wind brushes past him

He looks at Katarina and could tell that she is still worried.

'Boris is fine. The situation is not good but he is fine. And we need to take some time' Another silence settled and then Katarina asked.

'Are you trying to imitate the Merit system of the Three Thousand Worlds of the Jade Empire?' Katarina asked.

This question is a question that she hesitates to ask. But she had been holding her tongue for long enough

And she is curious.

Azief smiles and said

'The Merit system is a trap' At this Katarina nodded

'But, it is also stable' And she frowns

Azief shook his head and simply said

'It restrict growth' For a few seconds, Katarina did not continue her words.

But then she said

'Then why are you doing that? It gave the Heavenly Will more authority and power. The more stable the world and the more powerful the world, the stronger the Heavenly Will would become'

And then she said

'And then, with a powerful Heavenly Will it will push your Will'

Azief smiles mysteriously. Katarina raise her face and she saw the smile on Azief face. And she knows that smile.

That confident mysterious smile. Like he had a card that would change the entire game. She chuckles and like she had understood something she said

'It seems you have a plan'

Azief nodded.

'I do but I am not sure it is perfect or not' Katarina was thinking for a few second and then she had a crazy idea in her mind

She looks at Death Monarch and said

'You want to complete the Heavenly Will?' Azief did not answer but from his smile, he basically answers it already.

'Why?'

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Chapter 1360 The Night in Arturia

The question seems to hang in the air. Katarina look at Azief waiting for him to answer him. The moment passes.

Azief did not answer her question instead he looks up and Katarina understand what he means. Before, the Heavenly Will probably could not spy on Azief.

But Azief had just strengthen the Heavenly Will.

Maybe, that immunity had also worn off so she shut her mouth, not wanting to say anything that could give anything away.

Katarina is trying to think why completing the Heavenly Will would be beneficial for Azief. She could not think of such reason.

Azief look at the sky above and said

'This world is getting bigger and the people inside it become even more stronger. There needs to be a warden for this world to restrict it being destroyed by maniac'

He paused for a second and then he said

'I have felt the Heavenly Will is growing'

'If it's in the past, it is like a child just leaning to crawl, whose action is very instinctive, the current Heavenly Will had attained consciousness and began learning from the living beings that exist in this Earth'

'This Heavenly Will is the Earth, Heavenly Will is the Milky Way and its objective is very simple. To survive'

Azief was about to say something more but then he stopped. He seems to think better of it and stop talking about the Heavenly Will

It seems there is something more that he wanted to say about the current Heavenly Will. Katarina knows why he stopped talking So she simply said

'it's fine. You don't have to share it with me. I trust you' Azief look at Katarina and there is a grateful smile on his face

'The more I know you, the more I think I don't deserve you' Katarina smiles and shakes her head.

'Never think like that. Let's promise each other that. We saw each other and we fell in love. Maybe I am just naïve...but I think that is enough'

Azief kiss her forehead.

Katarina smiles and ask

'What's that for?'

'For being so lovable' She look at Azief face. He is smiling. Then she kissed his open lips. Azief laughed

'And what's that for?'

'For making me so happy' she said

Azief was puzzled

'I didn't do anything'

'You don't have to. Just looking at you made me happy' Azief chuckles and Katarina laughed

They both stopped talking and enjoy the night. Azief smiles and he was relaxed. This is what he wants.

Right now sitting on the roof, Katarina head on his shoulders, her hands on his, feeling her scent, her beside him, looking at the twinkling stars in the sky.... how can he describe this feeling of euphoria that is part serenity and calmness?

Is there a word for such feelings?

If there is, he doesn't know what it is called. A feeling that he could not describe in words but only could feel in his heart.

But, it is beautiful and it is peaceful. It is all of this and more

The sky, the wind, the stars and the moon all of it seems beautiful to him this night. It is the same sky he had seen, it is the same star and the same moon but why is it agonizingly beautiful?

This moment is simple.

It might even be called boring.

But he cherishes it. His mind has always even thinking about the next move. His feet had never stopped walking forward.

His heart was always anxious.

When he saw the future, a version of the future of himself, he had always trying to find a way to stop that vision from happening. Each time he makes a move, he questioned himself. He examined himself.

Is this the action that would lead me to becoming "that?"

Is this the choice that would shape his future?

What happens that would make that vision a reality

And how to stop it.

So, he becomes very cautious. He had to think on his every action and every choice he made and that is a terrible pressure to put on anyone

When you see yourself become the Destroyers of Worlds, when you saw yourself killing people, becoming something that you do not want to become, becoming a monster like that.....you could only imagine the pressure of every choice, of every decision

When he could be merciful, he would be merciful. When he could exercise restraint, he exercises it

Because each time, he fears that any of his actions could push him toward that terrible future. And these are the thoughts that keep swirling in his mind.

But now, seeing that same star, that same Moon, with Katarina beside him, he could not help but form a smile on his face and close his eyes, enjoying every moment of every second of this

Of a moment where everything simply fades away and all that is in his mind is holding her hands and feeling this fluffy feeling in his heart.

Of a perfect moment in a perfect night seeing the most perfect scenery with the most perfect person.

They must have even sitting there for hours.

Not saying anything. Just there, enjoying each other presence.

And then near dawn, they look at the sun rising and then finally they go to their rooms.

Azief walk to his room.

He walks the hallways sometimes looking out at the open window when he passed a corner of the hallways

He sighed. he could always just teleport himself bit he wanted to take a walk. To clear his mind a bit and thought of the next move.

'I wonder what she would choose' he mutters as he keeps walking in the dark of night toward his room. His mind is full of complicated thoughts

Azief and Katarina did not stay in the same room. It might not be weird when they are in the Seresian world but Azief do this out of respect for Boris.

Later, they will meet Boris and explain the matter to him. And there is also the fact that an official relationship with Katarina would change a lot of things in the world

Azief and Katarina on Earth are not just your ordinary leveler. Katarina is still the High Chancellor of the Republic.

Azief got the information that even after Jean had broken through to Divine Comprehension level, he did not stage a coup or try to usurp the authority of the High Chancellor.

So, even though Katarina was absent, she is still the High Chancellor. But there has been a conflict in the Republic.

And Azief knows that his matter is not as simple as it seems.

Azief did not ask Katarina anything about this matter because he knows this is her choice. And she is also making him to choose.

Azief knows that if he meddles in this matter, this would cause a precedent for future conflict between the world powers and other factions of the world so he needs to take this very seriously

From the moment a formal establishment of the Seven Great Powers, any of the Great Powers have agreed with each other that they would not meddle in each other internal problem

This is to prevent a world war between the great powers. At that time, each of the great powers control one of the seven continents of the world.

The Republic, The World Government and Pandemonium stand aloof since they have already stabilized the region under their control

But now, something had happened in the Republic. It would not have mattered if its Katarina is fighting for her seat

But if Azief interferes, then this internal matter would be escalated. It might even lead to a war between the great powers.

Earth had just suffered a great war. A great many people have perished and many more are injured. And while most of the world had recovered, more are still in shambles and in pieces.

Katarina is still probably thinking on how to handle the matters. So, Azief could only let her sort her thought.

Will it be a reconciliation with the factions in the Republic? Or will Katarina exact revenge and create a n environment for a civil war?

Or will she ask for his help and escalate this matter to the global level? This is why they decided to sleep on different rooms.

So that the rumors would die down a bit.

Azief is the ruler of Pandemonium, the head honcho of the Seven Great Powers.

Before, even though there were rumors between him and Katarina, everyone knows that Azief is with Sofia.

And the matter is very vague. But the announcement that he and Katarina is official, would makes waves all over the world as people would think about the factions that they rule.

Because of that Azief is very cautious about this. he could not be as free as he was when he was in Seresian world.

In the Seresian world, there is only one person he needs to protect and care about. But on Earth, he has many people that he needs to protect and care about

He felt responsibility for the lives of people that have believed in him and fought for him, die for him

He would not be like some kings or politicians that simply take the sacrifice of these people for granted.

He notices that. When politicians and kings and queens, these powerful people send their people to war, they really do not care whether these people die or not

That these people are someone brothers, someone fathers, someone sons.... all they care about is their interest.

If they win, the Kings and the Presidents, the politicians, the lobbyist, the merchants of war profited.

If they lose, they lose profit but still retain their powers...and even if they are not, they would flee and be spared the desolation of war and the death of their loved ones.

But in any of these scenarios whether the war is lost or win, the one losing is always the people

In victory, they are honored and respected, but even these honor and respect is simply a superficial honor and respect.

The profit that the war brings the Kings and the politicians and the lobbyist would not flow to the very people that sacrifices their life.

It is the same story every time.

Azief hated that and he promises that no matter how far he goes, he would never take the lives of the people who had sacrificed for him for granted.

He felt that if he forgets that, he would become like those people.

So, he and Katarina both agree that they need to wait for the right moment to come out with the news

And Azief also have certain things that he himself wanted to do, something that he wanted to do alone.

There were many things that he delayed to save Katarina. If Katarina was not kidnapped, he would probably right now in Pandemonium studying on how to break through to Essence Creation, finding a method on to quickly gain energy to break through

Of course that is redundant now as the world is full of energy but his pursuit of power is still very much valid.

And he had also prepared many things in the event that he could not survive the Seresian world.

But now that he survived some of the plans that he has made needs to be revised and modified.

Azief then stopped walking. All along the way he is thinking about all of this. And now, he is front of his room.

Azief saw that it is biometric.

'Hah. Quite an ingenious design' Azief exclaimed seeing this.

So, he put his finger on the thumbprint scanner and the door knobs seems to turn by itself as a creaking sound fills the hallways and the door slowly opens.

Azief found it a little bit funny.

The door itself is wooden but to judge anything by its appearance on this residence is a fool's errand.

It just looks like wood but who knows what it truly is made. Not to mention that Azief could tell that the wooden door seems to be reinforced by some kind of array formation that is embedded into the door itself

If this was any other day, Azief would very much be interested in looking at these weird array formations that he had senses. But right now, he really could not care less.

He walks into his room and he was quite surprised.

Like some of the places in this residence, this place is also embedded with Space Laws. From outside the room would look like a small room but when he enters the room he was greeted by the scene of a vast room with a king bed

The design is of that of Renaissance era design which makes it looks grand and majestic. The decoration is also grand by design.

Azief however ignores all of this.

He had no desire to admire this right now.

Instead he takes a bath and after that he lay down on the bed, closing his eyes but not sleeping, his mind thinking and modifying the plans that he had laid down.

In his mind right now, there is the memory of his future self and all the plans that he is laying down right now all seems to be connected with that memory.

The night ended peacefully in Arturia.